

T A B L E III (Contd)

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Roundstone	69	60	129
Spiddal	60	150	210
Tuam	275	280	555
Williamstown	100	167	267
Woodford	<u>111</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>312</u>
	5,888	6,728	12,616
<u>PRESS CENTRES</u>			
Ballyconneely	10	14	24
Clonbur	16	29	45
Cornamona	12	25	37
Leenane	17	21	38
Lettermore	no returns received		
Rosmuc	no returns received		
Kilkerrin	20	40	60
Carna	22	9	31
Tully-Renvyle	<u>28</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>59</u>
TOTAL:	<u>6,013</u>	<u>6,897</u>	<u>12,910</u>

Number of books in hands of Readers
 at Stocktaking March, 1962.
 (Including Branches & Mobile, but
 excluding Centres).

Number of books returned from

Number of books in hands of Readers
 at Stocktaking March, 1962.
 (Including Branches & Mobile, but
 excluding Centres).

TOTAL: -

of stock.

T A B L E IV

	<u>Books added to Stock 1961/62</u>	<u>Books withdrawn from stock 1961/2</u>	<u>Bookstock 31/3/1962</u>
000 General Works	97	14	1895
100 Philosophy	29	11	521
200 Religion	207	26	2289
300 Social Sciences	375	162	2974
400 Languages	32	5	713
500 Natural Science	106	51	1176
600 Useful arts	357	135	4569
700 Fine arts & Entertainment	360	106	4586
800 Literature	413	268	11,127
900 History, Travel & Biography	1029	537	14320
F Fiction	4284	2327	44528
J. Juvenile (F.& N-F)	<u>4096</u>	<u>2280</u>	<u>25054</u>
	11,385	5,922	113,752

OTHER DETAILS

	<u>Year 1960/1961</u>	
Number of books sent to Branches & Centres during Year:	54,270	46,058
Number of books returned from Branches & Centres:	53,077	46,308
Number of books sent to Bindery:	2,950	2,575
" " returned from Bindery:	2,961	4,575
Number of books in hands of Readers at Stocktaking March, 1962. (Including Branches & Mobile, but excluding Centres).	12,071 F. 3,777 N-F. 7,171 Juv. <u>239 Irish</u>	11,198 F 3,539 N-F 7,081 Juv. <u>278 Ir.</u>
TOTAL: -	23,258	22,096

= 21% of stock.

T A B L E V.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1961/62

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
From Rates	£18,658	<u>Books</u>	£6,466
From Registration fees, fines, etc.	838	<u>Binding</u>	828
Special Contributions:		<u>Periodicals</u>	44
Galway Corporation	£200		£7,338
Ballinasloe U.C.	£ 80	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	
		Headquarters:	£5,925
		Branches:	<u>3,156</u> 9,081
		<u>Maintenance</u>	
		Rent & Rates	1,049
		Heat, Light & Cleaning	407
		Renovations & Equipment	<u>272</u> 1,728
		<u>Other Charges</u>	
		Advertising & Office Reqs.	145
		Postage etc.	118
		Telephone	34
		Travelling, Transport & Subsistence.	639
		Lib. Council	256
		Loan Repayments	380
		Miscellaneous	<u>57</u> 1,629
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TOTALS:	<u>£19,776</u>		<u>£19,776</u>

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of meeting of Libraries' Committee held on Friday, 19th January, 1962.

PRESENT: Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, Chairman; Very Rev. M. Canon McDonagh; Councillors J. Donnellan; J. Dowd; P. Galvin; J. Geoghegan T.D.; J. Glynn; T. King; M. Mannion; F. Mullin; T. Tierney; A. Hynes; Ald. M. Walsh; Messrs. P. Talty; T. O Seaghdha; T. Clarke; S. Moroney; T. Murphy; & R. Joyce.

IN ATTENDANCE: T. O'CONNOR, Esq., Assistant Co. Manager; S. BOHAN Esq., County Librarian; T. Sharkey, Esq., Assistant Co. Librarian.

- 8/61 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, be taken as read and that they be signed.
- 9/61 LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS: Arising out of the quarterly statistical report, it was noted that the issues at the Galway City Branch continued to increase. It was pointed out by the Librarian that the premises were now inadequate as a Branch Library for the City and a Headquarters. The Assistant Co. Manager reported on proposals for the reconstruction of the Courthouse which would give greater accommodation to the Library but explained that the proposed improvements would not provide for future expansion of the Library service. A long discussion followed on the subject of providing a suitable Library Hq. and City Branch, during which members referred to the need of providing a Municipal Centre for Galway.
- 10/61 LIBRARY ESTIMATE 1962/63: Details of the estimated expenditure for the County Libraries for the year 1962/63, as circulated to members, were considered. After considering a number of the items listed, it was agreed by the Meeting on the proposal of Clr. P. Galvin seconded by Clr. J. Glynn that the

10/61 estimate be adopted for submission to the County Council at its Annual Estimates Meeting.

11/61 BRANCH LIBRARIES: It was decided by the Meeting not to recommend the provision of a Branch Library at Ballymoore, but that permission be sought from Roscommon County Council for the residents of the area to use the Castlerea Branch, if they wished. The Librarian reported that the provision of a Branch Library building as part of the Civic Centre in Ballinasloe would not be proceeded with for at least 10 years. It was agreed by the Meeting that efforts be made to have a Branch Library incorporated in the new Dispensary to be built in the town.

12/61 GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICE: Information regarding Grants for the Improvement of Library Services was circulated to members. The Assistant Co. Manager reported that a meeting would be held with the Director of the Library Council regarding these grants, and a scheme of development for the Galway Library Service.

13/61 The members of the Committee were unanimous in passing a vote of congratulations to Deputy M. Kitt on his recovery. The members also voted sympathy to Mr. Liam Looney, Co. Secretary, on the death of his brother, and to Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Galway on the death of Very Rev. Monsignor Mitchell, ~~Castlerea~~ *Cranshewell*.

The Meeting then ended.

Patrick Glynn
19 July, 1962

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Co. Library Headquarters,
Courthouse,
Galway.

12th January, 1962.

A Chara:

A Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Bar Room of the Courthouse on Friday next the 19th January, at 4.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

[Handwritten Signature]

Leabharlannai Chonndae

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (herewith)
2. Statistics for nine months ended 31/12/1961.
3. County Library Estimate 1962/1963 (herewith)
4. Proposal re Branch Library at Ballymoe.
5. Branch Library building at Ballinasloe.
6. Grants for Improvement of Public Library Services.
7. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee
To Assistant Co. Manager
To County Secretary
To Editors of local newspapers.

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of County Libraries
Committee held on Friday, 15th September, 1961.

PRESENT: Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn; Clr. J. Donnellan;
Clr. J. Dowd; Clr. P. Galvin; Clr. J. Geoghegan T.D.;
Clr. S. Glynn; Clr. T. King; Clr. M. Kitt T.D.;
Clr. F. Mullin; Mr. P. Talty; Mr. T. O Seaghdha; Mr.
T. Clarke; Mr. S. Moroney; Mr. T. Murphy; Mr. R. Joyce;
Ald. M. Walsh; Clr. T. Tierney; Clr. A. Hynes.

IN ATTENDANCE: T. O'Connor Esq., Assistant Co. Manager;
& S. Bohan Esq., County Librarian.

1/61 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting, as
circulated to each member, be taken as read and that they
be signed.

2/61 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN:

On the proposal of Deputy Mr. Kitt, seconded by Mr. S.
Moroney, Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn was re-elected as Chairman
for the year 1961/62. On the proposal of Mr. F. Mullin,
seconded by Clr. A. Hynes, Deputy M. Kitt was re-elected as
Vice-Chairman.

3/61 ANNUAL REPORT 1960/1961:

The Annual Statistical Report on the working of the County
Library Service during the year ended 31st March, 1961 which
had been circulated to each member was adopted by the
Committee on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by
Deputy M. Kitt.

4/61 MINUTE NO. 2563 of COUNTY COUNCIL:

At a Meeting of the County Council, Clr. P. O Ceallaigh
asked that the Libraries Committee consider withdrawing the

4/61 book "PROTEST IN ARMS" by Holt from the County Library. 2.
After some discussion on Clr. Kelly's request, it was decided on the proposal of Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. A. Hynes, not to withdraw the book.

5/61 "OPEN WEEK":

The Librarian reported on the "open week" which was held during the month of May in an effort to induce the public to return County Library books which were outstanding for a long period. He reported that the venture had not met with the success expected, 75 books only having been returned to the Galway City Branch.

6/61 DAMAGE TO BOOKS:

The Librarian also reported on the destruction of valuable books in the Reference Section and showed the Committee a copy of Burke's "Landed Gentry" valued at £7. 7. 0. from which several sections had been removed. A long discussion followed during which members of the Committee made several suggestions to meet this problem. It was agreed that greater supervision of the Reference Room was necessary, which would involve extra staff, but it was doubtful if the losses involved would justify additional expenditure on salaries.

7/61 MANUSCRIPTS by PADRAIG O CONAIRE:

The Committee agreed to recommend the purchase at £4. 4. 0. each, two unpublished manuscripts, one of short stories and one a play for children, written by sean Phadraig O Conaire.

The Meeting then ended.

PER. 1961.

NUMBER OF BOOKS ISSUED TO READERS AT BRANCH
LIBRARIES AND FROM MOBILE FOR 9 MONTHS PERIOD ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1961

(Figures for same period 1960 in brackets)

Galway City	129,766	(119,301)
Mobile	17,622	(13,422)
Abbeyknockmoy	5,201	(5,844)
Ahascragh	5,760	(6,755)
Athenry	7,431	(7,845)
Ballygar	<i>10,189</i>	(10,592)
Ballinasloe	22,890	(21,582)
Carna	1,834	(2,054)
Carraroe	<i>5,892</i>	(6,047)
Clifden	7,622	(7,843)
Craughwell	4,032	(3,219)
Creggs	3,903	(3,946)
Eyrecourt	2,611	(4,658)
Dunmore	8,581	(8,784)
Glenamaddy	3,218	(2,803)
Gort	16,365	(17,160)
Headford	5,752	(5,927)
Kilconnell	4,192	(4,693)
Killimor	6,727	(2,819)
KILRONAN	4,657	(3,420)
Kinvara	5,112	(5,181)
Loughrea	16,207	(19,286)
Moylough	3,483	(2,945)
Oughterard	6,108	(5,386)
Portumna	9,120	(11,757)
Roundstone	4,507	(3,756)
Spiddal	6,670	(6,087)
Tuam	14,967	(16,635)
Williamstown	4,287	(5,313)
Woodford	7,612	(7,224)
	<u>352,318</u>	<u>(342,482)</u>

STATISTICS FOR NINE-MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961.
 (Figures for 1960 period in brackets)

Number of books sent to Branches & Centres.	35,802	(36,325)
Number of books returned from Branches & Centres.	35,173	(37,191)
Number of books sent to Bindery	2,950	(2,560)
Number of books returned from Bindery	1,302	(1,730)
Number of books withdrawn from stock	5,825	(6,056)
Number of books purchased	3,421 F	(3,365 F
	2,744 J	(2,717 J
	<u>2,080 NF</u>	<u>(2,063 NF</u>
	8,245	(8,145)

Galway County Council Archives

	3,531
	2,352
	1,177
TOTAL:-	<u><u>17,622</u></u>

period 1960/1961: 17,422
 Increase: 4,200

BOOKS ISSUED TO BORROWERS FROM MOBILE LIBRARY
for 9 months ended 31st December, 1961.

			<u>Total</u>
R	MILLTOWN	417	
o	KILCONLY	255	
u	CAHERLISTRANE	51	
t	BEL CLARE	560	
e	CURRANDULLA	339	
l	CLAREGALWAY	<u>378</u>	2,000
R.	KILKERRIN	357	
	CLONBERN	697	
2	BARNADERG	445	
	COROFIN	523	
	TURLOUGHMORE	<u>354</u>	2,376
R.	MOUNTBELLEW	923	
	CALTRA	627	
3	CASTLEBLAKNEY	657	
	MENLOUGH	560	
	GARBALLY	258	
	MONIVEA	<u>530</u>	3,555
R.	NEW INN	733	
4	BALLYMACWARD	610	
	GURTEEN	831	
	ATTYMON	228	
	KILTULLAGH	<u>229</u>	2,631
R.	KILEENEEN N.S.	136	
5.	KILTIERNAN N.S.	412	
	ARDRAHAN	689	
	BALLINDEREEN	1066	
	KILCOLGAN	261	
	CLARENBRIDGE	543	
	ORANMORE	<u>424</u>	3,531
R.	GORTAVOHER	182	
6	LAWRENCETOWN	829	
	KILTORMER	613	
	AUGHRIM	189	
	KILRICKLE	298	
	BULLAN	<u>241</u>	2,352
R.	DERRYBRIEN	423	
7	DUNIRY	243	
	TYNAGH	234	
	KILCHREEST	<u>277</u>	1,177
		TOTAL: -	<u><u>17,622</u></u>
	Same period 1960/1961:		13,422
	Increase :		4,200

DETAILS OF ESTIMATE
COUNTY LIBRARY ESTIMATES

SALARIES & WAGES: -----

Headquarters Staff:

ITEM	1961/2	Present 1962/3	1962/3	1962/3	%	Increase or Decrease
<u>BOOKS</u>						
New Books	6400	6400	6400			
Binding	1000	800	800			
Periodicals	50	7450	50	7250	36%	- 200
<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>						
HQ. Staff	6290	6080	6080			
Branches	3150	9440	3950	10030	49%	+ 590
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>						
Rent on Branches	950		930			
Heat, Light & Cleaning:						
Galway City	200	200	200			
Branches	200	200	200			
Renovations, Fittings etc.	300	1650	150	1480	7%	- 170
<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>						
Stationery	150	100	100			
Postage	100	100	100			
Telephone	30	30	30			
Travelling, & Subsistence.	400	400	400			
Transport	250	200	200			
Libr. Council	320	350	350			
Loan Charges	400	400	400			
Miscellaneous	-	1650	50	1630	8%	- 20
TOTAL:	20190	20190	20390	20390		+ 200
Estimated Receipts from fees & fines:	800		875			
Galway Corporation & Ballinasloe U.D.C.	280	1080	280	1155		
TOTAL charge on County rate		19110		19235		+ 125

DETAILS OF ESTIMATE

SALARIES & WAGES:

Headquarters Staff:

Ballinacorney Present salary of eight
Loughrea members of Headquarters
staff & increments due
1962/1963: £5,040.

Wages staff:

Two members on weekly
Small Branches wage: £1,020.

Allow for sick leave replacement: £ 20.

TOTAL: £6,080.

BRANCHES STAFF:

Present salaries.

3 Branches	24 hrs. per week	@	£202. 16. 0.	=	£608. 8. 0.
1 Branch	20 hrs. per week	@	169. 0. 0.	=	169. 0. 0.
1 "	15 " " "	@	126. 15. 0.	=	126.15. 0.
22 Branches	10 " " "	@	84. 10. 0.	=	1859. 0. 0.

27 Branches 327 hrs. per week @ 3/3 = 2763. 3. 0.

10 Honorary Librarians at £7. 10. 0. = 75. 0. 0.

Social Welfare (Employers contribution):
18 @ 4/2 x 52 = 195. 0. 0.
5 @ 4/6 x 52 = 58.10. 0.

Allow for increase from 3/3 to 3/9 per hour
from 1st April, 1961.

17004 hrs. per year @ 6d. equal £180
17004s. over 2 years. 50 200 = 850. 4. 0.

TOTAL: = 3941.17. 0.

E.S. Allow sick leave with pay: 8. 3. 0.

Loughrea: £3,950. 0. 0.
E.S.B. & Rest. 50

Spiddal:
E.S.B. & Cleaning. 25

Roundstone:
E.S.B. & Cleaning. 25 200

TOTAL: £400

Allow for incidental repairs,
improvements and fittings: £150

TOTAL: £1,480

MAINTENANCE

RENT ON BRANCHES

Ballinasloe Branch	..	£104
Loughrea	..	130
Tuam	..	30
Gort	..	40

Small Branches

1 @ £39 (Woodford)	..	39
1 @ £36 (Clifden)	..	36
1 @ £35 (Ballygar)	..	35
8 @ £30.	..	240
5 @ £26.	..	130
2 @ £25.	..	50
4 @ £20.	..	80

26 Branches on Rent	=	£914
Rates - Loughrea	..	10
Rates - Roundstone	..	5
TOTAL:		<u>£ 930.</u>

HEAT, LIGHT, & CLEANING

Courthouse	£150	
Woodquay	<u>50</u>	200
Ballinasloe: E.S.B. & Cleaning.	50	
Tuam: E.S.B. & Cleaning.	50	
Loughrea: E.S.B. & Heat.	50	
Spiddal: E.S.B. & Cleaning.	25	
Roundstone: E.S.B. & Cleaning.	<u>25</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL:		<u>£400</u>

Allow for incidental repairs,
improvements and fittings: £150

TOTAL: £1,480

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

From Registration Fees & Fines	..	£875
Special Contributions:		
Galway Corporation	..	200
Ballinasloe Urban D.C.	..	80
	TOTAL:	£1155
Amount to be levied on County Rate:		<u>£19,235</u>
Approximate Rate in £1. for Libraries:		9½d.

An Chomhairle will be empowered to... equal loan charges incurred... local... of their powers under the Public... on projects of a general nature... after the... of the... the Minister will sanction loans. The... the erection, acquisition, reconstruction, alteration, repair, furnishing of library buildings, the purchase... provision of mobile libraries and of other... With regard to book stocks... local library authorities will be approved... provision in their annual... the normal replacement of book stocks and... will subsidise only major... new branch libraries or to effect... existing library service in any... English will not be regarded as ranking... in respect of expenditure on new... related to the net cost of the buildings... of the capital cost which should... a Chomhairle, a deduction will be made... respect of any existing library accommodation... applied to other local authority purposes... or reduced in any cases where buildings, fittings or... provided under the scheme are used for purposes... to the public library services and also... fails to operate these services satisfactorily

... improvement of their library services which... for financial assistance under the scheme... local authorities to An Chomhairle... in the first instance. An Chomhairle will examine... recommendations of An Chomhairle on any... will be considered by the Minister when proposals for... The maximum loan periods which he will be prepared to sanction are:-

Purpose	Period
Erection, acquisition or general reconstruction of library buildings ...	35 years
Acquisition of mobile libraries and of other vehicles... ..	10 years
Major purchases of books	5 years

C O P Y

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.

Circ. G. 10/61.

29th November, 1961.

Grants for Improvement of Public Library Services

A Chara:

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to enclose for your information a copy of the Public Libraries Act, 1947 (grants) Regulations, 1961 which, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, he has made under section 16 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947 to enable An Chomhairle Leabharlanna to provide financial assistance to local authorities for the improvement of their library services.

Under the Regulations, An Chomhairle will be empowered to recoup up to 50% of the annual loan charges incurred by local authorities in the exercise of their powers under the Public Libraries Acts, 1855 to 1947, on projects of a capital nature which are approved by An Chomhairle after the date of the Regulations and for which the Minister will sanction loans. The projects may include the erection, acquisition, reconstruction, alteration, improvement and furnishing of library buildings, the purchase of books, and the provision of mobile libraries and of other vehicles for the transport of books. With regard to book stocks I am, however, to state that local library authorities will be expected to include a reasonable provision in their annual estimates to meet from revenue the normal replacement of book stocks and that An Chomhairle Leabharlanna will subsidise only major acquisitions of books to stock new branch libraries or to effect a substantial restocking of the existing library service in any area. Works of fiction in English will not be regarded as ranking for subsidy. The recoupment in respect of expenditure on new library buildings will be related to the net cost of the buildings and in determining the proportion of the capital cost which should qualify for subsidy by An Chomhairle, a deduction will be made from the gross cost in respect of any existing library accommodation which is disposed of or applied to other local authority purposes. Subsidy may be withdrawn or reduced in any cases where buildings, fittings or vehicles provided under the scheme are used for purposes which do not directly relate to the public library services and also where a local authority fails to operate these services satisfactorily.

Proposals for the improvement of their library services which are intended to qualify for financial assistance under the scheme should be submitted by local authorities to An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in the first instance. An Chomhairle will examine the proposals and the recommendations of An Chomhairle on any project will be considered by the Minister when proposals for borrowing come before him. The maximum loan periods which he will be prepared to sanction are:-

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Period</u>
Erection, acquisition or general reconstruction of library buildings . . .	35 years
Acquisition of mobile libraries and of other vehicles.	10 years
Major purchases of books	5 years

The Minister is anxious to encourage a positive approach by local authorities to the question of improving the scope and quality of their library services. The reports on the detailed surveys of the public library services in rural and urban areas which were carried out under the direction of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna clearly establish that a definite need exists in very many areas for properly designed and equipped library premises and that there is a no less general and pressing need for the provision of adequate stocks of modern publications, especially in the categories of non-fiction and reference works, and also for the introduction of a distribution system which, in rural areas would make the book stocks genuinely accessible to all the population served. The object of the scheme now announced is to encourage local authorities to undertake an enterprising re-organisation of their library services which will effectively extend facilities to all parts of their administrative areas. Re-organisation could be spread over a period of years where an authority considers that this course is necessary and likely to be more effective. It is desirable, however, that all authorities should now arrange to review the scope and quality of their existing library services and that the improvements proposed should be based on a general plan designed to make the services conform to present-day standards and demands.

The foregoing scheme will be subject to review on the expiration of a period of five years.

Mise, le meas,

S. O HANLON

To each local library authority.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT 1947 (GRANTS) REGULATIONS 1961

S.I. No. 265 of 1961.

The Minister for Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 16 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947 (No. 40 of 1947) hereby makes the following Regulations:-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Libraries Act, 1947 (Grants) Regulations, 1961.

2. In these Regulations -

"the Council" means an *Gcomhairle Leabharlanna*;

"grant" means a grant under section 16 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947;

"the Minister" means the Minister for Local Government.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT 1947 (GRANTS)

REGULATIONS, 1961.

(1) The financial aid to local authorities for the improvement of their library services for which grants may be paid shall be given in the form of contributions towards the expenditure of the local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred in the exercise of their powers under the Public Libraries Act, 1855 to 1947 in -

(a) the erection, acquisition, construction, alteration, improvement and furnishing of any building;

(b) the purchase of books;

(c) the provision of vehicles for the transport of books;

(d) such other matters as may from time to time be approved by the Minister.

(2) The amount of any grant shall not exceed half the said annual total expenditure thereof may be made to the Council in cash or in instalments as the Minister

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3. Before making financial aid to a local authority for the improvement of its library service, the Council shall -

(a) consider proposals from the local authority for the improvement of the service;

(b) consult with and advise the local authority as to any amendment of such proposals which the Council consider necessary or desirable, and

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(c) send to the Minister the said proposals of the local authority or a statement thereof and the recommendations of the Council thereon.

4. (1) The payment of grants to the Council shall be subject to such conditions as may be required by the Minister to be observed by local authorities to whom financial aid for the improvement of their library services is given by the Council.

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 - "the Minister" means the Minister for Local Government.
3. (1) The financial aid to local authorities for the improvement of their library services for which grants may be paid shall be given in the form of contributions towards the annual loan charges of the local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred in the exercise of their powers under the Public Libraries Acts, 1855 to 1947 in -
 - (a) the erection, acquisition, reconstruction, alteration, improvement and furnishing of any building;
 - (b) the purchase of books;
 - (c) the provision of vehicles for the transport of books;
 - (d) such other matters as may from time to time be approved by the Minister.(2) The amount of any grant shall not exceed half the said annual loan charges and payment thereof may be made to the Council in one sum or in instalments as the Minister thinks fit.
4. Before giving financial aid to a local authority for the improvement of its library service, the Council shall -
 - (a) consider proposals from the local authority for the improvement of the service;
 - (b) consult with and advise the local authority as to any amendment of such proposals which the Council consider to be necessary or desirable, and
 - (c) send to the Minister the said proposals of the local authority or a statement thereof and the recommendations of the Council thereon.
5. (1) The payment of grants to the Council shall be subject to such conditions as may be required by the Minister to be observed by local authorities to whom financial aid for the improvement of their library services is given by the Council.

(2) Where a local authority fail to comply with any of the said conditions, the Minister may withhold or terminate payment of or reduce the amount of any grant to the Council in respect of financial aid given to such local authority.

(3) The Council shall notify the Minister of any failure by a local authority to comply with any condition required by the Minister to be observed in relation to the making of a grant to the Council.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Local Government this twenty-seventh day of November On thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

L. S.

NEIL T. BLANEY

Minister for Local Government.

The Minister for Finance hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1961.

SEANUS O RIAIN

Minister for Finance.

Explanatory Note.

This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.

These Regulations enable effect to be given to section 16 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947, which provides for the payment by the Minister for Local Government to An Chomhairle Leabharlanna of grants of such amount as the Minister may think fit to enable An Chomhairle to provide financial assistance to local authorities for the improvement of their library services.

Richard Flynn

19 July, 1962

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Libraries Committee, held
on Friday, 13th July, 1962.

PRESENT: Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, Chairman; Councillors,
J. Donnellan; J. Dowd; J. Geoghegan T.D.; J. Glynn;
T. King; M. Kitt T.D.; M. Mannion; F. Mullin; Very Rev.
M. Canon McDonagh; S. Layng Esq.; T. O'Shea Esq.; T. Clarke
Esq.; S. Moroney Esq.; T. Murphy Esq.; R. Joyce;
Ald. M. Walsh; Clr. A. Hynes.
IN ATTENDANCE: T. O'Connor Esq., Asst. Manager; S. Bohan, Libr.
Apologies for non-attendance received from, Clr. J.J. Ruane;
Clr. M. Carty T.D.; and Clr. T. Tierney.

1/62 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: It was resolved that the Minutes
of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, be taken
as read and that they be signed.

2/62 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN: On the proposal of Clr.
John Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Donnellan and agreed,
Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn was re-elected Chairman of the
Committee for the year 1962/63.
On the proposal of Clr. John Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. T. King
and agreed, Clr. M. Kitt T.D. was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The business of the Meeting up to this point was transacted
in Irish.

3/62 ANNUAL REPORT: The Librarian submitted a Statistical Report on
the operation of the Library Service for the year 1961/62.
The figures relating to membership, number of books issued to
the public, cost of service, and the Mobile Library Service
were discussed. A number of members felt that the Mobile
Service should be extended to areas not yet served.

4/62 LIBRARY BUILDINGS: The provision of Library Buildings in the
County was discussed in the light of a 50% contribution to
Loan Charges being available. The Librarian stated that areas
most in need of new library premises were Galway City and
Headquarters, Ballinasloe, Clifden, Dunmore, and Athenry. The
Assistant County Manager referring to the fact that cost was
the important factor stated that there was no way out of
additional expenditure and that the Committee would have to
face up to a higher expenditure on the Library Service. The
Assistant Co. Manager gave a report on the discussion which
took place with Mr. D. Foley, Director of the Library Council.
Clr. T. King felt that the Committee should be very careful
before recommending any building to the County Council. After
considerable discussion on the subject, Clr. M. Kitt proposed
that the matter be postponed for further discussion at the
next meeting. Questions on the provision of a Museum and Art
Gallery, the frequency of Committee Meetings, their cost, the
functions of the Committee and its size were also discussed.

5/62 VOTES OF SYMPATHY: The Committee voted sympathy with the
following: Mr. L. O'Toole, Renvyle, on the death of his mother.
Mrs. M. O Cathain, Carraroe, on the death of her husband.
Mrs. Sirr, on the death of Councillor Sirr.
Mrs. O'Donnell, N.T., Carraroe, on the death of her father,
Mr. John Callanan, Moylough.
Canon McCullagh, on the death of his brother
William McCullagh.

The Meeting then ended.

----- *Mical P. O'Car*

14/12/62

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries Committee held on Friday
14th December, 1962 at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Clrs. J. Donnellan; J. Dowd; P. Galvin; J. Geoghegan T.D.;
S. Glynn; T. King; M. Kitt T.D.; M. Mannion; & F. Mullin;
Messrs. S. Layng; P. Talty; T. O Seaghdha; T. Clarke;
T. Murphy & R. Joyce; Ald. M. Walsh; & Clr. A. Hynes.

IN ATTENDANCE: T. O'Connor Esq., Assistant County Manager; S. Bohan Esq.
Co. Librarian; T. Sharkey Esq. & E. Phelan Esq., Asst. Librarians.

An apology for non-attendance was received from the Chairman, Very Rev.
P. Canon Glynn. In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman,
Clr. M. Kitt T.D. took the Chair.

6/62 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting
as circulated to each member were taken as read and it was
agreed that they be signed.

7/62 CO. LIBRARY ESTIMATE 1963/64: Details of the Estimated Expendi-
ture and receipts for the County Library Service for the year
1963/64 as circulated to members were considered. The Assistant
County Manager stated that if the service were to be improved it
would be necessary to improve it under the headings of,

(1) Books, (2) Staff, (3) Premises. Provision for some improve-
ments under each of these three headings was made in the Estimate
presented. The total expenditure shown was £23,705. Estimated
receipts including contribution to loan charges showed a total
of £2,470, leaving a nett expenditure of £21,235 or an increase
of £2,000 on estimated expenditure for 1962/63.

8/62 BOOKS: (1) The figure for new books showed an increase of £600.
The County Librarian explained that this increase was intended
to meet, to some extent, the increased cost of books over a
number of years and that there had been no increase in the
allocation for new books since the financial year 1956/57. After
some discussion on the type of books which should be purchased,
the Committee agreed on the proposal of Clr. P. Galvin, seconded
by Clr. J. Donnellan to recommend an increase of £600 in the
Book Fund.

9/62 STAFF: (2) Under the heading of Salaries, the County Librarian
explained that provision was made in the Estimate for the
creation of an additional post of Assistant Librarian to be

9/62 responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Galway City
Branch. In support of the appointment the Librarian had
presented the members with a report on the present staffing
position. After a long discussion on the subject Clr. Galvin
proposed that the Committee recommend that the appointment be
made. Mr. S. Layng seconded the proposal. Ald. M. Walsh
proposed that no appointment be made. There was no seconder to
Ald. Walsh's proposal. The proposal to recommend the creation
of the appointment was then declared carried with Ald. Walsh
dissenting.

10/62 PREMISES - Galway City Library & Headquarters: (3 a)

Under the heading of loan charges provision was made in the
Estimate for the building of a Central Library and Headquarters
in Galway City and five Branch Libraries in the County. After
some discussion on the Galway City Library and Headquarters
members pointing out that a new building was long overdue, it
was agreed on the proposal of Clr. T. King seconded by Clr. J.
Donnellan to recommend to the Co. Council that a Central City
Library and Headquarters be built in Galway City.
Ald. M. Walsh dissented from the decision.

11/62 BRANCH LIBRARIES: (3 b) In the discussion on the provision of
five Branch Buildings in the county, Clr. King felt that the
buildings for Galway City and Ballinasloe would be sufficient for
1963/64 and that these smaller buildings should be incorporated
in other Public Buildings to be erected. The Chairman asked the
members to agree to the provision of the five rural Branches.
It was finally agreed on the proposal of Clr. J. Dowd seconded by
Mr. P. Talty that the Committee recommend to the Co. Council that
it proceed with the erection of the five county Branches at
Clifden, Dunmore, Athenry, Gort and Portumna, with the proviso
that these Branches be incorporated with other Public Buildings
if such were planned in any of these areas.

The estimate as presented was adopted and it was agreed to
recommend it's acceptance by the Co. Council at its Estimates
Meeting.

12/62 COMMITTEE MEETINGS: In reply to a question asked at the

previous meeting the Librarian informed Ald. M. Walsh that the
cost of the previous Committee Meeting was £53. 2. 6.

13/62 VOTE OF SYMPATHY: The Committee voted sympathy with Ald. M.
Walsh on the death of his brother. The meeting then ended.

Tomás Mac an Ríog
10/5/63

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE
-----Library Headquarters,
Courthouse,
Galway.

7th December, 1962.

A Chara:

A meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Bar Room of the Courthouse on Friday afternoon next at 4.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

J. Bolan.
Leabharlannai Chonndae

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of previous meeting (herewith)
2. Estimated Expenditure for County Library Service for year 1963/64 (copy herewith)
3. Staffing of Galway City Branch (submission herewith)
4. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee
To Assistant County Manager
To County Secretary
To Editors of local newspapers.

GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

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Estimated expenditure 1963/64

ITEM	ESTIMATE 1962/3	ESTIMATE 1963/4	%	Increase or Decrease
<u>BOOKS</u>				
New books	6400	7000		
Binding	800	800		
Periodicals & Subs.	50	50		
	<u>7250</u>	<u>7850</u>	33%	+600
<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>				
H'qrs. Staff:	4345	4400		
Galway City Branch:	1735	2200		
Co. Branches	3950	3550		
	<u>10030</u>	<u>10150</u>	43%	+120
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>				
Rent on Branches:	930	655		
Heat, Light, & Cleaning:				
GALWAY CITY; & WOODQUAY	200	250		
Branches:	200	350		
Renovation etc.	150	120		
	<u>1480</u>	<u>1375</u>	5 1/2%	-105
<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>				
Stationery & Printing	100	150		
Postage & P/C	100	120		
Telephone	30	30		
Travelling, Subsistence & Transport:	600	600		
Lib. Council	350	350		
Miscellaneous, incl. Insur.	50	50		
	<u>1230</u>	<u>1300</u>	5.5%	+70
Loan charges:	400	3030		
	400	3030	12 1/2%	+2630
	<u>£ 20,390</u>	<u>£ 23,705</u>		<u>£ 3315</u>

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1457, Static

Increase

5 1/2%

5.5%

12 1/2%

£ 23,705

INTRODUCTION TO COUNTY LIBRARY ESTIMATE 1963/4

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1962/64

	<u>Estimate 1962/3</u>	<u>1963/64</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>
From Registration Fees & Fines:	875	875	-
Special Contr. Galway Corp.:	200	200	-
Ballinasloe Urban D. Council:	80	80	-
Contrib. towards loan charges:	-	1315	£ 1315
	<u>£1155</u>	<u>£2470</u>	<u>£1315</u>

	<u>1962/63</u>	<u>1963/64</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Expenditure	£20390	£23,705	£3315
Receipts	1155	2,470	1315
Nett cost of service:	£19235	£21,235	2000
Rate in £l.	9½d.	10½d.	1d.

Local Government pointed out that the Minister is anxious to encourage a positive approach by Local Authorities to the question of the scope and quality of their library services; that there exists a definite need in very many areas for well designed and equipped library premises and that the object of the scheme of grants is to encourage Local Authorities to undertake an enterprising re-organisation of their library services.

In compliance with the Department's intention to induce Local Authorities by an offer of 50% contribution to loan charges, to embark on a Library Building Programme, it is proposed to seek approval this year to the building of a number of library premises in Co. Galway including a Central City Library and Bookshops, and a figure of £2,630 has been included in the estimate for 1963/64 for this purpose.

The Galway County Library Service was established in 1924 and the year 1963/64 will be its 40th year in operation. The Galway City Branch was transferred to an upstairs room in the Courthouse as a temporary measure in 1934. It is still there.

INTRODUCTION TO COUNTY LIBRARY ESTIMATE 1963/4

The County Libraries estimated expenditure for the coming financial year 1963/64 shows a total of £23,705. Estimated receipts including contribution to loan charges total £2,470 leaving a nett expenditure of £21,235, which is an increase of £2,000 on current years expenditure, or an equivalent rate in the £1. increase of 1d. The principle increases arise under the headings of 'New Books' £600 and 'Loan Charges' £1,315.

Under the Public Libraries Act 1947 (Grants) Regulations 1961 the Minister for Local Government has empowered An Comhairle Leabharlanna to recoup ^{up} to 50% of the annual loan charges incurred by Local Authorities on projects of a capital nature, to include the erection, acquisition, or general reconstruction of Library buildings, acquisition of Mobile Library vehicles, and the major purchase of books.

In circular G 10/61 of November 1961, the Department of Local Government pointed out inter alia, "that the Minister is anxious to encourage a positive approach by Local Authorities to the question of improving the scope and quality of their Library Services; that there exists a definite need in very many areas for properly designed and equipped library premises and that the object of the scheme of grants is to encourage Local Authorities to undertake an enterprising re-organisation of their Library services".

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In its 39 years of existence not one block of stone has been laid in its name; And having survived and expanded to the extent of bursting point on the benevolence of successive County Registrars and at the mercy of unsuitable and ill-equipped rented premises, no fair-minded ratepayer can contend that the Galway County Council would be exceeding its limits in the provision of public services by erecting its first Public Library Buildings in the 40th year of Public Library provision.

A Draft Scheme of Re-organization for the service was adopted by the County Council early in 1961. This draft has had to be amended in the light of successive happenings. Grants have since then become available and it has been found that the work of reconstructing the Courthouse to provide better accommodation within the building, would probably not qualify for a 50% contribution to loan charges.

The suggestion that a number of Public Buildings to include a City Library and Headquarters be incorporated to form a Civic Centre, while being admirable in regard to long term planning, is Utopian in its financial aspect, and insistence on the ideal would in all probability be to condemn the Public Library Service to further years of frustrated promise.

I, therefore, recommend to the Library Committee that it seek the approval of the Galway County Council at its Estimates Meeting, to enter the first stage of County Library re-organization in 1963/64 by providing the sum of £2,630 repayment on loan charges for the erection of a Central City Library and Headquarters in Galway City and six smaller Branches throughout the county viz. Ballinasloe, Dunmore, Clifden, Athenry, Gort, and Portumna. Contributions to loan charges on this amount would be £1,315 and the nett cost to the County Council in 1963/64 would, therefore, be £1,315 or .65d. in £1.

BOOKS:

The figure for new books shows an increase of 2600, over estimate for previous year. This increase is intended to meet, to some extent, the increase of 12% since January 1961. There has been no increase in the amount for new

The nett loan charges are arrived at as follows:-

	<u>Annual Charge</u>
Loan of £40,000 over 35 years for Central City Library and Headquarters @ £71 per £1,000.	<u>£2,840</u>

It is not anticipated that this building could commence before mid-year. Allow one half annual charge for 1963/4: £1,420

Loan of £4,500 over 35 years for Branch Library at Ballinasloe @ £71 per £1,000: 320

Loan of £2,500 .. Dunmore Branch 178

" " .. Clifden " 178

" " .. Athenry " 178

" " .. Gort " 178

" " .. Portumna " 178

TOTAL: £2,630

Recoupment of 50% loan charges: 1,315 £4,400

Nett cost 1963/64: £1,315

Increase in Staff:

It is proposed to create the creation of one additional Assistant Librarian to be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Galway City Branch. This post is justified on the grounds of the increasing importance of this Branch and the present volume of work.

Additional salary: £ 400

BRANCH STAFF: Present salaries.

3 Branches	24 hrs. per week	: 72 hrs.	@ 5/9 x 52 =	£702. 0. 0.
1 Branch	20 hrs. "	: 20 hrs.	" "	195. 0. 0.
1 "	15 hrs. "	: 15 hrs.	" "	146. 5. 0.
22 "	10 hrs. "	: 220 "	" "	<u>2145. 0. 0.</u>
27 "	327 hrs. per week	: @ 5/9.	=	£ 3183. 5. 0.
Social Welfare	18 @ 4/11 x 52			230. 2. 0.
(employers contribution):	5 @ 5/3 x 52			<u>65. 12. 6.</u>
				£3,485. 19. 6.

DETAILS OF ESTIMATE

- BOOKS: The figure for new books shows an increase of £600, over estimate for previous year. This increase is intended to meet, to some extent, the fact that the cost of books has increased $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ since January 1961. There has been no increase in the allocation for new books since the financial year 1956/57.
- BINDING: No increase shown. Figure for binding includes approximately £300 for Plastic Jackets. There has been a considerable decrease in amount spent on binding over the past five or six years due to the introduction of Plastic Jackets, and present policy of not re-binding ephemeral fiction and juvenile books.
- SALARIES: Headquarters staff: Present salary of $6\frac{1}{2}$ members of Headquarters staff, plus normal increments
- 1963/64: £4,400
- Galway City Branch: Present salary of $3\frac{1}{2}$ members of Galway City Branch staff and normal increments for 1963/64: £1,800

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			£3,483.19. 6.

	c/f	£3483. 19. 6.
9 Honorary Librarians @ £7.10.		
per annum:		<u>£67. 10. 0.</u>
		£3,551. 9. 6.

TOTAL: - £10150.

This total of £10,150 for salaries and wages is an increase of £120 on amount estimated for current year. This small increase, despite a proposal to increase the number of staff and allowing for normal increments is due to the fact that the current year's figures provide for the payment of arrears of salary increase to the Branch Librarians for the year 1961/62.

MAINTENANCE: On the assumption that the buildings suggested will be erected in the year 1963/64, the cost of maintenance for a full year under the headings of Rent, Heat, Lighting, and Cleaning would be approximately as follows:

Present rent: £930

Reductions consequent on termination of present leases:-

Ballinasloe	£104
Dunmore	40
Clifden	36
Gort	40
Portumna	30
Athenry	25
Total reduction:	<u>£ 275</u>

Rent on remaining Branches 1963/64: £655. £655.

Heat, Light & Cleaning: (where not included in rent of premises)

Galway City Branch & Headquarters: £250

Existing Branches

Tuam. E.S.B. & Cleaning	50
Loughrea. E.S.B. & Heating	50
Spiddal. E.S.B. & Cleaning	25
Roundstone. E.S.B. & Cleaning	25

New Branches

Ballinasloe	E.S.B. & Cleaning	50
Dunmore	" "	30
Clifden	" "	30
Gort	" "	30
Portumna	" "	30
Athenry	" "	<u>30</u>
		<u>£600.</u>

Allow for incidental repairs, improvements fittings etc.: £120.

TOTAL:- £1,375