

On the proposal of Mr. C. Mullen, seconded by Clr. P. Finnegan, the estimates were adopted.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sharkey informed the Committee that The Conference of the Library Association of Ireland, would be held in Galway, in April, next year.

Dúirt C. O'Baoill nach raibh aon tuarascáil fé comortasaf ins na-Leabharlainn i mbliana.

The County Librarian informed the Committee that "Children's Book Week" is being held this year from 28th October to 4th November and activities are being held in many of the Branch Libraries.

Mr. L. Hallissey asked if the bookfund for the School Service will be cut again in 1989. He said that thousands of people had availed of the Schools Service. He feared that the slide would continue. He said that the Library Service should reach out to the Community, and tap the good will, by forming a "Friends of the Library" group. He considered that increased charges was a failed tactic and that now was the time to change this strategy.

Clr. P. Finnegan asked if there was any communication from the Department of the Environment on the proposed new Library in Tuam. Mr. Gleeson informed him that the contract documents were ready but that no capital money was available as yet.

Clr. Joyce asked if any arrangement had been made to replace the Mobile Library, if it gave trouble during the year. He complimented the staff on the Mobile Library and he expressed appreciation for their great work and the manner in which they performed their duties. Mr. Gleeson said that he hoped it would last for another year or two.

The Chairman proposed that the next meeting be held before the Library Conference in April. This proposal was agreed.

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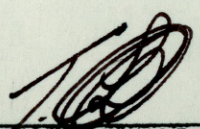
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4th April, 1989.

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

Mise, le meas,


LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.
AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries.
3. Nomination of two delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association in the Ardilaun Hotel, Galway, from 19th - 22nd April.
4. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee.

To the County Manager.

To the Assistant County Manager.

To the County Secretary.

To the editors of local newspapers.

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Galway County Libraries Committee Meeting, held in the County Buildings, on Thursday, 13th April, at 4.00 p.m.

IN CHAIR: Clr. John Molloy.

PRESENT: Ctrs. P. Finnegan, J. M. Mannion, J. Molloy, J. Joyce, P. Raftery, M. Mullins, M. Fahy, M. Lynch, T. Walsh, T. O'Baoill, J. Burke; Messrs. C. Gavin, P. B. Ryan, P. Conroy, L. Hallissey, C. Mullen, G. Bartley, M. Fallon, T. Byrne, T. Costello, M. O'Connell; Mrs. K. Fallon and Very Rev. L. A. Canon Forrest.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. John Howlett, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Tom Sharkey, County Librarian; Misses Maureen Moran and Ann Joyce, and Messrs. Peter Rabbitt and Martin Keating, Assistant Librarians.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The County Librarian, Mr. Sharkey, informed the meeting that the County Manager had agreed to reduce the student membership fee from £5 to £2 per annum as requested by the Committee.

Clr. O'Baoill thanked the Manager for reducing the fees as did Clr. Mannion and other members of the Committee.

Mr. Leo Hallissey said he was glad that the student fee was reduced but he suggested that a wide ranging review of Library fees be undertaken as clearly they were not succeeding in attracting borrowers, particularly teenagers to the Library. Mr. Sharkey told the meeting that there was an improvement in membership since fees were reduced last year.

The minutes of the meeting were adopted on the proposal of Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Clr. P. Finnegan.

2. BRANCH LIBRARIANS:

Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that a further submission on the proposed new Branch Library in Tuam was made to the Department of the Environment. He said that Tuam was high on the agenda for attention but they needed to keep the pressure on to start the project. Clr. Finnegan said he was glad to hear that something was being done about Tuam as the building was deteriorating and was costing the Council money to maintain.

Mr. Howlett said that he had no indication from the Department as to when money would be available to start Tuam Branch Library. Clr. J. Burke voiced his concern at the state of the building in Tuam and asked if the Council could take steps to secure the rear of the building to prevent unauthorised entry. Mr. Howlett promised to look into it.

Clr. J. Molloy asked about the position of the Mobile Library. Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that the Mechanical Engineer had passed the Mobile for another year. The County Librarian stated that the issues for the Mobile Library for 1988 amounted to 88,604 compared with a total of 97,550 for Ballinasloe, Portumna and Tuam Branches. Mr. Sharkey said that he would like to keep the Mobile Library on the road and voiced his concern that the Mobile service had been removed in other Counties. Mr. Leo Hallissey said that the low fee on the Mobile as against the high fee in the Branches must have had a bearing on the issues of books. He again asked for a review of fees in Branch Libraries.

Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that two Branch Libraries - Headford and Creggs - were closed during 1988. Headford closed as the building it was housed in was sold. Creggs closed because the Branch Librarian there (Mrs. Brandon) retired.

Mr. Toddy Byrne voiced his concern at the closure of small rural Branch Libraries. He cited Kinvara as an example and said that no effort was made to replace the Kinvara Library when the existing one closed down. He stressed the need to preserve Libraries in rural areas and said that the Committee had an obligation to keep Libraries in rural areas open.

Clr. T. Walsh asked if Creggs closed because of there being no premises available and the County Librarian said that this was the case. Mr. Sharkey also said that the usage of Creggs and Headford was small and this was probably due to Creggs being near Roscommon and the proximity of Headford to Tuam or Galway.

Mr. Burke disagreed with the County Librarian that the proximity of Tuam or Galway was not a valid reason for the fall off of issues in Headford.

3. NOMINATION OF TWO DELEGATES TO A JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND AND THE NORTHERN BRANCH OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN THE ARDILAUN HOTEL, GALWAY, FROM 19th - 22nd APRIL:

The meeting unanimously nominated Clr. Molloy and Clr. Mannion to attend the Conference. Mr. Sharkey informed the delegates that the Conference Secretary, Peter Rabbitt, would give them details on the Conference after the meeting.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Clr. G. Bartley asked about the staff situation in the Library service. He suggested that if there was a staff shortage in Galway City that the staff member in Clifden could return to the City and the Branch Librarian there could take over. Mr. Sharkey informed him that the post was specifically created for Clifden and the staff member there was filling in for a person on a career break.

Clr. Mannion proposed and Mr. Hallissey seconded that no change be made to Clifden. Clr. Bartley withdrew his suggestion.

Clr. Bartley asked if a gate could be provided at the rear of the Clifden Library so that access could be made to the garden. He also suggested that flowers be sown there. Mr. Sharkey agreed with Clr. Bartley that it would be nice if the Council could look at the garden in Clifden. He pointed out that the garden was accessible through the Library.

Mr. J. Burke said steps should be taken to counter the slippage in membership. He urged the idea of a Family Membership. The County Librarian told the members that he was not in favour of fees but said that the bookfund was now partially dependent on them. Mr. Sharkey also said that the size of the premises and the ability of the Branch Librarian also had a bearing on the use of the service. He said that the Library service must have proper finance to run effectively.

Mr. P. Ryan asked the County Librarian to consider a family membership fee including teenagers. He said these were the people most in need of a Library service. Mr. M. Molloy thought this was a good idea and asked Mr. Sharkey to see could a family ticket be arranged to include teenagers as the average family needed all the help they could get.

Mr. P. Conroy asked if it were advisable to have more rural Libraries rather than a Mobile. The County Librarian, Mr. Sharkey, disagreed with any move to dispense with the Mobile Library.

Mr. T. Byrne asked if the Library Association of Ireland had any views on the Library situation and asked the delegates attending the Library Conference to bring up the problems at the Conference. Mr. Sharkey replied that a report had been compiled on the Public Library Service in Ireland and one recommendation in the report was the closure of small Branch Libraries.

Clr. J. Joyce said a pilot survey should be carried out in one area to find out what the public required in the Library service. Clr. Mullan agreed with the idea of a pilot survey.

Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that he would be unable to conduct a proper survey as staff were stretched to the limit due to shortages.

Mr. Sharkey said that more finance would be required to expand the Library Service and pointed out that the Department of Education had treated the Libraries badly by reducing the grant per head for primary schools.

Clr. Joyce told the meeting that preparations must be made to replace the Mobile Library. Mr. Sharkey replied that the information he had was that the Mobile Unit was good for another two years and that Tuam would be the first project undertaken when finance became available.

The meeting then ended.

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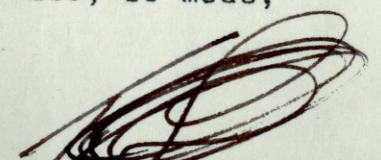
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1st November, 1989.

A Chara,

The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County buildings, on Thursday, 9th November, at 4.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,


LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.
AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
3. Statistical Report 1989.
4. Estimates 1990.
5. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Galway County Libraries Committee Meeting, held in the County Buildings, on Thursday, 9th November, 1989, at 4.00 p.m.

IN CHAIR: In the absence of Clr. J. Molloy, Chairman, and the Vice-Chairman, Clr. Martin Lynch, Clr. Pat Finnegan was unanimously elected acting Chairman.

PRESENT: Clrs. Martin Lynch, Patrick Finnegan, J. M. Mannion, James Joyce, Peter Raftery, Michael Mullins, Michael Fahy, Tiarnan Walsh, T. O'Baoill, J. McDonagh; Messrs. Joseph Burke, Conor Gavin, P. B. Ryan, Peter Conroy, Leo Hallissey, Martin O'Connell and Mrs. Kathleen Fallon.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. S. Keating, County and City Manager; Mr. T. Sharkey, County Librarian; Miss M. Kavanagh, Executive Librarian; Miss M. Moran, Mrs. A. Walsh, Messrs. P. Rabbitt and M. Keating, Assistant Librarians.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Clr. J. Molloy; Very Rev. L. A. Canon Forrest and Mr. C. Mullen.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. T. Sharkey asked that an amendment be made to the minutes - on page 2, paragraph 5, second line, the word "not" to be deleted, to read "was a valid reason".

The minutes were adopted, on the proposal of Clr. J. Joyce, seconded by Mr. J. Burke.

Arising from the minutes the acting Chairman, Clr. P. Finnegan, requested up-to-date information on the proposed new Library at Tuam. The Manager stated that the tenders had been received and everything was now in place for an early start, as soon as finance is allocated.

Mr. T. Sharkey stated that a new Mobile Library will be needed by 1991. He said that it would be a pity to see the service cease due to the collapse of the present Mobile. He also stated that the Library Conference, which had been held in April had been very successful, and great credit was due to Mr. Peter Rabbitt, Assistant Librarian, who had been responsible for its organisation. He deplored the low provision of finances for the School Library Service, from the Department of Education. Clr. J. Joyce commented on the tremendous service of the Mobile Library to the rural people. He stated that funds should be made available to replace it. He complimented the driver and staff of the Mobile Library, whom he found most co-operative and who dealt with special requests very expeditiously. He disapproved of the low level of grant to the Schools Service from the Department of Education. He proposed that "the department of Education should substantially increase the grant for the Schools Library Service to bring it into line with the needs and costs in providing a service to the schools of the County". The resolution was seconded by Mr. L. Hallissey and agreed unanimously by the Committee. Mr. L. Hallissey agreed wholeheartedly with the remarks of Clr. J. Joyce regarding the Mobile Service. He stated that he was unhappy with the fee structure.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Clr. J. McDonagh was unanimously elected Chairman, on the proposal of Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Mr. M. O'Connell.

On taking the chair Clr. J. McDonagh thanked the Committee for electing him. He said that he was honoured to be elected to such a prestigious position and he hoped, with the assistance of the Committee, to continue the good work of the previous Chairman. He endorsed what the previous speakers had said regarding the Mobile Service and the excellent School Service.

Clr. T. O'Baoill was elected Vice-Chairman on the proposal of Clr. J. Joyce and seconded by Mr. P. B. Ryan.

3. STATISTICAL REPORT 1988:

The County Librarian commented on the Statistical Report, which had been circulated to the members. He said that there was a slight decrease in issues in 1988 compared with 1987. Adult issues had dropped in twenty-one Branches and increased in four. Juvenile issues dropped in thirteen Branches and increased in twelve. Tuam Library had shown a marked increase. This was due partly, to the change in opening hours at the Branch. The Juvenile issues had increased there, by over 50% which was a good omen for the future. The Galway City issues had dropped due to staff cut-backs and a decrease in the opening hours at the Library. The Mobile issues had increased.

Clr. Finnegan, commenting on the increase at Tuam Library, complimented the Branch Librarian. He said that it augured well for the new Library. Mr. J. Burke asked if the hours of opening at Tuam Library should be increased because of the increase in readership. Mr. Sharkey said that the opening hours and the staffing could be reviewed when the new Library was completed.

4. ESTIMATES 1990:

Mr. J. Burke suggested a family membership fee. He said it was a cause for concern that there was such a drop in readership. The Chairman suggested that family membership should be examined.

Mr. L. Hallissey said that the membership fee must be a factor in the drop in membership, as the charge for adults on the Mobile was only £6 and the issues had increased in 1988.

The County Manager stated that the bookfund partially depended on the receipts. While the bookfund was £100,000, only £50,000 was guaranteed; the remaining £50,000 must be taken in charges. Mr. L. Hallissey stated that there should be a higher P.R. for the Library Service. The staff were courteous and dedicated. They should get more support. A survey by the I.N.T.O. included praise for the Library Service.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Education appeared to have closed minds and ears to the problem of the Schools' Service. He said that the Service was being achieved at the expense of the general Library Service.

The County Librarian stated that in the estimates, there would be no increase in the bookfund. There would be an increase in Salaries; the amount for Renovations and Improvements was the same; Insurance showed a decrease. The overall estimate of expenditure was £788,470, an increase of £52,745.

On the proposal of Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. M. Lynch, the Library estimates for 1969 were adopted.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Dubhairt an Cl. O'Baoill go raibh se buioch don choiste, as ucht é a toghu as leaschaithaoirleach. Dúirt sé go dtiubhradh sé gach ceabhar don choiste.

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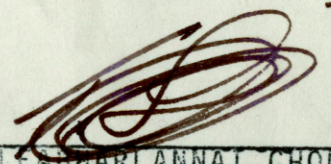
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3rd April, 1990.

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A meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, on Tuesday, 10th April, 1990 at 4.00 p.m.

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LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries.
3. Nomination of two delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association in the West County Inn Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare, from 23rd - 27th April, 1990.
4. Schools Library Service.
5. Any other business.

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

LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Galway County Libraries Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber, The County Buildings, Galway, on Tuesday, 10th April, 1990, at 4.00 p.m.

IN CHAIR: Clr. Jarlath McDonagh.PRESENT: Deputy Padraic McCormack; Cirs. John Molloy, Martin Lynch, J. M. Mannion, P. McHugh, James Joyce, Peter Raftery, Matt Loughnane, Michael Mullins, Michael Fahy, Tiarnan Walsh, T. O'Baoill, J. McDonagh; Messrs. Joseph Burke, Conor Gavin, P. B. Ryan, Peter Conroy, Leo Hallissey, Charles Mullen, Martin Fallon, Toddie Byrne, James McClearn and Mrs. Kathleen Fallon.IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; Mr. T. Sharkey, County Librarian; Miss M. Kavanagh, Executive Librarian; Mrs. A. Walsh and Mr. Martin Keating, Assistant Librarians.APOLOGY: An apology was received from Very Rev. L. Canon Forrest.1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated to the Committee, were adopted, on the proposal of Clr. J. M. Mannion, seconded by Clr. J. Molloy.

Arising from the minutes Clr. P. Finnegan requested information on the proposed new Library at Tuam and if approval had been received from the Department of the Environment. He requested that a reminder should be sent asking for a speeding up of the approval.

Clr. J. M. Mannion asked if finance were available for a new Mobile Library. The Acting Assistant County Manager replied that specifications are now being drawn up and he hoped that the Department would deal favourably with the project. He hoped that a new Mobile would be on the road by 1992.

2. BRANCH LIBRARIES:

With regard to Loughrea Library, the County Librarian stated that proposals were in hand for acquiring the Church of Ireland as a new Library. The contract for sale documents should be signed shortly and then the Architect would draw up plans.

3. NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO THE JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE AT ENNIS:

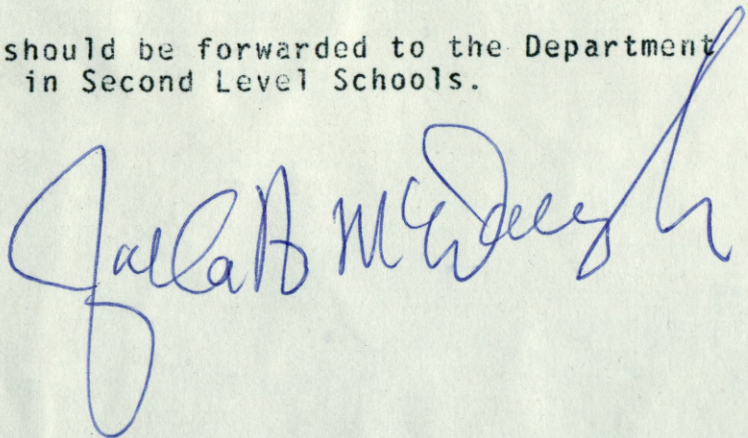
Clr. J. Molloy was proposed by Clr. P. Finnegan and seconded by Clr. P. Raftery. Clr. J. M. Mannion was proposed by Clr. M. Lynch and seconded by Clr. T. Walsh. The Committee unanimously agreed to the two proposals.

4. SCHOOLS LIBRARY SERVICE:

The County Librarian stated that there had been good news for the Schools Libraries Service, shortly after the previous meeting. The Minister for Education announced that funds from the National Lottery had been made available towards the Schools Libraries Service. It was allocated per head of student population in the Primary Schools in each County. Galway had received £57,036.66. Mr. Toddie Byrne said that he welcomed this news, as it was an extremely fine service which was much appreciated by the students and their parents. He said that it was a pity that no provision had been made for Second Level Schools. Children were encouraged to read in Primary Schools and then the Service was cut off at Second Level. Mr. P. B. Ryan stated that a new syllabus had been introduced in the Second Level Schools listing a choice of books which must be read by the pupils. The Schools could not afford to buy the books and it put a strain on the parents to buy them. Clr. P. Finnegan asked if money from the general fund could be used to buy those books. Mr. Sharkey replied that this had been done when money was available, but it would now have to be done at the expense of the Branch Libraries because of the reduction in the allocation. Mr. C. Gavin asked if the present stock of books in schools could be exchanged for stock from the Branch Libraries. He said that the majority of students were bussed home at 4.00 p.m. and had no time to visit the Library. Mr. L. Hallissey said that it was important to say that 38p per pupil to the primary section was only a paltry amount, and that we should continue to press for extra finance. Clr. M. Mullins thanked the County Librarian for his help in setting up a Library in New Inn Vocational School. This Library will be used by the Community, as well as the School.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman said that a motion should be forwarded to the Department requesting funding for Libraries in Second Level Schools.

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24th October, 1990.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, on Friday, 2nd November, 1990, at 4.00 p.m.

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LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
3. Statistical Report 1989.
4. Estimates 1990.
5. Any other business.

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LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 2nd November, 1990.

IN CHAIR: Clr. Jarlath McDonagh.

PRESENT: Ctrs. Michael Fahy, Patrick Finnegan, James Joyce, Matt Loughnane, Martin Lynch, Padraic McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. M. Mannion, John Molloy, Michael Mullins, T. O'Baoill, Peter Raftery, Michael Ryan, Tiarnan Walsh; Messrs. Joseph Burke, Toddie Byrne, Peter Conroy, Martin Fallon, Conor Gavin, Leo Hallissey, James McClearn, Charles Mullen, P. B. Ryan and Mrs. Kathleen Fallon.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Ernie Lusby, Finance Officer; Mr. T. Sharkey, County Librarian; Miss M. Kavanagh, Executive Librarian; Mrs. A. Walsh and Mr. P. Rabbitt, Assistant Librarians.

APOLOGY: An apology for inattendance was received from Very Rev. L. Canon Forrest.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated to the Committee, were adopted, on the proposal of Clr. M. Loughnane, seconded by Clr. J. M. Mannion.

Arising from the minutes Clr. P. Finnegan asked if a target date had been set for the opening of the new Branch Library at Tuam. Mr. Lusby replied that work on the building would be completed by the end of this year. Furnishings etc. would take a few more months, so that the expected date for opening will be the end of March or the beginning of April.

Clr. Mannion requested a progress report on the Mobile Library. Mr. Sharkey replied that the Council had advertised for tenders, the closing date for receipt of same was 13th November. Clr. Mannion congratulated the County Librarian and staff on the Mobile Service.

Clr. J. Joyce welcomed the information on the Mobile Library and complimented the staff on the Mobile Library, particularly the driver, Mr. Tom Qualter, whom he regarded as a genius at his job.

Mr. Lusby informed the meeting that regarding the Church of Ireland Church in Loughrea, agreement has been reached in principle on leasing the Church as a Library. The contract should be finalized soon.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Clr. T. O'Baoill was elected Chairman, unanimously, on the proposal of Clr. J. Joyce, seconded by Clr. J. Molloy.

Clr. T. Walsh was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman, on the proposal of Clr. M. Lynch, seconded by Clr. J. McDonagh.

Clr. T. O'Baoill on taking the Chair, thanked the Committee for electing him. Gabh se buiochas o croi le gach duine. Dúirt se go raibh meas mor aige ar an gceapachain seo, agus gur onoir do bheith ag obair leo. He also thanked the County Librarian and his loyal and hardworking staff.

3. STATISTICAL REPORT 1989:

Mr. Sharkey informed the Committee that there has been a slight decrease in books issued during 1989. In Galway City Library this had been due to the fact that, because of a Labour Dispute, the Library has been closed on Saturdays from April to December.

Mrs. A. Walsh, the Librarian at the Regional Technical College, was asked to comment on the staff shortage at the College Library. She informed the meeting that the last increase in staffing had been in October 1979, whereas the student numbers had doubled since then. She had submitted several reports on staffing to the Board of Management of the College. The Department of Education had refused to sanction further staffing. Clr. Mannion proposed that the County Librarian should draft a motion on the staffing at the College, to the Department of Education. The proposal was seconded by Clr. J. McDonagh.

Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that a grant from the Lottery Fund had been obtained for the Primary Schools' Library Service. No money has been received for Post Primary Schools.

Mr. T. Byrne proposed that a similar grant be sought from the Lottery for the School's Service for 1991. He was seconded by Clr. M. Lynch.

Clr. M. Lynch asked if fifteen hours were sufficient as opening hours for Athenry Library. The County Librarian replied that he would investigate the matter. Clr. Lynch also asked if a piece of sculpture could be put on display in each Library. A discussion followed on whether the Arts Committee should be responsible for this, and it was decided that the Libraries could be used as venues for exhibiting art works.

Mr. L. Hallissey commented on the Statistical Report. He said that the report showed a slippage in the Library Service over the period 1987/1989. He asked what the membership fee increase had to do with it. There was a 10% downward trend while there was no noticeable increase in revenue. He suggested two things (1) to address the question of membership and (2) to promote the excellent service of the Library. Clr. P. McHugh suggested that the newspapers should do a promotional exercise on the Library Service.

Mr. L. Hallissey suggested we should tap in to the good will of the Friends of the Library Service in parishes, by promoting the Library Service. He considered that the membership fee should be dropped to £5.00.

Clr. McDonagh told the meeting that there is a new Social Centre in the Lackagh/Turloughmore area and the people would welcome a Branch Library in it. Mr. Sharkey said that a Branch Library was not feasible, but that he would investigate the feasibility of having a Centre there.

Clr. McHugh proposed that the County Librarian would come back to the Committee with ideas on promoting the Library Service. Clr. Mullins seconded this proposal. Mr. T. Byrne proposed that three members of the Committee, the Chairman and the County Librarian should meet to discuss this proposal. The members selected were, Mr. L. Hallissey, Clr. Mullins and Clr. P. McHugh.

4. ESTIMATES 1991:

The estimate of expenditure for 1991, which had been circulated, was discussed by the Committee. Mr. Sharkey said there was a slight increase under certain headings. He wished to thank Mr. Lusby for his help. Adoption of the estimate to be included in the final estimates of the County Council was proposed by Clr. J. McDonagh and seconded by Clr. Ryan.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Clr. McDonagh welcomed Mr. Sharkey back after his illness.

James O'Boyle
30/10/91

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21st October, 1991.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, on Wednesday, 30th October, 1991, at 4.00 p.m.

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LEABHARLANNAI CHONTAE.
AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
3. Statistical Report 1990.
4. Estimates 1992.
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LEABHARLANNA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee, held in the Council Chambers, County Buildings, on Wednesday, 30th October, 1991, at 4.00 p.m.

IN CHAIR: Clr. T. O'Baoill.

PRESENT: Clrs. Michael Fahy, Patrick Finnegan, Matt Loughnane, Jarlath McDonagh, John M. Mannion, T. O'Baoill, Kathleen Quinn, Michael Ryan, Tiarnan Walsh, Michael Finnerty; Messrs. Pudge Kennelly, Peter Conroy, Joe Donoghue, Justin Flannery, Patsy Geraghty, John Francis King, Tony Leahy, Justin Mitchell, Pdraig O'Ceidigh, Patrick Pettit, Maurice Whelan; Mrs. Margaret Counihan, Maureen Egan and Marie Halliday.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; Mr. T. Sharkey, County Librarian; Miss M. Kavanagh, Executive Librarian; Miss Maureen Moran, Mrs. Ann Walsh, Messrs. Peter Rabbitt and Martin Keating, Assistant Librarians.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for inattendance were received from Very Rev. L. A. Canon Forrest, Ms. Noelle Hayes and Mr. Frank Donoghue.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated to the Committee, were adopted, on the proposal of Clr. John M. Mannion and seconded by Clr. P. Finnegan.

Arising from the minutes Mr. Sharkey informed the Committee that the new Library in Tuam, had been opened to the public in June and that a new Mobile Library went on the road in September. On the matter of the sub committee which had been elected at the previous meeting, to promote the Library service, Mr. Sharkey informed the members that no travelling allowances were available for attendance at such meetings, and no meeting had taken place. Regarding the Church of Ireland building, in Loughrea, Mr. P. J. Gavin stated that an agreement had been drawn up, during the previous week, between the County Council and the Church of Ireland Body. The County Council now holds responsibility for the Church. Mr. Justin Mitchell stated that he had been requested by the Rev. O'Sullivan, Rector at Aghrim, to ensure that the building would be insured against fire and storm damage.

Clr. Michael Finnerty and Mr. Patsy Geraghty requested that there would be a more frequent exchange of books at Ballinasloe Branch Library.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Clr. Jarlath McDonagh was elected Chairman unanimously, on the proposal of Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Clr. Michael Ryan.

Mr. Patsy Geraghty was elected Vice-Chairman, on the proposal of Clr. Michael Fahy, seconded by Mr. Justin Mitchell.

Clr. Jarlath McDonagh, on taking the Chair thanked the Committee for selecting him as Chairman. He welcomed the new members and thanked the former Chairman, Clr. T. O'Baoill. He also thanked the County Librarian and Library staff for their work during the previous year. He said that he hoped that the Library service could be extended to secondary and vocational schools and that the necessary finance would be available. The new Vice-Chairman, Mr. Patsy Geraghty, thanked the Committee for electing him.

3. STATISTICAL REPORT 1990:

The County Librarian informed the members that there was a decrease of 6.57% in books issued during 1990, in the Branch Libraries. There was also a decrease in issues on the Mobile Library. However he stated that issues at Galway City Library had increased, and that there was an increase in the number of cassettes issued. He informed the meeting that due to lack of finance for audio visual material that only four Libraries had a stock of cassettes. He reported that a special grant of £52,079 towards books for primary schools had been given by the Department of Education, from Lottery Funding. This, however, was a once off grant. Only £11,000 is now available annually, at 38p per pupil, from the Department of Education.

Arising from a discussion on the report of the Library staffing in the Regional College, Mrs. Walsh, Librarian, informed the meeting that during 1990, a further sixty seats had been added to the Library, however no extra staff had been employed. She stated that the service in the Library cannot be improved, in line with new courses being developed in the College, because of staff shortage.

Mr. Martin Keating, Assistant Librarian in charge of the Schools Libraries, informed the meeting that there must be extra funding towards the service if the present standard is to be maintained. The Schools' service supplied books to two hundred and forty-two Primary Schools. Mr. Joe Donoghue stated that the work in second level schools included encouraging children to read. The Department of Education has not backed up this objective, by giving grants for books. He said that there is a system of funding sport and education from the Lottery. Some of this money from the Lottery should be used to help children develop through reading. P. Uasal O'Ceidigh said that there should be liaison between the Board of Management of second level schools and the County Librarian or staff to discuss the problems of Libraries in the schools.

4. ESTIMATES 1992:

On the proposal of Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Clr. M. Loughnane, the estimates for the Library service were adopted.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman asked the Committee to select two nominees to represent the Library on the County V.E.C. on the proposal of Clr. Michael Finnerty, seconded by Mrs. Margaret Counihan, Clr. John Mannion was nominated; and on the proposal of Clr. M. Loughnane, seconded by Mr. P. Geraghty, Clr. P. Finnegan was also nominated.

Mrs. Maureen Egan, stated that she has used the Galway Libraries for many years. She suggested that a computer/data bank for research material should be made available. She also stated that she is worried about many groups having access to parish registers and minutes of Poor Law Union and Workhouses, as the material will deteriorate rapidly. This material should only be used under the supervision of an archivist or trained Librarian. She suggested that this type of material should be available only on microfilm or microfiche. She also suggested a flat rate of £5 for a membership fee, and an increase in fines.

The Chairman complimented the Committee and the meeting concluded.

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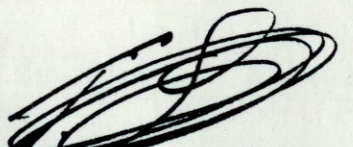
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26th February, 1992.

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A meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, on Wednesday, 4th March, 1992, at 4.00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Branch Libraries.
3. Nomination of delegates to a Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and the Library Association (Northern Ireland Branch) in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin, 27th April - 1st May, 1992.
4. Any other business.

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

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Minutes of the Galway County Libraries Committee, held in the Council Chambers, County Buildings, on Wednesday, 4th March, 1992, at 4.00p.m.

IN CHAIR: Clr. J. McDonagh

PRESENT: Clrs. Michael Fahy, Patrick Finnegan, Matt Loughnane, Jarlath McDonagh, Paddy McHugh, John M. Mannion, Michael Mullins, T. O'Baoill, Kathleen Quinn, Tiernan Walsh, Messrs. Paudge Kennelly, Peter Conroy, Frank Donoghue, Joe Donoghue, Justin Flannery, Very Rev. L. A. Canon Forrest, Messrs. Patsy Geraghty, Leo Hallissey, Justin Mitchell, Patrick Pettit, Maurice Whelan, Mrs. Margaret Counihan and Ms. Noelle Hayes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Sharkey, Co. Librarian; Mr. T. Coughlan, Admin. Officer; Mr. P. Rabbitt and Mrs. A. Walsh, Assistant Librarians.

APOLOGIES: Apology for inattendance was received from Mr. J. F. King.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Co. Librarian asked permission from members to amend item no. 5 to read "The Libraries Committee be asked to select two nominees to represent the Library on the Adult Education Board of the Galway County V.E.C.". The amendment was noted by the members.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as amended, were adopted on the proposal of Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Mr. Frank Donoghue.

2. BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Clr. M. Loughnane inquired about the proposed new Branch Library in Loughrea.

Mr. T. Coughlan informed the meeting that the County Council was anxious to secure the Church of Ireland Building in Loughrea for the proposed new Library. Mr. Coughlan stated that they had received a draft document on a possible deal but a number of matters needed to be clarified including the rights of usage of the premises for divine services. Canon O'Sullivan was asked for specific dates in the year for such services and also who would be liable when such services took place. He reiterated the desire of the Council to acquire the building for a Library.

Clr. M. Loughnane proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Canon O'Sullivan from the Library Committee for offering the building and it was seconded by Clr. J. Mannion.

Clr. J. Mitchell said that he had been talking to Canon O'Sullivan and he understood that the building would only be required occasionally for a Harvest Thanksgiving Service and a Communion Service. He added that Canon O'Sullivan wished to keep in contact with his flock in the area.

Clr. J. Mitchell said that it was desirable that the pulpit be left intact in the new library in order to facilitate the services.

Mr. Coughlan also informed the Committee that preliminary plans had been drawn up and costs ascertained but he stated that he was not in a position to give details to the meeting until the premises had come into possession of the Council.

Tuam Branch Library

The Co. Librarian, Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that the new Tuam Library was a great success. Since it opened in June 1991 over 70,000 books and cassettes were issued. Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that 1060 adults and 1799 children had joined the Tuam Library in 1991 as against 416 adults and 616 children in 1989. Mr. Sharkey said that taking in the environs, Tuam has a population of 6000 (1986 census). Two and a half books per head of population had been provided in the Library. Mr. Sharkey added that a lot of money was required for new books if the service to Tuam was to continue at this high level.

Clr. M. Finnerty informed the meeting that he was disappointed with the small turnover in books for the Ballinasloe Library. He said that very few new juvenile books were provided there since the last Committee Meeting.

Clr. Mullins asked the Co. Librarian for additional books for the New Inn centre and for new stock if possible.

Mr. Sharkey said that there was no money for second level and Vocational Schools service. He added that this service seemed to be low down on the priorities of the Department. The Co. Librarian said he would try to facilitate New Inn and said that the staff there were welcome to call to the Library Headquarters anytime to check on the book stock available. Mr. Sharkey added that no new books were being purchased at present.

Clr. Mullins decried the lack of resources for second level education and proposed that a case be put to the Minister for Education to get funds for the service. The Chairman J. McDonagh seconded the proposal and suggested that the proposal be sent to the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland as well for discussion.

The Co. Librarian assured Clr. Geraghty that books were still available to other Branch Libraries from the reserve stock.

Mr. Leo Hallissey asked for a breakdown on the 1992 bookfund and how much was spent to date.

Mr. Sharkey informed the meeting that £100,000 was provided in the estimates for books including £11,000 grant from the Department of Education for the Primary Schools' Service. The Co. Librarian informed the meeting that no new books were purchased as it seemed that the Co. Council had not yet received its grant allocation from the Department of the Environment.