

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

17th April, 1972.

A Chara,

A Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 27th April, at 4.00 p.m.

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LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries - Buildings & Renovations.
3. Nomination of Delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and The Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association, in Newcastle, Co. Down, from 22nd - 26th May, 1972.
4. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the County Libraries' Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27th April, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

PRESENT: Right Rev. Dean P. Glynn; Clrs. T. Boyle, T. Byrne, N.T., J. Callanan, T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan, N.T., P. T. Galvin, Pádraic D. Joyce, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery; Messrs. Francis Fahy, S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T., and Mr. C. Townley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Sharkey, Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses H. Kavanagh, A. Martin, M. Connolly and H. Murphy.

In Chair: Right Rev. Dean Glynn.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, were taken as read. On the proposal of Clr. Mrs. Croffy, seconded by Mr. C. Townley, it was agreed that they be signed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Mr. T. Sharkey read the reply from the Department re grants towards books for post primary schools. It stated that no monies for grants were available. Mr. T. Sharkey told the meeting that the new micro-film reader had been installed.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

ATHENRY & TUAM BRANCHES: Mr. T. Sharkey stated that Athenry Branch was under construction.

He stated that Tuam Branch had been re-decorated and that a new desk and new lighting had been supplied. A new floor covering would be laid in the near future and approval had also been granted for two new floor stacks which would hold an extra 1,000 books.

The County Manager gave details of the proposed new Branches at Gort and Clifden as follows:-

GORT: The Protestant Church in Gort had been handed over to the Catholic authorities. It is a very historic church and in reasonably good condition. The Parish Priest in Gort was willing to place the building at the disposal of the County Council for use as a library and small museum. The engineers were satisfied that the conversion could be carried out. The Manager asked for the reaction of the committee. The exact cost of conversion was not yet known.

Clr. T. Byrne said he would like to see a library and museum in this church, particularly if it would mean a saving in expenditure. Mr. Seán Fahy and Mr. C. Townley supported the proposal.

CLIFDEN: It had originally been proposed to provide flats over the library. Mr. A. Sharkey suggested that instead of flats, storage space be provided, which could be used for future extensions to the library.

Clr. P. Joyce agreed with the Co. Manager.

NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Clr. Mrs. Croffy proposed Mrs. O'Brien as a delegate and was seconded by Clr. J. Callanan. Clr. Mrs. Croffy was proposed by Mr. S. Fahy, but she declined. Mrs. O'Brien proposed Clr. S. O'Domhnalláin, and was seconded by Clr. T. Clarke. Clr. S. O'Domhnalláin also withdrew.

Clr. P. Cunningham was proposed by Clr. T. Byrne and seconded by Clr. P. Raftery. It was unanimously agreed to nominate Mrs. O'Brien and Clr. P. Cunningham as delegates.

Mr. T. Sharkey told the committee that Miss E. Horan, Assistant Librarian, had resigned on marriage since the last meeting.

The meeting terminated at 4.30 p.m.

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Galway County Council Archive

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Co. Library H. Qrs.,

Courthouse,

GALWAY.

29th August, 1972.

A Chara,

The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 7th September, 1972, at 4.00 p.m.

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LEABHARLANNAÍ CHONTAE.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for year 1972/73.
3. Statistical Report 1971-72.
4. Schools Library Service.
5. Staff Changes.
6. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the County Libraries' Committee Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday, 7th September, 1972, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

PRESENT: Rt. Rev. Mgr. P. Glynn, P.P., V.G.; Very Rev. Canon McDonagh, P.P.; Clrs. T. Boyle, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, P. Cunningham, P. T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, H. Melvin, J. Molloy and P. Raftery; Messrs Francis Fahy, S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T., and Mr. T. O'Shea, N.T.

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

In Chair: Rt. Rev. Mgr. P. Glynn, P.P., V.G.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher, H. O'Sullivan and M. Moran, Assistant Co. Librarians.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, were adopted and signed on the proposal of Clr. T. Boyle, seconded by Clr. J. Molloy.

Ghabh an t-Uasal T. Ó Séaghda comhgáirdeachas leis an gCathaoirleach ar an árdú céime a fuair sé san Eaglais. Ghabh sé buíochas leis ar na blianta fada a chaith sé ag stiúiriú an choiste. Dúirt sé freisin go raibh súil acu to léir go bhfanfadh sé leo i bhfad.

The Co. Librarian associated himself with Mr. O'Shea's remarks.

Dúirt an Cathaoirleach go raibh sé fíor-bhuíoc as an méid a dúirt siad.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The County Librarian stated that work was still in progress on Athenry Branch Library and that the new floor covering had been laid in Tuam Branch.

The Assistant Co. Manager reported on proposed new Branch Libraries as follows:-

GORT: The Diocesan Trustees had handed over St. Colman's Church for use as a Library. There was a condition in the lease prohibiting the letting or leasing of the property, but he was hopeful that this clause could be waived. He also gave details of certain structural alterations which would be necessary in the building.

PORTUMNA: Revised plans had been received from the Architects for a Branch Library, Fire Station and offices in Portumna, with the Branch Library on the ground floor. The new plan with some minor alterations, suggested by the County Librarian, had been submitted to An Chomhairle Leabharlanna for approval.

CLIFDEN: An Chomhairle Leabharlanna did not approve of the proposal to use the first floor of the new Branch for storage. It has now been decided to provide office accommodation on the first floor.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr. F. Mullin proposed the re-election of Monsignor Glynn as Chairman and was seconded by Clr. P. T. Galvin.

Clr. T. Clarke proposed the re-election of Clr. S. Ó Domhnalláin as Vice-Chairman and was seconded by Mrs. O'Brien.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were unanimously re-elected.

STATISTICAL REPORT 1971-72:

The statistical report for the year 1971-72 had been circulated to all members. The County Librarian told the members that while the report showed an overall increase in issues, a decrease of 11,952 was recorded at Galway City Branch. The decrease was mainly in light adult fiction. Issues and membership in Ballinasloe had shown a very big increase. This was due to the new Branch Library having been in operation for the final six months of the year. Dunmore Branch which was opened on 2nd November, 1971, recorded an issue of 9,338 for the period November, 1971 - March, 1972, the fifth highest number of issues for Branch Libraries open 10 hours per week in 1971-72. The total number of registered readers in Dunmore was 387 (148 adults and 239 Juveniles).

Clr. Galvin stated that the new Branch in Ballinasloe was providing a valuable service to the community, but complained that the grass plot to the rear of the library premises was not being properly maintained. He proposed that the Co. Council be asked to take the necessary steps to remedy this situation. Clr. T. Boyle agreed with Clr. Galvin's remarks and seconded the motion which was adopted.

SCHOOLS LIBRARY SERVICE:

The County Librarian informed the committee that the Department of Education, Primary Branch, had decided to increase the State contribution for book supply under the primary school library scheme. The new rate for book supply would be 15p. per pupil, an increase of 50%, and the contribution towards administration would be increased from 3d. to 5p. per pupil. The increase was not conditional on a similar increase being forthcoming from the Local Authorities.

STAFF:

The Co. Librarian informed the meeting that two new Assistant Co. Librarians, Misses Hanna O'Sullivan and Maureen Moran, had joined the staff to replace Misses Lil Horan and Anne Martin who had resigned on marriage. An additional post of Library Assistant had been created to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Branch Librarian in Hervue and to help out at Headquarters with the extra work caused by the increased grant to the Schools service. The County Librarian also informed the members that Miss Mary Kavanagh had been conferred with the B.A. degree and stated that she deserved great credit for this achievement. The Very Rev. Chairman congratulated Miss Kavanagh on behalf of the Committee and wished her every success in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clr. Galvin proposed a vote of sympathy to Clr. Callanan on the death of his sister and to Mrs. Ferguson, Branch Librarian, Oughterard, on the death of her husband. Clr. Boyle seconded and the members observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

The meeting terminated at 4.40 p.m.

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LEABHARLAINNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIHIE

Co. Library H. Mrs.,
Courthouse,
GALWAY.

10th January, 1973
4th January, 1973.

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The Estimates meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 12th January at 4 p.m.

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LEABHARLAINNA CHONTAE

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries.
3. Estimates for 1973-74.
4. Any other business.

LEABHARLAINNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIHIE

Minutes of the Estimates Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, at 4 p.m., on Friday, 12th January, 1973.

PRESENT: Ctrs. T. Boyle, J. Callanan, T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. T. Galvin, B. Holland, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery and M. Ryan; Messrs. Francis Fahy, S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T., and Mr. C. Townley.

In Chair: In the absence of The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Clr. B. Holland, proposed by Clr. H. Melvin and seconded by Clr. M. Croffy, took the chair.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, were adopted and signed on the proposal of Clr. M. Croffy, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin.

Arising from the minutes Mr. T. Sharkey informed the meeting that the plot adjacent to the library premises at Ballinasloe was in good order but that the area for which the fire service was responsible needed attention.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

ATHENRY: Mr. Sharkey informed the committee that Athenry Branch Library should soon be ready. The shelving had yet to be supplied.

Mr. Howlett gave the following reports on proposed new Branch Libraries:-

GORT: An Architect had been appointed to prepare plans for converting St. Colman's Church into a Branch Library.

PORTUMNA: The plans had been submitted to An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.

CLIFDEN: The plans were being examined by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.

SHANTALLA: Mr. T. Sharkey told the committee that Monsignor Glynn had offered a room in the new Community Centre, at Shantalla, for use as a Library. The Librarian stated that the proposal would have to be carefully examined. Clr. Holland asked him to report back at the next meeting of the Committee.

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ESTIMATES:

The estimate of expenditure for 1973/73, as circulated to each member, was discussed by the Committee. Mr. Sharkey stated that the estimate called for a nett increase of £9,280. This would cost 50.96p. per head of population, or 11.75p. in the £. Books at £2,500 and salaries and wages at £7,375 extra accounted for most of the increase.

On the proposal of Clr. M. Croffy, seconded by Clr. T. Clarke, the estimates were adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. S. Fahy asked if all of the money, which had been allocated for Primary Schools, was being spent on Primary Schools. He was assured by the Co. Librarian that it was.

Miss Maher stated that 60% of the money allocated to Primary Schools each year goes to replace worn out books.

Mr. C. Townley enquired if there had been any further information re grants for Post Primary Schools. Mr. Sharkey stated that he had written recently to the Dept. on this matter, but received no reply to date.

Clr. M. Ryan asked what steps were taken to recover overdue books. The Co. Librarian gave details of the various methods used.

The meeting terminated at 4.45 p.m.

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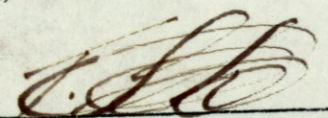
GALWAY.

16th April, 1973.

A Chara,

A Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 27th April, at 4.00 p.m.

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LEABHAP LANNAI CHONTAE.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries - Progress Report.
3. Nomination of Delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association, in Wexford, from 21st - 25th May, 1973.
4. Any other business.

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

LEABHAP LANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the County Libraries' Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, at 4 p.m., on Friday, 27th April, 1973.

PRESENT: Cirs. J. Callanan, T.D., T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, J. Lonnellan, P.T. Galvin, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery and M. Ryan; Messrs. F. Fahy, S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., and Mrs. K O'Brien, N.T.

In Chair: In the absence of the Rt. Rev. Mgr. P. Glynn, the Vice Chairman, Clr. S. O'Domhnallain took the chair.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher, H. O'Sullivan and M. Moran, Assistant Librarians.

Apologies for inattendance were received from the Acting Assistant County Manager, Mr. J. Howlett and Mr. C. Townley.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, were taken as read. On the proposal of Clr. M. Croffy, seconded by Clr. M. Ryan, they were adopted and signed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The County Librarian read a letter which he had received from the Department of Education re grants for books for post primary schools. The reply which was dated 2nd February stated that no monies were available in the present financial year for this purpose. Clr. M. Croffy proposed that another letter be sent to the Department on this matter. Clr. P. Cunningham seconded the motion which was passed unanimously by the Committee.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

PORTUMNA: Mr. T. Sharkey said that the plans for this Branch had been submitted to An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. An Chomhairle would not approve the plans, without certain alterations. Work on revised plans was going ahead.

GORT: The plans for the conversion of St. Colman's Church were not approved by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. A meeting is to be arranged between the Director of An Chomhairle, the Assistant County Manager and the County Librarian to discuss this matter.

Clr. F. Fahy asked if the difficulties with the original plans had anything to do with the provision of a museum in the building. The County Librarian assured him that it had not.

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CLIFDEN: The plans for this Branch had been approved by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and are awaiting approval by the Department.

ATHENRY: This Branch will be opened as soon as the shelving arrives.

SHANTALLA: The County Librarian reported that Mgr. Glynn had offered a room in the new Community Centre for use as a library. He had informed Mgr. Glynn that no money had been provided in the estimates for the present financial year for this purpose and that it would not be possible to provide this service until late in the year or possibly in the next financial year. The premises have now been let for other purposes and the proposal to provide a library service there has been deferred.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN WEXFORD 21-25th May.

Clr. S. O'Domhnallain was proposed as a delegate by Clr. M. Croffy and seconded by Clr. J. Molloy. Clr. P. Galvin was proposed by Clr. J. Molloy and seconded by Clr. M. Croffy. Clr. Galvin stated he would prefer to withdraw. Mr. F. Mullin was then proposed by Clr. H. Melvin and seconded by Clr. J. Callanan, T.D. There were no further nominations and the attendance of Clr. Donnellan and Mr. Mullin was approved by the Committee.

The meeting terminated at 4.30 p.m.

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

7th November, 1973.

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The Annual Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 16th November at 4 p.m.

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LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman for 1974.
3. Statistical Report for year 1972-73.
4. Branch Libraries.
5. Any other business.

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LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, on Friday, 16th November, at 4.00 p.m.

IN CHAIR: Rt. Rev. Mgr. Glynn.

PRESENT: Rt. Rev. Mgr. Glynn, Very Rev. Canon McDonagh, Sen. John M. Mannion, Clrs. T. Boyle, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, T.D., T. Clarke, P. Cunningham, J. Donnellan, P. T. Galvin, M. Geraghty, E. Heaverty, B. Holland, M. F. Kitt, T.D., J. Lambert, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Reffery, M. Ryan; Ald. P. Ryan; Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., T. O'Shea, N.T., C. Townley and Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sahrkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh and H. O'Sullivan, Assistant Librarians and Mrs. M. Wynne, Acting Assistant Librarian.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of previous meeting, as circulated to each member, were taken as read. On the proposal of Clr. Michael Ryan, seconded by Clr. Patrick Galvin, they were adopted and signed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The County Librarian read a letter, which he had received from the Department of Education, Post Primary Section, stating that it was not known when grants for books for post primary schools would be available.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN:

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Cunningham, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Glynn was unanimously re-elected chairman.
On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Molloy, Clr. Sean O'Domhnaillain was unanimously re-elected as vice-chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1972-73:

The Statistical Report for the year 1972-'73 had been circulated to all members. Commenting on the report, the Co. Librarian stated that the number of issues had dropped during the year, particularly in light fiction reading. Non-fiction issues had also dropped but not to the same extent. Clr. O'Domhnaillain requested that Irish books by native authors be made available in Branch Libraries in the Gaeltacht areas.

Clr. S. O'Domhnaillain proposed a vote of congratulations to Miss Helen Maher on her recent appointment as Co. Librarian in Co. Roscommon and was seconded by Deputy Kitt.
The Co. Librarian also paid a tribute to Miss Maher.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Mr. P. Kearns gave the following progress reports on the proposed new Branch Libraries:-

CLIFDEN: The County Council had approved the raising of a loan of £14,000 for this purpose. A letter had been sent to the Department of Local Government for sanction. A letter had been received on the 14th of this month, enquiring if sources, other than the Local Loans Fund, had been tried for the loan. No other source had been tried, as yet.

GORT: There had been a slight hold up of plans here. An Chomhairle Leabharlanna had not agreed with the proposed lay-out of the plans. A meeting had been held at An Chomhairle Leabharlanna's offices, in Dublin, at the end of October, at which Mr. Kearns and the Co. Librarian were present. The difficulties had been resolved and the architect was asked to alter the plans accordingly. It is hoped to have the revised drawings shortly.

PORTUMNA: Very little progress had been made here. The original plans included a Branch Library, a fire station and engineer's offices. These plans had not been approved by An Chomhairle, because sufficient frontage had not been given to the library. The architect was unable to do this unless additional land could be obtained. The adjoining land is owned by the Department of Lands. The Department had been contacted seeking portion of this land but no reply had yet been received.

Clr. J. Callanan stated that pressure should be put on the Department of Lands to allocate the necessary land for this purpose.

ATHENRY: Mr. T. Sharkey informed the committee that the shelving had now been delivered. It is hoped that the Branch will be opened within the next few weeks. Mr. Sharkey asked the committee, if they would agree to the Estimate's meeting being held in the new Branch in January. This was unanimously agreed, on the proposal of Clr. H. Melvin, and seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Clr. P. Cunningham asked if there had been any recent plans for a Branch Library in Mountbellew. The Co. Librarian replied that the parish priest had offered the use of a hall some years ago, but he had heard nothing from him recently. He had no information of any other plans for a premises in Mountbellew.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. T. Sharkey informed the meeting that the appointment of an Assistant Librarian and a library assistant had been sanctioned for the Regional Technical College. The County Council will be re-imbursed by the Vocational Education Committee for their salaries, and the posts are to be advertised shortly.

Mr. C. Townley asked what type of service was envisaged for this library. He asked if the long-term plan envisaged a regional reference library. Mr. Sharkey stated that initially the library would serve the students and staff at the College only, but that a reference library open to the public might be provided in the future.

A Vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Joynt, Branch Librarian, Loughrea, on the recent death of her husband, on the proposal of Clr. H. Melvin, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert.

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. T. Boyle, a vote of sympathy was passed with Clr. Callanan on the death of his brother.

A Vote of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Tomás Bairead, on the proposal of Rev. Canon McDonagh.

The meeting ended at 4.45 p.m.

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Co. Library H.Qrs.,

Courthouse,

GALWAY.

17th January, 1974.

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The Estimates Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the new Branch Library Premises, Old Church Street, Athenry, on Friday, 25th January, 1974, at 4.00 p.m. The new Branch will be officially opened after the meeting by the Chairman, Right Rev. Mgr. P. Glynn.

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1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2. Branch Libraries - LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.

3. Nomination of Delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association, 1974.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

2. Replacement of Schools Library Van.

3. Estimate April-December 1974.

4. Branch Libraries.

5. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Estimates Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee held in the new Branch Library, Athenry, on Friday, 25th January, 1974, at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rt. Rev. Monsignor P. Glynn; Sen. J. Mannion; Clrs. T. Boyle, W. Burke, T. Byrne, N.T., J. Callanan, T.D., T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan, N.T., F. Fahy, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, B. Holland, T. King, M. F. Kitt, T.D., S. Kyne, J. Lambert, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery and M. Ryan; Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., and Mr. L. O'Brien.

In Chair: Rt. Rev. Monsignor P. Glynn.

Apologies for inattendance were received from Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T., and Mr. C. Townley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Keating, Co. Manager, Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. O'Sullivan, M. Moran, Assistant Librarians and Mrs. M. Wynne, Acting Asst/Librarian.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to the members, were taken as read. On the proposal of Clr. S. O'Domhnallan and seconded by Mr. F. Mullin, they were adopted and signed.

Arising from the minutes Mr. Sharkey told the committee that Miss Helen Maher, Co. Librarian, Roscommon, had asked him to thank the committee for the good wishes extended to her at the previous meeting.

REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL LIBRARY VAN:

Mr. Sharkey said that the station wagon which is now in use for schools libraries was bought in September, 1969, and now registers 53½ thousand miles. It would be advisable to trade it in in 1974. A new Hillman Estate wagon could be bought at £1850 or a de luxe model at £2,050, less trade in on old van it would be £1350 for the dearer vehicle and £1,150 for the cheaper one. A sum of £350 had been included in the estimate under loan charges for this purpose in 1974. An Chomhairle Leabharlanna would pay half the loan charges and the nett cost on the coming financial year would be £175. Mrs. M. Croffy proposed, and Clr. H. Melvin seconded the proposal that a new van be bought. It was agreed to unanimously.

ESTIMATE:

Mr. T. Sharkey told the Committee that the estimate is for a nine month period from 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974. The rate in the £ is 1.05p. less than the present financial year. It would however be 2.25p. greater if the estimate was for 12 months. The estimate for new books is £25,500. Total expenditure would be £84,765. Total receipts would be £16,190. The nett cost of the service would be £68,575. The rate in the £ would be 10.34p. and the cost per head of population would 45.95p.

Clr. T. Byrne said that he had received a letter from the Athenry Development Association stating that they wished to have a permanent display of historical records, relating to Athenry erected, by Mr. Etienne Rynne in the Library Premises. The estimated cost would be between £50 and £70. He proposed that provision be made in the estimate for this amount. Deputy Kitt said that he wished to be associated with this motion, as Mr. Rynne had also written to him on the matter. Mr. P. Kearns said that there was no financial problem and that he would get in touch with Mr. Rynne about the matter.

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On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Melvin, the estimates were adopted unanimously.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Mr. P. Kearns gave the following progress report on Branch Libraries:-

CLIFDEN: The Local Loans Fund had been approached for a loan of £14,000 for the proposed new Branch Library at Clifden. He was asked to try some other source for the loan but did not anticipate any difficulties.

GORT: An Chomhairle Leabharlanna had not agreed to the original plans. Revised plans had now been received and would be forwarded to An Chomhairle.

PORTUMNA: An Chomhairle Leabharlanna had not agreed to the original plans. Revised plans would need extra land. The Land Commission had been approached for the extra land and had refused. It had now been decided to use the site for a library and engineer's office only. The proposed new Fire Station will be built on a different site. The architect is now working on revised plans, which will then be submitted to An Chomhairle.

ATHENRY: Mr. T. Sharkey said that this was a happy occasion. The new Branch had opened to the public on 28th November. Mrs. M. Coffey, the Branch Librarian, had received basic training at Galway City Branch. The present book stock is 4,500. The issue of books for December was 2,900. He wished to thank Comdt. Greaney and Mr. Noel Maguire for providing facilities for the tea; the Fire Station staff, Athenry and the Athenry Creamery for providing chairs. He also thanked Rev. Fr. Langan for agreeing to bless the premises.

Monsignor Glynn spoke of Athenry's historic past and said he hoped the facilities offered by the new Branch Library would be appreciated by the people of Athenry. It would help young people with their fresh enquiring minds.

The Assistant County Manager stated that a new photo copier would be bought for use at Hqrs. A number of large print books had been bought recently and it was hoped to increase the stock of this type of book and make them available in Branch Libraries.

The County Manager said it was a pleasure to say a few words. He was proud to be associated with a committee which had pressed ahead with plans for this new Branch. He hoped the people would use it to good advantage. He congratulated the architect and the builder on a nice building. He wished the staff many happy associations with the building. He also thanked Fr. Langan for agreeing to bless the premises.

On the proposal of Clr. M. Ryan seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, votes of sympathy were passed with Miss Anne Quinn and Mr. Tom Qualter on their recent bereavements.

All stood in silent prayer.

The meeting ended at 5.00 p.m.

Immediately after the meeting the blessing of the premises was performed by Fr. Langan and the new Library was officially opened by the Chairman, Right Rev. Monsignor P. Glynn.

Sean O'Mahoney
24/11/74

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Co. Library H.Qr.,
Courthouse,
GALWAY.

18th April, 1974.

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A Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 26th April, at 4.00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries - Progress Report.
3. Nomination of Delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association, in Tralee, from 20th - 24th May, 1974, inclusive.
4. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

PRESENT: Senators M. Killilea and J. Mannion; Ctrs. T. Boyle, W. Burke, J. Callanan, T.D., T. Clarke, P. Collins, Mrs. M. Croffy, P. Cunningham, S. Donnellan, N.T., F. Fahy, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, M. F. Kitt, T.D., S. Kyne, J. Lambert, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery and M. Ryan; Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., and Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T.

Apologies were received from Rt. Rev. Mgr. Glynn and Ald. P. Ryan.

In Chair: In the absence of Rt. Rev. Mgr. Glynn due to illness, Clr. S. O'Domhnallain took the chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to members, were taken as read. On the proposal of Clr. Mrs. Croffy, seconded by Deputy Kitt, they were adopted and signed.

Clr. O'Domhnallain wished Mgr. Glynn a speedy recovery on behalf of the Committee. He stated that this would be the last meeting of the present Co. Libraries' Committee, and extended his thanks and best wishes to all the members. He thanked the County Librarian and the library staff for their co-operation and kindness to himself and the committee. He also thanked Mr. Peter Kearns, the Assistant Co. Manager, for his co-operation.

In reply the County Librarian thanked Clr. O'Domhnallain for his kind remarks and thanked the Committee members for their help and co-operation over the years.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. Sharkey told the committee that the County Council would be advertising for a new schools van shortly.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

GORT: Mr. Sharkey told the committee that the plans had recently been before An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. They had asked for clarification of certain points in the drawings. A meeting with the architect is to be arranged to discuss the matter.

PORTUMNA: Mr. Kearns stated that the architect is now working on the new plans for a library and engineer's office combined.

CLIFDEN: Mr. Kearns stated that the contract documents are presently being drawn up and it is hoped to advertise for tenders shortly.

NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO THE JOINT CONFERENCE IN TRALEE:

Clr. Mrs. Croffy proposed Clr. T. Clarke and was seconded by Deputy Callanan. Mrs. O'Brien was proposed by Clr. Raftery and seconded by Deputy Callanan. Clr. Galvin was proposed by Clr. M. Ryan and seconded by Clr. P. Cunningham.

After a secret ballot Mrs. O'Brien and Clr. Clarke were nominated as delegates.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sharkey told the committee that microfilms of the "Freeman's Journal" for the years 1763-1783 had been purchased recently. It is hoped to purchase further issues in the future.

Deputy Callanan asked if microfilms of the Ballinasloe newspapers "The Western News" and "The East Galway Democrat" were in stock. Mr. Sharkey said he would let each member have a list of the newspapers available on microfilm in stock for the next meeting.

The Committee passed a vote of sympathy with Clr. Martin Walsh on the death of his wife, on the proposal of Clr. O'Domhnallain seconded by Deputy Kitt.

The meeting ended at 4.45 p.m.

6th September 1944 Patrick Glynn