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CONTEXT

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The Finance Committee was appointed by the County Council to assist with the administration of the Council's financial obligations, and make recommendations relating to the payment of cheques, approval of tenders and collection of rates.

The first volume (GC/3/01) includes approvals to proceed with the repair of bridges damaged during the War of Independence and Civil War, such as those at Corofin, Claregalway and Kilcolgan. The cost of repair in 1924 was estimated at £45, £1,200 and £640 respectively (GC/2/01, p339). It also includes entries relating to caretaking arrangements for disused workhouses, and details relating to the cost of maintenance and repair of Courthouses, such as Loughrea Courthouse (GC/2/01, p353) and Oughterard (p354).

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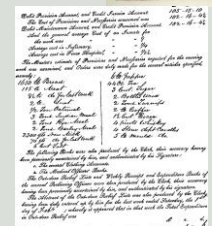
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

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Volumes of handwritten minutes of the Finance Committee meetings, generally held twice monthly, recording attendance and resolutions passed relating to the financial management of the Council. Includes policies and procedures relating to rate collections, in particular relating to arrears and strike-outs, appointment of caretakers to disused workhouses, and approval of pay-sheets and pay orders, also recommendations relating to issues such as weights and measures, seed distribution, sheep dipping, insurance, pounds, sale of land and maintenance of public buildings, such as courthouses and workhouses. The minutes are generally signed by the Chairman, and generally include an index.

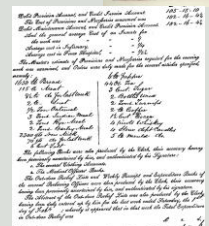
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1. 1899-05-16 - 1924-05-31

Meeting generally held quarterly (with no meetings recorded for 1912 or 1913) and from 1916 generally held weekly until *circa* 1921 when the meetings are again held quarterly. In particular includes requests for payments for repairs to property, such as bridges, following damage in 1923 (see p339 for instance). Includes:

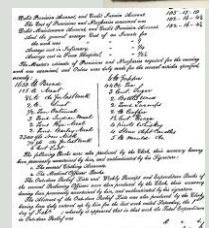
- 'A report was ordered to be submitted to the Council recommending that the several Unions and Rural Districts be supplied with funds equal to one fourth of their estimate' (1899-05-16).
- 'The a/cs received from the Royal Irish Constabulary in respect of expenses for conveyance of Prisoners, and under the Weights and Measures Acts and Food & Drugs Acts to 30/6/99 were laid before the Committee and examined and the Treasurer was authorised to pay same' (p5).
- 'The Committee proceeded to consider the Secretary's return showing the state of the Rate Collection, and the arrear lists of Collectors. Colonel Nolan proposed Mr Kelly seconded "That the following be the procedure in future when dealing with Collectors arrear lists..." (p14).
- 'Report to the Council (Galway County Council) relative to Rate Collection...
The total amount included in the Collectors' warrants for the year ending March 1904 was £74,990.13.10 of which total there was on the 10th November lodged to your credit £39,293.5.10...' (p26).
- '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' (p33).
- Recommendation submitted to GCC relating to the roads on the Arran Islands approving '...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...' (p50).
- 'The Committee recommend:

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- That the Asylum demand be reduced by £3,281 and the County rate correspondingly reduced by 1 3/4d in the £.
- 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 proportion as the cost of maintaining the road on which the accident occurred... (p54).
- 'The Finance Committee are not satisfied with the way in which these accounts for considerable sums are dealt with, and call on the County Surveyors to scrutinise them carefully and report specially as to the items (if any) due.
The Committee also disliked the practice of leaving trade accounts unpaid for long periods, and in future will insist on sanction under Section 51 being obtained for all accounts not paid within three months of the expiration of the financial half year in which goods were obtained' (p70).
- Discussion regarding the estimate of expenditure for the asylum resulted in the passing of a resolution: 'That the demand of the Asylum Committee be reduced to £52,549.4.6 to cover the cost of maintenance of the Institution, payment of loans, and £10,000, the estimated balance against the Asylum on the 1st April, 1916, and that the County Council of Galway pay £33,956.8.7 of this sum as a reasonable provision under Section 9 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, and refuse to provide any sum in excess of the said sum of £33,956.8.7' (p86).
- 'The amount of rate outstanding on the 31st December 1917 was £44,579, and there was a debit balance against the Council at their Bankers on that date of £8,134.5.6.....
The Council is in a good financial position, or at least would be so if the Rate Collectors were doing their duty with even moderate diligence
Upon the whole the state of the collection shows great neglect. Only 7 collectors out of 35 had 50% collected and lodged on the 31st December.' (p129).
- 'Gort Roads - Sea Wall at Kinvara. Application from co. Surveyor for authority to expand a sum of £15 to repairs damaged to Sea wall at Kinvara under Sudden Damage. Approved' (p141).
- 'Requisition for 2 new back wheels for roller £75. Approved' (1919-04-25, p152).
- 'Submitted correspondence for increased wages. Heard deputation from ITWU . After discussion the Chairman proposed: Councilor Larden seconded: That the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to adopt the following scale of payments: surface man 40/ per week; gangers 48/ to 55/ per week ; Carters 12/6 per day ; Engine drivers 60/ per week ' flag and fire men 42/6 per week. Hours: Oct to Feb inclusive 9 am to 5 pm: March to September 8 am to 6 pm. Permanent employment to be given in town as per Co. Surveyors' recommendations. Passed' (1920/7/10, p174, see also p186, p189).
- 'It is ordered that a special meeting of the County Council be summoned for Friday the 3rd December to decide whether, under the altered circumstances which now obtain the accounts of the Council should be submitted to the Local Government Board for audit' (1920/11/13, p200).
- 'Relations with Treasurer: Secretary reported that all payments of County Council liabilities are still held up. Treasurer informed Committee that the National Bank is now prepared to go on if the rates are collected' (p208).
- 'Secretary is ordered to take his orders from the County Council in regard to all matters and not to take any action without orders of the Council' (p208).
- 'Question of Fining Collectors: Collections not closed Hobbs, Hickey, Coyne...Ordered that all Rate Collectors be ordered to have ratepayers who failed to pay the first moiety of the rates proceeded against in the Parish

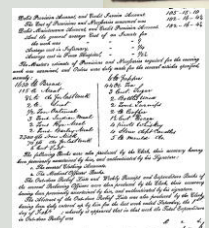
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Courts where the sum does not exceed £10, or in the District Courts if the amount exceed £10' (p227).

- 'Letter of 5th Oct (1922) from Capt Flanagan enclosing PO 196-199-80-81-82. Order: Evidently Comdt Brennan is in possession of information not available to the Co. Council: Before the Council can act they must have evidence and ask for particulars of the men who actually destroy at night what they are paid by Co. Council to repair by day and evidence' (p251).
- 'Damaged Bridges: Order County Surveyor not to repair any bridges unless he is satisfied that the work when done will be protected by Military' (1923-03-10, p269).
- 'Co. Courthouse occupation by Military, State solicitor...The Committee inspected the building and directed a report on dilapidation, sanitary arrangements, destruction of records, furniture and equipment and the impossibility of carrying out the official work of the County efficiently under existing conditions' (p281).
- 'Purchase of Renmore House: Submitted file and letter from Mr O'Dea & P H 52880. Order. Complete purchase; get plans approved, hold tenders, full possession including gate lodge to be obtained before completion of purchase. Letter from Mr T Wilson Lynch asking for a passage. Order. Finance Committee agree subject to sanction' (p311, see also p314, p316, p320).
- 'Clock in Courthouse: Messrs Dillon giving up clock winding. Ask Messrs Faller to quote for winding clocks' (p318).
- Printed copy of General Estimate of Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1925 pasted into volume (pp326-331).
- 'Disused Workhouses: Read order of 28th January 1924 requiring Co. Council to maintain, insure and caretaker disused Union premises. Order (1) Mr Lardner to be continued as agent and to account to Co. Council' (p336).
- 'Caretaker - Renmore. Order. Sanatorium Committee to pay the caretaker' (p339).
- 'Dancing at Gort Workhouse: Submitted letter from Archbishop Cassidy. Order. Caretaker not to allow use of Workhouse for any purpose without instructions from Finance Committee' (p342).
- 'Workhouses. Gort & Mountbellew taken over from Military. Order (i) Co. Surveyor to estimate damage. (ii) Claim from Board of Works' (p345).
- 'Tuam Town Commissioners ask Council to advance £5,000 or £6,000 on mortgage for rebuilding Town Hall. Order: F.C. regret Council have no money. Refer Commissioners to the County Insurance Society' (p363).
- Staffing arrangements at the Sanatorium (p364).

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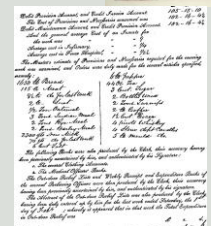


2. 1924-06-07 - 1926-09-11

Meetings generally held weekly, includes details of attendance and of payments made such as for sheep dipping, insurance, road works, pier works, courthouse and bridge repairs (see for instance p16 & p56), road workers wages, Carnegie Library (p21). Includes for instance:

- '1515 - Headford Courthouse: Referred to C.C.M [County Council minute] 2179 County Surveyors Report.
Order: Committee recommend Council to purchase at £100' (p43)
- 1655 regarding Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924, and policy on the administration of loans (see also p76)
- 1713 - Portumna workhouse, damage to lighting (p72).
- 1728 - Courthouses Loughrea: Damage by Military. Mr Lee's claim £82.10.0' (p77).
- '1732 - Central Hospital Loan £9000
Submitted Mortgage.
Order: To be sealed at County Council meeting' (p75).
- '1881 Co. Hospital. Mr J G Browne applies for sale of the Hospital. No order' (p96, 8 November 1924).
- Includes letter dated 1st September 1925 from the Acting Secretary, Galway County Council to Each Poor Rate Collection advising that 'The Banking account of the County Council is overdrawn to such an extent, that the Treasurer has refused to make any more payments until the overdraft is considerably reduced.
- Paying Orders for wages to Road Workers and other payments are all held up at the present moment.
- As this financial state of affairs is principally due to the backward state of the Rate Collection, I am to request you to do all in your power to have a substantial sum placed to the credit of the Council in the National Bank, Galway, before mid-day on Friday the 4th inst....' (p238).
- '2719 Abolition of Rural District Council.....' (p256).
- Includes printed copy of General Estimate of Rates for financial year ending 31st March 1927 (p329).
- '3056 Rates on Islands: Submitted a file and red correspondence with LGD, Dept of Justice and Sheriff re boat for which arrangements were sated to have been made. Letters from Collectors ...' (pp337-338)
- '3148 - Islands of Inishboffin and Inishark (Distress)
Order: That Finance Committee earnestly recommend the L.G.D to use their good offices to secure a relief grant for these distressed islanders' (p354).
- '3467 Prospect Hill Hospital (Referred to C.C.M. 3107)
Read application of Patrician Brothers
Secretary reports
1. That the ground floor to left of entrance hall is required for library.
2. That two rooms to right of entrance hall on ground floor is require for Committee of Agriculture....
Order: Ascertain of Ministry would consent to temporary use of top floor and rooms on second floor not required for County purposes and if the existing sanitary accommodation would suit a school and bring up again.
Fianna Fail and Sinn Fein Clubs ask for rooms.
No order (p424, 21 August 1926).

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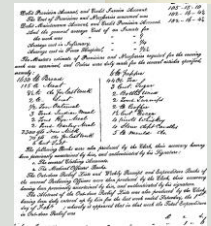
3. 1926-09-18- 1929-04-20

Meetings generally held weekly, includes details of attendance, details of payments made and comments and orders, (up to 9 June 1928 generally written in red ink), on issues relating to the management of the Council's finance, such as relating to insurance policies, road works and road grants, pier works, courthouse and bridge repairs, road workers' wages, housing loans, and collection of rates.

Includes for instance:

- '3484 - Finance: Bank balance today £34,850.19.1 Dr. Sanctioned overdraft £60,000 to 30/09/1926' (p1).
- '3512 - National Road Scheme Allocation. Submitted letter from the Roads Department and Co. Surveyor's reply.
- Order: - Reply to Minister as follows:- *The Committee had before them your letter of 17th inst to Mr Kennedy, Co. Surveyor, commenting on his report dated July 31st last to the Co. Council in reference to the allocation of County Galway of the National Road Grant. The Finance Committee cannot agree with the statement contained in the following sentence "You are not entitled to suggest to the Co. Council that they are unfairly or inequitably treated in the matter of allocations from the Road Funds". If Mr Kennedy had failed to bring forward the facts and make the suggestions contained in his report the Finance Committee would consider him wanting in the proper discharge of his duties to the Co. Council whose official he is. With reference to the last paragraph of the Ministry's letter to Mr Kennedy the Finance Committee would be glad to be informed what statements and assumptions in the report are based on wrong information and are erroneous. The Committee are satisfied that the statements contained in the report are based on facts and the assumptions are reasonable deductions from the facts...'* (p6).
- 3517 - Industrial School: Committal of M____. L____, native of county Galway and at present resident in Dublin to Industrial School.
Done: Notice of application received on 23rd Sept from Chief Clerk, District Court of Justice, Dublin.
Case heard in Dublin on 24th September.
- Notice sent to Co. Solicitor on 23rd to safeguard the interests of the Council.
- Order: Action approved' (p8).
- '3541 - Housing Loans: details of approved loads (p14).
- '3783 Piers & HarboursSpiddal Pier: Read County Surveyor's Report (858) on further damage to this pier estimated to cost £1,600. Read report of Gaeltacht meeting re this pier....'(p67).
- '3888 - Sheep Dipping:
Heard Mr Little.
Committee decided to report and recommend (1) That any person in the County who puts up an approved swim bath may be approved an Authorised Sheep Dipper and licenced for that purpose.
(2) Authorised Sheep Dippers to be licensed by the Council and entitled to charge 2d per head for sheep dipped in their baths. Dippers to supply dip which must be an approved dip on the Dept's list of Irish manufacturers...'(9 April 1927, p99).
- '391 Ballinasloe Urban Roads:
Submitted Mr Lee's letter 2405 of 21st inst. enclosing correspondence from LGD.
- Order: The Finance Committee consider Mr Courtney's report inaccurate and reckless and think his removal from the County would tender to more

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harmonious and efficient working. The Committee have every confidence in their Co. Surveyor Mr Lee....' (p106).

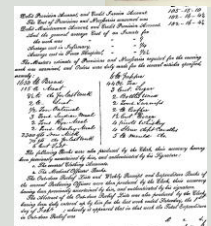
- '4784 The Chairman proposed. Councillor Corbett Seconded:
That we the Finance Committee of Galway County Council have learned with regret that Colonel O'Malley Keyes, Master of the Galway Blazers is obliged to leave Ireland in consequences of a demand for income tax made by the Inland Revenue authorities on his income from foreign securities.

We regard Colonel O'Malley Keyes' Mastership as a valuable asset to the County and to the Farmers and local traders, and we request that the Revenue authorities will interpret the Income Tax Laws and Regulations as favourably as possible to him in the hope that he may be induced to retain the Mastership of the hounds...' (p248).
- '5204 Portumna Union Building: Read letter received from Mr M Donohoe caretaker station that at the request of Monsignor Joyce he allowed [] teachers and pupils to occupy portion of the building pending repairs to the Technical school recently burned down' (p330).
- '5294: Read letter from Caretaker, Portumna Workhouse, stating that the Building has been vacated by the Technical School staff' (p348).
- '5302: Read Ministry's letter.....intimating the allocation of £1,000 toward the widening of road at Salthill (with an additional contribution from the Co. Council. The County Surveyor estimates cost' (p349).
- '5303: 'That the members of Finance Committee of Galway County Council deeply deplores the early demise of Dr. Michael Davitt (son of Michael Davitt, founder of the Land League) and tender to his widow, child and all other members of the family sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement' (p350).
- '5513: That press be excluded from all meetings of GCC Finance Committee unless a guarantee be given that a fair and true report of the business transacted at meeting be recorded' (p389).

4. 1929-04-27 to 1931-12-12 Includes for instance:

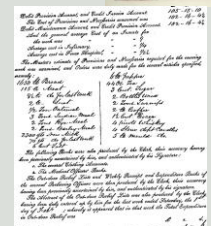
- '5793: Submitted list of borrowers who have not paid instalments on their house loans to County Council on date on which the instalments fee due...' (p41).
- 'Minutes of Meeting of Sub-Committee appointed by the Finance Committee to enquire and report as to alternative office accommodation, existing office accommodation being entirely inadequate and unsuitable to present needs:-County Buildings, Prospect Hill were then visited and inspected by the Sub-committee.
The Co. Surveyor stated that with necessary alterations these buildings could be converted into suitable offices capable of housing the Co. Council staff' (p62).
- '5898: That the Finance Committee of GCC are of opinion that owing to the decline in the fishing industry in Inishboffin distress exists in the island, and that the great difficulty experienced by the Council in the collection of rates in the District is occasioned mainly by neglect to provide the fishermen with fishing gear etc....' (p62).
- '6150: The Post Office asks for consent to erect telegraph poles along College Road via Shancroagh to Transformer Station Galway.
Order: Grant subject to Co. Surveyor's approval' (p106).
- '6232: Read letter dated 24th March from the Galway Urban Council asking if the Council (County) would be prepared to hand over to them the Town Hall and if so on what conditions.
Order: Refer to Co. Council' (p122, see also p238).

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- '6272: Read letter from Mr J Gallagher, Secretary Board of Health, requesting that two of Council's road surface men in Clifden be permitted to open the Clifden streets for purpose of cutting of water supply from water rent defaulters.
Order: Application granted. Co. Surveyor authorised to supply necessary men' (p132).
- '6346: Read application dated 12th May, from Sweeney Bros for permission to erect petrol pump at Bride Street, Loughrea' (p149).
- 6409; '...That the road between Castletaylor road and Castletaylor village which is part of the road from Castletaylor to Ardrahan be repaired under the road works scheme 1930-1931, the remainder of the road will form the subject of a proposal for the 1931-1932 scheme; (p160).
- '-6514: Spiddal Pier. Read letter dated 3rd Sept asking for authority to expand £300 in erecting two concrete guard walls at end of breach on the storm slope' (p183).
- Copy of letter of 22 December 1930 to the Galway Harbour Development Joint Committee stating the "That in view of the County Council having committed itself to encourage and support the project for the development of Galway Harbour and by its resolution to raise a rate which is estimated to produce £8,000 p.a (approx), has shouldered a responsibility much greater than any other Local Body concerned, this Committee consider that no negotiations of any nature whatsoever be entered into except by and through an authority of the Galway Harbour Development Joint Committee and that before entering into any negotiations or conduction any business of importance, each Member of the Joint Committee be summoned in the usual way to meet and discuss and pass any resolution necessary to enable the Committee to take action....' (p222).
- '6768: Letting of Town Hall Galway.
Referred to CCM 4494
Read letter dated 30 January 1931, from Mr J. M. Lavelle (valuer) with statement of letting value of Hall as follows:-
£180 per annum, free of all charges, tenant to be responsible for keeping the premises in repair (internally), the Council to be responsible for exterior repairs.
Mr Hardiman [Urban Council] through Mr Conroy, Solr, intimated his agreement to a rent of £180pa.....' (p238).
- '6868: Referred to C.C. M 4219 fixing rent of Galway Urban Council offices and Chamber at Town Hall, Galway at £35 a year. Read letter dated 24th March 1931, from the Urban Council Galway, stating the Urban Council consider that the increased rent is out of all proportion, that in 1923 when the Co. Council took over the Urban Council offices in the Galway Courthouse, they handed over the present offices to the Urban Council in exchange.
Order: Co. Council is not bound to provide accommodation for the Galway Urban Dist Council. Rent of £35 p.a. is considered reasonable having regard to increased rent of auditorium etc and (number of offices) (accommodation afforded) to the Urban Council. Co. Council is compelled to balance as far as possible the increase and expenditure on upkeep etc of the Town & County Hall. Urb Cl is not asked to bear its proportion of the heavy overhead charges, otherwise rent would be considerably higher' (p265, see also p338).
- '7259: Closing of Railway Lines:Read letter dated 29th Sept 1931, from the Great Southern Railways stating that investigations being made are very complicated and not far enough advanced to enable a representative to submit any useful information to Conference, and that an estimated capital

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expenditure on the Galway-Clifden Line of approx £150,000 would be necessary to keep it in running order....' (p353, see also p355).

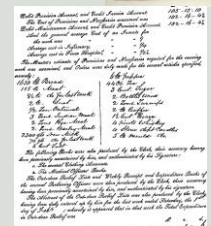
- '7259: Closing of Railway Lines:Read letter dated 29th Sept 1931, from the Great Southern Railways stating that investigations being made are very complicated and not far enough advanced to enable a representative to submit any useful information to Conference, and that an estimated capital expenditure on the Galway-Clifden Line of approx. £150,000 would be necessary to keep it in running order....' (p353, see also p355).
- '7356 Rates: Submitted rate chart

Collected this week	£ 3,396		Last year	£ 4,433
Collected to date	£ 78,422	= 42.6%	£ 95,111	44%
Amount outstanding	£105,494		£120,716	(p372).

5. 1932-01-02 - 1934-03-31

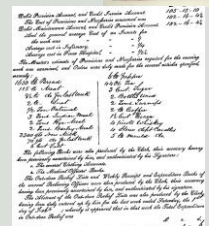
Includes loose inserts, such as 'Secretary's report on rate collection arrears lists'. Also includes for instance:

- '7596: Re-organisation of Staff. Submitted Secretary's report.....That detailed consideration of the Secretary's report be deferred pending the transfer of the County offices to Prospect Hill and that in the interval the Minister be requested to sanction a minimum sum of £250 for the preparation of the Franchise and Jurors lists' (26 March 1932, p39).
- '766a: County Infirmary Premises: Re-construction of building and conversion into County Office...' (p55, see also p78).
- '7952 Sheriff: Mr R Joyce, Sheriff, Galway died on 5th April 1932' (p130).
- '7953: Widening of Nile Lodge Corner: a/c £40.0.0 from E.S. Board in connection with the removal of electric poles and lines at Nile Lodge corner in Dec 1929...' (p130).
- '7960: Gort Courthouse: Submitted letter dated 21st Sept from Gort Fianna Fail Cummain asking that Lion and Unicorn be removed from Gort Courthouse and the Maid of Erin with the Scales of Justice placed thereon instead. Co. Surveyor states that the cost of removing Lion & Unicorn would cost £25....
That Permission be given to Fianna Fail Cummain to remove Lion & Unicorn at their own expense provided roof of building is restored to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor' (p132).
- '8033: Claddagh - Salthill new road: That the matter of compensation for land to be acquired be left in the hands of Mr Kennedy & M O'Dea and that if a satisfactory agreement is arrived at Mr O'Dea be authorised to withdraw the arbitration proceedings' (p149, see also p350 & p367).
- '8122: Motor Traffic: That we, the Finance Committee of the GCC, welcome and much appreciate the bus service from Kilerrin via Moylough, Menlough and Monivea to Galway and Sathill. This bus service for which were is a great demand is a public advantage and we hope that Mr O'Connor of Moylough, who conducts it, will long continue to place this service at the public disposal' (p168).
- '8128: Relief Works: Reconstruction of 2 miles of the Loughrea-Woodford road.
Referred to February 8084.
Submitted letter no RFA/a dated 2nd Dec 1932 from the Roads Department stating that the grant of £19,800 already notified constitutes Co. Galway's share of grant for the current year' (p169).



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- Special meeting to discuss the accommodation '*...to be given to the County Library Committee, and to the Galway Urban Council when the County Council offices are transferred from the County Courthouse to Prospect Hill...*' (p171).
 - '8565: Claddagh Bridge [Wolfe Tone Bridge]: Submitted letter dated 7th July from the County Surveyor with letter from Mr N O'Dwyer, Consulting Engineer, recommending the acceptance of tender of the Irish Piling Company, Dublin....
That tender of the Irish Piling Company Dublin be accept £4,511.15.7 (8 July 1933, p271, see also p319)
 - '8836: Industrial School: Maintenance of children in Industrial Schools.....That managers of all Industrial Schools be notified of the Council's intention to reduce maintenance charge by 1/= per week per head' (p338, see also p451).
6. 1934-04-07 - 1937-06-12 Includes for instance:
- '182: Piers at Inishmaan: Submitted report of Co. Surveyor recommending the Council to accept grant of £450 and undertake future maintenance.' (p39).
 - '342: Kinclare - Garragine New Road [Mountbellew district]:That Co. Surveyor be directed to refer the work to the Office of Public Works for repair under the minor Relief Schemes' (p75).
 - '465: Wayleaves: Submitted Letter dated 19th Dec from the Electricity Supply Board relative to the proposed laying of underground cable along University Rd to Earls Island. Co. Surveyor has no objection provided restoration work is properly carried out...' (p103).
 - '649 Bridge at Derreen: Submitted letter....from the Irish Land Commission stating that the Commission has increased their contribution from £320 to a sum not exceeding £450 and report of the County Surveyor thereon' (p146).
 - '666 Clifden Railway Line: Submitted letter dated 11 April from the Department of Industry & Commerce stating that train service will be discontinued as from the 29th April 1935' (p150, see also p195).
 - '677 Tuam Beet Factory Road: Submitted letter from Mr Kennedy, Co. Surveyor, recommending the appointment of Mr Earner as Clerk of Works....' (p152).
 - '862 Galway Harbours: Galway Harbours Act 1935: Submitted letter dated 20th August from the Galway Harbour Commissioners stating the Commissioners have requested Sir Cyril Kirkpatrick to prepare contract plans for Stage 1 of the proposed works' (p193).
 - '869 Galway - Clifden Railway: Co. Cooke proposed & Co. Ashe seconded that the County Surveyor of the Western Division and the County Secretary be requested to accompany a deputation from the Galway Urban Council to the Gt S. Rly Co. Dublin with a view to prevent the removal of the Railway Bridge over the Corrib and the removal of the line with particular reference to that part of the line between Galway and Menlo' (p195).
 - '946 Spiddal Pier: Submitted Co. Surveyor's report re damage done by storm to Spiddal Pier and provisional estimate of £400 for repairs' (p214).
 - '980 Galway Harbour: The Secretary reported that the Galway Harbour Board declined to acquiesce in the proposed re-establishment of a Conjoint Committee to deal with matters relative to the development of Galway Harbour and that the Board had referred to Sir Cyril Kirkpatrick the



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engineering arrangements for the carrying out of the work. The Secretary added that it had been pointed out to the Board that there was no justification for referring the matter to Sir Cyril Kirkpatrick solely, as the other three engineers (Sir John Griffith, Mr W Binns, & Mr M J. Kennedy) had been appointed conjointly with Sir Cyril Kirkpatrick'.

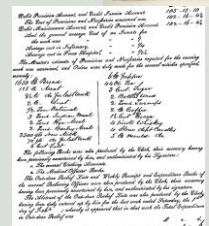
Co. Co. Corbett, T.D., stated that having regard to the manner in which the Council's deputation was received on the last occasion he would not ask any member of the Council to go before the Harbour Board again. He proposed, however, that as there were material factors for consideration by the Board which had not been adequately emphasised the Co. Secretary, Co. Solicitor and Mr Kennedy (Co. Surveyor) be authorised to attend the next meeting of the Harbour Board to explain the position more fully...' (pp221-222).

- '1092 Sea Wall at Kinvarra' (p245).
- '1097 Tuam Beet Factory' (p246).
- '1235 River Suck Drainage District' (p280).
- '1365 County Buildings: Proposed strong room in County Buildings: Referred to F.C.M, 1303.
Submitted letter dated 25th June from Mr Kennedy, Co. Surveyor stating that it will cost £76.15.0 to convert the Storekeepers office into a Strong Room....' (p312).
- '1389: Bridges: Flannery Bridge reconstruction...' (p316).
- '1921 Food & Drugs: Submitted letter dated 26th May from the Chief Superintendant Civic Guard Ballinasloe, recommending the appointment of Garda J Walsh, 4005, Portumna, as Food & Drugs Inspector in place of Garda McStay transferred' (p438).
- '1949: Galway Air Service: Proposed aerodrome at Oranmore.
Submitted application from the Secretary, Galway Urban Council for transfer of £50 to credit of the conjoint Committee Aerodrome Committee' (p446).

7. 1937-06-26 - 1941-12-12

Also includes loose inserts such as summary of proposal for payment 16th July 1939 and copy letter of 25 February 1939 with details of the rate estimates. Includes for instance:

- '2207: Piers....The lease for 5 years at £1 a year be granted terminable on 6 months' notice on either side Mr Samzan to pay cost of lease' (p60).
- '2381 Mountbellew Street Lights: Submitted application from the Mountbellew Co-operative Agricultural & Dairy Society Ltd., for permission to erect street lights in Mountbellew' (p98).
- '2826 Piers: Quay at Derry, Costello...' (p198).
- '3458 Secondary School Scholarships 1939-'40....' (p368).
- '3517 Purchase of Lorry:The tenders be referred to County Surveyor for report' (p373).
- '3538 Purchase of Lorry: Refer to FCM 3517.
Submitted letter dated 9th July from the County Surveyor recommending that the tender of W. W. P Higgins, Galway at £327.15.0 for a Ford V8, 4 ton lorry delivered at Galway be accepted' (p380).
- '3607 Valuation of Railway Hereditaments: Submitted letter dated 16th March, 1940 from the Great Southern Railways enclosing copy of Order made by Judge Davitt and stating that the company's claim has been revised and is as follows...' (p399).



- '3830 Road Works Scheme 1940-1941: Referred to Co. Surveyor's letter of 21st June 1940 requesting that £700 allocated to road widening at Derrydonnell be transferred to improving Moyvella Junction...' (p454).
- '3844 Air Raid Precautions: Submitted letter from the Department of Defence relative to schemes including arrangements in respect of fire-fighting, first-aid, private shelters and public instruction for Galway, Ballinalsoe and Tuam, and that one light trailer pump hand appliances & protective clothing for each Town and in addition one large and one light trailer pump extra for Galway Town...' (p458)
- '3903 Disposal of Waste Paper: Submitted quotation as follows:-.....That the quotation of Messrs M Duane be accepted excluding ledgers and that the quotation of Irish Industrial Waste Co. for ledgers with covers at £5 per ton be accepted' (p472).
- '4039 Galway Prison: Conveyance of Gaol site to His Lordship the Bishop of Galway for the purpose of erecting a Cathedral thereon....
That the Council make an absolute conveyance to the Diocesan Trustees of the Galway Jail lands & premises as a site for the new Cathedral as the Council is satisfied with a written undertaking to be signed by His Lordship the Most Reverend M. Browne D.D. binding himself and his successor that if his Lordship or his successor shall not have commenced the building of the Cathedral and erected the walls to a height of at least twelve feet during the lives of the Reverend Patrick Lee, the Reverend Colman O'Halloran both of St Mary's College, Galway and the Reverend Laurence Bane, C.C. of Rossaveal, all of the County of Galway or within 21 years after the death of the survivors of them that the entire premises will be re-conveyed to the County Council or its successors and that if the Cathedral shall be erected within the said period the Council shall not ask for a re-conveyance of any portion of said Jail premises' (p503).

8. 1941-04-19 - 1950-10-28

From 29 August 1942 (following appointment of first County Manager) the minutes are concise and simply record the balances in various accounts, such as relating to Turf Production, and summary details of payments. Includes for instance:

- '415 Seeds & Fertilizers' details of individual applications under the loan scheme (pp3-5).
- '5382 Turf Production: Bank balance today £38,048.19.11 Sanctioned overdraft £5,000 applied for August' (p45).
- '5437 Turf: Investigations into the drying of turf.
Submitted letter from the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, Turf Division, dated 19th Aug stating that the Emergency Research Bureau proposes to carry out a number of investigations into the drying of turf and that the County Survey staff should co-operate in the on the field experiments and observations will commence at 2.30 on of Tuesday 26th August 1941 at the College of Science Merrion Square, Dublin, and will complete by Mid-day on Aug 27th arrangements should be made for one of the Assistance Co. Surveyors to attend lectures' (p52).
- '5561 Galway Race Week Food Supplies: Submitted letter from the Department of Supplies dated 7th July (1942) stating that in view of the restricted supply of tea and sugar the Minister could not agree to make additional supplies available on the occasion in question' (p185).

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