

LEABHARLANNA CHUNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

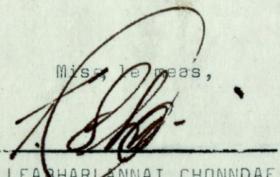
County Library H.Qrs.,
Courthouse
GALWAY.

2nd January, 1970

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A meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 9th January, at 4.00 p.m.

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LEABHARLANNAI CHUNDAE

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. New County Library Headquarters.
3. Provision of a Branch Library in Dunmore.
4. Application for a Branch Library in Mervue Community Centre.
5. Estimates for 1970-1971 .
6. School Project Competition 1969 - 1970.
7. Staff Changes.
8. Any other business.

23. 11. '70

Arthur J. Flynn

LEABHARLANNA CHUNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the County Libraries' Committee meeting held on Friday, 9th January, 1970, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber, County Buildings.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Rev. Canon McDonagh, P.P., Sen. John M. Mannon, Cirs. M. Croffy, T. Clarke, Sean Donnellan, N.T., P. Fahy, N.T., B. Holland, P. Joyce, M. F. Kitt, T.D., P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Boyle, Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T., Clr. S. Kyne, Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., and C. Townley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Liam O'Luanaigh, Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh and M. Crowe, Assistant Librarians.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Clr. T. Byrne, N.T., and Mr. T. O'Shea, N.T.

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: The County Librarian informed the meeting that the renovations at Spiddal Branch Library had been completed and that the new Mobile Library and School's Library Vans had been delivered. He also stated that the total number of books issued to schools for the period September-December, 1968 amounted to 11,653. The total for the same period in 1969 was 29,553. The total number of books returned from schools for the period September-December, 1968 was 7,075 and the total for the same period in 1969 was 22,160. The number of schools where books were exchanged totalled 122 during September-December, 1968, while the total in the same period in 1969 was 284. The grant of £3,035 received from the Department of Education - Primary Branch gave a wonderful boost to the book provision in primary schools.

The Co. Librarian informed the members that the appeal made for the return of missing books was disappointing. Only 49 books were recovered. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Townley stated that a new system of book detection is now being carried out in a library in this country. If this was successful, it could be tried in all libraries.

NEW COUNTY LIBRARY H.QRS:

The Co. Librarian informed the members that he had received plans from the architect, for the new Co. Library Headquarters. The plans will now have to be considered by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.

PROVISION OF A BRANCH LIBRARY IN DUNMORE:

The Co. Librarian informed the meeting that it was hoped to provide a Branch Library in Dunmore in the new financial year. A Branch Library was opened in Dunmore in April, 1953 and was closed in 1964 due to the unsuitability of the premises. The town has since been served by the Mobile Library. A site had been purchased by the Co. Council and it was hoped to erect a pre-fabricated building there for use as a Branch Library. Mrs. M. Croffy asked what the structure would cost and was informed by the Assistant Co. Manager that quotations were being sought and it was expected the cost would amount to approximately £2,000. Mr. Townley stated that pre-fabricated buildings had proved quite successful elsewhere and that they could be moved to a new site at a reasonably low cost if this became necessary. Deputy M. F. Kitt asked that Mountbellew be kept in mind as a Centre for a Branch Library. Deputy Kitt proposed that the Branch Library be provided in Dunmore. The proposal was seconded by Mrs. Croffy and was adopted.

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BRANCH LIBRARY IN MERVUE COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The Co. Librarian read a letter, received from the Hon. Secretary of the Holy Family Parish Committee, Mervue, requesting a Branch Library in the Community Centre there. They had offered a room free of charge for this purpose. Mr. Sharkey stated that in order to provide a service there from 1st October, 1970, it would cost £6,487. 17. 10d; which would include 4,500 books or 1½ books approximately per head of population; cost of shelving and desk and wages of a Branch Librarian.

Senator Mannion proposed and Clr. Holland seconded the motion that a Branch be opened in Mervue.

Mr. Townley stated that it was a very thickly populated area and steadily growing and in his opinion a Branch Library was very necessary there.

The Assistant Co. Manager suggested that the estimates be considered first and then a decision could be taken on this matter.

ESTIMATES FOR 1970/71:

The Co. Librarian stated that owing to increasing costs the estimate for 1970-71 showed an increase of 1.76d. over 1969/70. Deputy Kitt stated that the library service was very important and he proposed that the estimate be adopted. Senator Mannion seconded the motion which was agreed to by a majority vote.

The estimate for Mervue Branch Library was then reconsidered. On the proposal of Senator Mannion, seconded by Clr. Holland, it was agreed that the proposed service be provided in Mervue.

The Co. Librarian was directed to write to the Library Council, asking them to contribute towards the cost of the books.

SCHOOL'S PROJECT COMPETITION, 1969-70:

The Co. Librarian stated that 1,200 entries had been received and that the response had been very good. Archdeacon Glynn complemented Miss Helen Maher on the amount of free time she had spent on this project.

STAFF CHANGES:

The Co. Librarian informed the members that Miss Phyllis O'Sullivan, formerly of the Limerick Co. Library service, had been appointed Assistant Co. Librarian in Galway from the 1st December, 1969. Miss Mary Carey had joined the staff as a Library Assistant on 1st January, 1970 to replace Miss Peggy Foy.

The meeting concluded at 5.20 p.m.

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Co. Library H.Qrs.,
Courthouse,
GALWAY.
17th April, 1970.

A Chara,

A Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee
will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings,
Galway, on Thursday, 23rd April, at 4.30 p.m.

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Leabharlannai Chonndae.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries.
3. Nomination of Delegates to Annual Conference
of the Library Association of Ireland in
Limerick, 18th - 22nd May, 1970.
4. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee,
To Assistant County Manager,
To County Secretary.

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the County Libraries' Committee meeting held on Thursday,
23rd April, 1970, at 4.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Co. Buildings.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Clrs. T. Byrne, N.T., T. Clarke,
Mrs. Maura Croffy, J. Donnellan, N.T., P. Fahy, N.T., T. Galvin, N.T.,
P. D. Joyce, M. F. Kitt, T.D., S. Kyne, P. Raftery, Sen. John M. Mannion
and Clr. T. Boyle, Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., and Mrs. T.
O'Brien, N.T.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Liam O'Lunaigh, Asst/Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey,
Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, Marie Crowe and Phyllis O'Sullivan,
Asst/Librarians.

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to all the members,
were taken as read and it was agreed that they be signed.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

BALLINASLOE BRANCH LIBRARY: Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that the
new Branch Library at Ballinasloe was under construction.

DUNMORE BRANCH LIBRARY: The engineer had sought quotations for a pre-fab.

MERVUE BRANCH LIBRARY: Mr. Sharkey read a letter received from Mr.
Foley, Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, following a visit which
he made to the Branch Library at Mervue. He stated that as the present
premises would be only temporary, a book-loan would not be available.
He asked that the Planning Officer would keep a site for a new Branch
Library in mind. He also praised the committee for the help they had
given to the Library service in Co. Galway. Mr. Sharkey stated that
the engineer was proceeding with shelves, furnishings etc. for the room.
He hoped to have the Branch open to the public by October next.

GORT BRANCH LIBRARY: Mr. Sharkey stated that he was awaiting the
contract documents from the architect.

CLIFDEN BRANCH LIBRARY: Mr. Sharkey said that there were no new
developments regarding this Branch.

ATHENRY BRANCH LIBRARY: Mr. Sharkey stated that he was awaiting
sanction for permission to raise a loan from the Department.

MOUNTBELLEW BRANCH LIBRARY: Mr. Sharkey stated that Fr. Costello,
Mountbellew, was willing to give accommodation for a branch library in
the new community centre.

NEW HEADQUARTERS:

A meeting was held in the County Buildings at which the Assistant
Co. Manager, Co. Librarian, Chief Asst/Co. Engineer, Director of An
Chomhairle Leabharlanna and the architect, Mr. Cantwell, were present.
The question of demolishing or retaining the present building was
discussed. It was decided to retain the existing building and the plans
have been sent to the Department.

Clr. Patrick Fahy stated that the site for the new branch in Gort
was inconvenient and said that the local people had objected to the site.

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Senator J. Mannion asked if it would be possible to acquire the house adjoining the site for the Clifden Branch Library. Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that an old lady was still in residence there and it was hoped that the house would become vacant in the near future.

NOMINATION OF DELEGATED TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Clr. Boyle proposed Clr. Raftery and Clr. Joyce seconded the proposal.

Clr. J. Donnellan proposed Clr. Clarke and Clr. Joyce seconded the proposal.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Co. Council that Clrs. Raftery and Clarke be permitted to attend the Conference.

Votes of sympathy, proposed by Clr. Kitt and seconded by Clr. Boyle, were passed with Clr. T. Byrne on the death of his mother and with Clr. Raftery on the death of his sister.

The meeting then ended.

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Patrick Glynn

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

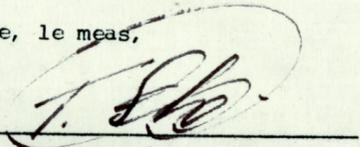
Co. Library H.Qrs.,
Courthouse,
GALWAY.

28th August, 1970.

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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 Friday, 4th September, at
4.00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
for year 1970-1971.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
3. Statistical Report for year 1969-70.
4. Branch Libraries.
5. Replacement of Library Pick-Up Van.
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' Annual Meeting held on
Friday, 4th September, 1970, at 4. p.m. in the Council Chamber,
County Buildings, Galway.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Rev. Canon McDonagh, Cirs. T.
Byrne, N.T., T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Croffy, J. Donnellan, N.T.,
P. Fahy, N.T., P. T. Galvin, N.T., B. Holland, P. D. Joyce,
S. Kyne, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, M. Walsh and T.
Boyle; Sen. J. M. Mannion; Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F.
Mullin, N.T., Mrs. T. O'Brien, N.T., and Mr. T. O'Shea,
N.T.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Liam O'Luanaigh, Asst/Co. Manager, Mr. T.
Sharkey, Co. Librarian and Miss M. Kivanagh,
Asst/Librarian.

Apologies for inattendance were received from Clr. M. F.
Kitt, T.D. and Mr. C. Townley.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Clr. Holland proposed the re-election of Ven. Archdeacon
Glynn as Chairman for the coming year. Clr. M. Walsh seconded the
proposal which was passed unanimously. Ven. Archdeacon Glynn then
thanked the Committee for his re-election.

Clr. Patrick Fahy proposed Clr. S. O'Domhnallain as Vice-
Chairman and was seconded by Clr. P. Joyce. Clr. O'Domhnallain was
unanimously 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.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

Mr. Sharkey stated that the number of books issued showed an
overall increase of 1,716 over 1968-1969.

Reading of adult fiction dropped by 12,562 and non-fiction
by 2,261; a total of 14,823.

Juvenile borrowing at Branches and Centres increased by
789 and at Schools by 15,750.

The total number of books issued to borrowers from the
County Branches increased by 1,289. Increases in issues (in some
cases slight) were recorded in 17 Branch Libraries and issues
dropped in 10 Branches. Substantial increases in issues were
recorded in Clifden (3,171); Portumna (4,687) and Roundstone
(1,482) and substantial decreases occurred in Gort (2,076);
Woodford (2,132) and Ballinasloe (10,490).

The figure for Ballinasloe was not accurate. The Branch
Librarian was ill for nearly a month during the busiest period
of the year in January-February, 1970, and her substitute did
not keep proper records.

A drop of 10,102 issues was shown for the Mobile. During
the period April 1969 - December 1969, the old Mobile missed
many runs. The method used to record issues on the Mobile was
found inaccurate and the system was changed.

The strangest feature of the statistics was a drop of
5,221 in issues for Galway City although membership increased
by 365 (i.e. 176 Juveniles and 189 Adults).

There was a drop of 1,263 in Non-Fiction; 2,534 in Fiction
and 1,424 in Juvenile issues. In the present year, so far,
issues had increased over the same period last year.

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The Assistant Co. Manager said the report showed that the overall number of non-fiction books issued in the County Branch Libraries was approximately 10% of the total, but that almost 22% of books issued at Galway City Branch were non-fiction. Non-fiction issues varied considerably in different Branches and while Ballinasloe, Tuam and Loughrea Branches recorded a reasonably high issue of non-fiction, Kilconnell recorded only 1%. The highest percentage of non-fiction issues in the whole county was 40% recorded at St. Brigid's Branch, Ballinasloe.

He also stated that very few people used the services of the Mobile Library at some of the stop-points e.g. Laught - 2 members, Ballinakill - 5 and Killeeneen - 2.

Clr. Holland inquired, if the quality of books bought was of a high standard. He was informed by the Co. Librarian that all tastes had to be catered for and that care was taken not to circulate objectionable material.

BRANCH LIBRARIES: Mr. O'Luanaigh made the following report on the progress of new Branch Libraries -

ATHENRY: A tender for Athenry Branch Library had been accepted and was now awaiting Departmental sanction.

CLIFDEN: There was difficulty in acquiring the proposed site. The County Council had acquired a derelict site, which was not sufficiently large. The adjacent site was still owned by a lady in Clifden. There are hopes that this site will be available in the near future.

GORT: The contract documents for the proposed new Branch were forwarded to the Department of Local Government in June 1970.

DUNMORE: Quotations were received for a pre-fab. building. One for £2,046 was accepted and had been sent for approval to the Department of Local Government.

GALWAY: There was no progress since April. An estimate of the cost together with the Architect's plans had been sent to the Dept. of Local Government. No reply or approval had been received to date.

MERVUE: It is hoped that the renovations will be completed by the end of October and to open this Branch early in November.

BALLINASLOE: The building of this Branch was suspended during the cement strike. It was now going ahead again.

Clr. P. Fahy proposed that the Gort project be dropped, as the site was unsuitable (i.e. Crowe Street site).

Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that these plans had already been passed by the County Council.

Clr. P. Joyce asked if the Libraries Committee had any power to rescind a decision made by the County Council.

Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the Committee could forward Clr. Fahy's motion to the Co. Council.

Clr. Fahy's proposal was seconded by Clr. M. Croffy.

The County Librarian stated that Branch Library was included in the plans in conjunction with a fire station and engineer's offices because it would cost less than if a separate unit were constructed.

Clr. T. Byrne said he agreed with Clr. Fahy about the position of the library, but he recommended that the project should not be dropped. He said that Gort was entitled to a good library and fire station.

Clr. P. Galvin proposed that Clr. Fahy place this matter as a notice of motion of the Agenda of a meeting of the Co. Council.

Clr. Holland seconded the proposal. After a lengthy discussion to which many members contributed a vote was taken on Clr. Fahy's motion i.e. "that this Committee recommends to the Co. Council that the building of the Gort Branch Library be not proceeded with at this particular site (i.e. Crowe St)".

Six members voted for the motion, and nine voted against and there were 5 abstentions.

The motion was declared lost.

REPLACEMENT OF LIBRARY PICK UP VAN:

Mr. T. Sharkey stated that the van, which is used for exchanges at Branches and Schools, would need to be replaced in the next financial year. Half the loan repayments on the new van would be met by an Comhairle Leabharlanna.

Clr. J. Molloy proposed that the Co. Librarian go ahead with plans to replace the van.

Clr. Raftery seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

Clr. T. Byrne proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. J. Lynch, Branch Librarian, Kinvara, on the death of his sister-in-law, Miss Moran, and was seconded by Clr. P. Fahy.

All members stood as a mark of respect.

The meeting then ended.

Patrick Glynn.

7th Jan. 1941

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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

31st December, 1970.

A Chara,

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

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LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meetin.
2. Branch Libraries.
3. Schools Library Service.
4. Venue for Annual Conference 1971.
5. Donation of Books from Australian Government.
6. Estimates for 1971-1972.
7. 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' Estimates Meeting held on Thursday, 7th January, 1971, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Rev. Canon McDonagh, Ctrs. T. Byrne, N.T., T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Croffy, S. Donnellan, N.T., P. Fahy, N.T., P. T. Galvin, N.T., S. Kyne, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, M. Ryan and T. Boyle; Sen. John M. Mannion; Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T., and Mr. C. Townley, Librarian, U.C.G.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Liam O'Luanigh, Asst/Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher, M. Crowe and A. Martin, Assistant Librarians.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, were adopted on the proposal of Clr. Seán Donnellan and seconded by Clr. T. Clarke.

Arising from the minutes Mr. T. Sharkey stated that the Library Council had approved our proposal to purchase a new van and it had been sent to the Department for sanction.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Mr. T. Sharkey gave the following report on new Branch Libraries.

MERVUE: This Branch was opened on the 9th November with a stock of 4,200 books. The number of new borrowers, at present, is 81, while 55 others have transferred from Galway City Branch. The issues for November were 414, and for December 655.

BALLINASLOE: It is hoped to have the new Branch in operation by July 1971.

ATHENRY: The tender for this Branch has been approved by the Department and sanction to raising a loan for this work has been granted.

GORT: The Department has approved the plans for a new library, fire station and engineer's office in Gort and the Co. Council has invited tenders for the project.

DUNMORE: The Department has accepted the plans for a pre-fab. building. It is hoped to obtain sanction to raising a loan in the near future.

CLIFDEN: The site has been acquired by the County Council.

GALWAY: No further progress.

Clr. P. Fahy stated that he objected to the library being built on the proposed site in Gort, as this site should be set aside for industrial development. He proposed that the library be not built there. There was no seconder for this proposal. Clr. T. Byrne

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stated that he could not second this proposal as the library was to be built in conjunction with the fire station, which would serve the whole of south Galway. He also stated that a site had been designated for industries in the Development plan.

SCHOOLS' LIBRARY SERVICE:

Mr. Sharkey stated that the amount spent on books for primary schools was £5,156 during 1970/71.

There had been an exhibition of books in Athenry before Christmas. Misses Maher and Horan gave talks to the teachers.

There had also been an exhibition of books in Gort during the year. It is hoped to have one in Clifden in the near future. The standard of the projects for the competition this year was very high. Some of the projects were on display at the meeting.

The County Librarian stated that no grants were available for the provision of books in Post Primary Schools. Clr. Mrs. Croffy proposed that a strong protest be sent from the committee to the Department of Education, regarding the failure of the Department to make grants available for the provision of library books in Post Primary Schools. Mr. C. Townley seconded the proposal and it was carried unanimously.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1971:

Mr. Sharkey told the members that the conference of the Library Association of Ireland would be held in Pitlochry, in Scotland from 24th - 28th May, 1971.

DONATION OF BOOKS:

Clr. T. Boyle proposed that a Vote of thanks be forwarded to the Australian Ambassador for the donation of 35 books to the Library by the Australian Government. The motion was seconded by Clr. Mrs. Croffy and was carried unanimously.

ESTIMATES:

After a discussion in which many of the members took part, Clr. Mrs. Croffy proposed that the estimates, as presented, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Clr. Donnellan. Clr. P. Fahy proposed that the amount provided be the same as for the present financial year (1970-71). There was no seconder for this amendment.

The committee adopted the estimate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sharkey informed the members that Miss Anne Martin had joined the staff as an Assistant Co. Librarian.

The meeting terminated at 4.55 p.m.

16. 12. 1971 *Patrick Glynn*

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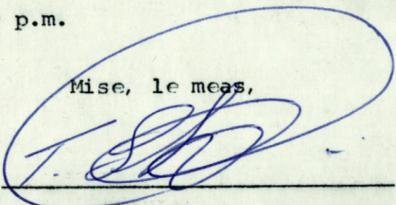
Co. Library H.Qrs.,
Courthouse,
GALWAY.

7th April, 1971.

A Chara,

A Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 16th April, at 4.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,


LEABHARLANNAÍ 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, Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association and The Scottish Library Association, in Pitlochry, from 24th-28th May, 1971.
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 Friday, 16th April, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

PRESENT: Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, Ctrs. T. Clarke, Mrs. M. Croffy, S. Donnellan, N.T., P. Fahy, N.T., P. T. Galvin, N.T., Pdraig D. Joyce, M. F. Kitt, T.D., S. Kyne, P. Raftery, M. Ryan and T. Boyle; Sen. John M. Mannion; Ald. P. Ryan; Messrs. S. Fahy, N.T., F. Mullin, N.T., and Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Liam O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, H. Maher and E. Horan, Assistant Librarians.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, were adopted on the proposal of Clr. S. O'Domhnalláin and seconded by Mr. F. Mullin.

Arising from the minutes Mr. T. Sharkey told the members that the tenders for the new van had been received. He also stated that he had sent a letter of protest to the Department of Education for not making grants available towards providing libraries in post primary schools. A formal acknowledgment was received from the Department.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Mr. T. Sharkey gave the following report on new Branch Libraries.

ATHENRY: The County Solicitor is at present completing the contract agreement.

BALLINASLOE: Work is still in progress on the new Branch Library. It is hoped to open the new Branch in July or August.

GORT: An application for sanction to accept the tender was made to the Department of Local Government on 25th March. Sanction to raise the loan will be sought at the Co. Council meeting in April.

DUNMORE: The new Branch Library in Dunmore should be open in June.

CLIFDEN: The Department of Local Government has sanctioned the appointment of an Architect and we are now seeking a planning estimate.

PORTUMNA: An application for sanction to appoint an Architect for a new library, fire-station and engineer's office was made on 4/3/1971.

H. RS: The Architect's plans are being examined by the Co. Engineer.

Clr. P. Joyce - re. Clifden Branch Library - asked if the building would be used for other purposes besides a library. He would like if an office for the Home Assistance Officer would be made available there. Mr. O'Lunaigh replied that it was envisaged that the top floor would be used as flats.

Mr. Sharkey stated that renovations had been carried out in Loughrea and Roundstone Branch Libraries and that he had recommended that the plot behind the Branch Library in Spiddal be levelled off with clay and grassed over.

NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO LIBRARY CONFERENCE:

Clr. Tom Clarke proposed Clr. S. O'Domhnalláin as a delegate to the Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland, Northern Ireland Branch the Library Association & the Scottish Library Association which is to be held in Pitlochry from 24th-28th May, '71. This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Joyce. Clr. P. Raftery proposed Mrs. O'Brien and was seconded by Clr. Mrs. Croffy. Mr. Seán Fahy, N.T., proposed Mr. F. Mullin, N.T., and was seconded by Clr. P. T. Galvin, N.T. It was agreed unanimously to nominate the Vice Chairman as one of the delegates. A Vote was taken between Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Mullin and they each received eight votes. The Chairman gave his casting vote to Mr. Mullin and he was nominated to attend the Conference.

Mr. Sharkey told the committee that Miss M. Crowe had left to take up a post in Limerick. She had been replaced by Miss Elizabeth Horan, as Assistant Librarian. He said, that it was with regret he informed the committee that it would be the last committee meeting that Mr. O'Luanaigh would attend, as he is to retire at the end of April. He praised Mr. O'Luanaigh's contribution towards improving the Co. Library service, in Galway, and on behalf of the staff wished Mr. & Mrs. O'Luanaigh many happy years of retirement.

The Rev. Chairman, Ven. Archdeacon Glynn, associated himself with what Mr. Sharkey had said.

Mr. O'Luanaigh thanked the committee and staff for their good wishes.

Dubhairt an t-Iníon Uí Mheachair nach raibh mórán leabhra gaeilge foillsighthe; an méid atá foillsighthe, tá siad le fáil san leabharlann.

Mrs. O'Brien asked on a point of order, if the Chairman had a casting vote in a secret ballot.

Mr. O'Luanaigh replied that he had, in all ballots, except for Chairman.

The meeting terminated at 4.35 p.m.

Seán O'Domhnalláin
24/9/71.

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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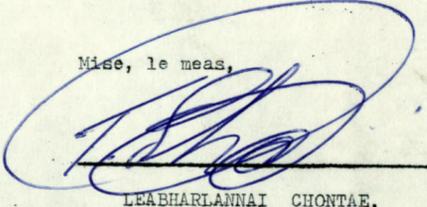
GALWAY.

14th September, 1971.

A Chara,

The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the new Branch Library Premises, Fairgreen, Ballinasloe, on Friday, 24th September, at 4.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,



LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE,

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for year 1971-1972.
3. Statistical Report for year 1970-1971.
4. Schools Project Competition.
5. Branch Libraries.
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 BAILLIMHE

Minutes of the County Libraries' Annual General Meeting, held in the new Branch Library Premises, Fairgreen, Ballinasloe, on Friday, 24th September, at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. T. Byrne, N.T., J. Callanan, T. Clarke, P. Cunningham, S. O'Donnallain, N.T., P. Fahy, N.T., P. T. Galvin, N.T., Padraig D. Joyce, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, M. Ryan and T. Boyle; Messrs. F. Mullin, N.T., L. O'Brien, C. Townley and Mrs. K. O'Brien, N.T.

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy M. F. Kitt; Mr. John Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager; Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian; Mr. T. Armitage, Asst/Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna; Misses M. Kavanagh, A. Martin and E. Horan, Assistant Librarians.

IN CHAIR: Cllr. S. O'Donnallain - Vice Chairman.

APOLOGIES received from Right Rev. Dean Glynn, Rev. Canon McDonagh and Cllr. Holland for inability to attend.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of Previous Meeting, as circulated to each member, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. T. Boyle.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. T. Sharkey informed the meeting that the new delivery van, which had cost £1,716, is now in use. An Chomhairle Leabharlanna will be paying half the loan charges.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Cllr. P. Fahy proposed the re-election of Right Rev. Dean Glynn and Cllr. S. O'Donnallain seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously. Cllr. P. Joyce proposed the re-election of Cllr. S. O'Donnallain, as Vice-Chairman, and was seconded by Cllr. P. Raftery. Cllr. O'Donnallain was unanimously re-elected.

At this point the County Librarian informed the meeting that the new Branch at Ballinasloe would be officially opened by Deputy M. F. Kitt, after the meeting, and that the Rev. Fr. O'Shea would bless the premises. He also read a letter from Mr. D. Foley, The Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, apologising for being unable to attend the ceremony. An Chomhairle was represented by the Assistant Director, Mr. T. Armitage.

STATISTICAL REPORT 1970-71:

The County Librarian submitted a Statistical Report for the year 1970-71. Increases in issues were recorded in 18 Branch Libraries and on the Mobile Library, and issues dropped in 9 Branches. Issues from Branch Libraries, Centres and Mobile increased by 14,725 over the previous year. Fiction issues increased by 3,537, Juvenile issues by 12,372 and Adult Non-Fiction dropped by 1,184. Issues from schools, which were estimated, showed an increase of 300,810 over the previous year. Expenditure on new books amounted to £25,022 in 1970-71. The report was adopted on the proposal of the Chairman.

SCHOOLS' PROJECT COMPETITION:

Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that the Allied Irish Banks had offered to sponsor the project competition this year. They had promised a prize fund of £60 and every competitor in the Senior group would obtain a Savings Certificate to the value of 25p. All competitors in the Senior group would be required to submit a short essay on the benefits of saving. Mr. L. O'Brien proposed a

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vote of thanks to Allied Irish Banks and was seconded by Clr. P. Galvin. Deputy Kitt offered a prize of £10 for the best project or projects in Irish. Mr. J. Howlett thanked Deputy Kitt for his kind gesture and support.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

DUNMORE: Mr. J. Howlett told the meeting that this Branch would be open to the public in the very near future.

CLIFDEN: The plans for a new Branch Library had been submitted. Temporary premises had been found in the meantime.

PORTUMNA: An Architect had been appointed to prepare plans for a new Branch Library.

GORT: The County Council were negotiating the raising of a loan for this Branch.

ATHENRY: Work on this Branch should commence in the near future.

H.QRS: The plans for a new headquarters were going ahead; but there had not been much progress.

BALLINASLOE:

Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that Ballinasloe Branch Library had been housed in the old Workhouse premises until 1956, when it had burned down. The new building would cost £18,600, payable over a 7 year period. The bookstock in the new premises amounted to 8,484 volumes. He thanked the Library Committee which had always given full support to the project and praised Miss M. Kavanagh for her work in organising the stocking of the Branch.

The Chairman thanked Mr. T. Armitage for attending and wished him success in his new post as Assistant Director of An Chonhairle Leabharlanna.

Mr. T. Armitage said he was honoured to be present at the opening of the new Branch Library. He paid tribute to the committee who had formulated the programme. He said it was one of the most progressive committees in the country. On behalf of An Chonhairle Leabharlanna and himself, he wished them every success.

Clr. T. Boyle, as a member of the Ballinasloe Urban District Council, congratulated all those concerned in the new building. He said it was a wonderful facility for the people of Ballinasloe.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, Clr. O'Donnallain, congratulated Right Rev. Dean Glynn on his new appointment and wished him every success.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Clr. T. King, Chairman of Galway Co. Council, on the death of his brother, Rev. Fr. Gabriel King, O.F.M.

The meeting terminated at 4.45 p.m., and the new Branch Library was then officially opened by Deputy M. F. Kitt, Parliamentary Secretary for the Gaeltacht, and was blessed by Rev. Fr. O'Shea Adm., Ballinasloe.

20/1/72

Patrick Glynn

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Co. Library H.Q.s.,
Courthouse,
GALWAY.

10th January, 1972.

A Chara,

The Estimates meeting of the Galway County Libraries' Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 20th January at 4 p.m.

Mise, le meas,


LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries.
3. Estimates for 1972-73.
4. Any other business.

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the County Libraries' Estimates Meeting held on Thursday, 20th January, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian, Misses M. Kavanagh, A. Martin, H. Maher and E. Horan, Assistant Librarians.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. B. Holland.

In Chair: Right Rev. Dean Glynn.

Right Rev. Dean Glynn and the Co. Librarian welcomed the new Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. P. Kearns, to the meeting.

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 Clr. P. Joyce, it was agreed that they be signed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Co. Librarian informed the members that some of the entries received in the Schools Project competition were available for inspection.

BRANCH LIBRARIES:

The County Librarian gave a report on the following Branch Libraries:-

BALLINASLOE BRANCH: The new Branch Library in Ballinasloe was opened on 24th September, 1971. For the period Oct-Dec., 1971 there was an increase in issues of books, of 10,553 or 247% over the same period last year. The number of borrowers increased by 671. Mr. Sharkey stated that it would be necessary to increase the book stock there, particularly the non-fiction books.

DUNMORE BRANCH: The new Branch Library in Dunmore was opened on 2nd November, 1971. Stock at this Branch is 2,593 books. Total issues for November and December were 4,049 books. Issues from the Mobile Van at Dunmore for the year 70/'71 were 2,008 volumes.

ATHENRY BRANCH: This Branch is at present under construction. In order to provide two books per head of population, there, it would be necessary to stock the Branch with 2,666 books. The County Librarian stated that in his opinion it would be necessary to provide an initial stock of 3,500 volumes.

Mr. P. Kearns gave a report on the following proposed new Branch Libraries:-

GORT: Sanction for building a library, fire station & engineer's offices had been obtained. The County Council had been unsuccessful, so far, in raising money from the Local Loan's Fund. A Loan of

£31,500 was needed.

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CLIFDEN: Approval had been obtained from An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and the Dept. of Local Government for building a library with two residential flats. The whole cost was estimated at £14,800, of which the library would cost £8,800 and the flats £6,000. It was hoped that the cost of the flats would be met from the Housing Fund. They hoped to advertise for tenders in the near future.

PORTUMNA: The architect had submitted plans for a building incorporating a fire station on the ground floor and a library on the first floor. An Chomhairle Leabharlanna had rejected this plan and stated it was not prepared to sanction a library, which was not on the ground floor. The architect was asked to submit new plans to accommodate the library on the ground floor.

Clr. T. Byrne asked if there were alternative plans for the Branch Library at Gort.

Mr. Kearns replied that Fr. Quinn, in Fort, had offered the use of an old Church as a library premises. The engineers had been asked for a report on it, but had not yet submitted one.

The Chairman, Right Rev. Dean Glynn, apologised for having to leave the meeting as he had another engagement. Before leaving he proposed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Clr. Patrick Fahy. All present observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Vice-Chairman, Clr. S. O'Domhnalláin, then took the chair.

ESTIMATES:

Mr. Sharkey asked for a nett increase of £7,310 or 1.13p in the £ over the estimate for 1971-72. The increase included £2,500 extra for books and £3,374 extra for salaries and wages. The rate in the £ would be 10.30p.

Mr. C. Townley remarked that the scheme for sending a member of the staff to train in librarianship at U.C.D., was a very good one.

Clr. Croffy proposed that a very strongly worded protest be sent to the Department of Education on the lack of grants towards libraries in post primary schools. This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Joyce.

Mr. C. Townley asked if it was proposed to replace the micro-film reader in use at present as it was out of date.

Mr. Kearns replied that this matter was under consideration.

Clr. Mrs. Croffy proposed that adoption of the estimate for libraries and was seconded by Clr. P. Joyce.

Clr. P. Joyce complimented the Co. Librarian on his presentation of the estimate.

The Vice-Chairman, Clr. S. O'Domhnalláin, also complimented Mr. Sharkey and the staff on their work. He said it was appreciated throughout the county.

The meeting concluded at 4.45 p.m.

24. IV. 1972. Patrick Glynn