Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Friday, 25th February, 1927.

Councillor M. O' Brannain, Chairman, presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Begg. Drury. Kearney. Jordan, Keogan. McGreal. Donegan. Hafferty. Mannion. E. Beaton. D. Beaton. McDermot. Mahon. Mangle. Wm. Flynn. Donnelly and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor D. Beaton.
Seconded by Councillor T. Allen.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

Proposed by Councillor John Allen.
Seconded by Councillor Bernard Mangle.
And Resolved:-
"That we extend to our respected Member- Mr. John Burke - an expression of our deepest sympathy on the great loss which he and the other Members of his family have sustained by the death of their Mother."

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

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Letter No. 39, 176 re appointment of Co. Medical Officer of Health. Order:- "Adjourn."

Letter No. 56,951 re general conditions under which the Poor Rates are being collected. Order:- Present arrangements to be continued."

Letter No. G. 8417 stating that the bo. Board of Health are now the authority for making the rate for the services formerly discharged by the late Town Commissioners of Roscommon.

Letter No. R. G. 25. stating that the Minister could not see his way to give the Grant for the Clognavn Road.

Letter No. R. M. 25. Increasing the charge per day for the Rolling Plant and Crusher. Order:- "Approved."

Letter No. D. G. M. 25. Approving of the bo. Surveyor's Scheme for the expenditure of £4,032 of £17,792 earmarked for the bo. Roscommon.

Councillor William Hafferty now moved the following Notice of Motion:-

(Copy).

"That we, or some Members on our behalf, will "move at the next Meeting of the bo. 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 be rescinded and that the Council "do levy a rate of one penny for the teaching "of our National Language."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)
Wm. Hafferty. Ed. Moran. Wm. Flynn, Jno. Flynn & M. Grogan.

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That the resolution passed at the Meeting held on the 15th instant refusing to levy a rate of one penny in the £ for the teaching of the Irish Language be rescinded and we now include in our Estimate a rate of one penny in the £ for the purpose and that the Committee directly in charge of the administration of the Fund creted by this rate be asked to have the regulations governing the classes tightened up and more rigid inspections and reports made."

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for the year ending 31st March 1928 (copy herewith) also copy of Opinion from Mr. D. T. Hannan, County Solicitor, Achlare stating that the Council's proposal to extend the period for levying the rates for Malicious Injuries for say 3 years was contrary to law. Order:- "Noted."

Proposed by Councillor William Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.
And Resolved:-
"That the Estimate of rates for General Charges and Separate Charges for the year 1927 and 1928 be and is hereby approved."

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor L. McGann.
And Resolved:-
"That we again repeat our conviction that the repeal of the Criminal Injuries Act is a matter which the Government ought to direct its immediate attention, as it inflicts undue hardship on the ratepayers who have had no act or part in the causes of the Injury and who have no knowledge or means of acquiring it of the perpetrators."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Park. T. Toolan.
And Resolved:-
"That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee of this Council on the 15th instant as altered and this day submitted to us be approved of."

The County Surveyor submitted Quarterly Report for the Quarter ended 31st December 1926 (Copy herewith). The Report was marked "Approved."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter:-

(Copy).

Co. Surveyor's Office.
Carthaise.
Roscommon.
9th February. 1927.

Re Repairs to Inter-County Bridge at Ballymoe.

A Chara.

The Repairs to above Bridge have now been completed satisfactorily and the sum of £300 has been expended on it. The amount of money originally allowed was £200 but when I found that this was not sufficient I got your authority and that of the Galway Co. Council to spend an extra £100.

Galway Co. Council have now refunded their share of the work i.e. £150. The extra £50 expended by this Council was paid out of the adjoining Section (No. 34.) and which now leaves that Section very poor, so I want your authority to transfer from Contingencies (Main Roads) to Section No. 34. the £50, which will put the matter in order.

Mise. le meas.
(Signed) Michael Feeney.
Co. Surveyor.

The Secretary,
Roscommon Co. Council.

The following order was made on above:- "Agreed".

The following letter from the Co. Surveyor was

also submitted :-

(Copy)

Co. Surveyor's Office.
Courthouse, Roscommon.
24th February. 1927.

Re Walker's Accounts

A Chara,

The attached Accounts received from Mr. Robert Walker, Castle St. Roscommon. for tools etc. supplied and work done during 1923 1924, and 1925 were not furnished to me by Mr. Walker until quite recently.

As the greater portion of the accounts were supplied without any official Orders from me I was not aware that such an Account existed, but I have now ascertained from the gangers and drivers concerned that they were got by them.

The Accounts are now Statute-Barred and cannot be paid without the sanction of the County Council and the Ministry of Local Government, so I am writing you to bring the matter before the Co. Council for their decision on the matter.

Mise, le meas.
(Signed) Michael Feeney.
Co. Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor E. Creaton.
And Resolved:-
"That we ask the sanction of the Local Government Department to raise the bar in connection with the claim of Rob. Walker, Roscommon for material etc. supplied."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That the necessary work for the repair of Bridge at Aghagarla joining the Counties of Roscommon and Sligo - Boyle area for which Estimate was made last year, be carried out as we now understand Sligo County Council has offered to contribute one-half the cost."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-
"That the Local Government Roads Department be asked to have the road leading from Roscommon to Creggs via Fuerty scheduled a Main Road instead of its present classification as a County road. This road is said as the direct road to Galway and in the expected development of that Port will become one of the most important in the County. It has always been a Mail Car Road and the traffic on this road at all times warrants its inclusion as a Main

Road."

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That owing to the increased motor traffic on the road from Ballinagare to Elphin, part of which is already scheduled as a Main Road, we ask the Minister for Local Government to include the road between the points mentioned as a Main Road."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Keaton.
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-
"That owing to the increased motor traffic of late years on the road between Castlera and Ballaghaderreen and the consequent importance of this road the Minister for Local Government be asked to include it in his schedule of Main Roads."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brosnan.
Seconded by Councillor J. McGann.
And Resolved:-
"That we approve of the tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee for the construction and maintenance of roads and we authorise our Secretary to sign and seal the Tenders on our behalf, Work No. 638 for which no

Tender was received be placed in the Co. Surveyor's hands and Works Nos. 626, 578, and 683 be rejected."

Councillor William Hafferty moved the following Notice of Motion:-

(Copy).

"That I, or some other Member on my behalf, "will move at the next Meeting of the County Council "to be held in Roscommon on the 25th instant. "that the resolution passed at their last Meeting "re the half-holiday taken off the workers on "direct labour be rescinded, and that they be "allowed the usual half-holiday as heretofore." (Signed) Edward Moran, William Hafferty, P.J. Waters, M. H. Hogan, and P. J. Jordan.

Proposed by Councillor E. Moran.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
"That the resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council re the half-holiday taken off the workers on Direct Labour be rescinded and that they be allowed the usual half-holiday as heretofore.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Beatty.
"That we proceed to the next business."

A Poll was taken and Councillor Drury's motion

was carried by 9 votes to 8.

The following voted for Mr. Dunn's Motion - Councillors Hogg. Dunn. Keaveney. McNeal. Donegan, L. Brealon, McDermott, Wm. Flynn and Allen.

The following voted against:- Councillors Jordan, Grogan. Hafferty, Moran, D. Brealon. McBrann, Mangle. and O'Braonain.

Councillor Dunn's Motion was then put to the Meeting as a Resolution and Carried.

Application from Mr. Luke Connor, Church St. Roscommon. for compensation for the tenant's interest in his house in Church St. where it is intended to widen the street was submitted and marked "Read."

Letter from the District Court Clerk, Athlone stating that the District Justice refused to sit in Elphin (Keenan's Hall) until some necessary repairs are executed. Order:- "Keenan be notified that rents will be withheld unless the Hall be put in proper repair."

Letters were submitted from the District Court Clerk, Ballaghaderreen re damage done to the Courthouse in Frenchpark and stating that additional presses were required. Order:- "To be supplied."

The following Report from Mr. P. A. Flanagan

Rate Inspector, was submitted:-

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Castlea
12th February, 1927.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith Abstract of Collection of rents of Labourers Cottages and water-rents for the months of December 1926 and January 1927.

The arrears are £5-17-8 cottage rents in the Roscommon District (Collector P.T. Scally) have been recommended by the Auditor in a note on the face of the rent collection Book to be struck off as irrecoverable. The Collector has promised to bring the matter before your Council at their next meeting.

With regard to the ex-Cottage Rents Collector B. O'Malley's cash in hands, the Auditor as a result of a recent investigation of this Collector's Accounts is satisfied that, after the lodgment of £41 made in December last, a sum of £106-19-5 still remained due by him. As against this there is £65-12 due by your Council to Mr. O'Malley for poundage fees, leaving a balance of £41-7-5 due by him to the County Council. He promised to lodge this sum before Christmas.

I have not had an opportunity of examining the Bank Pass Book for January, but if Mr. O'Malley has made no lodgments since the 31st December last, he owes your Council aforementioned amounts of £41-7-5. A new Collector - Mr. T. Doyle has been appointed for

this District. He hopes to effect a considerable reduction in arrears due by tenants at an early date.

The water rents arrears in Castlerea are still very high. The Collector should be directed to collect and lodge the balance outstanding without further delay. The balance of water-rents due in Roscommon has been collected and lodged.

Yr. obdt. servt.
(Signed) P. A. Flanagan.
Rate Inspector.

Order:- "£5-17-8 be struck off. Solicitor to proceed against Collector or Sureties."

Letter from the Secretary of the County Board of Health re arrears due to the County Council in Collector O'Malley's District in Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2. and stating that a sum of £65-12 was due Mr. O'Malley in respect of poundage:-

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

"That with reference to letter No. H. 569/32287 addressed to the Secretary of the Co. Board of Health we hereby request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to the sum of £65-12 earned by ex-Collector O'Malley, Carrick-on-Shannon as poundage on cottage

Rent Collection be credited in reduction of the amount unaccounted for by the Collector leaving him responsible for the balance viz. £41-7-5.

Solicitor to proceed for recovery. With L.G. Dept's permission to be transfered to the County Council's funds."

The Quarterly Reports of the Public Analyst was submitted.

Application from the Courtkeeper Courthouse. Athlone for expenses incurred in lighting, fire etc. for the Rate Inspector's Office during his fortnightly visits was submitted. Order:- "To be paid at the Rate of £4-10 per annum for all Council attendance."

Letter from Mr. Michael Corcoran applying for the use of two rooms in Stokestown ex-Workhouse was submitted. Order:- "To be given rooms at 1/- per week."

Application from Mr. William Spelman, Ballaghadereen for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises was submitted. Order:- Refer to County Surveyor."

Tender for the garden attached to the ex-Workhouse, Boyle, from Mr. John McKenna at £2-4 per year was submitted. Order:- "Approved."

Letter from Mr. Bain. Boyle, re the state of the exc-Workhouse, buildings Boyle was submitted:-

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

"That with reference to the letter received from Mr. Bain, ratepayer, Boyle. dated the 22nd instant, in connection with some previous correspondence from him on the matter of Boyle Workhouse which has not been received at this office we invite him to send fuller particulars of his grievance which will get the fullest consideration from this Council."

*Letter from Mr. John Delaney, Merchant, Castlrea stating that owing to a breach in the wall surrounding the exc-Workhouse there his garden was being ruined by trespass was submitted. Order:- "Refer to Mr. Flanagan."

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. McDermott, Assistant Surveyor, Boyle for six weeks leave owing to serious illness. Mr. McDermott is at present a patient in St. Vincents Hospital. Order. "Granted."

Letter from Mr. D. T. Hannon, Council Solicitor, Ashlone. enclosing Agreement between the Council and Mr. M. T. Cassidy tenant of the Gen's Residence in Castlrea was submitted. The

*Letter and application from the Caretaker Exc-Workhouse, Castlrea were adjourned to next Meeting

Agreement was signed and sealed; also letter from Mr. Hannon asking the Council if he would take out a Fi Fa against the sureties of ex-Collector Martin Geraghty. Order:- "Fi Fa to be applied for."

Application from Mr. Denis Hanly, Rate Collector, for £3-6-3 costs of Decrees was submitted:- Order:- "Put on Refund list."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. McGreal.
And Resolved:-
"That the Sub-Sheriff be asked to see that the Caretaker of Castlea Courthouse be responsible for the entire house, including the office of the District Court Clerk and suggest a reasonable amount of remuneration and allowances for cleaning and firing."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That the amounts due for rates on the holding of Martin Killalea, Rheagory, Boyle, Boyle Rural Division including the current moiety due 31st March, 1927 be and is hereby remitted on account of the poverty of the family and want of means and that Collector O'Hara be notified accordingly."

Application from Mr. Robert Hanna, Veterinary Inspector, for 5 of Cooper's small swine Baths was submitted and adjourned to next Meeting.

Letter from Mr. Laughlin Costello stating that he would lodge the sum of £8-15-11 due to the County Council by quarterly instalments was submitted and marked "Approved."

Letter from Mr. F. G. MacSherry, Solicitor, Roscommon, enclosing copy letter No. G. 399/19/2 from the Minister of Finance re proposed site of John Lyons' house in Frenchlawn, the subject of a re-instatement award and asking the County Council to allow his client to build the house in the townland of Roscam was submitted. Order:- "Change agreed to".

Letter from Superintendent O'Gara, Roscommon asking for Stencils for Sand Blast Machine at Roscommon was submitted: Order "To be ordered."

Letter from Superintendent O'Gara relative to the holding of the Fairs on the streets of Roscommon town was submitted. Order:- "Refer to the Co. Board of Health."

Letter was submitted from Chief Superintendent Prendiville, Roscommon relative to the state of the Weights and Measures office and yard at back of Barracks. Order (1) Refer to the

Board of Works, and (2) Refer to Co. Surveyor.

Letter from Chief Superintendent Brendiville, re supply of bottles for Inspector of Food and Drugs at Boyle was submitted. Order:- To be ordered.

Reports on Patients in Dramount Sanatorium were submitted.

All other correspondence was marked. "Read".

The following dates were fixed for the next Proposal and Finance Meetings of the County Council:-

Proposal Committee

Roscommon. Tuesday, 12th April, 1927. at 11.30. am.

County Council

Roscommon Wednesday 27th April 1927. at 11.30 a.m.

M O Gannon
Chairman.
12 April 1927