

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Meeting of County Libraries Committee held on Friday, 11th August, 1967:-

PRESENT: Very Rev. Canon McDonagh P.P. Councillors M. F. Kitt, T.D., John Geoghegan, T.D., T. Byrne, T. Clarke, Mrs. Meura Croffy, John Donnellan, Pat Donnellan, Patrick Fahy, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, P. D. Joyce, J. M. Mannion, P. Reftery, P. Ryan, M. Walsh, T. Boyle, Messrs. S. Fahy, F. Mullin, N.T., T. Murphy, C. Townley, and Mrs. T. O'Brien. An apology for inability to attend was received from Ven. Archdeacon Glynn.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. L. O'Luanaigh Acting Assistant County Manager, T. Sherkey, Acting County Librarian, Miss M. Kavanagh, Assistant Librarian.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Mr. O'Luanaigh took the chair, pending the election of a chairman.

On the proposal of Clr. M. F. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Donnellan, Ven. Archdeacon Glynn was re-elected chairman for the year 1967/'68. On the proposal of Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., seconded by Mr. F. Mullin, N.T., Clr. M. F. Kitt was re-elected Vice-chairman. Mr. Kitt then took the chair.

On the proposal of Clr. J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. Fahy, it was decided to send notice of his re-election as Chairman to Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, and to wish him a speedy recovery.

Clr. M. F. Kitt welcomed the members and proposed that a quarterly meeting of the Committee be held in future. The proposal was seconded by Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., and passed.

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.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Branch Library Building Programme: Clr. P. Fahy proposed the postponement of the building of a Branch Library in Gort until other available sites were investigated. Mr. O'Luanaigh explained that the proposed site was the property of the County Council and that the purchase of a new site would entail more expenditure and a slowing down of the building programme. A discussion followed in which several members took part. Mr. Fahy's motion was not seconded and was declared lost. Mr. Fahy asked to be recorded as dissenting from the proposal of building a Branch Library on the site at Crowe Street.

Clr. Fahy stated that the rents on Branch Libraries were too low. He requested that the rents of all Branch Premises be made available to him within one week.

In answer to a question by Clr. T. Boyle, re new Branch Library at Ballinasloe, Mr. O'Luanaigh replied that he had received a letter from the Dept. of Health on the 3rd August, 1967, which stated that the plan for the clinic which was to have been combined with the library had now been postponed indefinitely, and that the plan for the library premises would have to be revised.

In answer to a question from Clr. J. Donnellan re Spiddal Branch, Mr. L. O'Luanaigh replied that there had been no progress up to the present.

Re Kilconnell Branch Library, Clr. P. T. Galvin requested that new line be provided. Mr. O'Luanaigh said that this matter would receive attention.

School Library Scheme: Mr. T. Byrne suggested that lectures be given on the use of books in schools. The Acting Co. Librarian said he would consider the matter and report back to the next meeting.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES CONTD.

Appointment of Delegates to the Conference of the Library Association in Dublin 25th - 28th September, 1967. Clr. M. F. Kitt and Clr. T. Clarke were proposed as delegates by Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., and seconded by Clr. P. Joyce.

Clr. F. Glynn proposed that the Conference be boycotted, as it was the Conference of the Library Association Great Britain. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Clr. P. Joyce proposed a direct negative which was seconded by Clr. Mrs. Croffy. A vote was taken on Clr. Joyce's amendment, which resulted in fourteen votes for and two against. Clr. F. Glynn's proposal was declared lost.

Mr. F. Mullin proposed Clr. J. Donnellan. Clr. Clarke withdrew and seconded Mr. F. Mullin's proposal.

Mr. P. Donnellan proposed Clr. T. Byrne, who withdrew. Clr. T. Byrne proposed Clr. J. M. Mannion, and was seconded by Clr. P. Donnellan. A vote was taken on Clr. M. F. Kitt, as a delegate which resulted in fourteen votes for and none against and he was appointed a delegate.

A vote was taken between Clr. J. Donnellan and Clr. J. M. Mannion. There were fourteen votes for Clr. Donnellan and four for Clr. Mannion. Clr. Donnellan was elected as the second delegate.

The Meeting then ended.

17th November
1967

John J. Glynn

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Meeting of the County Libraries' Committee, held on Friday, 17th November, 1967:-

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Chairman, Very Rev. Canon McDonagh, P.P., Councillors M. F. Kitt, T.D., John Geoghegan, T.D., Mrs. Maure Croffy, Tom Clarke, John Donnellan, Patrick Fahy, N.T., P. T. Galvin, Frank Glynn, Pdraic D. Joyce, John Mannion, Peter Raftery, Martin Walsh, T. Boyle; Alderman Patrick Ryan; Messrs. Sean Fahy, N.T., Frank Mullin, N.T., Thomas Murphy, Luke O'Brien, T. O'Shea, N.T., and Mrs. T. O'Brien. An apology for inattendance was received from Mr. C. Townley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant Co. Manager, T. Sharkey, Acting Co. Librarian, and Miss M. Kavanagh, Assistant Librarian.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn thanked the Committee for their continued confidence in him, in electing him Chairman, and also for their message of goodwill for his recovery. He congratulated Mr. L. O'Luanaigh on his appointment as Assistant County Manager. Mr. O'Luanaigh thanked the Archdeacon and the members.

At the outset, the Rev. Chairman pointed out that a correction had been made in the Minutes, as circulated, in which Mrs. O'Brien was recorded as having seconded Councillor Glynn's proposal that the Library Conference be boycotted. Ald. M. Walsh, had seconded this proposal and the Minutes having been amended, were signed.

Branch Library Building Programme: The Acting Co. Librarian informed the Committee of the recent conference about this matter between the Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. D. Foley, Director of the Library Council, the Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, Mr. J. Silke, and himself, Mr. D. Foley had expressed disappointment with the lack of progress in building Branch Libraries. He suggested some alterations to the plans for Ballinasloe. It was decided to ask the Department for permission to raise a loan for building of the Ballinasloe and Athenry Branch Libraries, and it is hoped that work will commence in the year 1968-1969.

Clifden Branch: A site is still being sought. The derelict site which we have is not big enough.

Portumna Branch: A site has been obtained from the Forestry Department, and the conveyance is being completed.

Gort Branch: We are awaiting a reply from the Department to a letter sent to them in October, about this Branch, asking if money is available.

Dunmore Branch: The site has been fenced in, but no money is yet available for building.

Clr. Mrs. Croffy said that the news of progress on the plans for the Branch in Ballinasloe was heartening.

Microfilms of Old Galway Newspapers: Mr. T. Sharkey stated that microfilms of some Old Galway Newspapers and a microfilm reader has been delivered during the week.

Aldermen Ryan requested permission for the members of the Committee to inspect the microfilms, after the meeting.

Overall Planning for Library Service in Ireland: Mr. T. Sharkey read a letter which had been received from the Library Association of Ireland, regarding the Overall Planning for Library Service in Ireland. Archdeacon Glynn proposed the appointment of two delegates to a meeting of the Association in Dublin, in mid December. Clr. Geoghegan proposed Clr. T. Clarke, and was seconded by Clr. P. Joyce.

Mr. T. Murphy proposed Clr. Kitt, but the latter withdrew. Clr. Walsh proposed Clr. Geoghegan, who also withdrew.

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Clr. Kitt proposed Mrs. Croffy, and was seconded by Clr. P. Fahy. Councillors T. Clarke and Mrs. Croffy were appointed delegates to the Meeting.

The Acting County Librarian then explained the proposals to the members. A discussion followed in which many of the members participated and it was decided to allow the delegates decide their attitude to the proposals, in particular the proposal for regionalisation, at the meeting in Dublin.

Clr. Fahy stated that the dates of meetings were, at times, inconvenient for some members, and requested that the library Committee Meeting should fit in better with other meetings.

Mr. Frank Mullin proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Teresa Boland, Branch Librarian, Woodford, and with Miss Peggy Foy of the library staff, on the recent death of her mother. The proposal was seconded by Clr. Kitt, and passed unanimously, all members in standing in silence as a mark of respect.

The Meeting then ended.

Michael F. Kitt

23/11/68

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Meeting of County Libraries' Committee, held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1968:-

PRESENT: Councillors M. F. Kitt, T.D., John Geoghegan, T.D., Mrs. Maure Croffy, T. Byrne, Tom Clarke, John Donnellan, Patrick Fahy, N.T., P. T. Galvin, Frank Glynn, Padraic D. Joyce, John Mannion, Peter Raftery, Martin Walsh, T. Boyle; Messrs. Sean Fahy, N.T., Frank Mullin, N.T., Thomas Murphy, N.T., Luke O'Brien, Mrs. T. O'Brien and Mr. C. Tawnley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant Co. Manager, T. Sharkey, Acting Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher and K. Turner, Assistant Co. Librarians.

In the absence of the Chairman, Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, the Vice-Chairman, Clr. M. F. Kitt, T.D., took the chair.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Venerable Archdeacon Glynn.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the previous Meeting, as circulated to each member, were taken as read, and Clr. M. Walsh proposed that they be signed. This proposal was agreed unanimously.

Arising from the Minutes, the Acting Co. Librarian informed the Meeting that the revised plans for the Ballinasloe Branch Library had been sent to the Library Council.

He also stated that the special meeting of the Library Association of Ireland, to discuss Overall Planning for Library Services in Ireland, which was to have taken place in December, had been postponed. This matter will be on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Association in February.

The Assistant Co. Manager stated that the Estimate for Ballinasloe Branch was now £18,500.

The Chairman proposed that the Committee congratulate Mr. John Garvin on his appointment as Chairman of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Clr. T. Boyle seconded, and the Meeting agreed to the proposal.

ESTIMATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1968-1969: The Estimate of expenses for the County Library Service 1968/'69, was before the Meeting. The Chairman read through the explanatory comment attached to the Estimate. The Assistant Co. Manager and the Acting Co. Librarian explained the various items of proposed expenditure to the members. A discussion followed in which many of the members took part. In the course of the discussion, the Chairman, Clr. Kitt, stated that he wished to compliment the Editor of The Connacht Sentinel on his editorial in that day's issue 'The Printed Word', and said it should be reprinted in The Connacht Tribune, which had a wider circulation.

Councillors Geoghegan and Kitt complimented Miss Helen Maher on her work in the Schools' Libraries.

Mr. P. Fahy asked how much was contributed by Galway City, towards the expenditure on Libraries. The Assistant Co. Manager informed him that the amount was £6,215, including the special contribution of £200.

Clr. John Geoghegan, T.D., proposed that the Estimate, as submitted, be adopted. The motion was seconded by Clr. Mrs. Maure Croffy.

Clr. P. Fahy proposed, as an amendment, that expenditure be cut down as near as possible to the Estimate for the present Financial Year. This amendment was seconded by Clr. M. Walsh. Clr. L. O'Brien proposed, as a further amendment, that a minute examination of the increases in expenditure be made. This amendment was seconded by Clr. F. Glynn.

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Mr. L. O'Brien's amendment was defeated on a vote of six (6) for and thirteen (13) against. A vote was then taken on Clr. Fahy's amendment, which was defeated on a vote of five (5) for and fourteen (14) against. Clr. T. Byrne asked to be recorded as supporting Clr. Fahy's amendment.

A vote was then taken on Clr. Geoghegan's proposal that the Estimate, as submitted, be adopted. This motion was carried by a majority vote.

The Chairman proposed that the Committee congratulate Clr. P. Donnellan on his marriage. This proposal was carried unanimously. The Acting Co. Librarian, on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the proposal.

Clr. P. Fahy proposed a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Mary Brennan, Branch Librarian, Gort, on the death of her brother. Clr. Kitt proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Fr. Scully, S.J. Both proposals were seconded by Mrs. Croffy, and passed unanimously, all members standing in silence as a mark of respect.

The Meeting then ended.

26th April, 1968 Patrick Glynn

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Meeting of County Libraries' Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Co. Buildings, on Friday 26th April, 1968, at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Very Rev. Canon McDonagh. Councillors M. F. Kitt, T.D., John Geoghegan, T.D., Mrs. Maura Croffy, Tom Clarke, Pat Donnellan, Patrick Fahy, Patrick Galvin, Padraic D. Joyce, John M. Mannion, Peter Raftery, T. Boyle; Messrs. Sean Fahy, N.T., Frank Mullin, N.T., Thomas Murphy, N.T., and T. O'Shea, N.T.

Chairman: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant County Manager, T. Sherkey, Acting County Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher and K. Turner, Assistant County Librarians.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. C. Townley.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the previous Meeting, as circulated to each member, were taken as read and Clr. Kitt proposed that they be signed. This proposal was agreed unanimously.

Arising from the Minutes, the Assistant County Manager stated that the Library Council had approved the new plan for Ballinasloe Branch Library, subject to a few minor alterations, which would cost an additional £60. The County Council had now applied for a loan of £18,600 for this work.

ATHENRY BRANCH LIBRARY: The new revised plan is estimated to cost £12,500, and has been approved by 'An Chomhairle Leabharlanna'.

GORT BRANCH LIBRARY: The County Engineer has been asked to provide more space in the plans. The new building will include a fire station and an engineer's office.

The Acting County Librarian gave a report to the Meeting on the discussion that took place at the Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland on 'Overall Planning for Library Services in Ireland'.

DELEGATES TO LIBRARY CONFERENCE AT PORTRUSH: Clr. Kitt proposed Ven. Archdeacon Glynn and Very Rev. Canon McDonagh as delegates to the Conference, and they both withdrew.

Clr. Geoghegan proposed Clr. S. Donnellan, and was seconded by Clr. Kitt. Clr. Peter Raftery proposed Mrs. Kathleen O'Brien, and was seconded by Clr. Geoghegan.

It was agreed that if either delegate was unable to attend the Conference, he could nominate another member to take his place.

SCHOOLS' LIBRARIES: Mr. T. Sherkey, Acting County Librarian, commented on the proposed plan for schools' libraries, circulated by the Library Association of Ireland. Clr. Kitt asked for a report on the annual cost of the schools' service for the next Meeting, and suggested that the Committee's approval of the plan be postponed until then.

Ven. Archdeacon Glynn proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of Mr. Bert Faherty, Borough Surveyor, recently deceased.

The members stood in silence, as a mark of respect.

The Meeting then ended.

Patrick Glynn
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LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

County Library Hq.,
Courthouse,
Galway.

4th September, 1968.

A Chara,

The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday 13th September at 4.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

Leabharlannai Chonndae Seal.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for year 1968/1969.
3. Statistical Report for year 1967-1968.
4. Proposed School Library Scheme.
5. Project Competition for National Schools.
6. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Libraries' Committee held on Friday, 13th September, 1968 at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn; Clrs. T. Clarke; Mrs. M. Croffy; S. Donnellan; P. Fahy; P. Galvin; J. Geoghegan; P. Joyce; J. Mannion; P. Raftery; Aldermen P. Ryan; Clrs. M. Walsh; T. Boyle; Messrs. S. Fahy; F. Mullin; T. Murphy; L. O'Brien and Mrs. K. O'Brien.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Sharkey, Acting County Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher and K. Turner, Assistant County Librarians.

APOLIGIES for inattendance were received from Clrs. M. F. Kitt, T.D., and P. Donnellan.

The Acting County Librarian took the chair pending the election of a chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:

On the proposal of Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., seconded by Clr. P. Joyce, Ven. Archdeacon Glynn was re-elected chairman for the year 1968/69. On the proposal of Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., seconded by Mr. T. Murphy, Clr. M. F. Kitt, T.D., was re-elected vice-chairman.

Ven. Archdeacon Glynn then took the chair.

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.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BALLINASLOE BRANCH: Mr. T. Sharkey stated that the loan for £18,600 had been sanctioned and that final drawings were now being prepared. It is hoped to have the work under way within a short time.

ATHENRY BRANCH: The Department of Local Government had not, as yet, sanctioned the raising of a loan for this work.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

On the proposal of Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., seconded by Clr. P. Fahy, the statistical report, as circulated to each member, was adopted.

PROPOSED SCHOOL LIBRARY SCHEME:

The Acting County Librarian introduced the Proposed School Library Scheme for Public Libraries drawn up by the Library Association of Ireland. A discussion followed to which many members contributed and it was agreed on the proposal of Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., seconded by Clr. P. Fahy that the scheme be approved in principal.

PROJECT COMPETITION OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS:

Miss Helen Maher, Assistant Librarian, in charge of school libraries, outlined her scheme for the competition. Clr. Mrs. Croffy complemented Miss Maher and proposed that the project be adopted. Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., seconded the proposal and it was carried unanimously.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., proposed a vote of sympathy with Ald. P. Ryan on the recent death of his brother-in-law. Clr. T. Boyle seconded the proposal.

Clr. S. Donnellan proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Gerald Colleary, Tuam and was seconded by Clr. G. Geoghegan, T.D.

All stood as a mark of respect.

The meeting then ended.

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LEABHARLANNA CHONNDÁE NA GAILLIMHE

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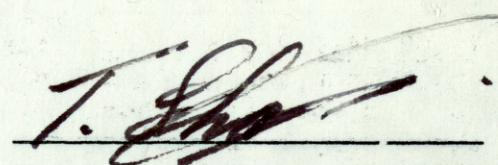
GALWAY.

9th December, 1968.

A Chara,

A meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday 13th December at 4.00 p.m.

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Leabharlannai Chonndae Seal.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Project Competition for National Schools.
3. Estimates for 1969-1970.
4. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDÁE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the ~~Annual~~ Meeting of the County Libraries' Committee, held on Friday 13th December, 1968, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber, County Buildings.

PRESENT: Ven Archdeacon Glynn, Very Rev. Canon McDonagh. Ctrs. Mrs. M. Croffy, T. Clarke, John Donnellan, P. Fahy, P. T. Galvin, J. Geoghegan T.D., B. Holland, P. Joyce, John Mannion, Peter Raftery, T. Boyle, Mrs. T. O'Brien. Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., T. Murphy, N.T., and C. Townley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. L. O'Lunaigh, Assistant County Manager, T. Sharkey, Acting County Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher and K. Turner, Assistant County Librarians.

Apology for inattendance was received from Clr. M. F. Kitt, T.D.

In the absence of Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., took the chair, on the proposal of Clr. B. Holland, seconded by Clr. S. Donnellan.

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. Ven. Archdeacon Glynn then arrived, apologised for being late, and took the chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: The Acting Co. Librarian informed the meeting that the plans for the new Branch Library in Ballinasloe had been sanctioned by the Department.

PROJECT COMPETITION FOR NATIONAL SCHOOLS: Miss H. Maher informed the meeting that 450 projects had been received from the school, all of which were of a high standard. It proved that the school children were making good use of the books provided by the County Library.

ESTIMATES FOR 1969/70: After a discussion, in which many of the members took part, Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., proposed the adoption of the estimates. He was seconded by Clr. T. Boyle. Clr. P. Fahy, seconded by Clr. B. Holland, proposed an amendment, that there should be no increase in the rates, in this year's estimate for the County Library Service. A Vote was taken, which resulted in the amendment being defeated. Clr. Geoghegan's proposal was carried by a majority vote.

Clr. T. Byrne stated that due to the good work being done for schools, he would support Clr. Geoghegan's proposal.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed to send a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Michael Dillon, Mountbellew, on the recent death of her husband, Mr. Michael Dillon.

Clr. J. Geoghegan, T.D., proposed that a message be sent to Mr. Michael Carty, T.D., conveying the Committee's good wishes for a speedy recovery from illness.

Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, wished the committee and all present a happy Christmas.

The Meeting then ended.

Signed. Michael F. Kitt
21/12/1968.

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Co. Library H. Qrs.,
Courthouse,


GALWAY.

22nd April, 1969.

A chara,

A meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 2nd May, at 4.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,


Leabharlannai Chonndae Seal.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous meeting.
2. Branch Libraries - Buildings and Renovations.
3. New Mobile Library Van and New School's Library Van.
4. Nomination of delegates to Annual Conference of The Library Association of Ireland in Cork from 19th - 23rd May.
5. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of County Libraries' Committee Meeting, held on Friday, 2nd May, 1969, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber, County Buildings.

PRESENT: Ctrs. Mrs. M. Croffy, T. Clarke, P. Fahy, J. Geoghegan T.O., B. Holland, P. Joyce, Michael F. Kitt, T.D., John Mannion, Peter Raftery, T. Boyle, Ald. P. Ryan, Mrs. T. O'Brien, N.T., Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., and T. O'Shea, N.T.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. L. O'Lunaigh, Assistant County Manager, T. Sharkey, Acting County Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh and H. Maher, Assistant County Librarians.

Apology for inattendance was received from the Chairman, Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, P.P. In his absence Deputy Michael Kitt took the chair.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: The Committee adopted a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. Thomas Murphy, Corgary, and also with his brother-in-law, Ctr. S. Donnellan. The meeting was adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

The meeting resumed at 4.10 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to all members, were taken as read. Deputy Geoghegan proposed, and Ctr. Clarke seconded that they be signed.

BRANCH LIBRARIES: Mr. T. Sharkey, Acting Co. Librarian, stated that the tender for the proposed new Branch Library at Ballinasloe had been sent to the Department for approval.

Renovations to the Branch Library at Spiddal are at present being carried out.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN & SCHOOL'S LIBRARY VAN:

Mr. T. Sharkey stated that the tenders for the new Mobile Library and School's Library Vans had been sent to the Department for approval and that the appointment of a driver for the school's van was being made.

Nomination of delegates to Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland.

Deputy S. Geoghegan proposed Ctr. T. Clarke and was seconded by Ctr. P. Joyce. Ctr. Peter Raftery proposed Mrs. T. O'Brien and was seconded by Mrs. M. Croffy.

Mr. Clarke and Mrs. O'Brien were unanimously nominated delegates to the conference. It was agreed that if either of the delegates was unable to attend, he could nominate another member to take his place.

PROJECT COMPETITION: Mr. T. Sharkey stated that the project competition for National Schools had been an outstanding success. A number of teachers had requested another project competition this year, and the School's Librarian, Miss H. Maher, was willing to undertake the work involved. He suggested that the Committee agree to this request.

Deputy Kitt proposed that a project competition be held this year and was seconded by Mrs. M. Croffy. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Ctr. T. Clarke suggested that the book shops be asked to contribute prizes and the Acting Co. Librarian agreed to do this.

Mrs. Croffy proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Maher, for her work with Schools' Libraries and was seconded by Mrs. O'Brien. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

The Meeting then ended.

----- 14th May 1969 *Michael Kitt*

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Co. Library H. Qrs.,
Courthouse,
GALWAY.

7th August, 1969.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County
Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber,
County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 14th August, at
4. 00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

Leabharlannai Chonndae.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for year 1969-1970.
3. Statistical Report for year 1968-1969.
4. Schools Libraries - Grant from Department of Education.
5. Losses of Books.
6. Staff Changes.
7. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Libraries' Committee, held on Thursday 14th August, 1969, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber, County Buildings.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Sen. John M. Mannion, Clrs. M. Croffy, T. Byrne, N.T., T. Clarke, Sean Donnellan, P. Fahy, N.T., P. T. Galvin, N.T., J. Geoghegan, T.D., B. Holland, P. Joyce, M. F. Kitt, T.D., P. Raftery, M. Ryan, M. Walsh, T. Boyle, Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T., Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., T. O'Shea N.T., and C. Townley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Asst/Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, County Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher, and Mr. Crowe, Assistant County Librarians.

Mr. Howlett presided until the election of a chairman had taken place.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN: Clr. M. F. Kitt proposed the re-election of the Venerable Archdeacon Glynn, as Chairman for the coming year. Clr. T. Clarke seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously. Ven Archdeacon Glynn then took the chair. He thanked the committee for his re-election and congratulated Clr. John Geoghegan on being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Welfare. Deputy M. F. Kitt was proposed as Vice Chairman by Clr. T. Boyle, seconded by Clr. S. Donnellan and was unanimously re-elected.

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.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

SPIDDAL BRANCH: Mr. T. Sharkey stated that work on Spiddal Branch Library was going ahead satisfactorily and would be completed in a short time.

BALLINASLOE BRANCH: The contract for the new Branch Library at Ballinasloe has been granted to Ml. Kenny & Sons. The documents are at present with the County Solicitor.

The New Mobile Van is at present under construction.

The New School's Van will be delivered in September.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn and Deputy M. F. Kitt congratulated Mr. T. Sharkey on his appointment as County Librarian. Mr. C. Townley joined in the congratulations.

He said that U. C. G. was about to erect a 2,000 seater library and called for continued co-operation between the County Library and the University Library.

Mr. Sharkey thanked the Ven. Chairmen and members for their good wishes.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Mr. Sharkey commented on the Statistical report for the year 1968-1969. He pointed out that expenditure had increased and that 20,853 new books were added to stock compared with 14,873 the previous year. The number of registered readers showed a slight overall increase. Some branch libraries showed a drop in book issues and others recorded an increase. There was an overall increase of 1,927 in books issued at County Branches. An increase of 3,818 book issues was recorded at Galway City. Issues on the Mobile Library dropped by 6,814. This was because many schoolchildren formerly using the mobile library were now being catered for by the School's Library service and also because the mobile was unable to travel on a number of occasions due to mechanical defects. There was a big increase in the number of books issued at schools during the year.

The Librarian's report was adopted.

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SCHOOLS' LIBRARIES:

Mr. T. Sharkey stated that a grant of £3,035 had been received from the Dept. of Education towards schools' libraries. This amount was calculated at 2/3d. per pupil in primary schools - 2/- for books and 3d. for administration. The grant will be available for the next five years, and will then be reviewed and probably increased. He also stated that an additional library Assistant would be needed to deal with the extra work involved and pointed out that the grant towards administration from the Department of Education would pay the new assistant's salary in the current financial year. The County Council would have to pay approximately £180 towards the new appointee's salary next year. A library assistant with long service was shortly leaving the Galway service on promotion and would be replaced by a library assistant on the minimum of the scale. He did not therefore anticipate that the Council would have to pay more in salaries next year even if the new appointment was made.

Deputy M. F. Kitt proposed that the appointment be made and the proposal was seconded by Clr. Mrs. Croffy.

The County Librarian was instructed to convey the Committee's thanks for the grant to the Department of Education.

LOSSES OF BOOKS:

Mr. T. Sharkey stated that there was a loss of 3,338 books during the three-year period 1966-1969. He had decided to place a box outside the library during the holiday period, for the return of books, taken illegally from the library.

STAFF CHANGES:

Mr. Sharkey informed the Committee that Miss Marie Crowe formally of Limerick City Library had taken up duty as Assistant County Librarian in June and that a library Assistant, Miss Margaret Foy, would be leaving for Cork City Library in September on her promotion to the grade of Assistant Librarian.

Mr. Sharkey, on behalf of the staff, congratulated Deputy S. Geoghegan on his promotion.

The Committee, on the proposal of Clr. P. Joyce seconded by Clr. M. Ryan, congratulated Senator John Mannion on his election to An Seanad.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Clr. Holland proposed a vote of sympathy with Seamas Uasal Mac Domhnaill, C.E.O. on the death of his brother.

All members stood as a mark of respect.

The meeting then ended.

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Patricia Glynn