

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,  
GALWAY, ON THE 12th SEPTEMBER, 1966.

IN THE CHAIR: An tAth. E. Mhac Phinn.

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

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March, 1966, were read and signed.

CLONKEENKERRILL: Awaiting report from Prof. Duignan.

CATHAOIR an EASBUIG: This matter was discussed by the committee, and it was agreed that instead of a sign-post being erected as had been requested that a plaque would be more suitable in this case.

Fr. Egan to write to the County Secretary in regard to this.

BELVIEW GATE: Matter deferred.

CURRAGH CASTLE: Awaiting Prof. Duignan's report.

ANNAGHDOWN, ROSSERTILLY, BALLYMACGIBBON CAIRN, KELLY'S CAVE:

The Committee complained that the sign-posting of the above is unsatisfactory. Annaghdown lacks secondary signposts; at Roserilly the signpost is painted black; Ballymacgibbon Cairn has only a hand-painted sign and Kelly's Cave has none. They are all in the same general area.

Fr. Egan to write to the County Secretary to have these matters remedied.

COOLE PARK (Lady Gregory) This site was over-grown with weeds.

TOOR BALLYLEA: The committee noted that this site was well preserved.

DESTRUCTION OF RUINS IN GRAVEYARDS: The Committee was very concerned about the destruction of ruins in graveyards in connection with County Council works. Such destruction at Corrandulla (which however, was suspended) as well as at Addergoole near Dunmore some time ago was mentioned. The Committee directed that these matters be brought to the notice of the County Council and that a general direction be given to the Assistant County Engineers to be careful about these sites and not to interfere with the ruins of churches, castles or other antiquities.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting to take place on Monday, 16th October, 1967 at 4.15 p.m.

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Propruz Eric MacFinn  
CHAIRMAN

16 Daire Fojimán 1967  
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON

THE 16th OCTOBER, 1967

IN THE CHAIR: An ~~Mgr.~~ <sup>Mgr.</sup> E. Mhac Phinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Egan, Secretary, Senator L. O'Buachalla, Prof. M. Duignan, Clr. J. Donnellan, (Moycullen) Mr. D. J. Murphy, Mr. P. Fahy, Mr. M. Joyce, N.T., Deputy R. Molloy.

CLOONKEENKERRILL: There was a general discussion in regard to Cloonkeenkerrill and Prof. Duignan agreed to inspect it. Clr. Donnellan intimated that he would raise a question at the County Council Meeting in regard to its preservation.

CATHAOIR AN EASBUIG: Fr. Egan had written formally to the County Secretary requesting that Bord Failte be asked to supply a plaque at this site.

DELVIEW GATE: The urn for the pediment of this monument to be obtained from Mr. Naughton.

TURRAGH CASTLE, RENVOYLE: Prof. Duignan also agreed to inspect this site;

ANNAGHDOWN, ROSSERILLY, BALLYMACGIBBON CAIRN, KELLY'S GRAVE: The Secretary had written to the County Council, pointing out that the signposts to above were unsatisfactory. The Committee felt that new signposts should be erected as the present ones are unreadable.

TOOR BALLYLEA: Position very satisfactory.

DESTRUCTION OF RUINS IN GRAVEYARDS: Fr. Egan had written to the County Secretary regarding this and his report was awaited. Mr. Murphy reported the Addergoole Cross is now safe.

DUNMORE CASTLE: Mr. Murphy stated that this site had been fenced and Prof. Duignan queried that if Dunmore Castle was a national monument the public had a right-of-way to visit it. It was suggested that Fr. Egan should write to the Inspector of National Monuments, 10 Hume Street, Dublin, requesting them to keep the gate closed, and erect a stile to facilitate people wishing to visit the Castle.

MONUMENTS IN ARAN: Deputy Molloy stated that the Council were neglecting the monuments in Aran. Dun Aengus and the Seven Chapels in particular. He also suggested that the existing paths to Dun Aengus be improved and better signposting be provided. Fr. Egan to write to the County Council and Bord Failte regarding this.

COOLE PARK (Lady Gregory): This site belonged to the Forestry Department. Bord Failte were to look after this site, but they had not capital available now. Fr. Egan to write to Bord Failte.

AUGHRIM: Mr. Joyce suggested that the County Council be asked to provide a lay-bye at this site.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY STONES: The stones at present in the possession of .Opus Dei, but the Committee feel that it would be better to have them back at the Monastery. Fr. Egan requested to write to the Inspector of National Monuments.

RODERICK O'FLAHERTY'S HOUSE: An tAth. E. Mhac Phinn stated that there was nothing to be seen at this site, but that a plaque should be erected there. <sup>was agreed</sup>

OLD CHURCH NEAR TUAM: Mr. Murphy stated that this ruin was being used to house sheep. Fr. Egan to write to Land Commission about it.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting to take place on Monday, 4th December, 1967.

*Pádraig Mac Phinn*  
CHAIRMAN

*4ú Mí na Nollag 1967*

DATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON 4/12/1967

IN THE CHAIR: Mgr. E. MacFhinn,

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Dr. P. Egan, Secretary, Senator L. O'Buachalla, Messrs.  
D. J. Murphy, M. Joyce.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for inability to attend were received from Prof. G. Hays-  
McCoy and Mr. M. Semple.

CLOONKEENKERRILL: Clr. Donnellan at previous meeting had agreed to raise the  
question of its preservation at the County Council Meeting and Prof. Duignan  
had agreed to inspect. In their absence the matter was postponed.

CATHAOIR AN EASBUIG: Fr. Egan reported that Mr. Harbison, Archaeological  
officer, Bord Failte had asked for a text (not more than 100 words in Irish  
and same in English) suitable for a plaque. Mr. Joyce raised the matter of  
a plaque for the site of Dr. MacNevin's house at Aughrim and the meeting  
recommended that it be equally in Irish and English.

Mr. Joyce also in this connection raised the matter of the neglect by  
Bord Failte of sites of historical interest in the later centuries. He  
instanced the battle fought at Aughrim by O'Sullivan Beave on his flight  
North in which he killed the son of Sir Nicholas Malby, Governor of Connacht.  
It was also felt by the meeting that the Archaeological grant to Bord Failte  
was inadequate; that it should be increased to cover sites of historical as  
well as Archaeological interest and that a historical officer should be  
employed by the Board. Senator O'Buachalla undertook to raise these matters  
at Ministerial level.

BELVIEW GATE: The urn for this monument will be obtained from Mr. Naughton.

CURRAGH CASTLE, RENVOYLE: Deferred: Awaiting Prof. Duignan's report.

ANNAGHDOWN, ROSSERRILLY, BALLYMACGIBBON CAIRN, KELLY'S CAVE: Fr. Egan reported  
that Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte will attend to the first two certainly. As  
yet he (Mr. Harbison) does not know about the others but will visit them.

DESTRUCTION OF RUINS IN GRAVEYARDS: Fr. Egan stated that he had no reply  
to his letter on the subject to the County Secretary, but as the latter had  
sent a copy of it to Bord Failte, presumably the Engineering Dept. of the  
County Council was also informed. In this connection, Fr. Egan was instructed  
to advise the County Council that the Addergoole 12th century cross lying  
prone outside a graveyard, should be erected inside.

DUNMORE CASTLE: Fr. Egan reported that he had no reply from the Inspector  
of National Monuments to his letter on the condition of the monument. Mr.  
Murphy reported that the floor has now been cleaned and gravelled and a plaque  
supplied, but the nuisance, in the shape of a wire fence put around the  
building by a local farmer and inside which livestock were kept, remained.  
The meeting was of the opinion that every legal action necessary to put an  
end to the nuisance should be taken. Senator O'Buachalla agreed to take the  
matter up at Ministerial level.

ARAN MONUMENTS: Fr. Egan reported that Bord Failte will help in regard to  
these, but Mr. Harbison has first to inspect them in the coming Spring.

COOLE PARK: Fr. Egan was instructed to recommend that the County Council ask  
the Department of Forestry to provide supplementary signposting and improve  
the road into the site.

LAY-BY AT AUGHHRIM: Fr. Egan stated that he had written to the County Secretary  
seeking a lay-by at the site indicated.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY STONES: Fr. Egan stated that he had written to the Inspector  
of National Monuments but as yet had no reply.

RODERICK O'FLAHERTY'S HOUSE: Mgr. MacFhinn reported that the ruined wall  
fragments remain. Fr. Egan was instructed to request a sign-post for the  
spot from Bord Failte through the County Secretary.

SYLAN (CLAIS AN AIFREAINN) CHURCH SITE: Fr. Egan reported that he had as  
yet received no reply to his letter to the Land Commission on the matter.

CASTLEKIRK CASTLE, MAAM VALLEY: Mr. Maurice Semple reported by letter that  
though this is classified as an National Monument by the Board of Works,  
nothing has ever been done to kill the ivy or make access to the place for  
visitors; that there is no notice stating it to be a National Monument and  
last year he was asked to purchase it by an Englishman for tourist purposes.  
He thought perhaps the Committee would consider asking the Board of Works  
to clear it up and repair it. Fr. Egan was instructed to write accordingly.

DAY OF MEETING: Since Monday is now closing day in Galway it was agreed  
that it would be more convenient for Committee members to have another  
meeting day. Friday was decided upon tentatively. In his letter Mr. Semple  
had suggested a later time and different place. The Committee however,  
considered that this was not entirely under their control.

NEXT MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, 8th MARCH, 1968

*Mgr. E. MacFhinn*  
CHAIRMAN

*8 March 1968*  
DATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, on  
8/3/1968

IN THE CHAIR. Mgr. P. E. MacFhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary, Senator L. O'Buachalla, Messrs. M. Joyce, D. J. Murphy, M. Semple, Solicitor, Clr. J. Donnellan.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for inability to attend were received from Prof. M. Duignan and Prof. G.A. Hays-McCoy.

CLOONKEENKERRILL: The Secretary was asked to write to Prof. Duignan and request that he inspect the ruin and advise on its repair.

CATHAOIR AN EASBUIG. Mgr. MacFhinn undertook to compile a text for plaque to this site.

BELVIEW GATE: Deferred

CURRAGH CASTLE, RENVOYLE: Deferred

ANNAGHDOWN, ROSSERILLY, BALLYMACGIBBON CAIRN, KELLY'S CAVE. The Secretary stated that a communication from Mr. Harbison, Archaeological Officer, Bord Fáilte was awaited.

DESTRUCTION OF RUINS IN GRAVEYARDS. A reply from the County Engineer was read and the matter closed.

DUNMORE CASTLE. The committee decided to have the text of a plaque prepared.

ARAN MONUMENTS: Deferred, pending inspection by Mr. Harbison.

COOLE PARK: The Secretary stated he had written to the County Council as instructed, but no reply had been received from Forestry Department. Deferred.

LAY-BYE AT AUGHRIM: Mr. Joyce reported that this work had been carried out.

DR. MCNEVIN'S HOUSE AT AUGHRIM. Mr. Joyce stated that a plaque was being provided by Bord Fáilte.

ABBEYKNOCKMOY STONES. The Committee considered that they were in no present danger, and the matter was dropped.

RODERICK O'FLAHERTY'S HOUSE The Secretary stated that he had requested a sign-post for the site.

SYLAN (CLAIS AN AIFREANN) The Secretary stated that there was still no reply from the Land Commission.

CASTLEKIRK CASTLE. The Secretary had written to the County Secretary but no reply received.

CLONFERT CATHEDRAL SIGNPOST: The Secretary reported a request from Eyrecourt Development Association for signposts to this at Laurencetown and Esker. He was instructed to apply for both.

DALY INSCRIPTION. The Secretary reported that Mrs. Simmonds had again offered to return the stone for erection at Killimordaly. He had arrangements made to have it transported from Dublin to Lusmagh with a view to having the County Council remove it to the site. He was instructed to seek the permission of the Parish Priest of Kiltulla and write also to the County Manager enclosing a copy of the previous County Manager's decision.

NEXT MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY,  
11th June 1968 at 4.15 p.m.

P. E. MacFhinn  
CHAIRMAN

11th June 1968

DATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON  
JUNE 11th, 1968.

- IN THE CHAIR: Mgr. P.E. MacFhinn.
- ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Dr. P.K. Egan, Secretary, Messrs. M. Joyce, D.J. Murphy,  
Councillors J. Donnellan and P. Fahy.
- CLONKEENKERRILL: The Secretary is to see Prof. Duignan re this ruin.
- CATHAIR AN EASEUIG: The Secretary read letter from Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte,  
stating that the plaque is being made.
- BELVIEW GATE: Deferred.
- CURRAGH CASTLE, RENVOYLE: Deferred.
- ANNAGHDOWN etc: The Secretary is to write again to Mr. Harbison about the  
signposts.
- DUNMORE CASTLE: Mr. Murphy agreed to furnish text for a plaque.
- ARAN MONUMENTS: The Secretary is to request the Co. Council to make the  
improvements. Mr. Harbison's letter read.
- COOLE PARK: No letter received from Forestry Dept.
- DR. MCNEVIN'S HOUSE: Mr. Joyce informed meeting that plaque is ready.
- SYLAN: Relevant correspondence to Senator O'Buachalla on this and Dunmore read.
- CASTLEKIRK CASTLE: Senator O'Buachalla to be asked to write to Board of Works.
- CLONFERT CATHEDRAL SIGNPOST: The Secretary stated he wrote to Bord Failte  
requesting two.
- DALY INSCRIPTION: No action to be taken till stone recovered.
- CLONTUSKERT ABBEY: Secretary reported collapse of side wall. Board of Works  
to be informed.
- KILLAININ: Clr. Donnellan to report on this at next meeting.
- KILCONNELL ABBEY - way in: Mr. Joyce reported it flooded. Secretary to write  
to Bord Failte requesting grant.

NEXT MEETING 10th SEPTEMBER, 1968,  
AT 4.15 p.m.

*Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin*

*10 Meán Fómhair 1968*

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON  
SEPTEMBER 10th, 1968.

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IN THE CHAIR: Mgr. P. E. MacFhinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary, Messrs. M. Joyce, P. Kennedy,  
Councillors P. Fahey and J. Donnellan, Deputy R. Molloy, Mr. Murphy  
Mr. M. J. Molloy.

CLONKEENKERRILL: The Secretary reported that he had not seen Professor Duignan  
re inspection of the ruin but hoped to be able to do so that  
day.

CATHAOIR AN EASBUIG: No further news of the plaque which was being made by  
Bord Failte had been received.

BELVIEW GATE: The Secretary reported that he had at last recovered the urn  
which is to surmount the gate and would deliver it to the District  
Engineer.

CURRAGH CASTLE, RENVOYLE: A Report from Professor Duignan on the ruin was  
awaited.

ANNAGHDOWN, ROSSERILLY, BALLYMACGIBBON CAIRN, KELLY'S CAVE: It was noted that  
Mr. Harbison's (Bord Failte) letter of 28th May in regard to  
Aran may have been intended to include these sites as well.  
Mr. Murphy, therefore, agreed to inspect them and make a report  
on accessibility and sign-posting requirements.

DUNMORE CASTLE: Mr. Murphy kindly supplied the Committee with text for a plaque  
here

ARAN MONUMENTS: The Secretary stated he had written to the Secretary of the County  
Council informing him of the possibility of a grant from Bord  
Failte if the County Council would formulate plans for the  
improvement of these sites. The Secretary was instructed to  
write to Mr. Colie Herson, Kiltronan for advice as to what plaques  
would be necessary for Dun Aongusa, also to report to the  
Commissioners of Public Works on damage being done there and  
suggest a notice be erected requesting the public to co-operate.

COOLE PARK: The Secretary was instructed to ask Senator O Buachalla to write to  
the Department of Forestry requesting that they clean up their  
portion of the road.

SYLAN: Deferred pending report from Senator O Buachalla as to any further action  
from the Department of Lands as a result of his correspondence.

CASTLEKIRK CASTLE: The Secretary was instructed to ask Senator O Buachalla to  
write to the Commissioners of Public Works re the condition  
of this ruin which is a National Monument.

DALY INSCRIPTION: The Secretary reported that, to date, two efforts were made  
to have the stone removed without success. The matter was  
deferred.

CLONTUSKERT ABBEY: The Secretary reported having written to the Secretary,  
Monuments Advisory Committee Council, Commissioners of Public  
Works, but has had no reply. He was further instructed to  
seek the co-operation of Miss Helen Roe in the matter.

TEAMPOLL BREACAIN, KILLANIN: Councillor Donnellan reported that of this ruin  
only one gable is standing - near the road.

KILCONNELL ABBEY: The Secretary stated he had written to Bord Failte requesting a grant towards the repair of the approach.

TEACH AN PHIARSAIGH: Councillor Donnellan stated that this monument is not properly sign-posted and it was decided to recommend that the Co. Council request Bord Failte to provide signposts for Maam Cross (8 miles), Doire ~~an Fheadh~~ (10 miles), and Scrib (3 miles). *neis/*

ADDERGOOLE CROSS: The Secretary of the Co. Council to be asked to have it erected in the graveyard.

*Doisín Ó Súilleabháin  
3 Mí na Nollag 1968*

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 1968,  
AT 4.15 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON DECEMBER 3rd, 1968.

Mgr. P.E. MacFhinn

Also present: Rev. Dr. P.K. Egan, Secretary, Councillors P. Fahey and J. Donnellan, Messrs. M. Joyce and D.J. Murphy.

Clonkeenkerill: The Secretary reported that he had seen Professor Duignan who promised to visit and report on the ruin.

Cathaoir an Easbuig: The Secretary wrote to Mr. Harbison concerning the proposed plaque, who replied that he had now given street instructions to have it sent out.

Belview Gate: The Secretary reported that the urn is now in place on the gate and the matter is closed.

Curragh Castle, Renvoyle: A report from Professor Duignan is still awaited.

Annaghdown, Rosserilly, Ballymacgibbon Cairn, Kelly's Cave: Mr. Murphy reported that he had visited the sites; that Annaghdown is fully signposted but for Rosserilly a sign is needed at Headford ( $\frac{3}{4}$  mile). Signs are needed at Ballymacgibbon Cairn and Kelly's Cave, both of which, however, are in Co. Mayo. The Secretary is to forward the information to Mr. Harbison, who has also promised to visit all these monuments about Christmas or New Year.

Dunmore: The Secretary is to forward text for plaque, kindly supplied by Mr. Murphy, to Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte.

Aran Monuments: A reply was received from the Secretary, the County Council, stating the Committee's letter was being attended to. Dr. A.T. Lucas, Secretary, National Monuments Council, replied that he would bring the Committee's report on Dun Aongusa to the attention of the Council at next meeting; that he understood there is already a notice there stating it is a National Monument and pointing at penalties for damage caused. *Secretary instructed to write to the O'Moynin Cill Rónáin, mentioning our fears for Dun Aongusa, and perhaps those of the Aran people.*

Coole Park: A letter from Senator O Buachalla stated he had taken up the matter with the Minister for Agriculture, but so far has had no reply.

Sylan: No further communication from Senator O Buachalla re. the result of his correspondence with the Department of Lands.

Castlekirk Castle: Senator O Buachalla has not as yet succeeded in meeting the Parliamentary Secretary on this matter but has not forgotten.

Daly Inscription: The Secretary reported having had three further letters from Mrs. Simmonds re. the removal of the stone and was promised promised some action, perhaps during the coming week.

Clontuskert Abbey: Dr. Lucas replied to the Secretary that he has now been informed by the National Monuments branch of the Office of Public Works that repair works will start in March, 1969. Miss Helen Roe also cooperated in bringing the matter to the proper notice.

Teampall Breacain: Councillor Donnellan reported that something might be done locally about this.

Kilconnell Abbey: Mr. Harbison replied that he shall have to inspect the place and will be able to advise as to whether or not Bord Failte can provide a grant for the entrance. Mr. Joyce said all that was needed was a few loads of sand.

*P. E. MacFhinn*  
De Maire 1969



Teach an Phiarsaigh: The Secretary stated he had asked the County Council to apply for signposting.

Addergoole Cross: The Secretary has written to the County Council recommending that the Cross be erected in the graveyard.

Next meeting: March 4th, 1969, at 4.15p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MARCH 4TH 1969.

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In the Chair: Mgr. P. E. MacFhinn.

Also Present: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary, Councillor P. Fahey, Mr. M. J. Molloy, Messrs. M. Joyce and D. J. Murphy.

1. Clonkeenkerill: Postponed pending report from Professor Duignan.
2. Cathaoir an Easbuig: Deferred.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvoyle: Professor Duignan's report awaited.
4. Annaghdown, Rosserilly, Ballymacgibbon Cairn, Kelly's Cave: The Secretary read Mr. Harbison's (Bord Failte) letter to the effect that he will be happy to provide signposts for Rosserilly and Ballymacgibbon Cairn and will further consider one for Killy's Cave.
5. Dunmore: Mr. Harbison further agrees to provide the plaque for this castle and will forward it to the clerk of works of the Board of Works who he hopes will erect it.
6. Aran Monuments: No reply to Secretary's letters to local residents.
7. Coole Park: As yet no communication from Senator O Buachalla re his approach to the Minister for Agriculture.
8. Sylan: Deferred pending reply from Department of Lands to Senator O Buachalla's representation.
9. Castlekirk Castle: Deferred pending information from Senator O Buachalla.
10. Daly Inscription: The Secretary reported that as yet the removal of the stone had not been secured but was arranged for.
11. Clontuskert Abbey: Intention of National Monuments' branch of Board of Works to start repairs this month.
12. Teampall Breacain: Not discussed in Councillor Donnellan's absence.
13. Kilconnell Abbey: Mr. Harbison is to inspect. Secretary, on receipt of Mr. Harbison's report, to inquire from County Secretary if the Co. Council has authority to repair a right of way to a cemetery.
14. Teach an Phiarsaigh: No information as yet as to result of Secretary's request to County Council to apply to Bord Failte for signposting.
15. Addergoole Cross: A letter from the Secretary of the County Council read, to the effect that the owner of the land where the cross lies has again stated he will not allow it to be removed. Two reports from the County Engineer also read, Secretary instructed to inform the County Secretary that both reports refer to the same cross.

A resolution of sympathy with Councillor Donnellan on the death of his brother-in-law, Tomas O Murchadha was passed at the meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3rd June, 1969 at 4.15 p.m.

M. A. Seóighe  
3 Meitheamh 1969

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON JUNE 3rd, 1969.

In the Chair: Mr. M. Joyce.

Also present: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary, Councillor P. Fahy, Mr. D. J. Murphy, Mr. M. J. Molloy. Apologies read from the Chairman, An t-Athair Mac Fhinn and Lord Killanin for inability to attend.

1. Clonkeenkerill: Postponed pending report from Professor Duignan.
2. Cathair an Easbuig: The secretary produced the plaque supplied by Bord Failte for the meeting's inspection. He is to hand it over to the Assistant Co. Engineer for erection at the site.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Annaghdown, Rosserilly, Ballymacgibbon Cairn, Kelly's Cave: The Secretary has not heard further from Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte, re signposting.
5. Dunmore Castle: Mr. Murphy reported to the meeting that the nuisance here still persists. Secretary to draw the attention of the Board of Works to the matter again.
6. Aran Monuments: Secretary to write to Parish Priest or Garda sergeant on Aran to enquire if there is a development association there.
7. Coole Park: Deferred.
8. Sylan: Mr. Murphy reported that the inscribed stone (initials and date) and plinth of the Mass site at Clais an Aifreann has disappeared in the last fortnight and that the O'Connor Don's oratory is in danger.
9. Castlekirk Castle: Deferred pending information from Senator O'Buachalla.
10. Daly Inscription: The Secretary reported that at last the stone has been transported from Dublin and is now safely in his custody. He is to re-open the matter of its removal to Killimordaly and erection there with the County Council.
11. Clontuskert Abbey: The Secretary reported that the work promised by the Commissioners of Public Works on this monument had not yet started.
12. Teampall Breacain: Deferred.
13. Kilconbell Abbey: Deferred.
14. Teach an Phiarsaigh: No information received as to whether or not the signpost asked for has been erected.
15. Adderqoole Cross: A letter from the Secretary, Co. Council, read to the effect that there has been no further progress in getting the consent of the owner of the field to the removal of the cross. Mr. Murphy undertook to approach Mr. Burke, the owner, again.

16. Kilclooney Castle and Bardic School: Mr. Molloy presented historical notes on this site to the members and proposed that it be signposted. The matter was placed on the agenda for next meeting.

A vote of sympathy with Senator O'Buachalla on the death of his brother, and with Mr. Murphy on the death of his brother was passed at the meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to arrange date for next meeting in September.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 23rd September, 1969, at 4.15 p.m.

*Martin J. Joyce.*

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1969.*

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1969.

In the Chair: Mr. W. Joyce,

Also Present: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary,  
Councillor P. Fahy,  
Mr. D. J. Murphy,  
Mr. M. J. Molloy.

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A Letter from the County Secretary, announcing the appointment of the Committee for the coming year, was read, as follows:-

Professor M. Duignan,  
Mgr. P. E. Mac Fhinn,  
Rev. P. K. Egan,  
Messrs. D. J. Murphy, N.T.; Martin Joyce N.T.; P. J. Kennedy,  
Maurice Semple, Solicitor; M. J. Molloy,  
Councillors P. Fahy and John Donnellan.

1. Clonkeenerill: Deferred.
2. Cathair an Easbuig: In view of the difficulty in erecting the plaque, it was decided to approve Mr. Joyce's suggestion that a local Committee undertake the work.
3. Curraigh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Annaghdown, Rosserilly, Ballymacgibbon Cairn, Kelly's Cave: Mr. Harbison Bord Failte, had stated in March last that when permissions to signpost the two latter was received from the Mayo County Engineer, both the Mayo and Galway signposts would be erected. The Committee has not heard further.
5. Dunmore Castle: The Secretary reported that he had drawn the attention of the Board of Works to the nuisance complained of.
6. Aran Monuments: The Secretary reported that he had written to the Parish Priest, Aran Islands for information as to the condition of the monuments.
7. Coole Park: Mr. Fahy reported that the Forestry Section has begun improvements here.
8. Sylan: Mr. Murphy reported that the Local Clergy have taken the inscribed Stone for repair and are restoring the way in. The matter is now closed.
9. Castlekirk Castle: The Secretary was asked to bring the condition of it to the notice of the Board of Works again.
10. Daly Inscription: The Secretary reported that he had taken up the matter again with the County Council.
11. Clontuskert Abbey: The Secretary reported that as yet, there is no sign of work been started here.
12. Teampall Breacain: Deferred pending Councillor Donnellan's presence
13. Kilconnell Abbey: The Secretary mentioned that Bord Failte were willing to pay for the erection of a fence and surfacing the path, if the Committee could acquire a strip of land

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about six feet wide from the public road to the Abbey and if the County Council were prepared to take it over and maintain it.

14. Teach an Phiarsaigh: Deferred pending information re. signpost from Councillor Donnellan.
15. Addergoole Cross: Mr. Dolloy reported no progress in agreement with owner. He undertook to interview him again re. the possibility of having it preserved on his own land.
16. Kilclooney Castle and Bardic School: Secretary to request County Council to obtain signposting and a plaque for the site. Text of plaque to be **provided by this Committee.**
17. Turoe Stone: Mr. Joyce reported that Bord Failte is prepared to provide an approach and **turning** space if the County Council will maintain it afterwards. The Secretary is to recommend the project to the County Council and inform Bord Failte of the Committee's action.
18. Meelick Abbey: Secretary reported a request from Fr. Murray, C.C. Eyrecourt that **something** be done about the ruins and ancient monuments here. He was instructed to ask Fr. Murray to seek permission from the owner of the land to enclose certain tombs and then apply to the County Council for help.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9th, 1969.

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Doimhne Ó Súilleabháin  
CHAIRMAN.

9 Mí na Nollag 1969  
DATE.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON DECEMBER 9th, 1969.

In the Chair: Mgr. P. E. Mac Fhinn.

Also Present: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary,  
Councillors P. Fahy and J. Donnellan,  
Messrs. M. Joyce, N.T.,  
D. J. Murphy, N.T.,  
Mr. M. D. Molloy.

1. Clonkeenkerrill: Deferred.
2. Cathair an Easbuig: Mr. Joyce stated that a local committee had been formed to erect a suitable base for the plaque supplied by Bord Failte.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Annaghdown etc.: Deferred to give Mr. Murphy an opportunity of checking to see if the signposts are erected.
5. Dunmore Castle: Mr. Murphy reported that the nuisance had not been removed; that a stranger fenced in the commonage around the castle and is attempting to obtain a squatter's right. Secretary asked to communicate this information to the Commissioners of Public Works.
6. Aran Monuments: The Secretary was asked to convey the Committee's thanks to the parish priest of Aran and to mention the members concern about the destruction to Dun Aongusa.
7. Cole Park: Councillor Fahy reported that the work is to be done here during the coming year.
8. Castlekirk Castle: The Secretary reported acknowledgement of his letter by the Commissioners of Public Works.
9. Daly Inscription: The Secretary reported that the Engineering section of the County Council now has the matter of transport and erection on hands.
10. Clontuskert Abbey: The Secretary was asked to write to the parish priest with a view to securing agreement by grave owners to the renovation. He had been informed that the problem of ownership was causing delay.
11. Teampall Breacain: Councillor Donnellan stated that further action on this should be deferred until present parochial building is completed.
12. Kilconnell Abbey: Mr. Joyce undertook to approach the owner with a view to acquiring the roadway. Clr. Fahy stated that the Co. Council will not take over a road less than eleven feet wide and the gate would have to be removed.
13. Teach an Phiarsaigh: Clr. Donnellan reported that the signs have not been erected. He agreed to make enquiry with the County Engineer.
14. Addergocle Cross: Mr. Molloy stated he has attempted to see the owner. So far he has failed to make contact but will do so. The cross is now lying on the graveyard wall.
15. Kilclooney Castle and Bardic School: Mr. Molloy and the Secretary were commissioned to compose a text for the plaque.

16. Turoe Stone: The Secretary stated he had written to the County Council about development of the access and would contact Bord Failte when he received a reply.
17. Meelick The Secretary was asked to draw the attention of the County Council to the damage caused to the Moore tomb.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, 1970.

Diarmuid Ó Súilleabháin  
CHAIRMAN *Cairdeán*

10 Márta 1970  
DATE



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MARCH 10th, 1970.

In the Chair: Mgr. P. E. Mac Fhinn.

Also Present: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary,  
Councillor P. Fahy,  
Messrs. M. Joyce, N.T.,  
Mr. M. J. Molloy.

1. Cloonkeenkerrill: Deferred. The Secretary undertook to visit the site and report to next meeting.
2. Cathaoir an Easbuig: Mr. Joyce is attending to this with the help of a local Committee.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Annaghdown etc.: Deferred pending a report on signposts from Mr. Murphy.
5. Dunmore Castle: Secretary stated that the Commissioners of Public Works acknowledged his letter and promised to communicate further on the trespass problem.
6. Aran Monuments: It was agreed, on a letter from the Parish Priest of Aran, being read, to the effect that the monuments are being investigated and that the local Development Committee is being interested in the other problems, that there is nothing further that the Committee can do in the matter.
7. Coole Park: Councillor Fahy said pressure would be kept up on the Forestry Dept., the County Council and the local farmers to have the place put in order.
8. Castlekirk Castle: A letter from the Commissioners of Public Works was read, stating the minor works were carried out here this year and further works are contemplated.
9. Daly Inscription: It is still in the custody of the Secretary.
10. Clontuskert Abbey: The Secretary was instructed to write again to the Commissioners of Public Works urging that the ruin be put in order.
11. Teampall Breacain: No further action to be taken for the present.
12. Kilconnell Abbey: Mr. Joyce reported that the owner of the adjoining land is prepared to sell the necessary **frontage needed** to develop the approach. The Secretary was instructed to write to the County Council recommending that it be taken into their care on the basis that Bord Failte is prepared to pay for the improvement. He was also to write to the Commissioners of Public Works asking permission to have an access stile erected in the modern boundary wall.
13. Teach an Phiarsaigh: Deferred pending Councillor Donnellan's presence.
14. Addergoole Cross: Attempts by Mr. Molloy to contact the owner have so far failed, but he intends to do so and will report.
15. Kilclooney Castle and Bardic School: A draft text for the plaque has been prepared. The meeting agreed to Mr. Harbison's suggestion that the signpost should read "Kilclooney Castle and Fort".

16. Turoe Stone: A letter from the County Secretary was read, to the effect that the County Engineer informed Bord Failte on 25th August, 1966 that he was not prepared to recommend the road to the stone for adoption as a public road. Councillor Fahy pointed out that the rule governing this matter has changed since then. The Secretary was instructed to again recommend that the County Council accept this road as a public road.
17. Meelick: The Secretary is to bring the matter of **damage** to the Moore tomb to the attention of the County Council.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 9th June, 1970.

Martin J. Joyce  
CHAIRMAN

9<sup>th</sup> June 1970.  
DATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 9th JUNE, 1970.

In the Chair: Mr. M. Joyce, N.T.

Also Present: Rev. Dr. P. K. Egan, Secretary; Councillor Fahy; Mr. D. J. Murphy, N.T.; Mr. M. J. Molloy.

Apologies were read from Councillor Donnellan and Mr. Maurice Semple for inability to attend. The latter stated that he would be unable to attend any of the meetings he would be attending.

1. Clonkeenkerrill: The Secretary reported visiting the site and agreed to arrange a meeting with the local engineer.
2. Cathair an Easbuig: Mr. Joyce reported that the work is in hands.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Annaghdown etc.: Mr. Murphy reported that the signpost at Annaghdown has been erected; Rosserilly and Ballymagibbon are also signposted and the local people are attending to Kelly's cave.
5. Dunmore Castle: Secretary reported that the Board of Works had promised to reply to his queries about the trespass.
6. Coole Park: Councillor Fahy reported that nothing has so far been done but the matter is in train. The avenues back and front are to be put in repair.
7. Daly Inscription: The Secretary reported that this stone is still with him awaiting erection by the County Council.
8. Clontuskert Abbey: A letter from the Board of Works indicated that work here was delayed pending transfer of ownership from Galway County Council. The Secretary was instructed to ask the County Council to move in the matter.
9. Teampall Breacain: Deferred.
10. O'Flaherty's House: The Secretary is to ask Councillor Donnellan to report on the signposting.
11. Kilconnell Abbey: Mr. Joyce was asked to see Mr. Warner and Mr. P. O'Connor about the improvement and get an estimate for Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte.
12. Teach an Phiarsaigh: Deferred.
13. Addergoole Cross: Mr. Molloy reported meeting the owner without result. The cross is now safe, leaning against the graveyard wall. The Secretary is to ask the Board of Works if it might not be declared a National Monument.
14. Kilclooney Castle: The Committee recommends words "Kilclooney Castle (site of Bardic School)" for signpost. Mr. Molloy reported writing to Mr. O'Gara, Irish Land Commission, Custom House, Galway, re the provision of a right of way on sub-division of adjoining land. As no reply was received the Secretary was asked to write to the Land Commission again.

15. Turoe Stone: The Secretary was asked to send a copy of Mr. Warner's letter suggesting removal of stone to Church grounds to Mr. Harbison for comment.
16. Meelick: The Secretary reported that the Moore tomb has been repaired.
17. Abbeyknockmoy: Mr. Murphy reported that there is no caretaker, the gate is unlocked and there are two or three closed gates on the right-of-way with no stiles and that people are complaining of the conditions. The Secretary was asked to recommend to the Board of Works the provision of a caretaker and stiles.
18. Athenry Abbey: Mr. Fahy reported the place extensively soiled through the gate being left open. The Secretary is to report to the Board of Works.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15th September, 1970.

Propruz Eric MacFinn  
CHAIRMAN

15th September 1970  
DATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 15th SEPTEMBER, 1970.

In the Chair: Mgr. P.E. MacFhinn.

Also Present: Rev. P.K. Egan, Secretary; Councillors Fahy and Donnellan;  
Rev. M. Coen; Messrs. M. Joyce, M. J. Molloy and D.J. Murphy.

An apology from Mr. P. Kennedy for inability to attend was read.

1. Clonkeenkerrill: Deferred.
  2. Cathair an Easbuig: Deferred.
  3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
  4. Annaghdown: Signposting Completed.
  5. Dunmore Castle: The Secretary was requested to write to Board of Works again about the trespass.
  6. Coole Park: Clr. Fahy stated he had asked Bord Failte for a grant of £180. A grant from the Dept. of Forestry was obtained and there would be contributions from the local people involved. The Secretary was asked to write to the Dept. of Forestry and Bord Failte requesting that the scheme include a through entrance and exit road.
  7. Daly Inscription: Father Coen was asked to interview Mr. Caulfield, B.E. re its erection.
  8. Clontuskert Abbey: The Secretary was asked to write to Galway Co. Council again stating the urgency of the matter.
  9. Teampall Breacain: Clr. Donnellan said that a new graveyard was being provided and asked that the matter be deferred for the moment.
  10. O'Flaherty's House: Clr. Donnellan has put a request for this to Bord Failte through the County Council.
  11. Kilconnell Abbey: The Secretary to send extract of Mr. Harbison's letter of 11 March 1969 re Mr. Warner's memo to Mr. Warner, and point out what was needed - fencing, tarmac, 11 ft. wide road and turntable for cars.
  12. Teach an Phiarsaigh: Deferred. *Councillor Donnellan wrote that the signposts are needed*
  13. Addergoole Cross: No reply from Board of Works to Secretary's letter. Mr. Molloy reported no progress with the owner but will try again.
  14. Kilclooney Castle: The text of the Plaque, which the Secretary will send to Mr. Harbison, was read.
  15. Turoe Stone: No reply as yet from Mr. Harbison re this matter.
  16. Abbeyknockmoy: No reply from Board of Works. Secretary to ask County Council to provide a caretaker.
  17. Athenry Abbey: No reply from Board of Works.
  18. Place Names: Fr. Coen asked if the Committee had any authority in the matter of place names. The Chairman replied that the authority here lay with Coimisiun na Log-Ainmneacha.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15th December, 1970.

CHAIRMAN

*P. P. MacFhinn*

DATE

15 Mína 1970

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 15th 1970.

In the Chair: Mgr. P.E. MacFhinn.

Also Present: Rev. P.K. Egan, Secretary; Councillor Fahy; Rev. M. Coen;  
Messrs. M. Joyce, D.J. Murphy and M. J. Molloy.

1. Clonkeenkerrill: Deferred.
2. Cathair an Easbuig: Deferred.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Dunmore Castle: A letter from the Office of Public Works was read, to the effect that it is intended to build a proper stone wall to the National Monument Area which should eliminate the problem of trespass.
5. Coole Park: The Department of Forestry acknowledged the Secretary's representations. Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte undertook to pass the matter on to the section dealing with it. Mr. Molloy volunteered to seek information as to when or if Bord Failte will contribute.
6. Daly Inscription: The Secretary handed over the release document from the owner to the County Council.
7. Clontuskert Abbey: Work by the Office of Public Works has now begun here, which terminates the matter for this Committee.
8. Lisgall Bronchain: Deferred.
9. O'Flaherty's House: A letter was read from the County Engineer to Councillor Donnellan disapproving of a signpost here on account of the few visual remains. The Committee disagreed and the Secretary was instructed to ask for a plaque and signpost.
10. Kilconnell Abbey: A letter from the Office of Public Works stated that the graveyard wall where there is question of putting an access stile is outside the area of their control. Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte wrote outlining what might be the requirements and what they would propose to do here, but said "the question of access to Kilconnell Abbey may now be taken over by the Board of Works, so that we would not be dealing with this directly."
11. Teach an Phiarsaigh: Signposting here is now completed.
12. Addergoole Cross: Mr. Molloy is to make a diplomatic approach to the owner but it may take some time.
13. Kilclooney Castle: Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte, wrote to say that the plaque would be supplied as soon as possible. Mr. Molloy wrote to the Secretary indicating the exact location on O.S. Galway Sheet 16 (1932).
14. Turoe Stone: Two letters from Mr. Harbison, Bord Failte were read to the effect that the County Engineer will not agree to repair the approach. The Secretary is to write to the local Councillor, Mr. Carty to interest himself in the matter.

15. Abbeyknockmoy: The Committee's letter to the County Council on the caretaking was acknowledged. It was decided to await developments.
16. Athenry Abbey: This Committee's representations to the Office of Public Works was acknowledged and it was reported to the meeting that the matters raised have been attended to.
17. Protestant Church in Gort: Deferred to next meeting.
18. Site of Abbey of Holy Trinity in Tuam: The Committee is concerned that there may be danger of this site being interfered with by projected building. The Secretary was directed to bring it to the attention of the County Planning Officer.

A note of sympathy with Maire, Bean Ni Bhuchalla on the death of her husband, Senator Liam O Bhuchalla was passed by the meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9th March, 1971.

Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin

CHAIRMAN

9 March 1971

DATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, MARCH, 9th 1971.

In the Chair: Mgr. P. E. MacFhinn.

Also Present: Rev. P.K. Egan, Secretary; Councillors Donnellan and Fahy; Messrs. M. Joyce, M. J. Molloy and D. J. Murphy.

1. Clonkeenkerrill: Deferred.
2. Cathaoir an Easbuig: The Chairman is to reply to a letter from Patrick Byrnes about the plaque which is in his custody and state that the County Council will attend to its erection.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Coole Park: Mr. Fahy stated that Bord Failte is the only party not yet contributing. He is to keep in touch with them.
5. Daly Inscription: The Secretary reported that the stone is still in his care but the engineering department has done nothing further about it.
6. Teampall Breachain: Mr. Donnellan received a promise from the local people that they would clean up the site. The Parish Priest has not yet been approached.
7. O'Flaherty's House: The secretary received acknowledgment of his request for a signpost and plaque. Mr. Donnellan will interview the County Engineer on the matter.
8. Kilconnell Abbey: Deferred owing to possibility of Board of Works taking over the access.
9. Addergoole Cross: Mr. Molloy has not made contact with the man concerned but intends to.
10. Kilclooney Castle: Deferred.
11. Turoe Stone: Mr. M. Carty, T.D., in reply to secretary's letter, stated he had written to the Secretary of the County Council to find out if the deadlock between Bord Failte and the County Engineer regarding the access road had been resolved.
12. Abbeyknockmoy: Deferred.
13. Athenry Abbey: Mr. Fahy raised the question of the gate. He is to check further the truth of the matter.
14. Protestant Church in Gort: Deferred awaiting Fr. Coen's attendance.
15. Site of Abbey of Holy Trinity, Tuam: Deferred.
16. Castlegrove Castle, Kilconly Parish: The Committee was of opinion that the signposting here should be a local effort.
17. Remains of Penal Church, Drum, Milltown: Brought to the attention of the meeting by Mr. Molloy. Decided to find out what is the local oral evidence for it.

A vote of sympathy with Mr. D. J. Murphy on the death of his brother was passed by the meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 8th June, 1971.

*P. E. MacFhinn*  
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 8th March 1971



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1971.

In the Chair:- Mgr. P.E. MacFhinn.

Also Present :- Rev. P.K. Egan, Secretary; Councillor Fahy, Messrs:  
M. Joyce, M.J. Molloy, Father Coen and Mr. Murphy.

1. Clonkeenkerrill: Deferred.
2. Cathair an Easbuig: Mr. Joyce stated that the local people will attend to the erection of the plaque in a month or two.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Coole Park: The Secretary is to write to Bord Failte urging them to give a grant.
5. Daly Inscription: The Secretary informed the meeting that sanction from the County Council for the erection would have to be sought again, but that the matter would be attended to eventually.
6. Teampall Breachain: Deferred.
7. O'Flaherty's House: The Secretary read a letter from Bord Failte to the effect that for financial reasons a signpost and plaque could not be provided this year. The meeting deferred the matter to next year.
8. Kilconnell Abbey: The Secretary was instructed to write to Bord Failte with reference to previous correspondence and their further intentions here.
9. Addergoole Cross: Mr. Molloy wrote to the owner but received no reply. He regards the cross as safe, however.
10. Kilclooney Castle: The Secretary announced receipt of the plaque from Bord Failte and was instructed to remind the County Council that a signposting was requested for the site in December, 1969.
11. Turoe Stone: Letter from County Secretary to Mr. Carty, T.D. read. County Council have asked Office of Public Works would they maintain the road if the County Council repaired it with a Bord Failte grant. The meeting decided to await developments.
12. Abbeyknockmoy: The Secretary to write again to the County Council requesting a caretaker.
13. Athenry Abbey: Mr Fahy said that he was informed that the gateway is being obstructed by machinery, oil and filth but will enquire further.
14. Protestant Church in Gort: Father Coen said the difficulty here is that there is a Catholic graveyard on one side and a Protestant graveyard on the other. The Protestant Rector would be willing to have it used as a cultural centre. The Committee thought it did not come under their terms of reference.
15. Site of Abbey of Holy Trinity, Tuam: The Secretary read a letter from the County Engineer and his reply that the Monument's Advisory Committee conceives it to be the duty of an office of the County Council to take into consideration in the first instance any danger the granting of a planning permission might cause to such monuments and to modify permission in this light. The Committee agreed.
16. Castlegrove Castle, Kilconly Parish: Mr. Molloy said a signpost would be put up locally.
17. Remains of PEARL Church, Druim, Milttown: Mr. Molloy said local tradition was unanimous about it.  
The Committee passed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of Mr. Patrick Kennedy, one of its members who died since last meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th September, 1971.

*Pádraig Eric MacFhinn*  
CHAIRMAN  
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1971

In the Chair: Mgr. P.E. MacFhinnn

Also Present: Rev. P.K. Egan, Secretary, Councillors J. Donelan and P. Fahey, Fr. Coen,  
Messrs: D.J. Murphy, Martin Joyce, N.T., M.J. Molloy, Etienne Rynne.

1. Clonkeenkeril: Deferred.
2. Cathaoir and Easbuig: Mr. Joyce reported that a local committee had repaired the approach road and erected an altar and boundary wall; £100 had been collected and an inscription was being cut in stone. The Committee decided to express their appreciation when the work is finished.
3. Currach Castle, Renvyle: Mr. Rynne agreed to inspect it and report at a later date.
4. Coole Park: A reply from Mr. Harbison stated that Bord Failte had agreed to give a grant and the various parties were informed.
5. Daly Inscription: Deferred.
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9. Addergoole Cross: Matter dropped.
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14. Abbey of Holy Trinity, Tuam: Mr. Murphy stated that the well is to be cleared up and repaired.
15. Souterrain at Gurranes, Tuam: A good example - three chambers. The Secretary to write to the Land Commission requesting that right of entry be reserved when land is allotted.
16. Clontuskert Abbey:- The Secretary to write to the Acting Inspector of National Monuments, 10 Hume St., expressing the Committee's appreciation of the work done.

The Committee passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Thomas King, Chairman of Galway County Council on the death of his brother, Father Gabriel King.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 14th December.

*Pádraig Egan MacFhinnn*  
CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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Next meeting: Tuesday, 14th December..

*P. E. MacFhinn*  
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1971.

In the Chair: Mgr. P.E. MacFhinn.

Also Present: Rev. P.K. Egan, Secretary, Messrs M. Joyce, D.J. Murphy,  
M.J. Molloy, Rev. M. Coen, Mr. Etienne Rynne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John Donnellan.

1. Clonkeenkerril: Mr. Rynne reported that he inspected it and it is worth preserving. The ivy should be removed but not burned. No excavation should be done. He noted the effigy of a bishop as a fine specimen of folk art. It was decided to renew request to the County Council to have it attended to and to seek advice of Mr. Rynne.
2. Cathaoir an Easbuig: Mr. Joyce reported that the project is not yet finished.
3. Curraigh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred pending inspection of Mr. Rynne at his convenience.
- 4.- Coole Park: Father Coen reported that work had begun there.
5. Daly Inscription: Deferred.
6. Teampall Breachain: Deferred in absence of Councillor Donnellan.
7. O'Flaherty's House: Deferred to next year.
8. Kilconnell Abbey: The Secretary stated that no reply to his letter was received from the Board of Works.
9. Kilcloney Castle: Mr. Molloy reported that the corrected plaque is now displayed.
10. Turoe Stone: Mr. Joyce to contact Councillor Callinan again.
11. Abbeyknockmoy: No reply from Board of Works to Secretary's letter. Mr. Rynne remarked that it was too easy to steal the stones. Secretary asked to write again to Board of Works.
12. Athenry Abbey: Mr. Rynne reported that gravel surround is wearing the inscriptions and any interesting slab should be put standing against the wall. The Secretary to write to Board of Works on the matter.
13. Abbey of Holy Trinity, Tuam: Matter concluded.
14. Souterrain at Gurrane, Tuam: Land Commission acknowledged receipt of Secretary's letter.
15. Clontuskert Abbey: The Board of Works is making good progress here. The Nave South-wall has been rebuilt.
16. Roserrilly: Mr. Murphy reported that part of the boundary wall has fallen.
17. Kilmacduagh: Fr. Coen referred to projected renovation by local effort. Mr. Rynne said the road making would be in order but the ruin is a National Monument and may not be interfered with. Secretary to write to parish priest and County Council.

The Committee passed votes of sympathy with Father Coen on the death of his mother and with the family of Councillor Paddy Fahy on his death.

Next meeting: Tuesday 21st March, 1972.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21st, 1972.

In the Chair: Mgr. P.E. MacFhinn.

Also Present: Rev. P.K. Egan, Secretary, Councillors Donnellan and Raftery, Messrs. M. Joyce, D.J. Murphy, Rev. M. Coen, Mr. E. Rynne.

1. Clonkeenkerrill: A letter from the County Secretary stated that because this ruin is not vested in the County Council, work cannot be carried out on it. Councillor Donnellan agreed to investigate.
2. Cathair an Easbuig: Mr. Joyce reported work in progress.
3. Curragh Castle, Renvyle: Deferred. Mr. Rynne will visit it later and report.
4. Coole Park: Fr. Coen reported work going on satisfactorily.
5. Daly Inscription: Deferred.
6. Teampall Breachain: Councillor Donnellan suggested that it be dropped from the list temporarily; he will bring it forward again at an opportune time.
7. O'Flaherty's House: Father Coen agreed to supply relevant information on receipt of which the Secretary would approach Bord Falte again.
8. Kilconnell Abbey: The Secretary is to write to Dr. Harbison again as to whether the Board of Works took over.
9. Kilclooney Castle: Concluded.
10. Turce Stone: The County Council has now decided to keep the approach road in repair. Dr. Harbison to be informed.
11. Abbeyknockmoy: The Secretary received no reply to his letter from the Office of Public Works. Mr. Rynne, however, said it is on their programme.
12. Athenry Abbey: No reply from Office of Public Works to Secretary's letter suggesting that gravestones with inscriptions be put standing.
13. Souterrain at Garrauns, Tuam: The Secretary read the letter from the Land Commission re identity of site and was instructed to write again insisting that a public right of way be written into the folio.
14. Clontuskert: The Secretary reported that the work was proceeding well.
15. Roserrilly: Mr. Murphy is to inspect and see if the wall reported fallen has been rebuilt.
16. Kilmacduagh: Father Quinn's reply to Secretary's letter read. No action to be taken.
17. Path at Lisconly: Mr. Rynne reported interference through road-widening and asked that forewarning be given in such cases. The Secretary to write to the County Secretary for a list of road works which might interfere with any site of archaeological interest (involving all ancient monuments).

Nest meeting: Tuesday, 13th June, 1972.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13th, 1972.

In the Chair: Mgr. P. E. MacFhinn.

Also Present: Rev. P. K. Egan, Secretary, Councillors Donnellan and Raftery, Messrs. M. J. Molloy, E. Rynne, M. Joyce, D. J. Murphy, Rev. M. Coen.

A vote of sympathy with Professor Duignan on the death of his wife was passed by the meeting.

1. Clonkeenkerril: Councillor Donnellan stated that the County Council do not own the ruin and thought the Board of Works should take it over and put a preservation order on it. Councillors Donnellan and Raftery and Mr. Rynne were appointed a deputation to interview the County Manager on June 26th.
2. Cathair and Easbuig: Mr. Joyce said bad weather had held up the work but it should be finished by the end of Summer.
3. Currach Castle, Renvyle: Deferred.
4. Coole Park: Very good work reported being done here.
5. Daly Inscription: Deferred.
6. O Flaherty's House: Fr. Coen described the location - five fields from main road and one field from byerod. He said the people proposed selling the place to the County Council and are also pleased to let people go in. He is to interview them personally.
6. Kilconnell Abbey: The Secretary read a letter from the Board of Works to the effect that they had written to Bord Failte with a view to having the question of access resolved. Mr. Harbison corroborated and asked for the name of the owner's Solicitor, but said that the work could not be done before next year for financial reasons. Mr. Joyce was given copies of the letters to show to the owners.
8. Turoc Stone: Mr. Harbison wrote that he had as yet no communication from Galway County Council that they have resolved to maintain the approach road. On receipt of this assurance Bord Failte would hope to arrange a grant for next year.
9. Abbeyknockmoy: Concluded.
10. Athenry Abbey: Mr. Rynne said that the slabs will be raised.
11. Souterrain at Garrauns, Tuam: Mr. Murphy said that the Land Commission have not yet acquired it but will on doing so insure right of way. Mr. Rynne's report on the souterrain ( a fine example consisting of three long galleries branching from each other and linked by "crawls", in a ringfort) was read and is to be sent to the Land Commission.
12. Clontuskert: Concluded.
13. Roserrilly: Mr. Rynne reported that a small part of the burial ground retaining wall had fallen and human bones had fallen out. This brought the matter into the province of the Health Authority. Mr. Murphy stated that the Caretaker said he might repair it himself.
14. Kilmacduagh: It was decided the committee would keep activities here under observation.
15. Rath at Lisconly: Secretary to point out to County Engineer that all ancient monuments are marked in Ordinance Survey Maps. The Committee only wishes to be informed when road making might interfere with one.
16. Bord Failte plaques for National Monuments: Mr. Rynne reported that there are a large number of these made for Connacht National Monuments but have not been erected by the Board of Works. We should he said press that this be done.
17. Galway Town Wall in Corke's Yard: Suggestion that National Monuments Inspector be asked to excavate on both side of it.

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th September, 1972.

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