

Minutes of Proceedings of The Finance Committee  
at a meeting held on Wednesday the  
20th September 1899.

J. C. Macdonnell Esq in the Chair

Other members present:-

Patrick Carr; Lawrence Conroy; Thomas Fahy  
Martin McDonogh; A. M. Murphy; D. F. Burke  
J. A. Glynn; J. B. Conroy; P. J. Kenny; Thos Corbett  
Jno Devran; Hon W. H. Morris; Thos Byrne  
J. J. Monnelly; P. J. Kelly; P. J. O'Malley;  
J. C. Macdonnell; J. J. Macdonogh

The Minutes were read and signed

The secretary submitted vouchers for £629.8.0 advanced  
by him on pay sheets certified by the County Surveyor  
for works in his hands and the Treasurer was authorised  
to pay the said sum out of the subsidiary account.

The Committee recommended the payment of the  
following accounts by the Council

Emily Daly	£ 6. 12. 6
Eason Bone	7. 11
P. H. Joyce	10. 0
Governor H. M. P.	2. 9. 2
Trustees Long Corrib	
Navigation	88. 8. 11
Inam Dist Council	1. 0. 0
McDonnell	2. 0. 0
Miss Martyn	12. 15. 6
Jno Kelly	6. 1. 10
Convent of Mercy	16. 14
Board of Works	104. 15. 11
"	156. 5. 6
"	1399. 16. 0
"	100. 6. 2
"	40. 0. 0
"	191. 19. 0

Paymaster General	£232. 10. 0	
National Telephone Co	7. 0. 0	
Ch Kirkwood & Rhoads	19. 1. 6	Malicious Injury
Wyles O'Dwyer	55. 3. 0	"
W. J. Farran	14. 12. 6	
Lord Cloncarde	19. 3. 3	
Same	11. 5. 6	
Thos Conway	28. 8. 3	
Jas Canavan	11. 18. 0	
Wm Hyne	6. 16. 0	
Jno Gunor	12. 1. 0	
J. M. Hugh	10. 6. 0	
Thos Burke	14. 0. 0	
John Billew	5. 0. 0	Court Rent
J. F. George	10. 0. 0	W. Billew
Same		W. Shannon
Daly Daly	9. 9. 4	"
Daly Daly	4. . .	Deereen
John H. Burke	10. 0. 0	Woodford
W. Shannon	10. . .	Moynellan

The Charges of Surety set out in letters from  
Collectors

Hession  
Coyle  
Kavanagh  
Quinn  
King  
Cooke  
O'Connor were approved.

Read and confirmed this 25th day of November  
1899

Chairman  
John Macdonnell  
November 25th 1899

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee  
at a Meeting held on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>  
November 1899.

John C. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair  
Other members present:-

John Derogah. Martin McDonagh. H. M. Murphy  
Patrick Carr. John Cowroy & Col Nolan

The minutes of last Meeting were read & signed  
The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure  
(Subsidiary Account) was read & signed and  
The Chairman proposed

"That we recommend that a cheque for  
the sum of £ be drawn in  
favor of the Subsidiary ac<sup>t</sup>" Passed

Mr W. Murphy proposed

That we recommend the Council to discharge  
the following

3<sup>rd</sup> Instalments to Boards of Guardians  
Supplementary Demand of Galway Guardians  
Supplementary Demand of Loughrea Guardians  
3<sup>rd</sup> Instalments to Rural District Councils  
Proposals for payment set out on Form 12  
of the Rural District Councils (October Meeting)  
Proposals for payment made by Proposal  
Committee

Round p.c. to collector of Kelly  
The Secretary ac<sup>t</sup> in respect of advances on pay sheet of Sergeant  
The Constabulary accounts under Food and  
Drugs act, weights and measures act, & for  
conveyance of prisoners to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1899  
were examined and found correct and  
Treasurers authority to pay same signed

Read and confirmed this 26 day of Feb.

John Macdonnell Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of The  
Finance Committee at  
a Meeting held on Wednesday  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1900

John C. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair

Other members present:-

Patrick Carr; Thomas Fahy. Martin McDonagh  
H. M. Murphy; D. J. Burke; J. A. Glynn  
Peter Sweeney; Thaddeus Lyusky; P. J. Kenny  
Thos Corbett; John Derwan Thos Byrne John  
Nolan

On Consideration of the Estimates and Demands  
of the Boards of Guardians and Rural  
District Councils the Chairman proposed that  
the following report be submitted to the Council.

### Finance Committee

Your Committee beg to recommend the payment  
of 4<sup>th</sup> and Final Instalments of Demands to  
Rural Councils and Guardians amounting to  
£ 13452.3.9 for the service of the period ending 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 1900

Mr Fahy seconded

Passed

Read and Confirmed this 26 day of .

Feb 1900

John C. Macdonnell Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings  
of the Finance Committee  
at a meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1900

J. Macdonnell  
in the Chair

Other Members present:

- C. Carr L. Cowroy M. Joyce J. Fahy
- M. McDonagh W. Murphy D. Burke J. A. Glynn
- H. Brett J. Derran Hon. Martin Morris
- C. O. French Th. Byrne M. Connolly M. McDonagh
- P. Kelly

The applications for payment submitted to the  
Finance Proposal Committee were submitted  
and

The Chairman moved  
"That we recommend the Council  
to pay the amounts for which proposals  
were made this day by the Proposal Committee.  
M. Connolly seconded  
Passed.

Read and confirmed this 28 day of  
February 1900.

John Macdonnell Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of the  
Finance Committee

at a meeting held on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1900

J. C. Macdonnell Esq in the Chair  
Other members present:-

- Colonel Nolan A. M. A. Murphy
- ~~M. Macdonagh~~ Prof. J. P. Byrne Martin McDonagh
- Hon. M. Morris John Derran
- J. J. Connolly Patrick Carr
- Hon. R. E. Dillon P. J. Kelly
- Thomas Fahy J. C. Cowroy
- Jno. Smythe John Lohan
- P. J. Nolan

Colonel Nolan proposed  
W. Lohan seconded  
That Mr. J. C. Macdonnell  
be elected chairman of the  
Committee for the year 1900/1901

The Chairman proposed  
W. Macdonough seconded  
That we recommend the  
discharge of all proposals  
entered in the book as  
altered and initialled by  
the Chairman; and also that  
a sum of £1905. 3-11 be trans-  
ferred to the subsidiary  
account.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1900

The accounts of Constabulary to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1900  
in respect of Food & Drugg Act. Weights & Measures  
Act & conveyance of prisoners were considered  
and Treasurers authority to pay signed.

Mr. Murphy proposed  
W. Macdonnell seconded  
That the Constabulary be  
requested to furnish accounts under the weights

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June 18<sup>th</sup> 1900

and measures Act and for  
Conveyance of Prisoners in  
Duplicate + that one copy  
of the accounts be distributed  
by the Councillors concerned  
by the Secretary on receipt  
from the Constabulary. X

Read and confirmed this day of July 1900

J. W.

Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of the  
Finance Committee at a  
Meeting held on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1900

J. L. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair  
Other members present

Colonel Nolan Honble R. D. Dillon  
P. J. Kelly Esq. John Deroan Esq  
Patrick Carr

The Committee proceeded to consider the  
Secretary's return showing the state of  
the rate collection, and the Arrear list  
of collectors.

Colonel Nolan proposed

Mr Kelly seconded

"That the following be the procedure  
in future when dealing with collectors Arrear  
lists

1. That the Collector be requested to  
write the word "vacant" after all  
vacant premises on Arrear lists
2. That the Secretary divide such  
lists into (a) portions to be carried forward  
& (b) portions to be struck out
3. Secretary to calculate percentages  
outstanding after deduction of "Struck  
out" portions
4. Finance Committee to confirm  
or change such lists

The Committee considered the wages  
sheets + the Surveyor pay sheets and  
signed Treasurers Authority to pay same

The Committee decided to submit  
the following to the County Council  
as their

## Report on the collections

Your Committee beg to report

1. That they recommend that <sup>the items</sup> ~~the items~~ struck out in <sup>the list</sup> ~~the list~~ of the Collector's arrears lists be struck out of the Rate Books as unrecoverable

2. Your Committee also recommend that the Poundage of Mr Spoke on the present Collection be not paid until after the close of the next Collection and that no poundage be then or afterwards paid on the present Collection (terminating June 20. 1900) unless the Collector makes a satisfactory Collection of the Rate signed 5th <sup>July 1900</sup> February 1900

3. The same recommendation is made in the case of Collector King

4. Unless a satisfactory explanation of his retention of the sums of £35 and £23 respectively be given we recommend the suspension of Collector Hazell. We also report that his collection is bad

5. The poundage of all Rate Collectors except Messrs Cooke, King, Hazell & Headd is recommended for payment.

6. With regard to Mr Headd we have to ~~the~~ report that  
 (a) His Collection is not good  
 (b) He has also been irregular in altering some receipts. His poundage cannot be paid until this irregularity is rectified or is condoned by the Local Government Board

7. The Committee desire to bring under the notice of the Council how desirable it would be for the County Council, on the request of the District Council to obtain the sanction of the Local Government Board to write off in all the Districts of this County all arrears of Seed Rate prior to the Seed Distribution of 1898 - also all arrears of Poor Rate due over four years. The Committee are of opinion it would remove many difficulties in the Collection to have this course followed as the bringing forward of these unrecoverable rates is clogging the machinery and hampers the Collectors in getting the rates struck since the Local Government Act came into operation from Ratepayers who are not able to pay up the arrears of Seed Rate or old arrears of Poor Rate

For the Finance Committee

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1900 John C. Mac'Donnell Chairman

Read & Confirmed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1900

J. C. Mac'Donnell  
 Chairman  
 Finance Committee

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 L.G. B. 10-7-00  
 J.P.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance  
Committee of the Galway County  
Council at a meeting held on  
Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 1900  
J. C. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair

The Chairman proposed  
Mr. Farr Seconded

That we recommend that payments  
be made on foot of all proposals  
made by the Proposal Committee this  
day.

Read and confirmed this day of August 1900  
J. C. M.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance  
Committee at a meeting held on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1900

J. C. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair

The Chairman proposed  
Mr. Murphy Seconded

That we recommend that payment be  
made in full on foot of all proposals  
made by the Proposal Committee this  
day.

Read and confirmed this  
7<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1900

minutes of proceedings of the  
Finance Committee at a meeting  
held on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1901  
(sitting Concurrently with Proposal Committee)

The Chairman proposed  
Mr Murphy seconded

That we recommend payment of  
the proposals made by the Proposal  
Committee this day

Read and Confirmed this day of  
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J. M.

Galway County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the  
Finance Committee at a Meeting  
held on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> February 1901  
J. S. MacDonnell in the Chair

The Chairman proposed  
Mr Murphy seconded

That we recommend to the Council that  
the payments entered in Quarterly Statement  
(as altered by Chairman & unaltered) be paid  
Passed

Constabulary accounts

The Chairman proposed  
That the Accounts in respect of  
Conveyance of Prisoners  
Food & Drugs acts  
Weights & measures be paid  
and the Treasurer's Authority was signed  
Passed

Proposed by  
That the accounts in respect of Expenses  
incurred under the Employees acts be  
not paid  
Passed

The Finance Clerk was directed to apply to  
the Constabulary for an ap showing the  
amount of fees received for verifying and  
stamping weights & measures for the last  
two financial years for which same are prepared

Read and Confirmed this day of

J. M.

Chairman

Wednesday May 9th 1901

Thomas Faly Esq  
in the Chair

Galway Urban District  
It was decided to recommend the Council  
to direct the Secretary to take legal  
proceedings for the recovery of the  
Amount due by Galway Urban District

Mr Howells claim for payment in excess of  
amount of his Contract was considered  
and rejected

The Constabulary accounts were examined  
& passed and Treasurers authority to  
pay signed

J. C. MacDonnell

Galway County

Wednesday May 23 1901

J. C. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair

The proposals for payment made by  
Rural District Councils and Proposal  
Committee were examined and  
recommended for payment

~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> pound all  
Payments to Collectors whose outstanding  
balances amounted to 5% or under  
were recommended

J. C. MacDonnell

Friday Aug. 16th 1901

J. C. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair

The proposals for payment submitted by  
Rural District Councils and Proposal  
Committee were examined and recommended  
for payment as set out in a Statement  
Constabulary accounts were examined  
and passed and Treasurers Authority to pay signed

J. C. MacDonnell Chairman  
Aug 16th 1901



Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1902

J. MacDonnell in the Chair

The proposals for payment formulated by the proposal committee were passed

J. MacDonnell Chairman

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1902

The proposal for payment formulated by the District Councils were passed

J. MacDonnell Chairman

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1902

J. MacDonnell in the Chair

The proposals for payment formulated by the proposal committee were passed and recommended for payment to the Council

J. MacDonnell

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1902

The proposal for payment formulated by District Councils were recommended for payment

J. MacDonnell Chairman

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1902

J. MacDonnell in the Chair

The following Report was adopted

The Finance Committee recommended to the County Council the payments detailed in this book also:-

£1300	balance of Returning Officers ap
1407.0.9	Transfer to Subsidy ap
22.3.9	to Collector Dignan
3.8.11	to Collector Phil

J. MacDonnell Chairman

12 November 1902

J. MacDonnell in the Chair

The Finance Committee recommended payment of proposals set out in Quarterly Statement.

J. MacDonnell Chairman

17 February 1903

J. MacDonnell in the Chair

The Finance Committee recommended payment of proposals set out in Quarterly Statement for quarter ended Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1902

J. MacDonnell Chairman

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1902  
J. MacDonnell in the Chair

The proposals for payment made by the proposal Committee this day as per lists initialled by the Chairman were passed by the Finance Committee and recommended to the County Council for payment.

J. MacDonnell Chairman

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1903  
J. MacDonnell in the Chair

Ordered that the proposals for payment made by the proposal Committee this day as per lists initialled by the Chairman be passed by the Finance Committee and recommended to the Council for payment.

J. MacDonnell Chairman  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1903

Ordered

That the proposals for payment set out in Quarterly statement be passed and recommended to the Council for payment.

J. MacDonnell Chairman

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Report to the Council relative to Rate Collection

Gentlemen

The Total amount included in the Collectors warrants for the Year ending March 1904 was

	£ 74,990.13.10
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Of which Total there was on the 10<sup>th</sup> November lodged to your Credit

	£ 39,697.8.0
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Leaving uncollected 35,293.5.10

The collection on the whole may therefore be considered satisfactory.

The Collectors named in attached sheet are recommended for payment.

The worst of your Collectors is Mr. Cooke who has only 35.6 of his warrant lodged. Mr. Cooke has been directed to appear before the Council to explain the state of his collection.

Mr. Boland of Portumna gave as a <sup>reason</sup> ~~an excuse~~ for the state of his collection that he met with an accident. He has today lodged £100 bringing his total lodgments up to over 95% of the amount of the first moiety.

Mr. Costello of Arran has only 42.8 of his total warrant lodged.

John C. MacDonnell Chairman

Adopted J. N. Thom.  
Chairman of Council

Patented January 1904  
~~Wednesday 23 Dec~~

to J. Chasdonnell in the Chair  
also present Messrs Carr, Murphy  
and J. C. ~~Chasdonnell~~ Conroy.

The Secretary reported that the  
collection of the rate for the year  
ending March 04 was not in a  
very satisfactory condition  
£25,000 still remaining  
outstanding out of £75,000

ordered

That the Collectors be at  
once written to calling attention  
to the state of their collections

The Secretary reported that  
a great number of collectors  
had neglected their duty with  
reference to fortnightly checking  
of their warrants; that in some  
cases collectors had only checked  
five times since they received  
their warrants where they should  
have checked 14 times and  
that the majority of the collectors  
had not checked once a month

ordered

That the Collectors be written to  
calling their attention to the  
Secretary's report and directing  
them to attend regularly in future  
to have their books checked  
fortnightly whether they have  
collected any money in the fortnight  
or not

The Chairman's notice of motion  
with regard to the suspension  
of Mr. Boyle P.N.C. was postponed  
to the meeting of the Council

adopted by Council  
Jan 20 1904 J. H. M.

Patented 20/1/04

Meeting held 17th 1903

J. MacDonnell Esq in the Chair

It is Ordered

That a Report be made to Council  
recommending payments no. 1 to 1580 b.

Meeting held 16th Feb 1904

J. MacDonnell in the Chair

It is Ordered

That a Report be made to Council  
recommending payments no 1581 to  
3058

Meeting held Oct. 15th 1904.

J. B. MacDonnell in the Chair

Present Rt Hon Lord Killamain

It is Ordered

That the Secretary write to each Collector  
who has under 55% of his warrant collected  
stating that unless an immediate improvement  
is noticeable the Committee will recommend the  
suspension of such Collectors.

Secretary to impress on all Collectors the necessity  
of proceeding diligently with the collection of the  
second moiety

Patented 20/1/04

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1905  
H. MacDonnell in the Chair  
(Sitting with the Proposal Committee)

It is Ordered  
That the works and payments set out in  
the Application book and proposal lists be  
recommended for payment.

Passed

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1905  
H. MacDonnell in the Chair  
(Sitting with C Council)

It is Ordered  
That the Proposals set out in Quarterly Statement  
be recommended for payment

Passed

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1905  
(J.C. MacDonnell in the Chair)  
(Sitting with County Council)

It is Ordered That the Proposals set out in Quarterly Statement  
be recommended for payment

Passed

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1905

J.C. MacDonnell in the Chair  
(Sitting with County Council)

It is Ordered that the Proposals for payment set out  
in Quarterly Statement be recommended for payment

Passed.

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Jb Mac Donnell Esq in the Chair.

Present: Rt Hon Lord Mellanin and J. Joyce Esq.

Secretary is directed to place Local Government  
Board's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> May No. 25993/06 relative to Poor Rate  
collectors after the minutes on the Agenda Paper.

Read letter from W.P. J. O'Malley (No 1562/06) re Poor Rate  
collectors salaries.

Secretary is directed to obtain new sureties in  
every case in which existing sureties have become  
Guardians or District councillors.

Secretary is directed to put letter from Irish County  
Council's General Council re bavan road bases  
specially on Agenda Paper for next Meeting of the County  
Council

Finance Committee called for

Wednesday 29th May 07. No attendance.  
 ✓ 12th June 07. ✓  
 ✓ 26th June 07. ✓  
 ✓ 10th July 07. ✓  
 ✓ 17 July. Names: J. H. Joyce  
 and Martin M' Donagh attended.  
 Could not get a quorum.

Meeting held on  
 30th November 1907.

J. B. MacDonnell (in the Chair)

Present

Messrs O'Malley, Murphy, Conroy,  
 J. J. McDonagh, M. M' Donagh for MacDonnell,  
 and J. G. Griffin.

It is ordered:-

"Secretary to give or withhold  
 (on behalf of Council or Finance Committee)  
 permission to serve 10 days notices, subject to  
 approval at next meeting."

Meeting held Wednesday December 18th 1907.

Lord Killanin in the Chair

Present J. C. Conroy; J. G. Griffin

Read Correspondence with Mr Hardiman  
 County Surveyor re applications for authority  
 to put 54th section in ~~Order~~ force, and  
 Secretary reported that where the history  
 of the Contract was good and there were  
 no recent "defects" he called for an ex-  
 planation before issuing authority; In other  
 cases he had issued authority to serve "10 days  
 notices"

Order. Secretary's action is approved:-

Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Councillor J.C. MacDonnell in the Chair

The question of the Clerks Salaries, referred to the Committee by the Council, having been considered; it is ordered that the salaries be fixed as follows (on the motion of Councillor Cosgrove seconded by Councillor Murphy):—

Mr Crowe	£2 per week
Mr Costello	£1.15.0 per week
Mr Carter	£1.15.0 per week
Mr Gardner	£1.10.0 per week
Mr Craig	£1.10.0 per week
Mr Smart	£1.10.0 per week

Passed

Secretary laid the files relating to Collectors Lyden & Dignan before the Committee. — Referred to Council

It is ordered that Mr M. Flaherty's application for payment (Brown Arch etc) be submitted to Proposal Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1908

Lord Kilanin in the Chair; +

Present: M. McDonogh; H.M. Murphy; J. Corbett. J. G. Griffin

State of Collection

The Arrear sheets were submitted and Secretary is directed to

(a) Strike out arrears on vacant buildings

(b) To carry forward all other arrears.

The Finance Committee recommend that all Collectors who have lodged in full to this date be paid their poundage.

Finance Committee recommend that Collectors Hobbs (4.2% outstanding) and Hession (2.5% outstanding) be paid their Poundage

Committee recommend that refunds be made to all Collectors who have closed their accounts in full. Total amount lodged but not collected to be refunded.

The Committee direct the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory state of Collector Sweeney's account and to the unsatisfactory Collection in Arran (big Island)

Geoghegan's Case to be submitted to Council with a recommendation that all possible steps be taken to recover the arrears.

Secretary to ascertain whether rates are legally recoverable after 6 years.

Payments on works in the hands of County Surveyors.

Secretary submitted Pay sheets sent in by Mr Hardiman and drew attention to Claims made for remuneration to Stewards viz

no 44 Portunna	Claim for steward	£1.7.0	-	Total cost of labour	£2.10.6
50	"	6.0	"	£	19.0
29	"	3.0	"	£	16.0
42	Pallueshwe	3.15.0	"	£	1.10.0
11	Bolce	15.0	"		16.0

In cases not already paid the Committee direct that the claim for Steward be struck out of the account and the attention of the County Council to be directed to the matter.

In the opinion of the Committee the system disclosed by the pay sheets submitted should be stopped immediately and the money available for Road repair be spent in work on the roads and not on stewards.

J. G. Griffin

Meeting held on 29th day of April. 1908.

State of collection.

The arrears sheets were submitted and Secretary is directed to

- (a) Strike out arrears on vacant buildings and
- (b) to carry forward all other arrears.

The Committee recommend that all Collectors who have lodged in full to this date be paid their Poundage.

The Committee recommend that collectors Hobbs (£2.2 p outstanding) and Hession (£2.5 1/2 p) be paid their Poundage.

The Committee recommend that refunds be made to all collectors who have closed their accounts in full.

Total amount to be lodged but not collected to be refunded.

The Committee direct the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory state of collector Power's account, and to the unsatisfactory collection in Aran (Big Island.)

Geoghegan's case to be submitted to the Council with a recommendation that all possible steps be taken to recover the arrears.

Secretary to ascertain whether rates are legally recoverable after six years.

Meeting 9th December 1908

Councillor Mr Joyce (In the Chair)

Present Councillors Mr McDonagh, J. J. Griffin.

Doan's case.

Road in County Surveyor's hands - alleged verbal agreement for work done to June - Certificate for £219.4 in December.

Order - Pay subject to approval of Local Government Board. In future no payments of this nature will be approved unless a signed agreement be produced.

Rafter's case

Road in hands of late County Surveyor - Mr Smith - alleged verbal agreement - asst to Surveyor's reports on road.

Order - Pay subject to sanction of Local Government Board.

Secretary is directed to return bound Quarterly Statement books to printer and order them elsewhere if not properly printed and bound.

*In O'Donnell Dec. 12. 08*

Committee recommend Council to transfer the County Buildings to the Galway Urban Council provided that the County Council be freed from all liability in respect of these buildings from the date of transfer of same, or on account of Rent, Rates, Taxes, Maintenance, Salaries or any other outgoings.

*Accepted by Council 9.12.08  
Proposal re transfer of County Buildings approved at January meeting*

Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1909

Councillor J. C. MacDonnell (in the Chair)

Present -

Councillors J. A. Glynn, H. A. Murphy, J. C. Conroy,  
James Cosgrave, John Morrissey, Right Hon Lord Killeen,  
Martin McDonagh, J. O'Malley, J. G. Griffin.

Weights and Measures Acts.

Read County Solicitor's letter of February 27<sup>th</sup> 1909

Councillor J. A. Glynn proposed; the Chairman seconded:-

"That Mr Stephen Gwynne M.P. be requested to ask in the House of Commons for a return for last three years, from the Board of Trade, showing the fees received by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures in the County of Galway, also the amount expended by the Board of Trade in salaries to Inspectors in this County and any further outlay."

Passed

Read Correspondence with County Inspector Ballinasloe in connection with punches required in Eastern Division of the County under above Order. The Committee agree to an expenditure of £8-6-6 (eight pounds six shillings and sixpence) for purpose of replacing worn-out punches. Secretary to ascertain from the County Inspector what he proposes to do with the old punches.

Ten Days Notices to Contractors

Read Mr J. L. Dunne's letter of 27<sup>th</sup> February 1909.

Councillor Martin McDonagh proposed; Councillor J. G. Griffin seconded "That Mr J. L. Dunne, Acting County Surveyor be authorised to issue 10 Days Notices on Contractors for Roads nos - 4, 8, 9, 11, 17, 52, 109, 113, 114 Ballinasloe Rural District, Mountbellew Rural District - 49, Longhrea Rural District - 45.53.66, Portumna Rural District - 24.

Passed

McGoldrick's Claim for £2000 Ballinasloe Quarter Sessions

County Solicitor is directed to employ Senior Counsel and if possible a member of the Connaught Bar on behalf of the County Council at hearing of this case at Ballinasloe Quarter Sessions on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1909.

John Hough Road Contractor, Claim for £45.5.4  
Committee sanction payment made in connection with Road No 59 Portumna Rural District 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1908.

With regard to No 74 Portumna Rd the Committee instructed the Secretary not to pay Mr Hough's claim for £13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> stated by Mr Hough to be due on this road for the three months ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1907, as the Committee are of opinion that the Paying Order No 787 issued on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1908 discharges their liability to Mr Hough in respect of this claim, as the road was not either under contract or in the County Surveyor's hands for the three months ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 1907 and therefore the County Surveyor had no power to give the work to Mr Hough for that period, and they are further of opinion that the dates from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1907 inserted on the paysheet were a clerical error, and should have read from 1<sup>st</sup> October to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1907.

Brown Archway

Secretary is authorised to issue Cheque (Subsidiary Account) in Mr Mark O'Flaherty's favour for £20-0-0, money not to be paid to Mr O'Flaherty until the account is audited.

Read letter from the Galway Granite and Marble Works Order. The Finance Committee consider that it is only reasonable that 24 hours notice should be given for any load over 5 tons in order that necessary arrangements can be made to have Bridges prepared.

Department of Agriculture. Decree £361-16-6

The Chairman proposed; Councillor J. A. Glynn seconded -

"That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland be requested to refund to the Council the difference between the amount awarded for the burning of Newford House and the actual cost of rebuilding and refitting it."

Passed.



Minutes of Proceedings at meeting of  
The Finance Committee  
held on  
Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1909

Councillor J. A. Glynn (In the Chair)

Present:— Councillors J. G. Griffin, M. O'Donoghue, J. M. Hyden,  
James McDonnell, J. Corbett, P. Riordan,  
M. McDonagh, S. J. McDonagh, J.ohan, P.arkin,  
A. M. Murphy, J. O'Malley, and J. C. Conroy.

Paylists were submitted, examined and initialled and  
Treasurer's Authority signed.

Secretary is directed to draw the attention of the Portumna  
District Council to the frequency with which proposals  
for works are sent to the County Council from the  
Portumna District, without contractors being obtained.

The Committee consider this practice is open  
to many objections; work of this nature is very  
difficult to supervise and it is not at all certain  
that either the District or the County get a fair  
return for the money expended on direct labour.

The Committee will consider the desirability  
of recommending the County Council to take  
contracts themselves for such works in future, unless  
the District Council follow the ordinary procedure  
and obtain tenders and declare contractors.

Secretary is directed to inform Mr J. L. Dunne,  
Acting County Surveyor that, in connection with  
works in hands of the County Surveyor, the Committee  
consider it <sup>un</sup>desirable that money should be paid  
away on the unchecked reports of Stewards who in  
some cases are certified for payments to themselves,  
and desire that he should be particularly careful  
before certifying payment to labourers or others  
on works placed in his hands.

Meeting held on  
Wednesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1909

Councillor J. A. Glynn in the Chair

Present Councillors:— L. Conroy; J.ohan; J. Joyce  
J. O'Donnell; A. Kenny; P. Riordan. C. J. Kennedy  
J. Corbett & O'Malley.

#### Rate Collection

Revenue Secretary submitted Financial Report  
as follows.

Bank Account Overdrawn	£19248.16.2
Rate Collection Total Warrants	£80040.19.9
Do Collected	£24645.18.8
Do uncollected	£55395.1.1
Amount Stopped from Grants by Government for half year Selloes	£5050.13.2
Percentage of Rate Collected	30.8%

Order Collector to be informed that no consideration  
will be shown to collectors who do not close their  
accounts promptly on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst = no poundage  
whatever will be paid to collectors who <sup>see a rate</sup> fail to  
 lodge the first moiety and arrears on that  
date

#### Road Payments

The file relative to cases in which District  
Council proposed payments including two  
quarters previously deferred was submitted.  
~~with~~ The verbal reports of Assistant Surveyors  
as supplied by the County Surveyor together  
with the <sup>official</sup> written reports of the Assistants were  
submitted

Mr Moran County Surveyor was heard  
and the Committee having gone into each  
Case made the following Orders:—

District	Road No.	District Council proposed to pay	Order of Finance Committee
Loughrea	77	2 defers + Current	Deferred (for Report of Surveyors)
"	21	2 defers.	strike out 2 defers
"	3	2 defers.	strike out 1 defers
"	56	2 defers + Current	strike out 2 defers
Mountbellew	28	do	pay Current same order
"	30	do	same order
"	32	do	same order
"	309	2 defers + Current less £1.	pay one Current in full
"	20	2 defers + Current	strike out balance
"	19	do	strike out defers pay Current
"	8	do	same order
"	7	do	same order
"	18	do	same order
"	10	2 defers.	strike out 2 defers + Current
"	49	3 defers.	strike out 3 defers
"	51	2 defers.	strike out 2 defers + defers
"	85	2 defers.	strike out defers
Glenamaddy	26	do	don't pay - bring forward as deferred to next 2004
"	24	3 defers	strike out all defers
"	89	2 defers + Current less £2	Pay £52.00 strike off £104.00
Ballinacree	113	2 defers.	strike out 2 defers
Galway	74	2 defers	Pay. Co Surveyors Explanation accepted
"	68	do	Pay do
Portumna	24	3 defers	strike out all three defers

The Chairman pro  
Councillor Kennedy, sec.  
That The Finance Committee having carefully investigated the Reports of the Assistant & Surveyors for the East Riding which were not supplied to the County Surveyor previous to the Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils, and having been informed by the County Surveyor that his Certificates were granted on Verbal reports of the Assistants given by them from Note-books - and having observed that the official reports of the Assistants were in very many cases at variance with the verbal reports -

The Committee is of opinion that the Assistants' Conduct requires investigation and

That The Finance Committee hereby appoints a sub-Committee consisting of

- The Chairman
- Councillor Kennedy
- Councillor Keardon
- Councillor O'Donnell, and

The Secretary of the County Council for the purpose of interviewing the Assistant Surveyors and the County Surveyor and reporting to the County Council as to the necessity of asking the Local Government Board to hold a sworn inquiry into the matter

Passed

All-Ireland Demonstration  
(Dish in the University)

The Chairman Messrs James McDonnell, C. Kennedy, P. O'Malley; & M. McNeil are appointed delegates.

Arterial Drainage Commission  
Councillor Kennedy is appointed to represent the Council

Minutes of meeting of Sub Committee  
appointed by the County Council to enquire into  
and report upon certain proposals for payments  
in reference to Road Contracts =

The Committee met on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1909.

Chairman :-  
Present ,

J. A. Glynn,  
Councillors, C. J. Kennedy, P. Riordan,  
J. O'Donnell and the Secretary of the Co. Council  
The following officers also attended the  
Enquiry :-

Mr. JOHN MORAN, County Surveyor.  
Mr. THOMAS LALOR, Assistant County Surveyor.  
Mr. ALFRED CORNWALL, Assistant County Surveyor.

Mr. JAMES HARDIMAN, Assistant County Surveyor, did not  
attend the Enquiry, although directed by letter so to do.

Form 22.  
Mr. Moran.

2.—EVIDENCE of Mr. MORAN.—GENERAL.—All the Proposals under  
consideration were certified by Mr. MORAN, County Surveyor,  
on Form 22.

Mr. Moran stated that the Forms 22 were in respect of the  
quarter ending June 30th, 1909

That he did not come into office as County Surveyor until  
the 1st July, 1909, and in the middle of July found himself in  
the position of having to deal with payments for a period when  
he was not in office.

That in these circumstances he had to rely on the recom-  
mendations made to him by his Assistants.

That in two cases the Assistants did not forward their  
written official reports to him in time, and

That every recommendation for payment made by him on  
Form 22 was made in presence of the Assistants, and from  
verbal advice given by them which he (Mr. Moran) relied on.

3.—The Committee then proceeded to deal with each case, and fully  
considered the Reports of the Assistant Surveyors and the  
evidence they gave in explanation of the various items. This  
evidence is enclosed herewith. It seems to the Sub-Committee  
to disclose a very serious state of affairs.

The Sub-Committee regret to have to report that:—

Recommendation.

1.—They consider the Reports of the Assistants in nearly every  
case to be unsatisfactory and misleading.

2.—They are of opinion that most of the payments under  
consideration, recommended by the Assistants, were not  
justified.

3.—The Committee could not but view with grave suspicion  
the fact that in nearly every case in which the Contract  
expired on the 30th of June, the Contractor was recom-  
mended to be paid the full amount payable under the  
Contract, which in some cases amounted to three "defers,"  
and one current quarter, and in this connection it is  
scarcely necessary for the Committee to point out, that it  
would be manifestly impossible for any Contractor to do  
work on his road in the months of April, May and June,  
which would justify the payment of money which had been  
"deferred" on account of insufficient supplies of metal  
having been put on the road in the winter months.

4.—The Sub-Committee unanimously recommend that the  
Local Government Board be asked to hold a sworn inquiry,  
and to report to the Council as to whether in the opinion  
of the Board the recommendations for payment for the  
quarter ending 30th June, 1909, made by Messrs. Cornwall,  
Hardiman and Lalor, were bona-fide and justified.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. A. GLYNN,  
Chairman.

Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1910.

Councillor M. McKeil in the Chair  
Present: J. G. Guffin, M. W. A. Murphy; J. Corbett

Arrear Lists.

Arrear Sheets of Collectors whose accounts were closed by the 28<sup>th</sup> February were submitted and ruled, and Secretary was ordered to forward same to the Local Government Board for approval.

Secretary submitted particulars of a case in the Collection of Mr. Raoul Joyce where the <sup>first instalment of</sup> rates on lands in process of sale and division were lodged and refunded to the Collector and subsequently paid to Collector by the landlord.

Secretary is directed to inform Collector that the amount should have been lodged when received from the Ratepayer and it is ordered that the sum be deducted from any refund payable to Mr. Joyce.

Meeting of Committee appointed by the County Council to consider & Report to the County Council with regard as to the steps which should be taken in regard to the arrears of Rates in the Islands of Arran and as to future Rates.

Committee Met on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1910

Councillor J. G. Guffin in the Chair  
Present: Rev. M. Farragher P.P.; Councillors M. McDonagh; P. J. Malley & M. McKeil

Mr. R. J. Mullery, Clerk of Galway Union was in attendance at the invitation of the Committee.

Secretary submitted an account showing the Receipt & Expenditure on the Arran Islands; and the Arrear outstanding from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1899 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1909.

The Arrear outstanding on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1909 was shown to be £894 and on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910 the additional moiety would bring the arrear to £348.0.5 in Inishmore and 729.11.11 in the N. & South Islands being in all £1077.11.9

This includes about £100 of Seed Rates.

The Committee having discussed

- (a) The question of Roads stated to be required in the ~~islands~~ smaller Islands
- (b) The feasibility of collecting arrears; &
- (c) The steps advisable in order to put future Collections on a satisfactory basis

decided to recommend to the County Council

1. To approve of a Proposal for the Repair of 100 perches of Road from the Pier to the Village in the Middle Island of Arran, on receipt of same from the Rural District Council of Galway. The County Surveyor to be instructed to have the necessary application made to the coming meeting of the District Council.

- (2) That the Seed Rate due on the Islands be Carried forward into the next warrant.
- (3) That in the opinion of the Committee it is not possible to collect the outstanding Poor Rate (other than Seed Rates) from the Islanders and that owing to the special circumstances of the case it would be a great hardship on the Ratepayers in the Galway Rural District that the deficit should be placed on that area
- (4) That in the Circumstances the Committee recommend that the arrears be struck out and the balances adjusted as between the County and the Rural District and that the amount struck out be levied in 3 or 4 years.
5. That Two Rate Collectors be appointed
- |       |              |                 |
|-------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 for | North Island | at 2/- in the £ |
| 1 for | Mid. Islands | at 3/- in the £ |
- 6 That, as has been pointed out to the Committee by the Chairman, ~~as~~ the Council have tried and failed to get a Collector at 10/- in the £: that if such a Collector had been obtained to collect the Arrears (1078) and Current Rate averaging £350 a year his remuneration would amount to in the 1<sup>st</sup> Year, approx. £714 and in each subsequent year, approx. £175 which would be a County-at-Large Charge
- 7 That under the suggested settlement the Annual Charge on the County, at large for Poundage would be
- |                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| North Island, approx. | £ 25 |
| Mid. Islands, approx. | £ 15 |
| Total                 | £ 40 |

The Committee having unanimously agreed to the above recommendations, the Chairman undertook to bring them before the County Council at the Quarterly meeting.

Messrs. McDonough & Co. undertook to place the proposed Road application favorably before the

Rural District Council and Rev. Father Farragher on his part undertook to advise the Islanders that the settlement should be carried out on their part by the punctual payment of the Rates.

Mr. Murphy  
Mr. Mally That Report be adopted.

Passed unanimously  
T. G. G.

Minutes of Proceedings at meeting  
of Finance Committee held on Saturday  
26th November 1910.

Councillor Michael McNeill (In the Chair.)  
Present Lord Killanin.  
Councillor Thomas Corbett.

Read letters from R. D. B. Ballinasloe, dated 26th Aug. 1910,  
9th September 1910 and 23rd November 1910; re  
new Brass weights required under weights & measures  
act, in Eastern Division of the County.

Order:— Messrs. Dwyer and Fox tender £12.15.0-  
to be accepted, if satisfactory.

Read letter dated 26th Nov. from Mr. J. Farley,  
Herb in Secretary's office making application  
for Increase of Salary.

Order:— The Committee refuse to interfere.

Fahy's claim for £6. for Repair of Gullet.

Read letters from Mr. Fahy and Pay Sheet from  
Mr. Thomas O'Malley, Acting County Surveyor.

Order:— The Committee consider on examination  
of Contractor's Bond that the Road Contractor should  
keep this Gullet in repair.

That the Drain referred to appears to have been  
cleaned a few years ago, and the Committee are  
of opinion that a periodical claim of this  
nature should not be encouraged.

B. Jynes' account. £37.1.2.

On consideration of Mr. Jynes' account,  
The Chairman proposed; Lord Killanin  
seconded:— That the Finance Committee are of  
opinion that this account should be paid  
and respectfully request the Local Government  
Board to sanction payment. The Committee  
are satisfied that the delay is not in consequence

of any fault on the part of Mr. Jynes who furnished  
his account regularly to the County Surveyor.

The account appears to have been overlooked owing  
to the illness of Mr. Prndergast, late County Surveyor.

Passed.

Meeting of Finance Committee  
(Galway Co. Council) held on Saturday, the 11th  
day of February, 1911.

Present:—

Michael McNeill, Esq. (In the Chair).  
H. M. A. Murphy, Esq. J. Cunningham, Esq.

Estimates year 1911-1912.—

The Committee recommend—

1. That the Asylum Demand be reduced by £3,281.  
and the county rate correspondingly reduced  
by  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in the £.
2. With regard to the recent decision in the  
"Whelan - v - County Council" case, the Committee  
recommend that the damages and costs should  
be levied on the same Areas and in the same  
proportions as the cost of maintaining the  
road on which the accident occurred.
3. Demands on Urban Districts to be  
reduced by  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in the £.

Subject to the above, the Committee  
approve of the Estimates and recommend same  
for adoption.

## Finance Committee

Meeting held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1911

M. McKeil in the Chair

Present:

Thomas Fahy; Thomas Collins; Jno Cunningham  
Lord Killanin;Crusher.

Mr. Moran submitted specifications + prices of Rollers &amp; Crushers

Mr. Moran Recommended

£265 Baxter Crusher

£510 Aveling Porter Engine (Roller convertible into tractor engine)

£48 Double Cylinder

£823

£52 Lionis Van

£875

Order - The Finance Committee approve of the County Surveyor's recommendations; and recommend that a loan be applied for.

Regulations as to width of tires

Order - Mr. Moran to Enquire &amp; Report.

Glenamaddy Roads.

Glenamaddy District Council

Mr. Collins pro. That the Finance Committee recommend that the Secretary should take steps to have the Glenamaddy Road which are out of Contract kept in order till the 30<sup>th</sup> December next meeting of the County Council, or the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Inform the District Council that they do not consider it advisable that the County Surveyor should undertake special work.

J. Griffin in the Chair

Mr. McDonogh; Mr. Donohoe

Payment to Postmaster &amp; Bridge Fee

Read appl<sup>n</sup> from Ctee; + Head C Solicitor

510 Order Pay £864

48

£558 Checking collector's eyes - Govt.

£32 + Put out Put in Cost £25=0=0

Ctee having heard the circumstances, refer the matter to the County Council

J. G. Griffin

Finance Committee

Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Councillor: M. McNeil in the Chair

Present: J. Fahy; J. M. Lyden; P. F. Kilan; M. McNeil; J. Collins; P. Macdonnell; Dermody; Morris; Collins; Kilan; Nolan;

Read correspondence with the County Surveyors re purchase of supplies.

Deputy M. Kennedy:-

Order;

Smaller urgent tools such as picks, shovels etc. or other quickly consumable equipment may be ordered as required by the County Surveyors and entered into the Day Book which should be submitted for ratification at 2. M.

Sanction in writing must be obtained in writing for any supplies over £5 for any one article of a permanent nature

Committee approve of purchase of three pumps costing approx £19 each.

Gleamaddy work.

Submitted Pay Sheet £2-3-4

Secretary does not recommend payment;

Order: Submit pay sheet to L. G. Ryan ask for sanction to payment. Finance Committee satisfied that value has

See wall beenaney Sudden Damage Order £30.

Order to surveyors to do urgent necessary work at once

Bridge at Dunmore School Co Surveyors to have urgent work done cost not exceeding £5 M. Kennedy to take charge.

Copy to Surveyors 7/8/11

write

x

Collectors Moyan

Read correspondence

Order. Seal Board on behalf of Council. Send Mr. Moyan explanation to sources to L. G. B. Committee consider it satisfactory and ask L. G. B. to sanction appointment

Monastery Kilkerrin Grace Pit

Order:- County Surveyors may arrange to buy fence at plot if he considers it desirable M. McNeil

attached M. Macdonnell

Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 1911

Committee M. McNeil in the Chair

Pay sheets were submitted, and Treasurers Authority to no 2481 (Subsidy) and 508 (Loans) were signed

On Certificate of Mr. Moran £333. 6. 1

On Certificate of Mr. Kennedy £396. 7. 9

In regard to the question of Roads taken up under 57<sup>th</sup> section in the County Surveyors is directed to report to the County Council as to the cases in which the roads in question have been abandoned by the contractor; and in the meantime to apply to R.D.C for new proposals for the unexpired terms and at the contract rates so as to have the cases regularised so far as can be.

Submitted notice from Mr. M. Colohan solicitor stating that Mr. John Moran Co Surveyors has taken protection of the Court as an arranging Debtor.

With regard to amalgamation of roads inform