

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries' Committee held on
7th May, 1965.

PRESENT: Co. Councillors, S. O Domhnallain; J. Flaherty; P.J. Galvin; S. MacEocaghain, T.D.; S. Glynn; T. Mac an Ríogh; M. O Ceit, T.D.; F.M. Mullen; P. Raftery; Messrs. T. Clarke; T. Murphy; T. O Seaghdha, and Clr. A. Hynes.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. C. Walsh, Assistant Co. Manager; Mr. S. Bohan, County Librarian, and Mr. T. Sharkey, Assistant Librarian.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to members were taken as read and it was agreed that they be signed. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. T. Murphy, the meeting voted congratulations to Venerable Archdeacon Glynn on his elevation to Archdeacon of the Diocese. The Assistant County Manager associated himself with the vote on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

MICROFILMING OF OLD GALWAY NEWSPAPERS: The Librarian explained that he had written to University College Galway as directed on this matter and the reply received through the Librarian of the College indicated that the College would not be prepared to meet half the cost of purchase. The Assistant Co. Manager suggested that if the purchase of the newspapers qualified for subsidy under the Library Council's Grants Scheme that the Committee should recommend their purchase. On the suggestion of the Chairman the Committee agreed to postpone a decision on the matter until the next meeting and the Librarian was directed to make enquiries from the Library Council with regard to the possibility of subsidy.

COUNTY LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT: The Librarian reported on the progress of the School Library Scheme to date and that the County Council had consented to the raising of a second loan of £10,000 to complete the Scheme, and had also consented to the creation of an extra post as Library Assistant for this work. He reported that the School Library Scheme of the Department of Education for National Schools would not apply to Galway this year, but would probably be applied in 1966/67. Arising out of a discussion on this Scheme it was proposed by the

Chairman seconded by Clr. Galvin and agreed that the following resolution of the Committee be forwarded to the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and to the Library Council.

"That where a Library Authority has itself embarked on the provision of full School Library coverage on an organised plane that instead of making the optional list available to each National School within the county that the Department of Education make the value of the books which would normally be supplied under the optional list available to the Library Authority by way of outright grant in support of its School Library Scheme."

A report was given on the progress in acquiring sites and provision of new Branch Libraries at Ballinasloe, Athenry, Clifden, Portumna, Gort, Dunmore, and Spiddal, and on improvements being carried out to the Woodquay Premises. Clr. King again spoke on the need for a proper County Library Headquarters and City Branch. It was also reported that the "Bibliography of County Galway" by Miss Mary Kavanagh would be published in June and would be priced at 30/-.

DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The following delegates were nominated to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Assoc. of Ireland at Newcastle: Mr. T. Murphy - proposed by Clr. S. Donnellan seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty; Clr. P. Raftery - proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. S. Glynn.

OVERDUE BOOKS: The question of Books long overdue for return was discussed and it was agreed that from the 1st June onwards that legal proceedings should be taken in certain cases against defaulting borrowers.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect for the late Mr. S. Moroney who had been a member of the Committee for a long number of years.

The meeting then concluded.

Patrick Glynn

29. 5. 1965

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries' Committee held on Friday 29th October, 1965.

PRESENT Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Chairman.
County Councillors P.J. Galvin, N.T.; S. MacEocagain, T.D.; S. Glynn; T. Mac an Riogh; M.P. O'Ceit, T.D.; F. Mullin, N.T.; P. Rafferty; Messrs. T. Clarke; T. O Seaghdha, O.S.; P. Talty; M. Dolan N.T.; Alderman P. Ryan; Alderman M. Breathnach and Clr. A. Hynes.

IN ATTENDANCE Messrs. C. Walsh, Assistant County Manager;
S. Bohan, County Librarian; T. Sharkey, Assistant Librarian.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Martin Dolan N.T. to his first meeting of the Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to members were taken as read and it was agreed that they be signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Overdue Books: Clr. Hynes enquired as to what action had been taken with regard to books long overdue for return. The Librarian explained that a number of defaulting Borrowers who were still resident in the area and had the more valuable books outstanding, had been selected and details regarding these had been sent to the County Council's Solicitor. Letters had been sent from the Solicitor's Office to these people but to date the books had not been returned.

MICROFILMING OF OLD GALWAY NEWSPAPERS The Librarian read a letter from the Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in reply to the Committee's enquiry regarding the possibility of subsidy from An Comhairle towards the purchase of certain old Galway newspapers in microfilm form. The Committee's letter had been considered by An Comhairle Leabharlanna at its meeting on 28th May, 1965. The following extract from the Director's letter of 1st June, 1965 indicated that the purchase of the microfilms by way of loan would qualify for

subsidy:
"An Chomhairle's view is that the proposal should qualify for a grant under the regulations affecting book-loans. An Chomhairle will make appropriate recommendation to the Minister..."

The Assistant County Manager asked for the views of the meeting on the suggestion that £1,000 of the present second loan for £10,000 raised to complete the School Library Scheme might be diverted from the Schools Scheme for the purchase of the microfilms. A number of members were unanimous in their support for the purchase of the newspapers. After a discussion on the matter it was agreed unanimously that the County Council's permission and the permission of An Comhairle Leabharlanna be sought to have £1,000 diverted from the present loan for the Schools Library Scheme to the purchase of the newspapers in microfilm form.

DEPT. OF EDUCATION SCHOOL LIBRARIES Letters from the Honorary Secretary of the Library Association and from the Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in reply to the Committee's resolution passed at the previous meeting were read. It was agreed to leave the matter stand. This concluded matters arising out of the minutes.

PROGRESS REPORT A Progress Report on the County Library Development Scheme to date as circulated to members was introduced by the Asst. County Manager. Members asked questions and commented on a number of matters covered in the report including the delay in building the Ballinasloe Branch, the no progress report on Headford, compulsory purchase of site at Clifden, progress relating to the Spiddal Branch etc.

FOLK MUSEUM IN TUAM The Librarian referred to an offer made by Mr. D.J. Murphy N.T., Tuam to donate his collection of antiquarian objects and other items of ancient folk culture to the Galway County Libraries on condition that they be preserved and form the nucleus of a folk museum to be located in Tuam town. It was explained that the provision of a Folk Museum in Tuam had been discussed at meetings of the Tuam Town Commissioners but that the Commissioners had not power to provide and maintain a Museum. The County Council acting as Library Authority had power to accept Mr. Murphy's offer and to provide and maintain such a Museum. There was a long discussion on the housing and presentation of the Collection and members spoke of the importance of accepting Mr. Murphy's offer.

The Assistant County Manager asked for the general approval of the Committee for the project. It was finally agreed in principle that the Folk Museum based on Mr. Murphy's Collection should be provided in Tuam, and the meeting recommended to the County Council that the matter be further investigated with a view to acquiring suitable accommodation for the housing and presentation of Mr. Murphy's Collection as the nucleus of a Folk Museum.

RESIGNATION OF LIBRARIAN

The Chairman voted congratulations to Mr. Bohan on his appointment as City Librarian, Cork, and paid a tribute to him on his efforts during his term as County Librarian in Galway. Clr. Michael Kitt, T.D., seconded the vote. The Assistant County Manager and many other Members associated themselves with the remarks.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The Committee voted sympathy to the County Librarian on the death of his father and to the Griffin family on the death of Mr. Edward Griffin of the County Library staff.

The meeting then ended.

Michael J. Kitt

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NEWSPAPERS OF COUNTY GALWAY, IN BRITISH MUSEUM

NAME OF NEWSPAPER	YEARS HELD	WHEN DID PAPER BEGIN
<u>GALWAY</u>		
Connacht Tribune	Complete	22/5/1909
" Journal	1813, 1823-36, 1839, 1840	
" Sentinel	Complete	21/7/1925
" Champion	1904-11	1904
Galway American	1862-63	1862
" Express	1853-1920	1853
" Free Press	1832-35	1832
" Independent Paper	1829-32	
" Mercury	1844-60	1844
" Observer	1882 (imperfect)	
" Packet	1852-54	1852
" Patriot	1835-39	1835
" Pilot	1905-18	
" Press	1860-61	1860
" Standard	1842-43	1842
" Vindicator	1841-99 (Imperfect)	1841
" Weekly Advertiser	1823-43	
Irishman	1835	1835
Warden of Galway	1853	1853
<u>BALLINASLOE</u>		
Connaught Leader	1904-07	
" People	1884-86 (imperfect)	
East Galway Democrat	1913-21 1936-49	
Loughrea Nationalist	Jan-Aug. 1905	
Western Argus	1828-33 (imperfect)	
" News	1878-1926 "	
" Star	1845-69; 1888-1902	
<u>TUAM</u>		
Connaught Patriot	1859-69 (imperfect)	
Tuam Gazette	7 Aug., 1824	
Tuam Herald	1837 onward (imperfect)	
Tuam News	1871-96 (imperfect)	

Sample of approximate cost of microfilming parts of following:-

CONNACHT JOURNAL for the years 1813, 1823-1836, 1839 and 1840.

Approximately 3336 exposures of negative microfilm, plus 6 spools tags and cartons.

GALWAY VINDICATOR for the years 1841-1899

Approximately 24,320 exposures of negative microfilm, plus 58 spools tags and cartons.

WESTERN ARGUS for the years 1828-1838

Approximately 2208 exposures of negative microfilm, plus 5 spools tags, and cartons.

WESTERN STAR for the years 1845-1869 and 1888-1902

Approximately 7774 exposures of negative microfilm, plus 13 spools tags, and cartons.

TUAM HERALD for the years 1837-1927

Approximately 19,270 exposures of negative microfilm, plus 31 spools, tags, and cartons.

If treated as one complete order, the approximate cost would be as follows:-

100 frames of negative microfilm @ 5d. per frame	£2.	1.	8.
56,808 frames of neg. microfilm @ 4d. per frame	948.	9.	4.
113 spools, tags, and cartons @ 1/6d. each	8.	9.	6.
Postage and packing		<u>1.</u>	<u>10.</u>
			<u>0.</u>
	£960.	9.	6.

COUNTY LIBRARY SCHEME OF DEVELOPMENT

PROGRESS REPORT

The County Library ten-year Scheme for the improvement and extension of the Public Library Service in the county was prepared in November, 1963. It was considered by the County Libraries' Committee and recommended to the County Council for adoption at a meeting of the Committee in December 1963. It was submitted to the Library Council and "given lengthy consideration" at a meeting of that Body on 10th January, 1964. The following is an extract from letter received from the Director of the Library Council dated 20th Jan., 1964.

"I am to say that my Council warmly commends the scheme for its comprehensiveness and manner of presentation, and is pleased to find that planning for full development of the whole service, in several stages, has been proposed. My Council's approval in principle does not of course imply specific approval for each of the several proposals; but you should understand that no fundamental objections were raised. It is felt that should the County Council support the scheme, as my Council hopes it will, Galway will enjoy a library service of high quality readily available to every kind of reader, and in all districts."

The scheme was subsequently considered at a meeting of the County Council in May, 1964, and adopted in full.

An increase had already been provided in the County Library Estimates for 1963/64 for certain improvements in the service, so the year 1963/64 was regarded as the first year of the ten-year scheme.

In view of the fact that I expect to be leaving Galway for another appointment at the end of November and that we are now close to the end of the third year of the scheme I feel it is necessary that I should review the progress made within the three year period and comment on some of the proposals as set out for the remaining years of the scheme.

The scheme embodied proposals for the improvement of the service under four headings:

- (1) Book stocks
- (2) Buildings
- (3) Staff
- (4) Vehicles for transport and distribution of books.

taking into account that monies expended by way of loan for Items 1, 2, and 4, would be recouped 50% under the Library Council's Grants Scheme. The amount of money required to implement all recommendations under the scheme was estimated at an amount equivalent to 1d. per year increase in the Library Authorities rate for each of the ten years.

1963/64 First year of Scheme

- 1. Branch Librarian - Galway City: This appointment was made in January 1964.
- 2. Increase in Book Fund: An increase of £600 was provided in the ordinary Book Fund as recommended.
- 3. Building of eight Branch Libraries: An increase of 1/2d. in the £1. was provided towards commencement of a building programme to include new Branch Libraries at Ballinasloe, Clifden, Portunna, Gort, Athenry, Spiddal, Dunmore and Headford. These Branches have not yet been built and the position at present is:-

BALLINASLOE Site acquired and plans prepared. The building of this Branch has been delayed due to the fact that the full building is a composite one incorporating a Dispensary etc., the building of which has been temporarily postponed. The plans for the Branch Library are at the final stage.

ATHENRY Site acquired and plans prepared. The Architect was instructed to prepare detailed plans early in 1965. These have not yet been supplied.

CLIFDEN Much difficulty has been met with in acquiring the necessary site. Matter now the subject of a compulsory purchase order.

PORTUMNA Site plans with the Library Council for approval.

GORT Site plans with the Library Council for approval. Sketch plans for Branch Library prepared.

DUNMORE Suitable site being negotiated.

SPIDDAL Negotiations in progress for acquisition of suitable site.

HEADFORD No progress.

The amount provided in the 1963/64 Estimates for the foregoing Branch Buildings was not taken up at all in that year. An equivalent amount was provided in the following year 1964/65 and when not taken up for the purpose provided it was diverted with County Council's approval to the carrying out of extensive improvements at the Woodquay Library Premises. It is now unlikely that the amount provided in the present year's estimates for the building of Branch Libraries will be required. But it is reasonable to expect that the building of Branches at Ballinasloe, Athenry, Portumna, Gort, Clifden, and Dunmore, will have commenced within the next Financial Year 1966/67.

1964/65 Second year of Scheme

1. Loan of £10,000 for School Libraries This loan was arranged with the County Council's Treasurers in September, 1964, and a total of 24,000 books for School Libraries were purchased by the end of the Financial Year. The loan was approved by the Library Council as qualifying for subsidy in August, 1964.
2. Assistant Librarian An Assistant Librarian to organise the School Library Service was appointed and took up duty on 1st November, 1964.
3. Mobile Library The Mobile Library Unit was being used as a delivery-exchange van for Branches on two days per week. With the provision of the School Library Van, which acts as a delivery-exchange van for Branches also, the Mobile Unit went into service as a full time Mobile Library from 1st November, 1964, and now serves 68 stop points at intervals of a fortnight.
4. Van for School Deliveries A specially designed and fitted van was purchased by way of a loan of £1,000 for the delivery and exchange of books at schools. This loan was approved by the Library Council as qualifying for subsidy. To date 185 School Libraries have been opened -- 154 in National Schools, 27 in Secondary Schools, and 4 in Vocational Schools. An effort is being made to exchange books twice each year.
5. Part-time Driver Assistant This appointment was not made. It was agreed that the existing staff would drive the van. Instead of the part-time Driver Assistant, a Clerk-Typist was appointed to the School Library Section. This appointment had been scheduled for the fourth year of the scheme under Item 4, 1966/67.

All proposals for the second year of the Scheme have, therefore, been implemented as set out with the exception of the alteration at Item 5.

1965/66 Third year of Scheme

The present Financial Year is the third year of the Ten-Year period. The Scheme recommended the building of a new Central Library and Headquarters at this stage and it was envisaged that the City Library and Headquarters would be incorporated in a new Municipal Building, but this project failed during 1964 and it would now seem that such a Municipal Building will hardly materialise for a long time.

New proposals for the accommodation of a City Library and Headquarters, Art Gallery and Folk Museum in the Town Hall Building originated early in 1965, but as this matter was the subject of Court proceedings during 1965, and as it was unlikely in any event that any work could be undertaken on this project for at least another year, it was decided at the Estimates Meeting of the County Libraries' Committee in January, 1965, to substitute the principle recommendations of the fourth year for the third year so that progress on the Scheme would not be halted.

1966/67 Fourth year of Scheme in lieu of 1965/66

1. Loan of £10,000 to complete School Scheme. The raising of this loan to complete the School Library Scheme was sanctioned by the County Council and Dept. of Local Government, and was approved by the Library Council as qualifying for subsidy in July 1965. The loan was arranged with the County Council's Treasurers in September 1965. Orders for books to the value of approximately £1,500 have already been placed.
2. Driver-Assistant As already stated under the proposals for the second year this appointment was not made and in lieu of this position the County Council consented to the creation of an extra post as Library Assistant. This Assistant has been appointed, and took up duty on 1st August, 1965.
3. Branch Library, Ballinasloe This proposal has not been implemented as yet due to postponement in the building of the Branch Library at Ballinasloe.
4. Clerk-Typist This appointment was made during the second year of the Scheme.
5. Reference Librarian As the new City Library had not materialised during the third year, the proposal to raise a loan for the establishment of a Reference Library was postponed.

Taking the first four years of the Development Scheme which would include the year 1966/67 all proposals have been implemented, or are in the course of implementation except the building of a new City Library and Headquarters, and Items 3 and 5 of the fourth year which are dependent on the completion of the building programme.

Four new staff appointments as proposed have been made to include Branch Librarian, Galway City Branch, Schools Librarian, one Library Assistant and one Clerk-Typist. Loans of £21,000 have been raised for the Schools Service and purchase of a van, and a building programme for Branch Libraries has been initiated.

The major matters remaining to be dealt with under the Scheme include the provision of a new City Library and Headquarters and the provision of three Mobile Units based on Regions.

It is now likely that the matter of the City Library and Headquarters can be proceeded with and that planning can commence in the immediate future and it is not unreasonable to expect that the new building will be ready within three years. Proposals wholly dependent

on the provision of the new City Library include:

Items 5 of 1966/67 and
Items 1 of 1967/68 both of which can be postponed for some time.

Other proposals can continue to be implemented pending the provision of the new City Library and Headquarters.

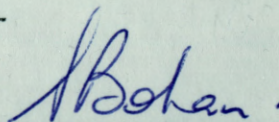
The fourth year's programme has been dealt with in part during the present, or third year. In bringing forward the fifth year's programme to 1966/67 I would suggest that the only proposal which needs to be implemented is Item 2; Increase ordinary Book Fund by £1,000 per year. Other proposals may be postponed.

I would also suggest the following alteration in the latter years of the Scheme:-

1. That under the 7th year, Item I should read, "Provide third Mobile Library based on Dunmore to cover North-Eastern Region of County." This alteration is recommended in view of the fact that it is proposed to build a new Branch Library in Dunmore and this could also act as a Regional Headquarters for the North-Eastern Region and would save the cost of building a Regional Mobile Centre at Mountbellew.
2. That Items 5 of 7th Year and Items I of 9th Year be dropped in view of the fact that after discussion on the matter with the Director of the Library Council I am of the opinion that loans raised for the renewal of Book Stocks, which Books have already been purchased by way of loan, would not qualify for Library Council subsidy under the Grants Scheme. Instead of these two Items I would suggest that under the seventh year the ordinary Book Fund be increased by £1,000 per year and on this matter I would refer to the last paragraph of letter from Director of Library Council of July 6, 1965, conveying approval to second loan of £10,000.

These are the only alterations I would suggest in the entire Scheme. I am confident that the full Scheme with these alterations can be fully implemented on the suggested basis of 1d. per year increase in the Libraries rate and that the full Scheme of Development can be effected within the scheduled ten-year period.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and all the members of the County Libraries' Committee, and the Assistant County Manager for all the help which I have received from them during my term as County Librarian in Galway. I should also like to thank the County Manager, County Secretary, County Accountant and all others who have been associated in various ways with the promotion of the Library Service in the County over the past ten years.



COUNTY LIBRARIAN

(October 1965)

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries' Committee held on Friday 28th January, 1966.

PRESENT: Very Rev. Canon McDonagh: County Councillors P.J. Galvin, N.T.: Messrs. J. Glynn: T. Mac an Riogh: S. MacEocagain, T.D. M.P. O Ceit, T.D.: F. Mullin, N.T.: P. Raftery: T. Clarke: T. O Seaghda, O.S.: P. Talty: M. Dolan, N.T.: Alderman M. Breathnach and Clr. A. Hynes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. C. Walsh, Assistant County Manager: T. Sharkey, Acting County Librarian: E. Phelan, Assistant Librarian.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to members were taken as read and it was proposed by Clr. A. Hynes and seconded by Clr. E. Mullin that they be signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Folk Museum in Tuam: Mr. P. Talty enquired as to progress made towards the housing of collection of Mr. D.J. Murphy, N.T., Tuam, as it was depreciating. The Assistant County Manager reported that he was now investigating the suitability of the Parochial Centre for the housing of this collection.

County Library Estimates 1966/'67: The estimate of expenses for the County Library service 1966/67 was before the meeting. The Chairman read through the explanatory report attached to the estimate. Members discussed the expenditure under a number of headings. On the proposal of Clr. P. Galvin, seconded by Clr. P. Raftery, the estimate as submitted was adopted and it was agreed to recommend it to the County Council for approval.

BALLINASLOE BRANCH - Proposed New Building: Clr. P. Galvin enquired as to the present position in respect of the proposed new building in Ballinasloe, incorporating new Branch Library and Dispensary, in the light of the recent White Paper - the Health Services and their further development. Clr. A. Hynes stated that the Branch could not now be incorporated into the New Civic Centre which was nearing completion. The Assistant County Manager stated that the position was now being examined in the light of this White Paper.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY: The Committee voted sympathy to the wife and family of the late Thomas Kenny, Branch Librarian, Ballygar, and to the members of the O Raghallaigh family on the death of their father Professor Thomas O Raghallaigh.

The meeting then ended.

Michael J. Kitt

6th May 1966

GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIESESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1966/67

ITEM	Provided as per Book of Est. 1965/66.	Estimated for year 1966/67.	Increase or Decrease
<u>BOOKS:</u>			
1. New Books.	7,500	8,500	+ 1,000
2. Binding.	800	600	- 200
3. Periodicals & Subscriptions.	50	50	-
<u>SALARIES & WAGES:</u>			
Headquarters Staff & Galway City Branch.	10,480	10,710	+ 230
County Branches	4,000	4,010	+ 10
<u>MAINTENANCE:</u>			
Rent on Branches	980	1,150	+ 170
<u>HEAT AND LIGHT:</u>			
Galway City Branch & Woodquay	250	250	-
Branches	200	200	-
Renovations, Improvements, etc.	450	250	- 200
<u>OTHER CHARGES:</u>			
Printing & Stationery.	160	160	-
Postage & Petty Cash.	230	250	+ 20
Telephone.	50	60	+ 10
T ravelling & Subsistence.	480	500	+ 20
Running Expenses of Mobile & Van.	450	450	-
Insurance.	50	50	-
Library Council .	650	700	+ 50
Miscellaneous.	50	50	-
Loan Charges.	4,400	5,100	+ 700
TOTAL	31,230	33,040	1,810

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

ITEM	Shown in Book of Estimates 1965/66	Estimate 1966/'67	Increase or Decrease.
Income from Registration Fees, Fines, Replacements etc.	950	1,000	50
<u>SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.</u>			
Galway Corporation	200	200	-
Ballinasloe U.D.C.	80	80	-
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOAN CHARGES</u>			
Loan for Buildings	360	-	-
Loan for Books and Van	1,840	2,550	350
Total Receipts	3,450	3,830	400
Expenditure	31,230	33,040	1,810
Nett Cost of Service	27,000	29,210	1,410
Rate in £l.	11.12d.	11.68d.	Inc. .56d.

BRANCH SALARIES

Same as 1965/66, except increase in Social Welfare Contributions.

27 Branches. 327 hours per week - -	£3,542. 10. 0.
18 @ 7/-d. X 52 - -	327. 12. 0.
5 @ 7/4d. X 52 - -	95. 6. 8.
TOTAL BRANCHES --	£3,965. 8. 8d.
6 Hon. Librarians @ £7. 10. 0. per year	45. 0. 0.
	£4,010. 8. 8d.

COMMENT

The County Library Estimates for 1966/67 show a gross total of £33,040. Receipts are estimated at £3,830, the nett expenditure estimated being £29,210, or an increase of £1,410 over amount estimated for 1965/66. This represents an increase of slightly over a halfpenny ($\frac{1}{2}$ d) in the £1. on the present year's figures. The estimate provides for the implementation of part of the 5th Year of the County Library Scheme of Development which recommended an increase of £1,000 in the ordinary Book Fund and the provision of a sum of £500. to allow for increased costs and under-estimation etc., over the preceding years. Other items recommended for implementation in the 5th Year cannot be proceeded with until the new City Library and Headquarters have been provided.

BOOK FUND: The ordinary Book Fund at £8,500 shows an increase of £1,000 over amount estimated for present year. This is the principal increase in the year's estimates and is in line with the recommendations of the 5th Year of the Scheme. The amount shown for rebinding and plastic jackets at £600 is £200 less than the estimate for the present year and the reduction is made in the light of the present year's expenditure on this item. The total for books, binding and periodicals is therefore £9,150.

SALARIES & WAGES: There is a small increase of £240, shown under the heading which is mainly in respect of normal staff increments.

MAINTENANCE:

Rent on Branches: Rents on Branch Libraries at £1,150 show an increase of £170. due to increases granted in the rent on a number of Branches during the year and an under-estimation on present year's rents.

OTHER CHARGES: There are small increases shown under the headings of postage and petty cash, Library Council, telephone and subsistence allowance in the light of present year's expenditure. Total increases under these headings being £100. There is a decrease of £200. under Renovations, consequent on work at the Woodquay Premises being almost completed.

LOANS CHARGES

BUILDINGS: No figure is being shown in the estimates for 1966/67 towards the cost of repayments on loans for Branch Library Buildings. It is expected that the building of a number of Branch Libraries will be commenced during 1966/67, but it is unlikely that work on these Branches will commence until late in the year, and it is not expected that repayments on loans raised will fall due within the year.

BOOKS etc.,

Repayments on loan of £11,000 (second year) for school Library and Van are estimated for full year at £2,640.

Repayments on loan of £10,000 for continuation of Schools Scheme (Raised in Aug. 1965) are estimated for full year at £2,460.

TOTAL LOAN CHARGE ..£5,100.

RECEIPTS:

Total Receipts are estimated at £3,830 made up as follows: -

£1,000 from Registration Fees, Fines and Book Replacements.

280 being special contribution from Galway Corporation and Ballinasloe U.D.C.

£2,550 being 50% contribution to loan charges.

The nett estimated cost of the service is therefore £29,210 being rate of 11.68d. in £1.

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LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries' Committee held on Friday the 6th May, 1966.

PRESENT: County Councillors P. T. Galvin, N.T.; A. Hynes; S. Mac-Eocagain, T.D.; M. Kitt, T.D.; J. Glynn; J. Flaherty; T. Mac an Riogh; F. Mullin; P. Raftery; Messrs. T. Clarke; T. Murphy; T. O Seaghdha, O.S.; Alderman P. Ryan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. C. Walsh, Assistant County Manager; T. Sharkey, Acting County Librarian; E. Phelan, Assistant Librarian.

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

The Committee voted sympathy to the family of the late Mr. R. Joyce, Clifden - a member of the Committee. Clr. J. Geoghegan proposed that the Committee adjourn for one hour as a mark of respect.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to the members were taken as read, and it was agreed that they be signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Folk Museum in Tuam: Clr. A. Hynes enquired as to progress made towards finding accommodation for the collection of Mr. D.J. Murphy. The Assistant County Manager reported that he had not been successful in finding suitable accommodation, but that if such became available, he would place the matter before the Committee.

Ballinasloe Branch: Clr. A. Hynes enquired as to the present position regarding the new Branch Library in Ballinasloe. The Assistant County Manager reported that the plans for Branch and Dispensary accommodation were being revised, and when completed would be forwarded to the Department of Health.

Delegates to Annual Conference: The following delegates were nominated to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland at Sligo: - Mr. T. Clarke - proposed by Clr. J. Geoghegan, seconded by T. Uas. O Seaghdha; Clr. P.J. Galvin - proposed by Clr. M. Kitt and seconded by Mr. T. Murphy.

Department of Education - School Libraries Scheme: The Acting County Librarian outlined the scheme, stating its nature and the part that the Galway County Libraries would have to play in implementing it. He also named the proposed display centres in the county, and stated that if possible this display would be carried out before the end of the current school year. The Committee unanimously endorsed the project.

Microfilm of old Galway Newspapers: The Acting County Librarian stated that permission had been granted from the Department of Local Government to divert £1,000 from the present loan for Schools Library Scheme for the purchase of the newspapers in microfilm form.

The meeting then ended.

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LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Meeting of County Libraries' Committee held on Friday, 13th January, 1967.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Chairman. Very Rev. Canon McDonagh, P.P. County Councillors P. T. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, T.D., T. King, M. Kitt, T.D., F. Mullin, N.T., P. Raftery, J. Glynn, A. Hynes; Messrs. T. Clarke, T. Murphy, N.T., T.O'Séaghda, O.S. Alderman M. Walsh, Alderman P. Ryan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. C. Walsh, Assistant Co. Manager, T. Sharkey, Acting County Librarian, M. Flynn, Assistant Librarian.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous Meeting as circulated to members were taken as read, and it was agreed that they be signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Microfilms of Old Galway Newspapers: Councillor M. Kitt, T. D., enquired as to the progress made on this matter. The acting County Librarian, Mr. T. Sharkey, gave a report on the progress so far and stated that the British Museum were progressing with this work and expected to have it completed in October, 1967.

Branch Library Building Programme: Councillor J. Geoghegan, T.D., enquired as to progress re Clifden Branch and the proposed building programme. The Assistant Co. Manager outlined the situation in regard to the proposed new County H.Q., and Ballinasloe, Clifden, Gort, Athenry, Dunmore, Portumna and Spiddal Libraries. In the case of Dunmore, a site has been purchased. The building in Spiddal has been purchased also and would need extensive renovations. No further progress was reported in the case of Ballinasloe, Portumna and Galway City H.Q.

Athenry & Gort: An Chomhairle Leabharlanna suggested some changes in the plans for Athenry and Gort Branch Libraries which were being considered.

Folk Museum in Tuam: No progress was reported in the acquisition of adequate accommodation for Folk Museum in Tuam.

Department of Education School Library Scheme: Councillor F. Mullin enquired as to when these books would be delivered. The acting Co. Librarian, Mr. T. Sharkey, answered that some books had already arrived in the Schools Library Department in Woodquay and would continue to do so until the allocation for each school was completed. The question of delivery could be expedited if teachers called to the Library premises and collected the books for their own schools. In all other cases books would be delivered by school library van in conjunction with actual exchanges of books in these schools, thereby not causing any appreciable extra expenditure.

County Library Estimate 1967/68: The Estimate of expenses for the Co. Library Service 1967/68, was before the Meeting. The Chairman read through the explanatory report attached to the estimate and the Ass. Co. Manager, Mr. C. Walsh commented on same. Members discussed the expenditure under a number of headings.

On the proposal of Clr. M. Kitt, T.D., seconded by Clr. T. King, the estimate as submitted was adopted and it was agreed to recommend it to the Co. Council for approval.

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Branch Librarians' Salaries:

Councillor Glynn raised the question of Branch Librarians remuneration. The Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. C. Walsh, replied that Branch Librarians salaries were under review and a proposal for an increase for Branch Librarians would probably come before the County Council in the very near future.

The Meeting then ended.

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