

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 1/6/1954

IN THE CHAIR: Rev. Fr. Egan.

PRESENT: Lord Killanin, Clr. J. O'Dowd, Messrs. H. McGlory and J. Sweeney.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Manager.

Apology for inability to attend (owing to examinations in Portumna) was received from An t-Athair Eiric MacFhim.

1. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Sign-Posting: The Acting Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. Hartnett of An Bord Failte stating that 35 sign posts had been delivered to Galway in December. The Committee requested that the County Engineer be asked to report:-

- (1) those delivered and erected,
- (2) if any more expected?

after receiving this information each member will be in a position to give a list of any signposts required in his area.

(b) Clontuskert Abbey: The Acting Hon. Sec. reported that work has not yet commenced - and it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to state when it is likely to start.

(c) Aughnanure: The estimate for the necessary repairs to this structure has been submitted to An Bord Failte and agreed. The Committee requested that the County Engineer be asked to state when it will definitely commence.

(d) Spanish Arch, Galway: It was reported that work has been very satisfactorily carried out on this structure.

(e) Gateway at Belle View: Mr. Le Clere, Inspector of National Monuments, is to have inspections carried out here and report is awaited.

(f) Ruins at Belle View: Rev. Fr. Egan reported that he had visited same; which are in a bad condition and will eventually collapse. A discussion took place re the preservation of the Family Crest - and various opinions were expressed as to what was best to be done. Finally, it was decided to write to the Inspector of National Monuments and ask his views in the matter - and whether it would be possible to have the coat of arms erected near the Gateway.

(g) St. Breacan's Church: County Engineer reported that work had commenced on these monuments on the 5th May last.

(h) Teampull Beag na Naomh: County Engineer to be asked when work would commence.

(i) Breac-Chluain: Rev. Fr. Egan reported that though this monument has no architectural details of importance it, nevertheless, it's worth while preserving and he suggested it should be inspected by the County Engineer; who would be asked what it would cost to maintain it.

(j) Athenry Town Walls: The Acting Hon. Secretary submitted a report from Mr. Powell, Assistant County Engineer, who stated that the walls are considered safe and that no work should be done on them. Mr. Sweeney again referred to the ivy on the walls and said that it was a pity it was not taken down and so have the old Tower which is on top of the walls made visible. It was agreed that Mr. Sweeney would keep in touch with Mr. Powell on the matter. On this subject, Mr. Sweeney said that Muinntir na Tire would be willing to provide the necessary labour to do any minor repairs or alterations to the Town Walls; thus helping in making the people of the locality become interested in the national monuments in their area.

(k) Lady's Holy Well: Nothing was done in this matter - it was decided that the Acting Hon. Secretary would write a special letter to Mr. Hartnett in the matter.

2. MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) Lismore Castle: Rev. Fr. Egan drew attention to this monument (which is situated between Eyreccourt and Meelick) and stated that it is well worth preserving. The Acting Hon. Secretary to write to Mr. Le Clere and ask him to have same put on Agenda for next meeting of the National Monuments Council in Dublin and inspected when possible.

(2) Pamphlets: County Manager asked how this matter was progressing and was informed that An Bord Failte are willing to finance the printing of same if we provide the material.

(3) Fr. Griffin Memorial: Mr. McGlory referred to this Memorial and asked if it would be possible to have a sign erected at entrance to it in Barna. He is to forward the full translation for said sign. Hon. Sec. to take up with An Bord Failte.

(4) Closing of Grave-Yards in Ancient Monuments Grounds: A discussion took place re this matter which was raised by Mr. Sweeney; different opinions were expressed and it was pointed out that where possible steps should be taken to prevent any more burials in such grounds, as from a point of view of tourism; tourists may not like frequenting such places if burials continue to take place there. The County Manager explained the position in the Graveyards vested in the County Council.

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- (5) Meetings - General: The inviting of a member of the Press to each meeting or the releasing of a report of the workings of the Committee to the Press was raised, and it was unanimously adopted subject to the County Manager's approval.
- (6) Next Meeting: It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 31st August, 1954, at 3.30.p.m.
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Signed: Patrick C. Mac Donogh S.C.

DATE: 31/8/54.

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 31.8.54.

IN THE CHAIR: Rev. Fr. Egan.

PRESENT: Professor Duignan, Mr. J. Sweeney and Clr. J. O'Dowd.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Lord Killanin and An t-Ath. E. Mac Fhinn.
Mr. Sweeney sent word that he would not be able to attend until after 4.p.m.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) There was nothing to report regarding sign-posting. ✓

(b) Clontuskert Abbey: Lord Killanin, Fr. Egan and Professor Duignan met Mr. Hartnett of An Bord Failte and discussed the various works required. Money is available, and the County Manager has communicated with the County Engineer in regard to having the works put in hands. Fr. Egan stated that it was a long time since the money had been paid by An Bord Failte and a good while since the County Engineer had been asked to do this work.

(c) Aughnanure: There is correspondence between the County Manager and the County Engineering Staff in regard to the various monuments on which An Bord Failte is prepared to spend money. The attitude of the Engineering Staff is that work in connection with monuments which are not the property of the Council, is not within their sphere of duties. The work at Aughnanure has been deferred pending the outcome of these discussions.

(d) Ruins at Belleview: The Secretary suggested that the Committee write to Mr. Le Clerc, asking if he thinks it would be possible to save the portico, which is all that remained of Belleview House.

Clr. O'Dowd suggested that a sign-post be erected to indicate the position of this monument. He stated that when the proposed road from Kiltormer to Laurencetown would be erected, it would run through Belleview. If the Gateway was made a National Monument, the County Council could not touch it in making the road, and it could be by-passed.

(e) St. Breacan's Church and Teampull Beag na Naomh: The Secretary reported that he and Lord Killanin visited these ruins and found that the repairs and maintenance work had been completed. They had hoped that the work would not have been finished, as there were some suggestions about the work which they had wished to make. Lord Killanin had written to the County Manager suggesting that a fence be erected to keep cattle etc. away from the monument. The County Manager has written to the County Engineer requesting him to carry out this work.

(f) Breac-Chluain: The County Engineer's report, requested in the County Manager's letter of the 16th June, 1954, was not received up to the time of the meeting. ✓

MISCELLANEOUS:

Lismore Castle: Fr. Egan stated that this monument, which consists of an old Keep, a 17th century Manor House and bawn, is in very bad condition - the whole of one end is in ruins. The Secretary stated that Lord Killanin had written to Mr. LeClerc, asking him to have this matter put on the agenda for the next meeting of the National Monuments Council.

Athenry Town Walls: Mr. Sweeney stated that he had not made any suggestions to Mr. Powell, Assistant County Engineer, about the ivy on the walls.

Pointing and Killing Ivy: A letter from Mr. Le Clerc, dated 6th July, 1954, a copy of which was sent by the County Manager to the County Engineer, regarding pointing and killing ivy, was read by the Secretary.

A letter, dated 28. 8. 54 from An Bord Failte was read by the Secretary, as a result of which the following matters were discussed:

Signes at Inishmore: An Bord Failte proposed, subject to the approval of the County Council, erecting signs showing the location of monuments in Aran. The Committee decided, after discussion, to send an urgent request to the County Manager to accept over.....

the offer of An Bord Failte and to have the signs erected before the next tourist season. An Bord Failte requested the views of the Committee on four different proposed types of notices for Inishmore (numbered A,B,C, and D in Board's letter) involving use of Irish or English or both.

After lengthy discussion the Committee decided to reject D and that A would be impracticable.

Plaques: The Committee was informed by An Bord Failte that the Inspector of National Monuments is to prepare and erect plaques at the scheduled monuments in County Galway, of which about half will be general notices and the rest referring to special features or details.

Fr. Egan stated that:

(1) It had been reported to him that a Cross in a field beside a ruin at Addergoole, in the parish of Killrerin, half-way between Milltown and Dunmore, has been knocked down and half buried by a man, with a Bulldozer.

It was decided that Lord Killanin would be requested to ask the County Manager if the local Engineer would look into the matter.

(2) Fr. O'Reilly, P.P., Duniry, asked if something could be done to preserve the Abbey at Kilnalahan.

It was decided to ask the County Manager to have this Abbey inspected and that a report, if necessary, be obtained before next meeting.

(3) Fr. Egan suggested that An Bord Failte be asked to consider carrying out repairs on the old town gateway at Loughrea.

NEXT MEETING: It was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday, 6th December, 1954.

----- *Pádraig Egan MacFinn*
6 Dec 1954

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HON. SECRETARY.

DATE: _____

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,
on MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1954.

IN THE CHAIR: An T-Athair E. MacFhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, Mr. J. Sweeney and Lord Killanin, Hon. Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J.B. Collins, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from An T-Athair O'Críochain, S.P., and Councillor O'Dowd.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of the 31st August, 1954, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read, and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

1. Clontuskert Abbey: Mr. Collins reported that work had not been started as the church did not appear on the list of National Monuments in the possession of the County Council. It was explained that this monument passed to the County Council under the Disestablishment and was included in the Schedule of the Act. Mr. Collins agreed to start work forthwith.

2. Aughnanure: Mr. Collins stated that the County Engineer could not undertake this work, as it is Board of Works property, and he is awaiting clarification of liability for the work.

3. Bellevue Gate: Fr. Egan reported that this gate was to be taken over by the State as a National Monument.

4. Lawrencetown House: Letter from Mr. Le Clerc, Inspector, was read. It was agreed that this building would be dealt with privately by Fr. Egan and An Bord Failte. Later it might be advisable to recommend the vesting of it in the County Council.

5. St. Brogan's Church and Teampull Beag na Naomh: Mr. Collins reported that a style had been built at the former, and that there is a gate on order for the latter.

6. Breach Chluain: Mr. Collins reported that restoration work would cost £150, but the meeting decided that all that was necessary would be:

- (a) cleaning up of interior.
- (b) provision of gate at entrance.

It was recommended that this castle should be taken over by the County Council. Fr. Egan agreed to speak to the owner, Mr. Edward Morris of Clonkeen.

7. Lismore Castle: Letter from Mr. Le Clerc stated that it was not intended to vest this castle in the State. In view of the historical associations of the castle, which was formerly the principle castle of the O Maddens, the Committee recommended that the County Council should take it over. Fr. Egan agreed to ascertain ownership, etc.

8. Signs at Inishmore: This question was again discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the County Council should agree to the suggestions made in letter from An Bord Failte of the 28th August, 1954, but that:

- (a) The spelling of place names should be checked by Mr. Hartnett, preferably with Mairtin O'Suirin.
- (b) Descriptive notices should be in Irish with resume in English.

9. Addergoole Cross: The County Engineer could not trace this cross, but it was now confirmed that it is on the land of Michael Burke, Curranthomas, Dunmore, who owned a bulldozer. Mr. Collins agreed to trace the cross.

10. Kilnalahan: Owing to the common usage of the name Abbey to this parish, the engineer had not been able to trace it. The location was established and an inspection will be carried out. The County Manager is to confirm that the church passed to the County Council on Disestablishment.

11. Loughrea Gateway: Fr. Egan stated that this gateway was in private hands, and that he was taking up the matter of preservation direct with An Bord Failte.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

12. Dunsandle: Fr. Egan raised the question of Dunsandle House, which is threatened with demolition, and the Acting Hon. Secretary reported on correspondence with the County Manager and the Inspector of National Monuments.

The following resolution, proposed by Fr. Egan and seconded by An t-Athair MacFhinn, was passed unanimously:

"That the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to take immediate steps for the preservation of this important 18th century house, the only important extant in County Galway."

13. Folklore Museum: The following resolution, proposed by The Lord Killanin, seconded by Fr. Egan, was passed unanimously:

"That the County Manager be asked to consult with the Corporation, County Council, National Monuments Advisory Council to the Board of Works, The Irish Folklore Commission, An Bord Fáilte, the Galway Archaeological Society and this Committee, with a view to the immediate establishment of a folklore museum in County Galway."

14. Next Meeting: It was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday, 7th March, 1955:

SIGNED: Pádraig Egan MacFinn

DATE: 7th March 1955

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting held at
The County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 7.3.1955.

IN THE CHAIR: An t-Athair E. MadFhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Fr. Egan, Mr. J. Sweeney, Clr. O'Dowd and Lord Killanin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J.B. Collins, B.E.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for inability to attend were received from An
Canonach O Criochain, S.P.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held on the 6th December, 1954, were read
and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES -

Clontuskert Abbey: It was reported that work was commenced on the
14th February.

Aughnanure: No details available. It was agreed that the Hon. Secretary
should write to the Inspector of National Monuments to see whether anything
could be done.

Breada Chluain: Correspondence between the County Engineer and County
Manager was read and it was agreed that this monument should be vested in
the County Council. Father Egan reported that the owner, Mr. Tom Walls
of Keelogue, Meelick, was agreeable to this and that the sum of £150 should
be spent to get this work carried out.

Lismore Castle: It was agreed that when Mr. Hartnett was visiting Clontuskert
he should be asked to inspect Lismore and that the County Engineer would arrange
for an Engineer to be in attendance.

Signs at Inishmore: Mr. Collins indicated that signs would be erected on the
County Council roads but, in view of the discussion regarding the work to be
carried out by the County Engineer, it was not possible to erect signs on the
non-Council roads. The matter will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Addergoole Cross: This cross has not been traced and the Hon. Secretary will
will endeavour to try and locate it.

Kilnalahan Friary: It was reported that, subject to the County Council approval,
£220 would be spent in repairing this. Mr. Collins reported that included in
the Church was a Burke family vault which he thought might not be the property
of the Council.

Dunsandle: The Hon. Secretary reported that he had attended a meeting of the
standing committee of the National Monuments Council in Dublin and that the
matter would be brought up at the next meeting.

Teampulín, Poolboy, Ballinasloe: Fr. Egan stated that he considered that this
small church associated with Clontuskert should be taken into public ownership
and it was agreed that Father Egan should establish who is the present owner.

IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 23rd May, at 3.30.p.m.

SIGNED: *Pádraig Egan MadFhinn*

DATE: *12th Deireadh Fómhair 1955*

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting held at the County Buildings,
Galway, on Tuesday, 12th June, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: An t-Athair E. Mac Fhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Professor Duignan, Father Egan, Messrs. H. McGlory, J. Sweeney
and J.A. O'Connell.

APOLOGY: Apology for inability to attend was received from Lord Killanin.

It was stated that Canon Crehan and Dr. T.B. Costello were both ill,
and the Committee decided to write to each of these members, wishing them a
speedy recovery.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 7/3/55, were read and were signed
by the Chairman.

As only two members were present on the 3rd May, 1955, it was decided that
there was no meeting.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Clontuskert Abbey: It was reported that the work on this monument has been carried
out.

Breach Chluain: Repairs have been carried out.

Lismore Castle: Father Egan stated that he, Mr. Hartnett of An Bord Failte,
and an Engineer, inspected this ruin and decided that it was not worth while spending
any money on it.

Signs at Inishmore: It was stated that these signs have been erected.

Addergoole Cross: This cross has not yet been found. It was decided to ask
Lord Killanin if he has been able to find out anything about it.

Kilnalahan Friary: Father Egan stated that the repairs have been carried out on
Kilnalahan Friary, but stated that the pointing of the masonry was not in
accordance with the particular standard of care required in repairing ancient
monuments.

Mr. Sweeney stated that this was not the only case in which
the repairs were not satisfactorily carried out, and the Committee decided to
circularise the Council's Engineers, informing them of the anxiety of the
Committee regarding the pointing of masonry - that the pointing should be
inconspicuous and should be carried out in such a way that it will not cover any
part of the surface of the stones.

Dunsandle: Professor Duignan stated that the National Monuments Advisory Council
have made exhaustive efforts to get a new owner and have set up a sub-committee
to investigate the whole problem, including taxation, maintenance, etc.

Mr. Sweeney suggested that the National Monuments Council be asked to
circularise auctioneers in Dublin that this building was for sale. A discussion
followed as to whether the Committee had any authority to do this, and Fr. Egan
suggested that Mr. Sweeney's suggestion be recommended to the County Councillors.

It was decided to write to the County Manager expressing the anxiety of
the Committee that in no circumstances should this building be allowed to be
demolished, and asking if the attention of the auctioneers could be drawn to the
fact that the building is for sale.

Teampulín, Poolboy, Ballinasloe: It was stated that the County Manager did not
approve of the spending of any money on this ruin.

Father Egan suggested that the Committee write to
the Inspector of National Monuments pointing out that as this ruin is situated at
the edge of the canal at Poolboy, which is used extensively by fishermen, it is a
tourist attraction. It is an early 13th century ruin, and also has associations
with Clontuskert.

LION'S TOWER, GALWAY: Copy of a letter dated 30th May from the County Manager to Mr. Thomas J. Blake regarding the Lion's Tower, Galway, was read by the Secretary. It was agreed to ask the County Manager if there were any further developments in the matter, and to keep the Committee informed of the position.

SPANISH ARCH, GALWAY: Mr. McGlory asked what was the position in regard to the Spanish Arch, and was informed that money was expended on its repair in 1954.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS: Mr. Sweeney enquired what was the position in regard to Athenry Town Walls. Professor Duizman stated that the National Monuments Council have a list of monuments to be taken over by the Office of Public Works, and Athenry Town Gates and Walls etc. is included in this list.

Kilcreevanty - RUINS OF CONVENT: Mr. J.A. O'Connell stated that he intended to raise this matter at the next meeting - that nothing whatever appears to have been done to preserve this old ruin.

FATHER GRIFFIN MONUMENT, BARN: Mr. McGlory stated that a sign should be erected indicating the position of this monument. Father Hgan stated that An Bord Fáilte would supply such a sign which would be erected by the Council's Engineering staff.

TIME OF MEETINGS: Mr. Sweeney suggested that the time of the meetings be changed. It was agreed that in future meetings be held on Mondays at 4.p.m.

It was decided that the next meeting be held on 1st October, 1956, provided that this date would be suitable to Mr. Hgan. If it was not suitable to Mr. Hgan, it was agreed that it would be held on the following Monday, 8th October, 1956.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SIGNED: Deoras Ene MacFionn

DATE: 12 Iugstara 1960

ANCIENT MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 14th APRIL, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: An t-Athair E. Mac Fhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Professor Duignan, Lord Killanin, Father Egan and Mr. H. McFlory.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from
Senator Buckley and Mr. Sweeney.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting of 12th June, 1956, were read.

KILCORBAN PRIORY, CO. GALWAY: Arising from representations made by
Father Bowes, P.P., Tynagh, Professor Duignan presented a report regarding
Kilcorban Priory, an ancient monument in Kilcorban Burial Ground.

Lord Killanin reported that he had written
to the Earl of Westmeath, informing him of the collapse described by
Professor Duignan, and enquiring if he should get estimates for the
necessary repair work.

After discussion, it was decided to request
the County Manager to ask one of the Assistant County Engineers to estimate what
it would cost (a) only to re-erect and block the arch and (b) to replace the
roof as well, and to inform the County Manager that Father Egan would be prepared
to visit the Burial Ground with the Engineer.

ADDERCOOLE CROSS: It was decided to write to Lord Killanin regarding this
monument.

LION'S TOWER, GALWAY: Lord Killanin read a memorandum from the Irish
Military History Society giving the history of this monument.

It was decided to send a copy of this document to
the Galway Corporation.

FATHER GRIFFIN MONUMENT, BARNA: The Committee agreed to inform the
County Manager that representations had been made to it to have a road sign
post erected at Barna, indicating the position of the Father Griffin monument
at Cloch Seilte.

It was decided that the next meeting would be
held on receipt of a reply from the Earl of Westmeath regarding Kilcorban Priory.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SIGNED: *Pádraig Mac Fhinn*

DATE: *12 Iúna 1960*

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting held at the County Buildings,
Galway, On Friday, 12th August, 1960.

PRESENT: An t-Ath. Mac Fhinn, Rev. Father Egan, Lord Killanin, Professor Duignan,
Messrs. Dolan, Joyce and Murphy.

COMMITTEE: Professor Duignan, outgoing Secretary, read a letter addressed to him
by the County Secretary, informing him of the members of the National Monuments
Advisory Committee who were appointed by the County Council at their Annual Meeting.

CHAIRMAN: Professor Duignan proposed Lord Killanin.
Lord Killanin said that it would be better if the Chairman of the
National Monuments Advisory Committee was not a member of the National Committee, and
he proposed that an t-Ath. Mac Fhinn be appointed Chairman. This proposal was
seconded by Professor Duignan, and an t-Ath. Mac Fhinn then took the Chair.

SECRETARY: The appointment of Rev. Father Egan as Hon. Secretary to the Committee
was proposed by Lord Killanin, seconded by Professor Duignan and unanimously
approved.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for inability to attend were received from Professor
Hayes McCoy and from Mr. P. Fahy.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous two meetings were read and signed.

KILCORBAN PRIARY: Father Egan informed the meeting that he had written to the Earl
of Westmeath enquiring if the Earl of Westmeath would be prepared to hand this
monument over to the County Council in order that the Council would carry out repairs.
A reply had been received from the Earl of Westmeath stating that he would be pleased
to hand over the monument to the Council.

Father Egan explained to the new members that the position
regarding Kilcorban was that an arch had fallen out and the general idea was to
re-erect it.

It was decided that the County Manager be informed of the position
and that he be requested, as a matter of urgency, that the monument be taken
over by the Galway County Council, so that repairs would be carried out to the
monument as soon as possible.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Mr. Murphy informed the meeting of the location of this cross
and said it was on the Milltown road via Kilclooney Cross. He agreed to inspect
the monument and have a report available at the next meeting.

BELLEVIEW GATE, LAURENCETOWN: The Secretary said that there was now a public road
through the gateway, which was formerly on the avenue through the old Belleview
property, and that there was a possibility that this road would eventually be used as
a main road. The gateway is in a very dangerous condition.

The Chairman stated that the main thing was to
preserve the gateway but that it should not be removed from its present site.

It was decided that strong representations be made
to the Commissioners of Public Works to have a Preservation Order made as a matter of
urgency in view of the road works proposed, and that the Commissioners be asked to
include in the order the portico of the adjoining Belleview mansion which
displays the finest piece of Coade work in the country.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS, ETC: The Committee endorsed the recommendations set out in
Mr. Hartnett's letter to the County Manager dated 25th July, 1960, and said that
care should be taken that the work be carried out in a suitable manner and under
technical supervision.

AN TEAMPULLIN, POOLBOY: Father Egan told the meeting that there was nothing that
could be done in connection with An Teampullin, as Mr. O'Flynn, County Manager,
had inspected it personally, and did not consider it worth preserving.

KILCONNELL ABBEY: Mr. Murphy said that this Abbey was in a very bad state with
ivy, and it was decided to write to the Commissioners of Public Works in connection
with this matter.

AUGHMANURE CASTLE: Lord Killanin said that the condition of this monument had deteriorated since the State took it over and it was decided to write to the Commissioners of Public Works in connection with the matter.

TUAM CROSS: Professor Duignan read some recent correspondence on the file in connection with Tuam Cross. He said that the Cross had been inspected and was structurally sound, and that the only danger to it would be the possibility of some vehicle backing into it.

Mr. Dolan said that in regard to monuments, the best person to help would be a County Councilor, and that the members of the Committee should approach the County Councillor in their area regarding which required to be done to monuments in that area.

CHURCH AT GORTINAPORY, AUGHMIM: Mr. Joyce referred to this ruin, and as the members did not know it, it was decided that Mr. Joyce would seek further information about it, and that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

GRAVEYARD AT ROSSEBRILLY: Mr. Murphy stated that tombs had been broken into some years ago through vandalism, and that they were now in a very dilapidated condition. It was decided to write to the Commissioners of Public Works drawing their attention to this fact.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY CHURCH: Mr. Murphy said he was informed that the stone taken to Dublin from the east window of the church at this Abbey in 1853 was now back in Ballyglunin.

Professor Duignan said he would get the details from Mr. Murphy and investigate this matter.

LION'S TOWER, GALWAY: Motion received from Professor Hayes McCoy was read. It was agreed by the members that this monument was primarily of interest to Galway and to the people of Galway, and that if they want it preserved they should be prepared to help to pay for it.

Professor Hayes-McCoy's motion was amended slightly, and the following motion was carried unanimously, on the suggestion of Mr. Joyce:

"That the Committee deplores the threatened destruction of the Lion's Tower bastion in Eglinton Street, Galway, built in 1646, and trusts that steps will be taken by the Corporation and citizens of Galway to preserve this historic memorial."

It was decided that the Town Clerk and Local Press be sent copies of this resolution.

FR. GRIFFIN MONUMENT IN BERNA: It was decided to draw the attention of the County Manager to the fact that the signs indicating the position of this monument which had been recommended, have not been erected.

YEATS' CASTLE, BALLYLEA: Mr. Dolan told the meeting of the vandalism which has been the cause of continued deterioration of this castle, and it was decided to write to Mr. Yeats asking him if he would have any objection to the Committee's approaching the Commissioners of Public Works to take over the Castle.

It was also suggested that the Local Garda Superintendent be informed of the vandalism to this building, and this was agreed to.

KILCREVANTY: Mr. Murphy said that this old ruin did not appear to him to be worth preserving.

Father Egan said that this was a very important nunnery, and was the mother house of the region.

Professor Duignan undertook to call and inspect the ruin with Mr. Murphy and he would report on it at the next meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS: Mr. Joyce congratulated Fr. Egan on the publication of his book on the History of Ballinasloe, and said he was honoured to have been associated with Fr. Egan. The vote of congratulation was enthusiastically endorsed by all the members.

MEETINGS: It was decided to hold meetings of the Committee about a fortnight before the Meetings of the National Monuments Association, so that matters brought up at the Committee meetings could be referred to the National Monuments Association.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 16th November, at 4.30 p.m.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Date: 16th January 1960

SIGNED: Patrick G. McKeon
Chairman.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting held at the County Buildings,
Galway, on Wednesday, 16th November, 1960.

IN THE CHAIR: An t-Ath. E. Mac Fhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Father Egan, Messrs. Joyce, Dolan, Murphy and McGlory.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for inability to attend were received from Professor Hayes McCoy, and from Mr. Sweeney, Athenry, who stated he would be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee and suggested that Mr. Kennedy, Galway, be appointed in his place.

It was decided to write to the County Secretary informing him of the position and enquiring if Mr. Kennedy could be appointed to replace Mr. Sweeney.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th August, 1960, having been circulated to the members, were signed by the Chairman.

KILCORBAN PRIARY: County Engineer's estimate of 31st May, 1958, for repairs to this monument was submitted to the meeting for approval. It was decided to recommend the carrying out of the work proposed in the County Engineer's estimate, with the exception of the replacement of the roof which, the Committee decided, should, instead of being replaced, be removed altogether.

BELLEVUE GATE, LAURENCETOWN: The Secretary read letters dated 19th September, 1960, addressed to the Hon. Secretary, National Monuments Advisory Committee, and to the County Secretary, from the Commissioners of Public Works, stating that they do not propose to take over this monument, and suggesting that the local authority might exercise its powers under the National Monuments Acts to preserve the Gateway particularly as the Council is assuming responsibility for the roadway through it.

It was decided to recommend to the County Council that the gateway be preserved.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Mr. Murphy reported that he again called to the owner of this monument, who said he would re-erect the Cross if he got some financial assistance. It was decided that Mr. Murphy would again approach the owner and inform him that the County Council had no authority to give him the financial assistance he required as the monument was privately owned; that Mr. Murphy would again try to persuade the owner to re-erect the cross or, alternatively, to allow the County Council to take it over for re-erection in the graveyard nearby.

AUGHANURE CASTLE: The Secretary informed the meeting that he had written to the Commissioners of Public Works regarding the condition of Aughanure Castle and had received an acknowledgement. He said that inspection of monuments is carried out in regions, and that an Inspector would not come especially to investigate a report such as that received from this Committee.

Mr. Dolan said that he took some friends to see Aughanure Castle recently, but discovered that there was a house built nearby and that the way in to the Castle was cut off.

It was decided to write to Bord Fáilte informing them of the position as they are interested in this monument as a tourist attraction.

CHURCH AT CORTNAPOY, AUGHREM: It was decided that Mr. Joyce would write to Mr. Hartnett of Bord Fáilte, to have this Church included in his sign-posting list.

DUNMORE CASTLE: Mr. Murphy told the meeting that the plaques on this monument had been broken by vandals, and it was decided to write to Bord Fáilte asking if they might be renewed.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY CHURCH: Mr. Murphy informed the meeting that he had spoken to Mr. Blake about the stones from Abbeyknockmoy Church which were now at Mr. Blake's home in Ballyglunin, and that Mr. Blake had said that he would do anything he could to help in this matter.

It was decided to write to the Commissioners of Public

Works explaining the position.

YEATS' CASTLE, BALLYLEA: The Secretary informed the meeting that he had written to Mrs. Yeats regarding the condition of Ballylea Castle but had received no reply. He read a letter received from Mr. Hartnett of Board Failte, and it was decided to write again to Bord Failte about the matter.

KILCREAVANTY: It was decided to defer this matter until Professor Duignan had inspected the ruin.

MILE-STONES, ETC: Mr. Murphy said that many of the old mile-stones were destroyed during the course of road works, and it was decided to write to the County Secretary requesting that road workers be informed that these mile-stones should be preserved.

Mr. Dolan suggested that the County Secretary also be requested to inform road workers that stones from any old ruins should not be used for road construction or repair.

NEXT MEETING: It was decided to hold the next meeting about 15th February, 1961.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATES.

SIGNED: Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 3rd December 1961

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting held at the County Buildings,
Galway, on Wednesday, 3rd May, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: An t-Ath. E. MacFhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Father Egan, Professor Hayes-McCoy, Messrs. Kennedy and Murphy.
Apology for inability to attend was received from Lord Killanin.

MINUTES: The Minutes of meeting held on 16th November, 1960, having been circulated to the members, were signed by the Chairman.

Fr. Egan said there had been a meeting called for 8th February, 1961, but could not be held as there was not a quorum present.

BELLEVIEW GATEWAY, LAURENCETOWN: Fr. Egan read letter dated 1st May from the County Secretary stating that the Galway County Council at meeting on 22nd April decided that this Gateway be taken down and that anything of historical value which is in it be placed on a suitable place on the roadside nearby.

The Committee did not agree with this decision, and after discussion it was decided to write to the County Secretary explaining that the Gateway should not be moved from its present position as the monument would lose a considerable amount of its historical value if it were moved.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Mr. Murphy reported that this Cross has been re-erected by the owner and that it is now quite safe, but that the owner was not prepared to hand it over for re-erection by the County Council in the graveyard nearby.

The Committee asked Mr. Murphy to convey to the owner their appreciation of gesture to re-erect the Cross.

AUGHNANURE: Fr. Egan read extract from a letter from Bord Failte, who stated that the Office of Public Works should do something about trespass of animals and that Bord Failte might eventually improve or service the pathway.

It was decided to write to the Commissioners of Public Works regarding the preservation of the right-of-way to the monument which appears to be cut off.

GORTNAPORY: As Mr. Joyce was not present, it was decided to defer consideration of this item until next meeting.

DUNMORE CASTLE: Fr. Egan read extract from letter from Bord Failte in which it was stated that Bord Failte will supply bi-lingual plaques if the County Council will erect them at their own expense.

It was decided to write to the County Secretary enquiring if the County Council could erect the plaques on this condition, and also to inform him that the caretaking of the castle was being neglected.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY CHURCH: No reply was received from the Office of Public Works to the letter written to them on 12th December, 1960, explaining the position regarding the inscription from this monument which has been traced to the house of Mr. Blake of Ballyglunin, and it was decided to write to the Office of Public Works again.

YEATES' CASTLE, BALLYLEA: Fr. Egan read letter from Bord Failte in which it was stated that it was felt that there was no way in which this castle could be preserved unless it was taken over by some organisation or body. The Committee decided there was nothing more they could do in the matter.

KILCREAVANTY: There was no report available as Professor Duignan was not present. It was decided to request plaques from Bord Failte if the County Council are prepared to erect them on the conditions specified above.

ATHENRY CASTLE: Mr. Kennedy was asked to draw the attention of the Committee to the condition of the gateway at Athenry Castle which is in a very corroded condition.

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As this monument is vested in the Commissioners of Public Works it was decided to write to them informing them of the position.

CLASH AN AIFREANN, SYLAUN, TUAM: Mr. Murphy referred to this monument and said that the right-of-way to the altar is obstructed. It was decided to bring this matter to the attention of the Land Commission, and also to ask Bord Failte to provide a sign-post to be erected by the County Council.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: 25.10.1961

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Minutes of Proceedings of the National Monuments Advisory Committee
Meeting held at the County Buildings, Galway, on the 25th October,
1961.

IN THE CHAIR: Professor M. Duignan, in the absence of An t-Ath. E. MacFhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan and Mr. Murphy.
Apology for non-attendance was received from An t-Ath MacFhinn and
Mr. Kennedy.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on the 3rd May, 1961, having been taken as read,
were signed by the Acting Chairman.

Fr. Egan queried the number and names of the members of the Committee and stated that
a letter had been received from the County Secretary stating that the members elected
were the same as previously.

BELLEVUE GATEWAY, LAURENCETOWN: The Committee again protested strongly against the
demolition of this gateway. The President of the Dublin National Monuments Committee
instructed Professor Duignan to approach the County Engineer, Mr. Warner, on the matter,
and Professor Duignan reported that Mr. Warner said:- "The matter was in the hands of
the County Council and would be decided by the County Council". Professor Duignan
stated that the only thing to do was to reiterate our firm conviction that the Bellevue
Gateway, because of its architectural and historical value should not be demolished, but
on the contrary should be preserved in a fit condition. The other members agreed on
this.

Abbeyknockmoy, Aughnanure and Athenry Castles: Fr. Egan wrote to the Commissioners of
Public Works on the 30th June about these three castles and received a reply stating
that the matter was receiving attention. He later received a further letter stating
that the Office of Public Works had no record of receiving his previous letter of
November, 1960, relating to Aughnanure and requesting a copy, on receipt of which the
matter would be investigated. Fr. Egan did this, but had not received any further
communication.

Professor Duignan stated that there is under active consideration at present a
proposal which should improve matters with regard to National Monuments, i.e. the estab-
lishment of a number of regional offices with an inspector in charge. There would be
one such office in Galway. If this were done, it should solve matters.

Signposting of Dunmore Castle: Fr. Egan wrote to the Secretary of the County Council
on the 30th June stating that Bord Failte had intimated its willingness to provide
plaques, if the County Council would undertake to erect them. He also drew attention to
the caretaking of the Castle. He also wrote to Mr. Hartnett of Bord Failte about the
matter.

Kilcreevanty Nunnery and Clais an Aifreann: Fr. Egan wrote to the Secretary of the
County Council requesting that a plaque for Kilcreevanty Nunnery be provided by Bord
Failte and erected by the County Council. He also requested that a signpost to Clais
an Aifreann be provided. Mr. Looney sent on to Fr. Egan letter received from Mr.
Hartnett stating that signposts are supplied only to monuments which are:- situated in
tourist areas; readily accessible to visitors and of general archaeological, architect-
ural or historical significance. He doubted if either of the sites would qualify, but he
requested the Council's views. The matter was referred to Mr. Murphy by Fr. Egan, as
he would be more conversant with the matter. Mr. Murphy choose Kilcreevanty and Clais
an Aifreann; he said that Dunmore was not in a tourist area.

The meeting then terminated, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on the
15th November, 1961, at 4.30p.m. to discuss the further matters on the agenda.

SIGNED: *Professor M. Duignan*

DATE: 15-11-1961

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THE 15th NOVEMBER, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: An t-Ath. E. MacFhinn.

ALSO PRESENT; Rev. Fr. Egan, Messrs. Murphy, Kennedy and Dolan.

MINUTES; The minutes of meeting held on the 25th October, 1961, having been taken as read, were signed by the Rev. Chairman.

BELLEVIEW GATEWAY, LAURENCETOWN: Fr. Egan reported to the meeting that since the previous meeting he had, as advised at the meeting, again written to the Secretary of the County Council protesting against the demolition of the Belleview Gateway, and on the 14th November had received a reply from the Secretary stating that at meeting on the 4th November, the County Council had decided that the gateway be left to stand in its present position. The committee expressed satisfaction at this decision, and proposed a vote of thanks to the County Council.

KILREEVANTY, CLAIS AN AIFREANN AND CREVAGH BAUN: Fr. Egan had a letter from Mr. Hartnett of Bord Failte about these three monuments. He stated that he travelled to Tuam on the 27th September and tried to locate them. He failed utterly to locate either Kilreevanty or Urevagh Baun, and had the greatest difficulty in locating Clais an Aifreann.

Mr. Hartnett stated that a plaque and signpost would certainly be advisable at Crevagh Baun and requested some information on same. Mr. Murphy said he would get this information. He also stated that Crevagh Baun is situated between Tuam and Barnaderg on a main road, and could not understand Mr. Hartnett's failure to locate it.

Fr. Egan was to write to Mr. Hartnett on Clais an Aifreann stating its historical value.

GORTNAPORY: Consideration on this monument was deferred until the next meeting, as Mr. Joyce was not present.

KILCORBAN: Fr. Egan received a letter from Messrs. Stapleton, Solicitors for Lord Westmeath, the owner of the monument, stating that Lord Westmeath would be agreeable to hand it over to the County Council. He also received a further letter thanking him for his trouble over Kilcorban, and expressing his pleasure that it was taken over by the County Council.

MOORE CEMETERY, ABBERT: Fr. Egan received a letter from the Secretary of the County Council on the 15th May enclosing a copy of letter from Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh, requesting that this monument be taken over. Fr. Egan said that the best thing to do was to go and inspect the place, and stated that he would go there himself. Mr. Murphy also volunteered to go.

Fr. Egan reported that there had been a meeting between Bord Failte and the Office of Public Works, and it has been decided to re-organise the system for the maintenance and repair of national monuments, and the new headquarters will be in Galway. There were fifty monuments listed for priority treatment over the next five to ten years, and of those listed ten were of interest to us, namely:- Aughanure, Athenry Castle, Athenry Abbey, Pearse's Cottage, Roservilly, Kilconnell, Corconroe and Abbeyknockmoy.

The date for the next meeting was fixed as Wednesday the 14th February, 1962.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Joyce on the death of his father-in-law.

Pádraig MacFhinn
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Meeting called for 14 February, 1962 abandoned for want of quorum.

Pádraig MacFhinn, C.C.
Hon. Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHICH WAS HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 10TH
DECEMBER, 1962.

An t-Ath. E. MacFhinn acted as Chairman.

Also Present: Rev. Fr. Egan and Mr. D. J. Murphy.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November, 1961, having been taken as read were signed by the Chairman.

ROSS ERRILLY FRIARY: Fr. Egan read a letter from the County Secretary dated the 16th July, 1962, seeking the recommendations of the National Monuments Advisory Committee in regard to the road leading to Ross Errilly Friary. The County Secretary stated in his letter that it was proposed to repair this road at a cost of £750 with a further grant of £675 from Bord Failte Eireann. Fr. Egan stated that he had also received a reminder to this letter.

Mr. Murphy stated that it was time that the road to Ross Errilly Friary was repaired. The Committee decided to recommend to the County Council that the road should be repaired and that the offer of Bord Failte should be accepted.

BELLEVIEW GATEWAY, LAURENCETOWN: It was stated that the work on the Belleview Gateway had not yet been done and it was in a dangerous condition.

KILCREEVANTY, CLAIS AN AIFREANN AND CREVAGH BAUN: The failure of Mr. Hartnett of Bord Failte to locate these three monuments was recalled and Mr. Murphy informed the Committee that he (Mr. Murphy) had arranged to meet Mr. Hartnett on the 15th instant in order to show him where the monuments are located.

GORTNAPORY: As Mr. Joyce was absent, consideration of this question was adjourned until the next meeting.

MOORE CEMETERY, ABBERT: Fr. Egan stated that he had been unable so far to inspect this monument, but he hoped to be able to do so before the next meeting.

LYNCH WINDOW, GALWAY: A letter from Bord Failte was read recommending that something should be done about this monument. Bord Failte stated that the Committee should get in touch with Mr. Wilfrid Cantwell, Architect, who would give advice on the Lynch Window. The Committee decided to explain to Bord Failte that it had no connection with the Galway Corporation and that it was not responsible for the ancient monuments in Galway City which are under the authority of the Corporation. The Committee recommended that Bord Failte should write to the Corporation on the matter.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Mr. Murphy promised to inquire further about the present condition of this monument.

SYMPATHY: A vote of sympathy was passed with Martin Joyce on the death of his brother.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was fixed for Monday the 18th February, 1963.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING WHICH WAS HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY,
26TH MARCH, 1963.

PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, Messrs. Joyce, Kennedy, Murphy, Lord Killanin and Professor Duignan.

The Lord Killanin acted as Chairman. Apology for inability to attend was received from An t-Ath. E. MacFhinn.

MINUTES: The Minutes of meeting held on the 10th December, 1962, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

ROSS BRILLY FRIARY: Fr. Egan had written to the County Secretary on the 27th December giving the decision of the Committee at its last meeting re this monument, i.e. recommending that the road to the monument should be repaired. He recommended that the Committee should write to Bord Failte informing them of this decision, and this was agreed. No confirmation had yet been received that the road actually had been repaired and this confirmation was awaited.

BELLEVUE GATEWAY, LAURENCETOWN: Fr. Egan wrote to the County Secretary re the Bellevue Gateway and received a reply on the 27th February to the effect that the gateway was badly overgrown with ivy and that at present it is impossible to estimate the cost of repairing it. The Committee decided to write again to the County Secretary stating that the repair of the gateway was a matter of urgency.

GORTNAPORY: Mr. Joyce stated that Gortnapory had more of historical than archeological interest. He said that due to the proposed by-passing of Aughrim Village, the new main road would be running through the battlefield. A deputation had been sent to the County Council re the by-passing of the village, and the matter was now before the Minister.

KILCREEVANTY, CLAIS AN AIFREANN AND CREVACH BAUN: Mr. Murphy reported to the Committee that he had visited these monuments with Mr. Hartnett of Bord Failte. Mr. Hartnett had expressed the opinion that Kilcreevanty was in too dilapidated a condition to be of interest, but that Clais an Aifreann and Crevagh Baun were worthy of attention. He promised to see that they were signposted. Mr. Murphy had not since heard from Mr. Hartnett and the Committee decided to await hearing further from Bord Failte.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Mr. Murphy stated that the old church at Addergoole had recently been demolished and that His Grace, the Archbishop of Tuam, had protested about its demolition to the County Council. The proposal now is that the cross should be removed from its present position (in a field adjacent to the Cemetery) and erected in the cemetery itself. The Committee approved of this arrangement but was doubtful about the method of erecting the cross. It decided to request that the construction of the cross should be discussed with the Committee and that the plans and drawings should be available for inspection. The Committee appreciated the erection of the cross but would like to know full details.

MOORE CEMETERY, ABBERT: Fr. Egan stated that he inspected this monument on the 17th instant. He gave a full description of the monument to the Committee, and stated that it was in a good state of preservation.

TUROE STONE: The way of access to this monument was discussed. Lord Killanin stated that he had visited there recently and that the driveway was in good condition. There was discussion as to whether the stone was the property of the Office of Public Works or not. Fr. Egan had received a letter from Bord Failte stating that the stone was in fact vested in the Office of Public Works. If this were so, Professor Duignan stated, there would be a right of public access to the stone. There was also discussion as to whether the stone should be removed from its present position to a spot nearer the road. It was decided that Mr. Kennedy should get all the information he could locally about the right of access to this monument and Lord Killanin promised to inquire into the matter with the National Monuments Advisory Council. Both were to report their findings to the Committee at its next meeting.

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KILCONNELL ABBEY: Fr. Egan reported that the Abbey was covered with ivy and it was recommended that a letter should be sent to the National Monuments Advisory Council drawing attention to the state of the monument.

ATHENRY CASTLE AND AUGHANURE CASTLE: It was also decided to write to the National Monuments Advisory Council re the condition of these two monuments.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was fixed for Monday the 27th May, 1963, at 4.30p.m.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH
MAY, 1963.

PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, Lord Killanin, Messrs. Joyce, Kennedy and Murphy.
An apology for inability to attend was received from Professor
Duignan.

CHAIRMAN: Lord Killanin acted as Chairman.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on the 26th March, 1963, having
been taken as read were signed by the Chairman.

ROSS ERILLY PRIARY: As recommended at the last meeting, Fr. Egan had
written to Bord Failte informing them of the
decision of the Committee at its last meeting re this monument -- a reply
was awaited.

BELLEVIEW GATEWAY, LAURENCETOWN: Fr. Egan wrote to the County Secretary
saying that all that was needed at
present to save this monument from deterioration was a little slight
repair. He had received an acknowledgment and was informed that the
matter was being referred to the County Engineer.

GORTINAPORY: It was decided that there was little that could be done about
this matter. Lord Killanin stated that he had observed that
during the course of road widening operations in the village, the County
Council's bulldozer had been going very near to Barnacraw Fort. It was
decided to await the presence of Professor Duignan before this matter was
further discussed.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Fr. Egan had written to the County Secretary recommend-
ing the erection of the cross in principle, but requesting that the
Committee might be allowed to inspect the plans. No reply had yet been
received to this request.

MOORE CEMETERY, ABBERT: Fr. Egan had informed the County Secretary that
this monument was not a medieval ruin as had been thought previously.

TUROE STONE: Mr. Kennedy called there at Easter and stated that there is
definitely a public right-of-way to the stone. Lord Killanin stated that
the National Monuments Advisory Council had not yet met so he had nothing
to report.

ATHENRY CASTLE AND AUGHANURE CASTLE: Fr. Egan had written to the Office
of Public Works re the condition of these two castles.

STONE FROM KILLIMORDALY CASTLE: Mr. Kennedy reported that an inscribed
stone dated 1641, which had originally come from Killimordaly Castle was
in the possession of a Mrs. Simmons of Killeen House, Bushypark, Galway.
This lady had sold her property and was now worried about the future
preservation of this stone. The Committee recommended that this stone
should be taken into the care of the County Council and be returned to
the cemetery attached to the Killimordaly Church nearby as the Killimordaly
Castle was now in private ownership.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was fixed for Monday, 16th September, 1963,
at 4.30p.m.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Fr. Egan
CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1963.

PRESENT: An t-Athar E. MhacFhinn, Rev. Fr. Egan, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Murphy and Professor Duignan.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. Kennedy and Lord Killanin.

CHAIRMAN: An t-Athar E. MhacFhinn acted as Chairman.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on the 27th May were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP: A letter from the County Secretary was read stating that at the Annual General Meeting of the County Council the existing five members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee and the existing honorary members were re-elected.

ROSS ERILLY FRIARY: Fr. Egan stated that no reply had been received from Bord Fáilte to his letter re this monument.

BELLEVIEW GATEWAY: Nothing had been done by the County Council up to the present on this monument, but it was presumed that the work would be put in hands eventually.

BARNACRAW FORT: Part of the ring fort at Barnacraw had been bulldozed by the County Council and the Committee felt very strongly about this. Mr. Joyce stated that he had asked the foreman in charge of the work whether the fort would be interfered with and was assured that there would be no interference. Professor Duignan had also inquired about the fort from the foreman and had even gone to the local engineer's office in Ballinasloe and had left a note there for him. He had not received any reply to this note.

It was decided to send a protest to the County Council about this fort and in particular to demand that when County Council engineering activities were likely to interfere with any monument of archeological or historical value, the National Monuments Advisory Committee should be consulted before the work commenced.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Letter dated 31st May from the County Secretary was read in which it was stated that the County Council had failed to contact Mr. Burke, the owner of the land on which the cross is situated. A further letter, however, conveyed the information that Mr. Burke had been contacted but that he was demanding £100 for the cross as he and his late father had held it in high esteem. This offer was of course ridiculous and the Committee decided to leave the matter in abeyance for about a year. It was decided that the cross in its present position was safe for the present.

TUROE STONE: Professor Duignan stated that this matter came before a meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Council in Dublin and it was proposed there that the Turoe Stone should be transferred to the National Museum. He had registered violent opposition to this suggestion and had succeeded in securing a majority. He stated that there was no question whatever of the stone suffering from exposure to the weather. The Committee fully agreed with him in all that he had said at the meeting and it was decided to write to the Secretary of the National Monuments Advisory Council endorsing Professor Duignan's views and reiterating that if for any reason the stone had to be removed from its present position (which in fact seemed to be quite unnecessary), the proper place for it would be in the Museum in Loughrea.

ATHENRY AND AUGHANURE CASTLES: The National Monuments Advisory Council had written stating they had been assured by the Office of Public Works that work on an extensive scale was to be carried out on these two castles and also on Kilconnell Castle in the near future, unless some unforeseen circumstances intervened.

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STONE FROM KILLIMORDALY CASTLE: A letter from the County Manager recommending that this stone be restored to its original position on the wall of Killimordaly Castle was considered by the Committee and they agreed with the County Manager's suggestion, if the replacement of the stone was feasible. It was decided to write to the County Secretary to this effect.

CLOONKEEN-KERRILL: A letter was read stating that the County Council were doing some work in the vicinity of this ruin and it was decided to send a protest to the County Council on the same lines as for Barnacraw Fort and recommending that the County Council have the ruin preserved.

NEXT MEETING: The date for the next meeting of the Committee was fixed for Monday, 25th November, 1963, at 4.30p.m.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Pádraig MacKearney, Gaolthorpe Woodlag
CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 9th DECEMBER, 1963

PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, An t-Athar E.MhacFhinn, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Joyce.

There were messages from Lord Killanin and Mr. Joyce apologising for their non-attendance.

CHAIRMAN: An t-Athar E.MhacFhinn acted as Chairman.

MINUTES: The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

BARNACRAW PORT & CLONKEENKERRILL: Fr. Egan reported that he had written to the County Council drawing attention to the situation which existed at Barnacraw and Clonkeenkerrill and requesting that the engineering department should consult with the National Monuments Advisory Committee in any case where road works or other activities are likely to encroach on any monument of historical or archaeological interest.

He had received an acknowledgment from the County Secretary who stated that he was communicating with the County Engineer and would ask him to comply with the request.

Fr. Egan recommended that the County Council should be written to requesting that the Clonkeenkerrill ruin be preserved and that expert advice be sought in the process.

TUROE STONE: Fr. Egan had written to the National Monuments Advisory Council about this stone conveying the Committee's strong resentment to the suggestion that it be removed from its present position to Dublin. He had received a reply stating that the Council had been concerned about damage to the stone and the question of removing it had been considered, but it had now been decided to erect a queensland gate which will stop animals from rubbing against the monument.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS: A letter had been received from Mr. J.M.G. Sweeney, Loughrea, stating that it was very desirable that the Athenry Town Walls should be put under State care and that a request in such terms should be sent to the National Monuments Advisory Council. Mr. Sweeney stated in his letter that the initiative in this matter would have to come from the local authority. It was decided to comply with Mr. Sweeney's request and to send a letter to the National Monuments Advisory Council and to send a copy of the letter to the County Manager.

STONE FROM KILLIMORDALY CASTLE: Mr. Kennedy stated that he had contacted the owner of Killimordaly Castle (Mr. John Lawless) and Mr. Lawless was not in favour of the suggestion that the inscribed stone should be returned to its original position on the doorway of the castle as he thought it would be a very difficult job, the stone being very heavy. He also thought that the stone would be out of place there. It was therefore, decided to write to the County Manager explaining the position and recommending that the stone be placed in Killimordaly Churchyard after seeking the consent of the parish priest.

ABBEY GRAVEYARD: Fr. Egan had received a letter from Mr. Hartnett of Bord Failte Eireann requesting information about this graveyard. Mr. Kennedy stated that he had visited this place a few months ago and that except for a lot of overgrowth, there did not seem to be anything out of order in the place. Fr. Egan undertook to visit the place again and see if there was anything wrong.

KILCORNAN: Mr. Hartnett of Bord Failte had received a request from the Brothers of Charity, Kilcornan, requesting that the old castle and church on the grounds should be either restored or demolished. Mr. Kennedy stated that the walls of the monuments were structurally sound, but he stated that he would visit Kilcornan again and find out the position as it would be a pity to demolish the monuments, and would submit a report to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The date for the next meeting was fixed for the 9th March, 1964.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

CHAIRMAN Martin J. Joyce

DATE 13th October 1964

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON THE
13th OCTOBER, 1964

PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, An t-Athar E. MhacPhinn, Professor Duignan, Mr. Murphy, N.T.,
Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Joyce, N.T.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Joyce, N.T., acted as Chairman

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December, 1963, were taken as
read and signed.

BARNACRAW FORT & CLONKEENKERRILL: Road works carried out at Clonkeenkerrill by the
County Council had now finished. The Committee is awaiting a report from the County
Engineer about their preservation.

KILCORNAN: Prof. Duignan stated he would look at the Castle, and discuss its preser-
vation with Bro. Peter of the Brothers of Charity. The Brothers of Charity had re-
quested Board Failte Eireann to have the ruins restored or demolished as they con-
sidered them to be an eye-sore. Prof. Duignan thought that the ruins should be
taken over by the Board of Works.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS: Fr. Egan had written to the National Monuments Advisory Committee
on the 21st September, 1964, urging that some action be taken to preserve the Town
Walls of Athenry, as they are in danger of crumbling away through neglect. A copy
of the letter had also been sent to the County Manager.

BELVIEW GATEWAY: Fr. Egan reported that nothing had yet been done about this gateway.
One of the corners was broken. Mr. Joyce agreed to ask Deputy Millar to raise the
matter in the County Council.

ROSS BRILLY FRIARY: The County Council and Board of Works were co-operating in making
a roadway to Ross Brilly Friary. The Committee had nothing further to worry about.

TURROE STONE: The Committee thanked Prof. Duignan for his efforts in preventing Turroe
Stone being sent to the National Museum in Dublin. Prof. Duignan stated that thanks
was due to the Committee for their support. The Queensland gates to protect the
monument from animals rubbing against it had not yet been erected. The Secretary was
instructed to write to the National Monuments Advisory Council expressing disappoint-
ment.

KILLIMORDALY STONE: Fr. Egan wrote to the County Manager on the 21st September, 1964,
concerning this matter. In a letter dated the 22/10/'64 the Manager stated that
the stone (which represented the coat of arms of the Daly's) was transferred to Mrs.
Simmons' house in Dublin, and there was nothing further the Council could do in the
matter.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Talks are taking place between the County Council and the owner
of the cross with a view to having it erected in Addergoole Cemetary.

ABBAY GRAVEYARD: The Secretary reported that he visited the site and found it in good
condition.

CLONTUSKERT ABBAY: Fr. Egan is to write to the National Monuments Advisory Council
about the propping up of the wall of the Abbey which is in danger of collapsing.

ABBAYKNOCKMOY: The Secretary was instructed to inform the National Monuments Advisory
Council of the sale of Ballyglunin House and the consequent danger to the inscribed
stones from Abbeyknockmoy; also to write to Mr. Blake, the owner, to inform him that
Professor Duignan would be prepared to take charge of the stones until they should
be returned to Abbeyknockmoy.

PORTUMNA FRIARY: Fr. Egan had visited the Friary and reported that vandals had
broken one of the water-shoots. He is instructed to report the damage to the National
Monuments Advisory Council.

NEXT MEETING: The date for the next meeting was fixed for the 8th February, 1965,
at 4 O'clock.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

CHAIRMAN *P. Joyce*

DATE 8 Feb 1965

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD
ON THE 8th FEBRUARY, 1965

PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, An t-Athar E. MhacFhinn, Mr. Murphy, N.T., Mr. Joyce, N.T.

CHAIRMAN: An t-Athar E. MhacFhinn, acted as Chairman. Apology for inability to attend was received from Lord Killanin.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on the 13th October, 1964, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

BARNACRAW: Work finished at Barnacraw.

CLONKERRILL: Letter dated the 2/12/'64 from County Secretary to Prof. Duignan read by Fr. Egan. Secretary instructed to see Prof. Duignan.

KILCORMAN: Awaiting Prof. Duignan's report. Letter from the National Monuments Advisory Council dated the 4/11/'64 stated that it was understood that the County Engineer is in touch with the Inspector for the preservation of the Town Walls.
Mr. Murphy stated that he had heard that the Brothers of Charity intended to have the Statue of Our Lady in Castlebar transferred to their own private Chapel in Kilcornan, provided the roof was repaired, and they would maintain it afterwards. Fr. Egan, Secretary, instructed to see Prof. Duignan.

BELVIEW GATEWAY: It was reported to the meeting that £350 was voted by the County Council for its preservation.

TUROE STONE: Letter from the National Monuments Advisory Council read "position satisfactory". ("Queensland" gates to be erected in a week or two.)

KILLIMORDALY STONE: Stone was safe. Matter closed.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: The owner agreed to give up possession. Stone to be re-erected in Addergoole Cemetery. Secretary instructed to write and thank him.

ABBEY GRAVEYARD: Matter closed.

CLONTUSKERT ABBEY: Letter from National Monuments Advisory Council read. A grant of £700 from Bord Failte had been provided to prevent further deterioration. The matter to be postponed for the moment.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY STONES: Letter from Mr. Lucas stating that the question of the recovery of the inscribed stones has been referred to the Inspector. Mr. Blake informed the Board of Works of the existence of the stones and his willingness to allow them to be returned. Fr. Egan to write to Secretary of Land Commission to inform Mr. LeClare of their existence.

PORTUMNA FRIARY: Referred to Mr. LeClare by National Monuments Advisory Council.

CATHAIR AN EASBUIG: Secretary to write to Bord Failte to provide a signpost.

APPHENRY TOWN WALLS: Letter from National Monuments Advisory Council read.

NEXT MEETING: The date for the next meeting was fixed for the 3rd May, 1965, at 4.15 p.m.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

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CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THE 3rd May, 1965

IN THE CHAIR: An t-Ath. E. Mhac Fhinn

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, Messrs. Joyce, and Murphy.

APOLOGY: Apology for inability to attend was received from Lord Killanin.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on 5th February, 1965 were read and signed by the Chairman.

Cloonkeenerrill: Secretary undertook to see Prof. Duignan before next meeting re Advisory Committee's suggestion that he might advise on the preservation work.

Kilcornan: Secretary also undertook to see Prof. Duignan re. report on this ruin..

Belview Gate: The Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the pointing was carried out here; otherwise the preservation was satisfactory. Advised that the inscription should be cleaned by removal of tar with Jays Fluid. Stated that the urn which originally surmounted the gateway is available and should be replaced there. The Secretary was instructed to bring these matters to the attention of the County Secretary, and to ask the present owner for permission to remove this urn.

Turoe Stone: Secretary reported that the promised "Queensland" gates had not yet been erected by the Board of Works.

Addergoole Cross: Secretary instructed not to write to owner just yet.

Abbeyknockmoy Stones: Secretary undertook to write to the Land Commission informing them of their existence.

Cathair an Easbuig: Secretary to write to Board Fálte to provide a signpost.

Clontuskert Abbey: Fr. Egan quoted from a cutting in the Irish Press which stated that this abbey was among those on which the Office of Public Works intended to carry out restoration work.

Millaghmore Castle/Caislean Uí Ceallaigh: Although there is only the remains of the site left, the Committee would like to see it sign-posted.

NEXT MEETING: The date for the next meeting was fixed for the 13th September, 1965, at 4.15 p.m.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

E. Mhac Fhinn
CHAIRMAN

13th September 1965
DATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON
THE 13th SEPTEMBER, 1965

IN THE CHAIR: An tÁth. E.Mhac Fhinn

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, Messrs. Duignan, Joyce, Murphy

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd May, 1965, were read and signed.

CLONKEENKERRILL: The Committee advised that the ivy which covers the ruin should be removed, but not by burning off. Prof. Duignan expressed his willingness to meet Mr. Forde, the local Engineer by arrangement on the site to discuss the problem.

KILCORNAN: Prof. Duignan reported that this ruin is of a simple rectangular church of the 14th - 15th century, with a partly restored East window. He considered it worth preserving, but for County Council preservation the object would have to be made over to them. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Superior of the Brothers of Charity there and explain how simple it would be to keep it in repair, and that Prof. Duignan would be prepared to go out and advise on it by appointment.

BELVIEW GATE: The Secretary stated that he had reported to the County Council on the unsatisfactory pointing done at its restoration, and requested that the tar be removed from the inscription and the urn returned to its place. He also stated that there was a good chance that the urn would be recovered.

TUROE STONE: Prof. Duignan reported that the "Queensland" gate is now in position.

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: Mr. Murphy reported that it is safe so far.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY STONES: The Secretary reported that the Land Commission had acknowledged his letter on this matter.

CURRACH CASTLE, RENVOLLE: The County Secretary requested the Committee to advise on the preservation of this ruin. A letter from the Board of Works was read, stating that it was not of sufficient importance to warrant State preservation. The meeting deferred reporting until Prof. Duignan inspected it.

CATHAOIR an EASBUIG MULLAGH MOR: The Secretary reported that he had written to the County Secretary requesting that Bord Failte be approached for sign posts for these sites. He was then instructed that if nothing happened he should write directly to Bord Failte.

CRAOBHACK BHAN (TEACH ALLUIS): Mr. Murphy reported that this ruin was now repaired.

NEXT MEETING: The date for the next meeting was fixed for the 13th December, 1965, at 4.15 p.m.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Seamus O'Connell
CHAIRMAN

DATE

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, on THE
13th DECEMBER, 1965

IN THE CHAIR: Mr. P. Kennedy.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, Messrs. Joyce and Murphy.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December, 1965, were read and signed.

GLOONKEENKERRILL: No action taken for the moment.

KILCORNAN: Secretary read a letter from Bro. Connor, Superior to the effect that the order were not in a position to alienate the property. He expressed thanks to Prof. Duignan for proffered advice on preservation, but stated that immediate repairs to the Church were not contemplated.

BELVIEW GATE: A letter dated the 30th September, 1965, received with County Secretary's letter of 1st October, was read. The County Engineer intimated that he would have the tar removed from the inscription, and the urn replaced when it was recovered.

ABBEEKNOCKMOY STONES: Mr. Kennedy agreed to speak to Mr. T. Clery, the Local Land Commission Engineer with a view to having them taken care of.

CURRAGH CASTLE, RENVOYLE: The meeting deferred reporting to the County Council on this monument until Prof. Duignan has an opportunity of inspecting it.

CATHAOIR an EASBUIG: MULLAGH MOR: Letter from Bord Failte dated the 17th September, 1965, to County Secretary read -

"I cannot find any references to O'Kelly's Castle at Mullaghmore near Mountbellew in the Shell Guide which is generally all-embracing. Neither is there any mention of Kilcoran Bog, or the 'Cathaoir an Easbuig'. Is there more than the site of the castle to be seen at Mullaghmore, and what are the remains of the 'Cathaoir an Easbuig' like. Are both places freely accessible to the public at all reasonable times?

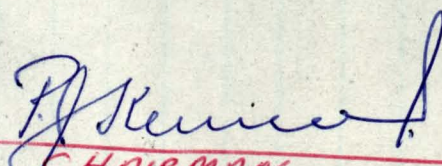
Perhaps you might let me have a photograph or a reference to some publication which gives details. We would then consider supplying the necessary signs"

Fr. Egan, to write to Bord Failte explaining that nothing remains in both cases but the site, and from a tourist point of view there is nothing to see there.

RODERICK O'FLAHERTY'S HOME, PARK, SPIDDAL: Mr. Kennedy reported that this site was in a state of neglect. He agreed to visit the place and report on its condition.

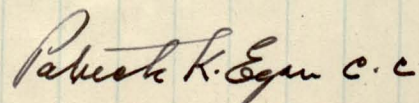
NEXT MEETING: Next meeting to take place on Monday, March, 14th, 1966, at 4.15 p.m.

THIS TERMINATED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING


CHAIRMAN

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DATE

Meeting called for 20 June 1966 abandoned for want of quorum.


Hon. Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THE 14th MARCH, 1966

IN THE CHAIR: Rev. Fr. Egan.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. Joyce, Kennedy, and Mr. Murphy.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December, 1965, were read and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary read a letter from the National Monuments Branch, Office, of Public Works to the Secretary of Galway Co. Council informing him that Clontuskert Abbey had been placed in the guardianship of the Commissioners of Public Works for preservation as a National Monument.

CLONKEENKERRILL: Discussion on this monument was deferred to the next meeting.

BELVIEW, GATE: The Secretary reported that the urn for the pediment of this monument had not yet been recovered.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY STONES: Mr. Kennedy reported that he had interviewed Mr. Rabbitt a representative of the new owners, Opus Dei, and was assured by him that no harm would come to the stones.

CURRACH CASTLE, RENVOYLE: Report from Prof. Duignan awaited.

CATHAIR an EASBUIG: MULLAGH MOR: The Secretary was instructed to write to Bord Failte suggesting signposts for both places with the reading "Site of etc.,"

RODERICK O'FLAHERTY'S HOME, PARK, SPIDDAL: Mr. Kennedy stated that he would, weather permitting, soon visit the place in company with Mr. Sean Ford.

NEXT MEETING: .Next meeting to take place on Monday, June 20th, 1966, at 4.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

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