

Leabharlanna Chomndae na Gaillimhe.

Oifig na Leabharlannaidhe,
Bothar Mor, Gaillimh.
21st October, 1929.

A Chara,

I enclose a copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 19th day of October, 1929.

Is mise, le meas,

S. S. Maguire
Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

- To each member of the Committee.
- To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
- To the Secretary to the County Council.
- To the Town Clerk, Galway.
- To the Treasurer.
- To the County Solicitor.
- To the Editors, Connacht Tribune, Galway Observer, Tuam Herald, and the East Galway Democrat.

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MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting held on Saturday the 19th day of October, 1929.

Present:-

J. J. Burke, the Reverend A. J. Gailey, B.A., Professor John Howley, M.A., D.Litt., J. Hosty, F. Kelly, U.D.C., J. Lee, U.D.C., B. Lydon, Co.C., G. Lynch, Co.C., U.D.C., J. Moroney, N.T., M. Quinn, Co.C., the Reverend J. O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L., J. M. Pringle, and Captain Tierney.

Chairman:-

Professor John Howley, M.A., D.Litt.

581. Minutes of the last meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last meeting, circularised each member, be taken as read, and that they be signed.

582. Finance and Accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book, and Form 1, on examination being found correct, be signed; and that the accounts, amounting to £35.18.5 as presented, be authorised and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed.
Financial Statement for period ended 19/10/29:-

Balance.....Cr.	£	16	9
Received during period.....		30	0
Net Balance.....Cr.		<u>30</u>	<u>16</u> 9
Balance per Pass Book....Cr.		87	5 8
Outstanding Orders.....		56	8 11
Net Balance as above.....Cr.		<u>30</u>	<u>16</u> 9

Accounts:-

Cleaning, etc. £1.5.0; Transport, £1.0.1; Salaries, £33.13.4.

583. Library Association of Ireland:-

The Sub-Committee recommended that the Committee (subject to the sanction of the Ministry) apply for membership of the Library Association of Ireland - annual subscription ten shillings - and that Councillor Gilbert Lynch be appointed the Committee's delegate.
RESOLVED - That the Committee apply (subject to the sanction of the Ministry) for membership of the Library Association of Ireland.
RESOLVED also - That the question of a delegate be adjourned for consideration at the next Monthly Meeting.

584. Minute no. 580 - Bonus to Miss K. Ronaldson:-

The Secretary submitted letter no. 70471/1929 from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health and the Sub-Committee's recommendation: that, subject to the sanction of the Ministry, the payment of the sum of ten pounds be made to Miss K. Ronaldson as a bonus for additional work carried out by her through the resignation of Henry Shee.

It was proposed by Councillor Lydon, seconded by Councillor Lee

That the sum of five pounds be allowed as a bonus.

It was proposed by the Reverend A. J. Gailey, and seconded by J. M. Pringle

That the Sub-Committee's recommendation of ten pounds be granted.

On a vote there voted for Councillor Lydon's amendment

J. Lee, U.D.C., B. Lydon, Co.C., and M. Quinn, Co.C.

For the Sub-Committee's recommendation there voted

J. J. Burke, the Reverend A. J. Gailey, B.A., J. Hosty, F. Kelly, U.D.C., G. Lynch, Co.C., U.D.C., J. Moroney, N.T., J. M. Pringle, and Captain T. Tierney.

The Reverend J. O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L., did not vote.
It was therefore

RESOLVED - That, subject to the Ministry's sanction, the sum of ten pounds be paid Miss K. Ronaldson as a bonus for additional work carried out by her through the resignation of Henry Shee, and that the Secretary supply the Ministry with details of the additional work performed.

585. Minute no. 573 - Appointment of Library Clerk:-

The Secretary submitted letter no. FCM5924 and letter no. 70471/1929, from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

RESOLVED - That the Secretary be instructed to apply to the County Council for authority to proceed with the appointment of a clerk in accordance with minute no. 573 of the Proceedings of the Monthly Meeting of the Committee held on the 28th day of September, 1929.

586. The Net Books Agreement:-

The Secretary submitted letter no. 71350/1929 from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

RESOLVED - That the Secretary take up the subject of the Net Books Agreement (copies of which were circulated each member) with the Library Association of Ireland, and report to the Committee in due course.

587. Appreciation:-

NOTED - A letter of appreciation from M. A. Downey, Esq., Ballinasloe, for books supplied.

588. The 'Summa Contra Gentiles':-

The Sub-Committee recommended the purchase of a copy of the

'Summa Contra Gentiles' of Saint Thomas Aquinas at a cost of three pounds.

RESOLVED - That the 'Summa Contra Gentiles' be purchased.

589. Quotations:-

RESOLVED - That consideration of quotations for the printing of the Annual Report and bi-lingual posters, and for car hire, be adjourned until the next Monthly Meeting.

590. Donation:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's best thanks be tendered Joseph Mullins, Esq., Secretary to the County Galway Health Insurance Society, for a copy of the Fifth Annual Report of the Society.

(Minutes nos. 581 to 590 inclusive).

John Awooly
16/11/29

Oifig na Leabharlannaidhe
Bothar Mor, Gaillimh.
9th November, 1929.

A Chara,

A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee will be held on Saturday, the 16th day of November, 1929, in the County Book Repository, Galway, at the hour of two o'clock, p.m.

Is mise, le meas mor,

S.S. Maguidhir,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the Committee.
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
To the Secretary to the County Council.
To the Town Clerk, Galway.
To the Treasurer.
To the Editors: Connacht Tribune, Galway Observer, Tuam Herald and East Galway Democrat.

A G E N D A:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Finance and Accounts.
3. Library Association of Ireland:-
 - (a) Election of a representative of the Committee on the Association;
 - (b) Ministry of local Government and Public Health Sanction to membership of the Association;
 - (c) Secretary's Report on attendance at the Annual Conference of the Association.
4. Minute no. 584:- Letter from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
5. Minute no. 585:- Letter from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
6. Quotations.
7. Lectures:- Suggested Programme.
8. Report of the Sub-Committee.
9. League of Nations Publications.
10. Donation.
11. Miscellaneous.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 16th day of November, 1929.

Present:-

J.J. Burke, P. Cahill, Co. C., M. J. Cooke, Co. C., U.D.C., J. Hosty, Professor John Howley M.A., D.Litt., F. Kelly, U.D.C., J.J. Leonard, B. Lydon, Co. C., G. Lynch, Co. C., U.D.C., J. Moroney, N.T., the Reverend J.O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L., and Captain Tierney.

Chairman:-

Professor John Howley.

591. Minutes of the last meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last meeting, circularised all members, be taken as read and that they be signed.

592. Finance and accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book, and form 1, as presented, on examination being found correct be signed; and that the appended accounts, amounting to £94.11.1, be authorised, and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed.

Financial Statement for the Month ended 31st day of October, 1929

Balance due by Treasurer.....£	16	9
Total sums received during the month.....	30	.
	30	16 9
Payments ordered at the last meeting.....	35	18 5
Net Balance due to Treasurer.....	5	1 8

Reconciliation:-

Balance per Pass Book.....Cr.	87	5	8
Outstanding Orders.....	92	7	4
Net Balance as above.....Dr.	5	1	8

Accounts:-

Books.....	17	3	6
Rebinding, Stationery, etc.....	21	11	9
Heating, cleaning, etc.....	6	10	.
Transport and Travelling.....	11	19	6
Imprest and Sundries.....	3	13	.
Salaries.....	33	13	4

593. Quotations for Printing the Annual Report:-

The following quotations were received:-

Alex. Thom and Co., Ltd., Dublin, for 300 copies,	£11	10	.
P.O'Gorman and Co., Galway, " " "	5	10	.
The Connacht Tribune, Ltd., " " "	4	10	.

RESOLVED - That the quotation submitted by the Connacht Tribune, being the lowest, be accepted, and that the Secretary be instructed to see that the paper used is of Irish manufacture.

594. Publicity Posters in Irish and English:-

The following quotations for the printing of publicity posters in Irish and English were received:-

Alex. Thoma and Co., Ltd., Dublin for 50 posters	£1	17	6
P.O'Gorman and Co., Galway " " "		16	6
ditto " 100 " "	1	.	6
The Connacht Tribune, Galway, " 100 " "		17	6

RESOLVED - That the quotation for the printing of 100 posters submitted by the Connacht Tribune, Ltd., being the lowest, be accepted, and that the Secretary be instructed to see that the paper used is of Irish manufacture.

595. Quotations for Car Hire:-

As only one quotation for car-hire was received, it was RESOLVED - That the charges for car hire must not exceed six pence per mile.

596. Purchase of a clock:-

RESOLVED - That the Secretary be authorised to purchase a clock at a cost not exceeding one pound.

597. Books suggested for purchase:-

RESOLVED - That the following works be placed on the next New Books List:-

- Borden, Lucille. The Candlestick Makers (burns and Oates).
- " " Out of Magalene.
- Cahill, Author. Freemasonry.

598. Periodicals:-

RESOLVED - That all periodicals required for the Libraries be purchased locally and not by subscription direct from the publishers.

599. The "Irish Naturalist":-

RESOLVED - That the Secretary be authorised to purchase, if possible all or any of the unbound parts necessary to complete the set of the "Irish Naturalist".

600. The League of Nations Publications:-

READ - Details of the special subscription rates offered by the League of Nations for the supply of the League's official publications.

601. The Library Association of Ireland:-

NOTED - The Ministry's letter G.76723/1929 sanctioning membership of the Library Association of Ireland.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Gilbert Lynch be the Committee's representative on the association.

RESOLVED also - That the following Report submitted by the Secretary on his attendance at the first Annual Conference of the Association in Dublin on the 10th instant be approved:-

The Chairman and Members of the Committee. Gentlemen,

With the concurrence of your Chairman, your Secretary attended at the Irish Library Association's First Annual Conference at Dublin on the 10th instant.

The subject of the recent Net Books Agreement between the Library Association, the Publishers' Association and the Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland, gave rise to a long discussion. As in Great Britain, the majority of Librarians favoured the Agreement for the very simple reason that the discount and conditions offered by the Publishers' and Booksellers Association were the absolute maximum that the Library Association could extract from the trade. To those conversant with the business of book production and selling it will be clear that the terms offered are meagre and the conditions of acceptance of the terms can hardly be described as complimentary to Librarians or to their Committees. In fine, it was a case of accepting a small discount or none at all. It was decided, therefore at the Irish Library Association's Conference to appeal to Librarians and Committees in An Saorstát not to avail of a licence under the Agreement until an alternative agreement has been prepared with a view to Irish Library conditions.

As you will remember, your Secretary was invited to co-operate with Mr. A. S. Roy, Librarian, Co. Antrim, to survey the whole problem of County Library Buildings in Ireland and to prepare a report for the Carnegie Trustees. Mr. Roy and your Secretary having formally discussed the subject with the other Irish representatives at Brighton it was agreed to enlist the aid of the Irish Library Association and the Northern Ireland Library Association. Your Secretary, therefore, raised the matter at the Dublin Conference, with the result that a Liason Committee of the two Irish Associations are taking the matter up with enthusiasm.

The remainder of the programme dealt with the more routine matters peculiar to Irish Librarians and Libraries.

In conclusion, I may inform you that copies of the official report of the Conference will be to hand shortly.

Is mise, le meas,
S. J. Maguire,
Secretary and County Librarian.

602. Minute no. 584:-

NOTED - The Ministry's instructions in letter G.76722/1929 of the 28th October, 1929.

603. Minute no. 585:-

NOTED - The Ministry's letter G.76721/1929.

604. Donations:-

RESOLVED - That the committee's best thanks be tendered the following donors:-
The Town Clerk, Rhyll - a copy of the town's publicity handbook.
The Irish Tourist Association - a copy of the November number of "Irish Travel".

605. Lectures:-

The Secretary submitted the following programme of lectures:

J. J. O'Neill, Esq., Librarian,
University College, Dublin.....Some famous Galwaymen.
T. J. W. Kenny, Esq., Editor,
Connacht Tribune.....Title to be given later.
T. E. Gay, Esq., Librarian,
Public Library, Capel St., Dublin.. ditto.
Professor Johnston (F.T.C.D.).....Local Government.
Colm O'Loughlin, Esq., Dublin..... Songs of Ireland and of the
Highlands.

RESOLVED - That the Lectures Programme be approved.

It was proposed by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Lynch, and

RESOLVED - That the towns of Loughrea and Tuam be included in the Lectures Itinerary.

It was proposed by the Reverend J. O'Dea, seconded by J. Hosty, and

RESOLVED - That the Secretary be instructed to ask the Committee of the Gaelic Theatre and the Committee of the Columbian Hall as to their lowest terms for the hire of their respective hall for library lectures.

606. Statistics:-

RESOLVED - That the following statistics as submitted

for the period 26th September, 1929 to 15th November, 1929 (inclusive) be approved:-

Statistics of Books issued for Home Reading:-

Classification.	Issued from Headquarters.	Issued from Centres.	TOTAL
General Works	26	14	40
Philosophy	46	59	105
Religion	17	23	40
Sociology	49	425	474
Philology	82	104	186
Natural Science	104	227	331
Useful Arts	75	611	686
Fine Arts	72	63	135
Literature (excluding the Classical Novels)	345	678	1023
History, Geography, Travel and Biography	427	974	1401
Prose Fiction	1991	7173	9164
Juvenile Works	741	1368	2109
Total Issues	3975	11719	15694

Reference Works consulted..... 791

No. of volumes dispatched to centres..... 2347

607. Christmas Holidays:-

RESOLVED - That the County Book Repository be closed (as in former years) for the issue of books from the 21st day of December 1929 until the 3rd day of January, 1930; and that the Secretary be authorised to advertise the fact by one insertion in the Connacht Tribune, the Connacht Sentinel and the Galway Observer.

(Minutes Nos. 591 to 597 inclusive).

John A. O'Connell
14/12/29

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 14th day of December, 1929.

Present:- J.J. Burke, M.J. Cooke, Co.C., U.D.C., the Reverend A.J. Gailey, B.A., J. Hosty, Professor John Howley, M.A., D.Litt., Professor the Reverend J. Hynes, M.A., B.D., P. Kelly, Co.C., T. Kyne, J.J. Leonard, C. Lynch, Co.C., U.D.C., J.M. Pringle, Captain T. Tierney.

Chairman:- Professor John Howley.

608. Minutes of the last meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last meeting, circulated to the members, be taken as read and that they be signed.

609. Finance and Accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book, and Form 1, as presented, on examination being found correct, be signed; and that the accounts amounting to £52.9.10, be authorised, and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1929:-

Total sums received during month.....	2226	11	11
Balance due Treasurer.....	25	1	8
Payments ordered 16/11/29.....	94	11	1
Net Balance due by Treasurer.....	£ 126	19	2

Balance per Pass Book.....	Cr.	243	14	8
Outstanding Orders.....		116	15	6
Net Balance as above.....	£	126	19	2

Accounts:- Books, £14.2.9; Heating, Cleaning, £1.5.0; Transport and Travelling, £1.6.6.; Imprest, £2.2.3; Salaries, £33.13.4.

610. Rotary Duplicator:-

RESOLVED - That the Secretary obtain other quotations for a rotary duplicator in addition to that for the Gestetner machine left on approval (cost being £23).

611. Minute no. 573 - Letter from the County Council:-

RESOLVED - That the Sub-Committee be requested to write the County Council to reconsider the decision made not to authorise the appointment of a Library Clerk.

612. Auction of Books at Kilmernan House:-

RESOLVED - That Professor the Reverend J. Hynes and the Secretary be authorised to purchase Records and Documents of permanent value (the cost not to exceed £20) at Kilmernan House Auction.

613. Donations:- RESOLVED - That the Committee's best thanks be tendered Seaghan na Seaghain Mach Aodha, Tuam, for two copies of his work 'Amhrain Nua'.

(Minutes nos. 608 to 613 inclusive).

John Howley
25/1/30

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Oidig na Leabharlannaidhe,
Bothar Mor, Gaillimh.
18th January, 1930.

A Chara,

A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee will be held on Saturday, the 25th day of January, 1930, in the County Book Repository, Galway, at the hour of two o'clock, p.m., when the following matters will be considered:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Finance and Accounts.
3. Sub-Committee's suggestions.
4. Lectures.
5. The Redington Collections of Books.
6. Miscellaneous.

Is mise, le meas,

S.J. Maguire,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the committee.
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
The Town Clerk, Galway.
The Secretary to the County Council.
The Editors of newspapers published in the county.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 25th day of January, 1930.

Present:-

The Reverend A. J. Garley, B. A.,
 J. Hostly
 Professor John Howley, M. A., D. Litt.
 F. Kelly, U. D. C.
 J. Lee, U. D. C.
 The Very Reverend J. F. M. Canon Nash, M. A.
 J. W. Rmaldson, B. C.

Chairman:-

Professor John Howley, M. A., D. Litt.

614. Minutes of the last meeting:-

Resolved - That the minutes of the last meeting, circulated each member, be taken as read, and that they be signed.

615. Finance and Accounts:-

Resolved - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book and Form 1, as presented, on examination being found correct, be signed; and that the following accounts (amounting to £72. 4. 4) be authorised and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Accounts:-	Books	£28. 18. 0
	Heating, cleaning, etc.	2. 7. 6
	Transport & Travelling	4. 18. 2
	P/B Imprest & Clock	2. 7. 4

Salaries

£33. 13. 4

Monthly Financial Statement - December, 1929:-

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	£126. 19. 2
Payments ordered 14/12/29	52. 9. 10
Net Balance due by Treasurer	£74. 9. 4

Reconciliation:-

Balance per Pass Book due by Treasurer	£74. 14. 4
Outstanding Orders	5. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	£74. 9. 4

616. Letter to the Chairman and members of the County Council relative to the necessity of appointing a library clerk:-

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the following letter (with the addenda) to the County Council:-

The Chairman and members of the
 Galway County Council.
 Gentlemen,

In our opinion there is no more vital question in connection with the working of the County Library service than that of the means to be taken to obtain an adequate staff for the several phases of the work. The success of a library, especially during the period of establishment and growth (through which all the County libraries of Ireland are still passing) depends to a very great extent on the staff. A mere collection of books, however large, cannot by itself perform more than a small portion of the service which a well-staffed library can render to the community. Only a small minority of readers (and under this head we include students) have sufficient

Knowledge by themselves to turn a collection of books to good account. For the large majority of the population of the county, the librarian and his staff are the guides who introduce them into the kingdom of knowledge. For such a service a depleted staff tends to become a disaster to the community. "It means that a potential mechanism of culture is running at less than its full power, and that the county is obtaining much less than full value for library expenditure."

We have no hesitation in saying that this is a state of affairs that tends to exist where the whole field of library endeavour fails to be covered adequately. In saying this we may no reflection (except an entirely honourable one) on the members of the Council. On the contrary, we consider it highly creditable to the Council as a whole, and particularly to your Chairman, that the service has developed so rapidly. In fact, the readers of the county are under a very deep debt of gratitude indeed to your Chairman for his energetic efforts in ensuring the library's growth in the midst of an opinion which did not appreciate its possibilities.

It may be convenient if we set out here the aims which the County Library policy has in view:

1. To relieve the tedium of idle hours quite irrespective of intellectual profit or educational gain. It is sufficient to satisfy this purpose that the county inhabitant should be rendered a happier (and not necessarily a more learned) man by the provision which is made for him.
2. To secure that the taste for good reading which should be acquired in the elementary school is kept alive and developed by a provision of good literature after school years have ended.
3. To enable the rural inhabitant to acquire, without difficulty, that general knowledge which alone can enable him to appreciate to the full what he sees and hears.
4. To impart that knowledge of public affairs and of the history of his own neighbourhood which a citizen must possess if he is to perform with intelligence his duties as a member of the community ultimately responsible for the government of the town, county and country.

5. To provide facilities for the study of the arts, trades and professions which constitute the occupation of the inhabitants.

6. To remove as far as possible all obstacles from the path of the serious student of any subject.

It is necessary, therefore, for the county librarian both to make himself acquainted with the requirements of the county, and to keep in touch with the numerous bodies to which he looks for advice or which require assistance from him. For this purpose it is necessary that he should not be tied to an office but should be free to move about without any fear that the routine work of the county library will suffer by his absence from headquarters. It is our opinion that this fear cannot be eliminated without an adequate staff consisting of in addition to the County Librarian, an assistant and a clerk.

Without going into technical and statistical details we should like to point out briefly the work of the several departments of the service. Provision has been made for a town library for Galway with an annual circulation of 12,000 volumes. This department alone almost occupies the time of the assistant. Common to this department and the county section there is the work of classifying, cataloguing, accessioning and card-indexing 2,000 volumes annually added each year. The work of the county section entails the indexing, packing, dispatching and checking of 480 separate collections per annum, representing the handling by 12,000 readers of 82,000 books. There is also the reference department of 1,800 volumes of up-to-date and authoritative books of reference in constant demand and ample to satisfy the reasonable requirements of the public in this respect which entails no small attention on the part of the staff.

ADDENDA.

The following important phases have not been embodied in the letter:—

- (a) The establishing of stationary libraries in Tuam and Loughrea;
- (b) Co-operation with the County Technical Committee's itinerant Irish Classes by supplying books for individual and collective study;
- (c) The maintenance and circulation of 3,000 books in Irish for the use of elementary and secondary schools;
- (d) A Collection of letters, autographs and books of historical and local interest.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN HOWLEY, Chairman,
A. J. GAILEY
J. F. M. NASH
GILBERT LYNCH
E. KELLY
T. TIERNEY
J. O'DEA.

617. Kilcornan House Auction of the "Redington Collection:—

The Secretary reported that acting on the suggestions of Professor the Reverend John Hayes, M.A., and of the Very Reverend P. Canon Moran, P.P., he had to exceed the allowance of £20 made by the Committee (minutes no. 612) for the purchase of the "Redington Collection."

Resolved — That the Secretary's action

In exceeding the instructions of minute no. 612 be approved — the collection being too valuable a one to readers and students of the county, to be allowed to pass into other hands.

618. Rotary Duplicator:-

As instructed (minute 610) the Secretary submitted the following quotations for the supply of a rotary duplicator (guarantee 5 years and monthly maintenance, oiling, etc.):-

Gestner Duplicator Co. (rebuilt)	£20
Ellam's Duplicator Co., ("K" model)	£18.18

Resolved — That, subject to the sanction of the Ministry, a "K" model Ellam's Rotary Duplicator be purchased for the sum of £18.18/-.

(Minutes nos. 614 to 618 inclusive).

John Awoley
1/3/30

LEABHARLAINNA CHONDAE NE' GALWAYE.

(County Galway Libraries)

County Library Headquarters,
Prospect Hill,
Galway, 22nd February, 1930.

A Chara,

A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee will be held on Saturday, the 1st day of March, 1930, in the County Book Repository, Galway, at the hour of two o'clock, p.m., when the following business will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Finance and Accounts.
3. Report of the Sub-Committee.
4. Lectures.
5. Library Association Examination.
6. Correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
7. Auditor's Report.
8. Estimates, 1930-31.
9. General.

The attention of members is drawn to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1888, s. 75(14), and Part 11 - Application of Enactments Order, 1898, Article 12(9), under which members absent for six consecutive months from meetings, unless through illness or for some reason approved by the committee, their office shall on the expiration of those months become vacant.

Is mise, le meas,

S. J. Maguire,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member.
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
To the Secretary to the County Council.
To the Town Clerk, Galway.
To the Treasurer.

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NOTE:-

A meeting of the Sub-Committee will be held on Friday, the 28th day of February, 1930, at the hour of 1.30 p.m.

Cifig na Leabharlannaidhe,
Gaillimh.
5ad Marta, 1930.

A Chara,

I append a copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 1st day of March, 1930.

Is mise, le meas,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

- To each member of the Committee.
- To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
- To the Secretary to the County Council.
- To the Town Clerk, Galway.
- To the Treasurer.
- To the Secretary, Carnegie Trust.
- To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 1st day of March, 1930.

Present:-

The Reverend A.J. Gailey, B.A., J. Hosty, Professor John Howley, M.A., D.Litt., F.Kelly, U.D.C., the Very Reverend P.J. Canon Moran, P.P., the Very Reverend J.F.M. Canon Nash, M.A., J.M. Pringle, and the Very Reverend J. Canon Walsh, M.A., B.D.

APOLOGY:-

An apology for inability to attend was received from County Councilor J. Glynn, Williamstown.

619. Minutes of the last meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting, circulated each member, be taken as read, and that they be signed.

620. Finance and Accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book and Form 1, as presented on examination being found correct, be signed; and that the following accounts (amounting to £153.2.8½) be authorised and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

<u>Accounts:-</u>			
Books.....	£ 90	16	9½
Printing and Stationery.....	5	15	6
Heating, cleaning, etc.....	3	14	5
Transport and Travelling.....	12	10	4
P/C Imprest, lectures, sundries...	6	12	4
Salaries.....	33	13	4

Monthly Financial Statement for January and February, 1930:-

	January			February		
Balance due by Treasurer.....	£74	9	4	£ 2	2	5 0
Sums received.....	-	-	-	255	6	.
Payments ordered 25/1/30.....	74	9	4	257	11	.
Net Balance due by Treasurer	72	4	4	-	-	-
	2	5	.	257	11	.
<u>Reconcilements:-</u>						
Balance per Pass Book.....	37	3	.	258	13	6
Outstanding Orders.....	34	18	.	1	2	6
Net Balance as above.....	2	5	.	257	11	.

621. Lectures:-

The Secretary reported on the success of the lectures already delivered in Galway and Tuam and explained that the following lectures remained to complete the present series:-

Lecturer	Title	Date	Place
Joseph Johnston, Esq., M.A., F.T.C.D., Barkington Lecturer in Economics	National Transport Problems (with a passing reference to the Travelling Shop and the decay of the small town).	March 26 " 27 " 28	Tuam Galway Loughrea
John O'Loughlin, M.A.	Irish Folksongs and music	" 27	Oughterard c. Clifden.
T. Gay, Esq.	The glory of the West: Clon- macnois.	April 9	Galway.

RESOLVED - That lecturers be allowed a guinea a day and third class rail; and that the Secretary complete the arrangements for the lectures.

622. Library Association Examination:-

RESOLVED - That congratulations be extended to Miss K. Ronaldson on satisfying the Library Association Examiners in the subject of Library Routine and Administration and that she be now graded as Assistant Librarian.

623. Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:-

NOTED - Letters G. 8689/1930 and G. 8782/1930, read by the Secretary, from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

624. Auditor's Report:-

NOTED - The Report of the Local Government Auditor on the Committee accounts for the periods ended the 31st March, 1929.

625. Estimates, 1930-1:-

RESOLVED - That the estimates for the coming year be referred to the Sub-Committee.

626. Increased Insurance of Stock:-

The Secretary reported having obtained a Covering Note from the Irish National Assurance Company in respect of the Redington Collection and other books of local historical and bibliographical interest and of collections in circulation at centres made up as follows:-

Additional insurance on stock at Headquarters.....£200
Insurance on collections at centres..... 350
Total.....£550

RESOLVED - That the Secretary's action be approved and that the necessary arrangements be made to have the amount of the premium considered at the next meeting.

627. Library Students and Trainees:-

RESOLVED - That the question of accepting Library Students or Trainees be left over until the matter of the vacant clerkship has been decided by the County Council; and that the subject be one for discussion with the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health, the Library Association of Ireland and the committee.

628. Galway Archaeological and Historical Society:-

RESOLVED - That, subject to the Ministry's sanction, the committee apply for membership of the Galway Archaeological and Historical Society (annual subscription - ten shillings per annum).

629. An Cumann Le Bealoideas Eireann:-

RESOLVED - That, subject to the sanction of the Ministry, the Committee apply for membership of An Cumann Le Bealoideas Eireann (annual subscription - seven shillings and sixpence).

630. New Books:-

RESOLVED - That the following works be purchased:-
Ronan, Myles V. The Reformation in Ireland under Elizabeth; 20/-
The Library Encyclopaedia. 2 vols. Subscription rate - £6/6/-

(Minutes Nos. 619 to 630 inclusive).

John Hanley
2/16/30

LEABHARLAINNA GHONNDAE NA GAILLIM

(County Galway Libraries).

Oifig na Leabharlannaidhe,
Bothar Mór,
Gaillimh.
IadhbhAibreán, 1930.

A Chara,

I append a copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Financial Committee Meeting held on Saturday, 29th day of March, 1930.

Is mise, le meas mor,
S.S. Maguidhir,
Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the Committee.
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health
To the Treasurer.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of a Financial Meeting held on Saturday, the 29th day of March, 1930.

Present:-

F. Kelly, U.D.C., the Reverend J. O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L., and Captain T. Tierney.

Chairman:-

The Reverend J. O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L., Vice-Chairman.

631. Accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the following accounts amounting to £75.11.0 as presented, be authorised, and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Books.....	£11	8	4
Stationery.....	2	7	6
Cleaning.....	1	5	.
Transport and Travelling.....	13	15	.
P/C., Lectures and Sundries.....	13	1	10
Salaries.....	33	13	4

(Minute 631 only).

John Hanley
2/16/30

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(County Galway Libraries).

Oifig na Leabharlannaidhe, Bothar Mor, Gaillimh. 128adh Aibrean, 1930.

A Chaire,

I append a copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Financial Committee Meeting held on Saturday, the 26th day of April, 1930.

Is mise, le meas mor, S.S. Maguidhir, Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the Committee. To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health. To the Treasurer.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Financial Committee Meeting on Saturday, the 26th day of April, 1930.

Present:-

The Reverend A. J. Gailey, B.A., J. Glynn, Co. C., Professor John Howley, M.A., D. Litt., F. Kelly, U.D.C., J. Lee, U.D.C., M. Quinn, Co. C., J. W. Ronaldson, Co. C.

Apology:-

An apology for non-attendance was read from Captain Tierney.

Chairman:-

Professor John Howley.

632. Accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the accounts, amounting to £66 19 0, be authorised and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Cleaning.....	£ 1	5	0
Transport and Travelling.....	5	9	0
Lecturers' expenses.....	22	17	2
P/C Imprest.....	2	1	9
Insurance (Suppl.).....	1	12	9
Salaries.....	12	33	4

(Minute no. 632 only).

John Howley 21/4/30

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 31st day of May, 1930.

Present:- Professor John Howley, M.A., D. Litt., Chairman, G. Lynch, Co. C., U.D.C., and the Very Reverend J.F.M. Canon Nash, M.A.

Apologies:- Apologies regretting their being unable to attend were received from the Very Reverend J.F. Canon Moran, P.P., and the Reverend J.O. Sea, B.A., B.C.L.

632. Vote of Sympathy:- Resolved - That the sincere sympathy of the Committee be tendered the Secretary on his bereavement through the death of his father.

633. Accounts and Finance:- Resolved - That the following accounts, amounting to £39. 13. 2, be authorised and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Cleaning, etc	£ 1	5	0
Transport & Cartage	1	12	3
P/C Imprest	3	2	7
Salaries	33	13	4

Finance:-

	April	May
Balance due by Treasurer	£ 52: 11: 9	£ 86: 15: 9
Sums received to end of month	101: 3: 0	234: 14: 0
Carried forward	£ 153: 14: 9	£ 321 9 9

	April	May
Brought Forward	£153. 14. 9	£321. 9. 9
Payments Ordered	66. 19. 0	39. 13. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer	£86. 15. 9	£281. 16. 7
Reconciliation:-		
Balance per Pass Books	br. £148. 19. 6	£324. 15. 1
Outstanding Orders	62. 3. 9	42. 18. 6
Net Balance as above	br. £86. 15. 9	£281. 16. 7

634. Urban Council and Urban Library Rate:-

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Town Clerk, Galway, apropos the amount available from the Urban Library Rate. In course of his letter the Town Clerk states that the amount due would in future be calculated on the actual amount collected for the previous year, less collection charges, which would work out as an average of £113. 12. 5 for each 1d. in the £.

The Secretary pointed out that such an anomalous method of calculation ought not to be entertained without consultation with the Ministry. Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to draw the attention of the Ministry to the proposed method of calculating the amount of the Galway Urban Library Rate.

635. Summer course in library training at the University College, Dublin:- Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to apply to the

Ministry for sanction to the attendance of Miss K. Ronaldson at the library training course at the University College, Dublin, from July 21st to August 1st, 1930 - the Ministry also to be requested to suggest the amount of expenses to be allowed.

636. The County Council and the Appointment of a Library Clerk:-

The Secretary submitted the letter 61M433H from the County Council. "The Council at a meeting on the 17th inst., decided to adjourn the matter and in the meantime that a statement be furnished giving duties, etc., to be assigned to the appointee and the various duties carried out by you." (viz., the Secretary).

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to write personally to the Chairman of the Council asking him to receive a deputation from this Committee at the next meeting of the Council apropos the Clerk; and that a copy of the recent memorandum on the subject be sent the Secretary to the Council with the addendum that the appointment is not a new one but simply the filling of a vacancy due to the resignation of Mr. Henry Shee on the 1st October last.

(Minutes Nos. 632 to 636 inclusive).

J. H. Hough
21/6/30

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Oifig na Leabharlannaidhe,
Bothar Mor, Gaillimh.
23adh Meitheamh, 1930.

A Chara,
I append a copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 21st day of June, 1930.

Is mise, le meas,

S.J. Maguire,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

- To each member of the Committee.
- To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
- To the Secretary to the County Council.
- To the Town Clerk, Galway.
- To the Treasurer.
- To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly of the County Galway Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the 21st day of June, 1930.

Present:- J.J. Burke, Professor J. Howley, M.A., D.Litt., F. Kelly, U.D.C., B. Lyden, Co.C., J. Meroney, N.T., Captain Tierney and J. Hesty.

Apeologies:- Apeologies regretting inability to attend were received from the Reverend A.J. Gailey, B.A., P. Kelly, Co.C., and the Very Reverend P.J. Canon Moran, P.P.

Chairman:- Professor J. Howley, M.A., D.Litt.

638. Minutes of the last meeting:- RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the preceding two Financial Meetings be signed.

639. Minutes of a Sub-Committee Meeting:- RESOLVED - That the following Minutes of the Proceedings of a Sub-Committee Meeting held on Friday, the 13th day of June, 1930, be approved:-

Present:- Professor J. Howley, M.A., D.Litt., F. Kelly, U.D.C., G. Lynch, Co.C., U.D.C., and Captain T. Tierney.

RESOLVED - (a) That a deputation be nominated to appear before the County Council at the next meeting of that body to seek the necessary authority to proceed with the appointment of a library clerk;

(b) That the Library Exhibition of posters, etc., be continued at the following Feiseanna:- Carna, 15th June; Glenamaddy, 22nd June; Clifden, 22nd June; Eyrecourt, 29th June; and Carraree, 10th August;

(c) That the new books and replacements received on approval be accepted.

640. Finance and Accounts:- RESOLVED - That the following accounts, amounting to £201.12.2, be authorised, and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Books, £126.9.11; Binding, Printing and Stationery, £22.8.5; Heating, cleaning, etc., £4.17.0; Transport and Travelling, £10.0.1; Library Exhibition at Feis Connacht and P/C, £4.3.5; Salaries, £33.13.4.

Finance:-

Balance as per last statement.....	£281	16	7
Payments ordered.....	£201	12	2
Net Balance due by Treasurer.....	£ 80	4	5

641. Clerkship:- NOTED - The Committee's satisfaction with the remarks of the Chairman of the County Council (Councillor E. Corbett) that there was no necessity for a deputation to the County Council relative to obtaining authority to proceed with the examination for the appointment of a clerk.

642. Annual Report:- RESOLVED - That the Annual Report be adopted, and that the Secretary be instructed to have an additional 200 copies printed for distribution.

643. Donations:- RESOLVED - That the Committee's best thanks be tendered the following donors for gifts of books and pamphlets:-

Doner	No. of Books	No. of Pamphlets
The Lady Nina Kewles, 4, Park St., Park Lane, London, W.C.1.....	5	-
Messrs. Evans Bros., London.....		6
The Carnegie U.K. Trust.....		10
East Yorks. Co. Library.....		1
Monaghan Co. Library.....		1
Secretary, Co. Galway Committee of Agric....		7
Secretary, Telephone Development Assoc....		1
J. Lavelle, Esq., Galway.....		1
Messrs. Joyce, Mackie and Co., Galway.....		1
The Very Reverend P.J. Canon Moran, C' Galway	2	
Captain T. Tierney, Galway.....	3	
Total	10	28

644. Lantern Projector:- RESOLVED - That the Secretary be instructed to see a demonstration of the Evans' Portable Projector and to submit a report on the instrument at the next Monthly Meeting.

645. Library Association:- RESOLVED - That, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health, the Chairman and Secretary be appointed as delegates to the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Cambridge from the 22nd September to 27th September; and that the sum of £12 (twelve pounds) be allowed each delegate as expenses.

646. Supply of School Texts to Pupils of Schools in the Unecconomic Areas of the Galway Gaedhealach:-
The Secretary submitted a letter from Mr. M. J. Nolan, N.T., Carraree, and a resolution from the local branch of the I.N.T.O., asking for supplies of school texts in Irish and English for the use of pupils of schools in the unecconomic areas of the Galway Gaedhealach.
The Secretary explained that the subject was really one for the Minister of Local Government and Public Health and for the Minister of Education. Under the existing Public Libraries Acts the question was outside the present scope and functions of a public library.
RESOLVED - That the Secretary draw the attention of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health and of the Minister of Education to matter of the supply of school texts in Irish and English to the pupils of schools in the unecconomic areas of the Galway Gaedhealach.

647. Lectures, 1930-31:- RESOLVED - That the programme of lectures submitted by the Secretary for the session 1930-31 be approved; and that the following places be included in the itinerary:- Athenry, Ballinasloe Social Club, Carraroe, Clifden, Craughwell, Galway, Gort, Loughrea, Oughterard, Pertunna and Tuam.

648. Book suggested for purchase:- RESOLVED - That volume one of the Irish Genealogical Guides be purchased at a cost of ten shillings and sixpence.

(Minutes nos. 638 to 648 inclusive).

16th July, 1930.

J. O'Sullivan.

Galway County Council Archives

19th July, 1930.

A Chare,

The SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING of the County Galway Libraries Committee will be held on Saturday, the 26th day of July, 1930, in the County Librarian's Office, County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway, at the hour of two o'clock, p.m.

Is mise, le meas,

S. S. Maguire,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

- To each member of the Committee.
- To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
- To the Secretary to the County Council.
- To the Town Clerk, Galway.
- To the Treasurer.
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REPORT of an extraordinary General Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland.

An extraordinary General Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland was held on Saturday, the 5th July last in the Engineers' Hall, Dublin, at which Professor John Howley, M.A., B.Litt. (representing the University College, Galway), Councillor Gilbert Lynch and your Secretary attended.

Professor Howley succeeded in having carried a resolution demanding a separate Licensing Board for the Saorstát, a ten per centum discount on all book purchases by Irish Public Libraries, and a complete revision (with special reference to An Saorstát) of the Net Books Agreement entered into by the Library Association and the Publishers and Associated Book-sellers of Great Britain and Ireland.

Your Secretary read a paper on County Library Buildings in the Saorstát in the course of which he also dealt with the survey taken of the buildings used for County Library purposes. He pointed out that the day or the one or two rooms in the county town, fitted with inexpensive shelving and glorified with the title "County Book Repository" had passed in Ireland. Our people had come to the conclusion that books properly administered form an indispensable feature in this modern country, and, within reason and our national purse, were willing to pay the price, but the incidence of cost would bear heavily on the average rural ratepayer. The Saorstát, he said, was predominantly an agricultural country, and the agricultural industry was passing through a phase analogous to the present industrial situation in Great Britain. Relatively, however, the economic effect was greater in Ireland than in Great Britain. Housing and business space was at a premium in most county towns, and the unfortunate County Librarian found himself housed in the queerest places imaginable - three were in vacated local jails, one in a local infirmary, others in private residences, and the remainder in two rooms above business premises of various kinds.

Most of the places were damp and ill-equipped, books depreciated rapidly, and the counties were obtaining much less than full value for library expenditure. It was hard to expect the average County Council, during the present agricultural depression, to engage in works which, in many cases, would represent more than double the library rate. He had no doubt, that, if the Carnegie Trust were to tackle the matter generally, a very great inducement would be offered to County Councils to strike the maximum rate for library purposes.

Proper library buildings achieve convenience and beauty and will attract readers. Generally, the economic loss of time, the burden on the taxpayer, the discouragement to book use, resulting from makeshift library buildings, and from the similar inexcusable locating of the extempore library headquarters without regard to the greatest possible patronage, are occasions

for close study of the problem of the modern County Library Headquarters in An Saorstát.

On behalf of the Association, he appealed to the Trustees, through Colonel Mitchell, to give the subject consideration and help them to make their county libraries county institutions in the real sense.

Councillor Lynch, in reference to your Secretary's paper, said that a spirit of pessimism ought not to be allowed to overshadow the idea that An Saorstát should be considered by the Carnegie Trust in the allocation of its funds. To set aside a huge sum of money for library buildings in the industrial areas of Great Britain and to completely leave out of consideration An Saorstát was hardly fair. He, therefore, suggested that every County Library Committee in An Saorstát should send a representative to meet the Trustees at the Library Association Conference at Cambridge in September next, and that these representatives collectively should strongly press the necessity of provision being made by the Trust for Irish County Libraries.

S. S. Maguire,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

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The following new books have been suggested for purchase:-

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| American Library Association. | Survey of Libraries in the U.S.A. | 4 vols. | 12/6 each. |
| Andrade, E.N. da C. | The mechanism of nature: a popular work on physics. | | 5/- |
| Funk and Wagnall. | Practical Standard Dictionary. | | £2/2/- |
| Goodier, Archbishop. | The public life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. | 2 vols. | 21/- |
| Jorgensen, J. | Autobiography. | 2 vols. | 21/- |
| League of Nations. | Sources of Irish history. | | 21/- |
| | International Statistical Year-Book, 1929. | | 10/- |
| The London Library. | Catalogue of Additions. | | £3/3/- |
| Martin, H.B. | Pictorial golf. | | 7/6 |
| | What's wrong with your game? | | 7/6 |
| astner and Marks. | A glossary of colloquial and popular French. | | 10/6 |
| agar. | Round by Repentance Tower: a psycho-religious study of Carlyle. | | 5/- |
| arston, H. | No Popery. | | 7/6 |
| chuppik, K. | The reign of the Emperor Francis Joseph. | | £1/- |
| orton, W.H. | The Truth of Christianity. | | 7/6 |
| oster, F.A.H. | Athletics of to-day. | | 12/6 |

Minutes of the Proceedings of the
Sixth Annual Meeting of the County Galway
Libraries Committee held on Saturday, the
26th day of July, 1930.

Present:-

Mr. J. Cooke, Co. G., U.D.C., the Reverend A. J.
Garley, B.A., J. Kelly, U.D.C., the very Reverend
P. J. Canon Moran, the very Reverend J. S. M. Canon
Nash, M.A., the Reverend J. O'Sea, B.A., B.C.L.,
Captain T. Tierney, Canon Corbett, Co. G., J. Husky,
the Reverend Brother Jarlath, O.S.F., M.A., Peter Kelly,
Co. G., T. Hyne, J. J. Lemard, Gilbert Lynch, Co. G.,
U.D.C., and Harry O'Keefe, Co. G.

649. Election of Chairman:-

It was proposed by Urban Councillor J.
Kelly, seconded by the Reverend J. O'Sea, and
unanimously

Resolved - That Professor John Howley, M.A.,
D. Litt., be Chairman of this Committee for the year
1930-31.

650. Election of Vice-Chairman:-

It was proposed by the Reverend A. J. ^{S.B.}
Garley, seconded by the ^{Urban Councillor J. Kelly} very Reverend P. J. Canon
Moran, and unanimously

Resolved - That the Reverend J. O'Sea be
Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the year 1930-31.

Councillors Canon Corbett, Peter Kelly

and Patrick Nolan having challenged the legality of
the meeting, on the ground that the list of members
of the Committee as supplied by the Secretary to the
County Council was wrong, the Chairman with the
consent of those present (Urban Councillor J. Kelly dissenting)
adjourned the meeting until the 16th proximo.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Financial Meeting held, after the Chairman had adjourned the Annual Meeting, on Saturday, the 26th day of July, 1930.

Present:-

E. Corbett, Co. C., the Reverend A. J. Gailey, B.A., F. Kelly, U.D.C., G. Lynch, Co. C., U.D.C., the very Reverend J. F. M. Canon Nash, M.A., and the Reverend J. O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L.

Chairman:-

RESOLVED - That Councillor Lynch be Chairman of the meeting.

Accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the following accounts as presented be authorised, and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Books.....	£11	5	8
Binding and Stationery.....	11	.	6
Cleaning, etc.....	1	5	.
Transport and Travelling.....	6	6	5
P/C Imprest.....	4	.	5
Salaries.....	33	13	4
Total.....	£67	11	4

Application for Holidays:-

RESOLVED - That the application of Kathlyn Ronaldson for annual vacation be granted (1st August until 31st August inclusive), and that it be left to the Secretary to make his own arrangements to carry on in her absence.

S. O'Connell

LEABHARLAINNA CONNDAE NA SAILLÍNE

COUNTY GALWAY LIBRARIES

S. J. MAGUIRE
SECRETARY AND COUNTY LIBRARIAN



COUNTY BUILDINGS
PROSPECT HILL
GALWAY

11th August, 1930.

A Chara,

The meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee which was adjourned on the 26th ultimo will be continued on Saturday next, the 16th day of August, 1930, in the County Book Repository, Prospect Hill, Galway, at the hour of two o'clock, p.m.

Is mise le meas,

S. S. Maguire

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

- To each member of the Committee.
- To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
- To the Town Clerk, Galway.
- To the Secretary to the County Council.
- To the Treasurer.
- To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

Eyre Square,
Galway,
8th day of August, 1930.

Dear Sir,

re Leab arlanna Conndae na Gaillime

I am in receipt of copy of letter of the 28th ult., and I understand therefrom that you require my advice as to the legality of the meeting held on the 28th ult.

I would suggest, in the first instance, that the County Council ought to make regulations fixing the number of the Libraries Committee, and it may be also advisable to have standing orders governing the proceedings at meetings; such standing orders may save a good deal of trouble hereafter. However, I understand that the only points on which I have to advise are (1) Was the meeting of the 28th ult., properly convened? and (2) were the proceedings legally carried out?

I have read minute no. 4015 of the County Council passed on the 2nd July, 1929, which appointed the 40 members of the Council on the Libraries Committee, but gave each member permission to nominate a person in his stead if he so desired, the Councillors' decisions to the Secretary for the Council by the 6th July, 1929. That minute did not provide that each Councillor's decision should be in writing, but the Secretary of the County Council took the precaution and got the appointments in writing. I interviewed the Secretary of the County Council and inspected the various appointments. Councillor Nicholas Kyne appointed the Very Rev. P. Canon Moran to act in his stead on three different committees which did not include the Libraries Committee. I understand that he informed you verbally after the 6th July, 1929, that he had appointed Canon Moran to act on your Committee in his stead. Whether that statement constituted a valid appointment or not is a difficult question to decide. The end of the minute reads "Councillors' decisions to be with the Secretary of the County Council by the 6th July". That statement may be read as a mere recommendation or as an absolute condition. If it is a mere recommendation a Councillor could appoint his nominee at any time; if it is a condition then any appointment made after the 6th July, 1929, was invalid. This is a question that ought to be submitted for the opinion of the Local Government Department. In the meantime I approach the subject on the assumption that the appointment was invalid and that Mr. Nicholas Kyne is still the member of that Committee. The question then arises, was the meeting invalid for the reason that Mr. Kyne was not summoned to that meeting? I do not think so. He was not summoned because he informed you that he appointed Canon Moran to act in his place, and you carried out his instructions and issued the summonses convening the meeting as he directed. Furthermore, this point appears to me to be governed by Article 36(7th. V.2.) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898 which reads "want of service of a summons on any member of the Council shall not effect the validity of a meeting".

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I therefore consider that the meeting was properly convened

I note that in An Leabar Bliadantamail 1929-1930, that Mr. Kyne's name is given as a member of the Libraries Committee, and that Canon Moran's name is omitted. This may effect the resolution passed the Council on the 2nd ult which reads "That the Libraries Committee be the same as last year".

I understand that Councillor Nolan attended your meeting and claimed that he was a member of your Committee; this contention is not good. Last year he appointed Very Rev. Professor Hynes, B.D. to act in his stead and the latter's name is given in An Leabar Bliadantamail as a member of the Committee, and the RESOLUTION of the 2nd ult., above quoted, appointed for this year the same members as constituted the Committee last year.

I am informed that the meeting was called for 2 p.m. and that it did not commence before that hour, therefore in my opinion its proceedings were valid.

I gather from your letter that a subsequent meeting was held after the adjournment. If the Chairman adjourned the meeting as Chairman and without the consent of the Committee, then the adjournment would have been illegal and a continuation of the proceedings by the members who remained would have been valid, but I understand that on the 26th ult. the meeting was adjourned by the Committee therefore the adjournment was legal and the subsequent proceedings by members who constituted themselves into a financial committee were invalid, therefore the acts of those members must be ratified at the next meeting.

Yours faithfully,
Lugaid O Deagaid,
(County Solicitor).

S. J. Maguire, Esq.,
Secretary,
County of Galway Libraries Committee,
Prospect Hill, Galway.

Continuation of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee adjourned from the 26th July, 1930, and completed on Saturday, the 16th day of August, 1930.

Present :-

Eamonn Ua Corbain, Co.
 the Reverend A. J. Garley, B.A.
 Professor John Howley, M.A., D. Litt
 Francis Kelly, U.S.B.
 Peter Kelly, Co. Co.
 Seumas O'Leary, U.S.B.
 Gilbert Lynch, Co. Co., U.S.B.
 Sean Mac Oisigh
 An t-Athair P. S. O'Moran, S.P.
 the Reverend P. J. Murray, B.A., B.D.
 An t-Athair S. O'Seaghdh, B.A., B.B.L.
 Jm. Pringle.
 Captain T. Treney

Apology:- An apology regretting his absence was received from T. C. McDermagh, U.S.B.

Chairman:- Professor John Howley, M.A., D. Litt

Resignation:- The Secretary reported the resignation of Professor the Reverend John Hynes, M.A., B.D., received through the Acting-Secretary to the County Council.

In Attendance:- The County Solicitor (Mr. L. S. O'Sea) was in attendance.

651. Legal Opinion:-

The Secretary submitted the opinion of the County Solicitor apropos the Annual Meeting. The legal adviser having ruled the meeting as properly convened and its proceedings valid (with the exception of the business transacted by a Financial Meeting held after the adjournment), it was proposed by the Reverend A. J. Garley, seconded by Councillor Lynch, and

Resolved - That the advice of the County Solicitor be accepted.

652. Minutes of the Financial Meeting of the 26th July, 1930.

It was proposed by Councillor Lynch, seconded by J. M. Pringle, and

Resolved - That the business transacted

by the members who formed themselves into a

Financial Committee after the adjournment on the

26th ultimo be now ratified.

653.

It was proposed by Councillor Francis Kelly, seconded by Captain Treney, and

Resolved - That the meeting be continued.

Professor Howley verbally tendered his resignation and left the room.

The Chair was then taken by the Vice-Chairman (An t-Athair S. O'Seaghdh).

654. It was proposed by the Reverend A. J. Garley, seconded by Captain Tierney, and

Resolved — That the members of this Committee now present record their displeasure at and disassociate themselves from the remarks resulting in the resignation of Professor Hewley; and that a deputation consisting of the Vice-Chairman, the Reverend A. J. Garley, Urban Councillor J. Kelly, Councillor Lynch and J. M. Pringle, call on Professor Hewley to try induce him reconsider his resignation.

655. Election of Sub-Committee:—

Resolved — That the Sub-Committee of last year continue in office and that power be given to co-opt additional members from the general committee.

656. Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting:—

Resolved — That the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, circulated each member, be taken as read, and that they be signed.

657. Finance and Accounts:—

Resolved — That the following accounts, amounting to £147. 11. 1, be authorised, and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:—

Books	£ 37. 2. 5
Printing and Stationery	10. 6
Cleaning	2. 10. 0

Transport & Travelling	£ 29. 19. 6
P/B Imprest	1. 8. 8
Salaries	76. 0. 0

Financial Statements:—

	June	July
	£ s d	£ s d
Balance as per last Statement	281. 16. 7	80. 4. 5
Sums received	—	12. 0
	<u>281. 16. 7</u>	<u>80. 16. 5</u>
Payments ordered	201. 12. 2	67. 11. 4
Net Balance due by Treasurer	<u>£ 80. 4. 5</u>	<u>£ 13. 5. 1</u>

Reconcilements:—

Balance per Pass Books	127. 14. 0	82. 0. 11
Outstanding Orders	47. 9. 7	68. 15. 10
Net Balance as above	<u>£ 80. 4. 5</u>	<u>£ 13. 5. 1</u>

658. Donations:—

The Secretary reported the receipt of the following donations:—

Donor.	No. of Books	No. of Pamphlets.
Inst. Tourist Association, Dublin	1	7
Norfolk Co. Education Library Committee	.	1
James Quoye, Esq., Galway	4	.
The Registrar, University College, Galway	4	.
The Mayo Co. Library Committee	.	1
India Publications, Ltd., London	.	8
Connacht Tribune, Galway	4	8
Australian National Travel Association	.	3
Barry Co. Education Library Committee	.	1
Total	13	29

Resolved — That the Committee's best thanks be tendered the donors of books and pamphlets.

659. Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:-

Noted — Letters G. 447175, G. 447176, and G. 46918 apropos School Tests for necessitous children in the schools of the Galway Gaedhealtacht, the Library Association Conference and Library Summer Schools respectively.

660. The Library Association Examination, May, 1930:-

Resolved — That the Committee's congratulations be tendered Miss Ronaldson on her success in passing the Library Association Examination in Section 5 (Library Law, Finance and Organisation).

661. Lantern Projector:-

Resolved — That the Secretary's report on the Evans' projector be adopted; and that the subject of purchasing or hiring a projector be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

662. Lectures:-

Resolved — That consideration of Mrs. Sheehy Steffington's queries:

(a) if the lectures agreed on are to run consecutively or are they to be spaced out?

(b) are out-of-pocket expenses to be allowed in addition to the guinea a day and third class rail?

be referred to the Sub-Committee.

663. Annual Vacation:-

Resolved — That the Secretary be granted annual leave.

664. Referred to the Sub-Committee:-

Resolved — That the following matters be referred to the Sub-Committee for attention:-

(a) the Journal of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology;

(b) new books suggested for purchase;

(c) clerkship;

(d) the case for a grant to County Galway for presentation to the Carnegie Trustees at Cambridge;

(e) the report on an extraordinary General Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland, held on the 5th ultimo.

25th Dúghradh Bóimí, 1930. Dúghradh Bóimí

(Minutes 649 to 664 inclusive).