Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 13th December, 1984.

In the Chair :-

Very Rev. P. K. Egan.

Also Present :-

Messrs. M.J. Joyce, Secretary, M.J. Molloy, E. Kennedy, H. Bermingham, Prosessor E. Rynne, Mrs. McDonagh, Messrs D.J. Murphy, Jas. Joyce, T. Fanning and F. Burke.

Apologies received from Messrs P. Gosling and M. Breathnach.

1. Cloonkeenkerril:

Deferred.

2. Athenry Town Walls: Letter from County Manager, Mr. S. Keating, informed the meeting that in recent works the Council merely followed the line under the wall of the existing sewer. The wall was restored after the work. Discussion on development of G.A.A. playing pitch adjacent to Town walls followed. Mr. Frank Burke said the project had cost a fortune. The G.A.A. had done everything it could. The erection of a parapet was a matter of cost.

Prof. Rynne to enquire into cost of parapet.

Terryland:

Deferred.

Cloghrevan Castle:

Office of Public Works had contacted the owner saying the walls were relatively safe and suggested a protective wire

be provided.

5. Ballindooley Castle:

Letter from County Manager stated the O.P.W. was unwilling to take it over and Council had no funds for its acquisition or improvement. He understook the owners had offered the property for sale and were appealing a recent court decision in the matter.

The Committee appreciated the Council's inability to repair the Castle because of lack of funds but was still of the opinion the Castle should not be interfered with.

Roxboro:

Mr. Jas Joyce apologised for the absence of Mr. Breathnach who was still pursuing enquiries in the matter.

Mr. Jas. Joyce said a local committee asked to have a site map as at Clonmacnoise provided at Clonfert.

Meelick Friary

Chairman, Dr. Egan, Prof. Rynne and Mr. T. Fanning to visit Meelick on Monday, 16th December.

This concluded business of the Meeting.

Next Meeting - Thursday, 14th February, 1985 at 3.30 p.m.

Patrick K. Egan P.P. 14/2/85

Martin J. Joyce Hon. Secretary.

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 14 February, 1985

In the Chair:

Very Rev. P K Egan.

Also Present:

Mr M J Joyce, Secretary, Mrs M McDonagh, Mr D J Murphy, Mr M J Molloy, Prof. E Rynne, Mr T Fanning, Mr M Breathnach,

Mr J Joyce.

Cloonkeenkerril:

Deferred

Athenry Town Walls:

Deferred

Terryland:

Prof. Rynne had contacted OPW asking for excavation to be carried out at Terryland but OPW wasn't interested.

Cloghrevan Castle:

Closed

Ballindooley Castle: Meeting informed that an American was interested in the purchase of the Castle.

Prof. Rynne said OPW were in process of applying a

preservation order to Castle.

Secretary to write again to County Council stressing the cultural touristic and scenic value of Ballindooley and the danger of its demolition by a developer and recommending in the strongest terms possible, that it be not only preserved but also that, if necessary, it be taken into the Council's care under the relevant Act.

Copy of letter to be sent to OPW.

6. Roxboro Volunteer Memorial Bridge:

Mr Breathnach said he had visited Roxboro with Mr Mithcell, Engineer, who was sympathetic but the Bridge was outside his area. Mr Breathnach to enquire further before approaching County Council.

Mrs M McDonagh to enquire into the provision of the Clonfert Cathedral:

relevant archaeological plan.

8. Meelick:

Fr. Egan, and Mrs McDonagh had visited Meelick. Mrs McDonagh appreciated work being done but felt expert historical advice should have been sought. Mr Fanning advised on the removal of ivy on domestic quarter (1712). No trace of cloister

Congratulations:

Prof. Rynne was warmly congratulated on his appointment as President of the Royal Society of Antiguaries.

Secretary instructed to express Committee's deep appreciation to Dr. Emer Colleran, Galway Branch, An Taisce, of its City

Heritage Survey and Exhibition.

10. Kilmacduagh:

Secretary to write to OPW asking if they had discussed the provision of an information centre at Kilmacduagh and

expressing support for such a project.

This concluded business of the Meeting.

Next Meeting - Thursday, 18 April, 1985 at 3.30 p.m. Patrick K. Ega, B.P. 1814 185

Martin J Joyce Hon. Secretary MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 1985

IN THE CHAIR:

V. Rev. P. K. Egan

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr M J Joyce, Secretary; Mr D J Murphy; Mrs McDonagh; Mr M Breathnach; Mr N Morgan; Prof. E Rynne; Mr T Fanning; Mr Jus. Joyce; Mr M J Molloy; Mr W Bermingham; Mr S Keating, County Manager.

Cloonkeenkerril:

Mr M Joyce reported that effigy had been repaired and replaced.

Athenry Town Walls:

Prof. Rynne had arranged to meet experts from AnCO regarding re-construction of wall parapet behind G.A.A. Stand.

Roxboro Volunteer Memorial Bridge:

Mr Breathnach had tried to contact Mr Malone, Local Engineer, but he was ill. Mr Keating, County Manager undertook to have the matter looked into.

4. Ballindooley Castle: Meeting expressed regrets that no reply had been received from the County Council to the Committee's letter stressing the cultural, touristic, and scenic

value of Ballindooley.

Terryland:

Mr Keating, Co. Manager, said that 30 feet underlay of silt involved new techniques in road building. He was at all times concerned about the Castle and remained in need of advice. He agreed to organise a meeting with representatives of the National Monuments Advisory Committee, the O.P.W. and the Engineers engaged in the road building at Terryland.

Prof. Rynne, Mr T Fanning, Mr Gosling and Mr M Joyce were appointed to represent the National Monuments Advisory Committee at the proposed meeting.

Clonfert:

Mr McDonagh supplied copies of a plan of Clonfert Cathedral (Sir Alfred Clapham).

Meelick:

Father Egan reported that Church was re-opening soon.

Patrick K. Egan P. P. 30/3/85,

Kilmacduagh:

Prof. Rynne and Mr T Fanning to contact O.P.W. re provision of an information centre at Kilmacduagh.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

3.30 p.m., Thursday, 30 May, 1985.

Next meeting: Martin J Joyce Hon. Secretary National Monuments Advisory Committee Aughrim Ballinasloe

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 30th MAY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR:

V. Rev. P.K. Egan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. M.J. Joyce, Secretary, Mr. D.J. Murphy, Mrs. McDonagh, Mr. A. Claffey, Mr. M. Breathnach, Prof. E. Rynne, Mr. H. Bermingham, Mr. T. Fanning, Mr. Jas Joyce.

Apology received from Mr. P. Gosling.

CLOONKEENKERRIL:

Concluded.

2. ATHENRY TOWN WALLS:

Prof. Rynne said he had approached AnCO who were co-operative AnCO would give employment to ten people. He hoped the wall would be completed next year and expected to meet representatives of the G.A.A. soon.

ROXBORO VOLUNTEER MEMORIAL BRIDGE:

County Manager's Secretary informed the meeting that Mr. Keating had recommended that the Bridge be included in Social Amenity Scheme. The Secretary is to write to the County Manager expressing the Committee's satisfaction and asking to have the Gateway included in the Scheme.

BALLINDOOLEY CASTLE: Secretary was instructed to write to the County Council asking for a reply to his letter of February 14th, stress the cultural and touristic value of Ballindooley Castle.

TERRYLAND:

Mr. T. Fanning, who, with Monuments Advisory Committee a meeting organised by Mr. Seamus Keating to discuss Terryland, said he and Mr. Gosling had proposed the County. Council should employ an Archaeologist to look after, not alone Terryland, but other monuments and would have access to the County Council's plans for all monuments in Galway area.

Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Herity, from the Office of Public Works were unwilling to take monuments into State care as money was not available. They might get Department of the Environment to cop-operate. They had examined the walls at Terryland and found them sound.

Engineers involved in the road development at Terryland who were present at the meeting, were imp and Mr. Gosling's addresses and agreed that the building should be preserved.

Mr. Keating asked Mr. Fanning and Mr. Gosling to submit a proposal re Terryland.

6. CLONFERT:

Mr. Jas Joyce said the County Council had voted £20,000 to St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam and he had asked it to do the same for Clonfert. Prof. Rynne is to enquire into the provision of a map of Clonfert.

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7. KILMACDUAGH: Mr. T. Fanning said he had contacted the Office of Public Works ir connection with Kilmacduagh. The Office of Public Works had prepared a list of Guide Centres and Kilmacduagh was 20th on the list. Mrs. McDonagh is to draft a letter to the Office of Public Works, outlining the importance of Kilmacduagh as a tourist Centre between the antiquities of South Galway and Clare. This concluded the business of the Meeting. 25th July, 1985 at 3.30 p.m. NEXT MEETING: Martin J. Joyce, Hon secretary, National Monuments Advisory Committee, Aughrim, Ballinasloe. ladhraig C. Mac Aodhaguni S.P. CATHADIRLEACH MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR:

V. Rev. P.K. Egan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. M. Breathnach, Mr. E. Kennedy, Mr. M.J. Joyce, Mrs. Mary McDonagh, Mr. M. Keane, Mr. T. Fanning, Prof. E. Rynne, Mr. James Joyce, Micheal O'Conaill, Uasal, Mr. H. Bermingham, Mr. G. Bartley, Mr. T. Byrne, Mr. J. McDonagh, Mr. A. Lardner.

Apology received from Prof. T. O'Neill.

1. Election of Officers:

Chairman: V. Rev. P.K. Egan. Secretary: Mr. M.J. Joyce.

2. Athenry Town Walls:

Prof. Rynne reported that AnCO was willing to pay wages of workers but would require payment for materials. He hoped G.A.A. would provide same.

3. Roxboro:

Letter from County Secretary stated that he was taking the matter up with the County Engineer. This was in reply to the Committee's request to have the Gateway included. Mrs. McDonagh expressed satisfaction with the County Secretary's reply.

4. Ballindooley Castle:

County Secretary's letter stated that the Office of Public Works informed him that a Listing Notice had been issued to Mrs. Hogan, owner of the Castle, for completion by her - copy attached. The Office of Public Works further informed him that listing under the National protection at the present juncture.

The County Solicitor is now being asked to advise as to the situation in relation to the building having regard -

(a) to the Court proceedings initiated,

and

(b) the listing of the building by the O.P.W..

Mr. Fanning wasn't satisfied with O.P.W. reply as it offered bare minimum of protection and urged the O.P.W. proceed with a Preservation Order to bring in O.P.W. in a more positive way.

Terryland:

Mr. Fanning submitted proposals sent in by him and Mr. Gosling to the County Manager regarding Terryland.

Chairman thanked

regarding Terryland. Chairman thanked Mr. Fanning and all the Members present were unanimous in their enthusiastic support.

6. Clonfert:

Prof. Rynne informed the meeting that in conjunction with Mr. Stanley, he was prepared to prepare a plan of Clonfert.

7. Kilmacduagh:

Mrs. M. McDonagh said she was in the process of preparing a letter to O.P.W. outlining the importance of Kilmacduagh as a tourist centre.

Mr. Breathnach urged the O.P.W. to expedite the production of a Brochure on Kilmacduagh.

8. Seefin Reservoir:

Prof. Rynne reported that the County Council were building a reservoir on Seefin Hill on a site of a ring fort and felt that the National Monuments Advisory Committee should have been consulted.

9. Any other business:

Mr. Fanning expressed deep disappointment that Prof. Rynne or at least one Member of the Archaeological staff of U.C.G. had not elected a full Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Next Meeting: 3.30 p.m. Thursday, 10th October, 1985.

Martin J. Joyce,
Honorary Secretary,
National Monuments Advisory Committee,
Aughrim,
Ballinasloe,
CO. GALWAY.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 10 October, 1985. In the Chair: V. Rev. P K Egan, Ph.d. Also Present: Mr M J Joyce, Secretary; Prof. T O'Neill, Mr J McDonagh, Mr M Breathnach, Mr H Bermingham, Mr M O'Conaill, Mr A Claffey, Mr D Kennedy, Mr M Connolly, Mr A Lardner, Mr T Kenny, Mrs McDonagh, Mr James Joyce. On the proposition of Mr A Lardner seconded by Minutes: Mr M O'Conaill the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed. 1. Athenry Town Walls: Meeting informed that on the occasion of the County Hurling Final, town walls were climbed and stones loosened. Mr Kennedy to draft letter to G.A.A. seeking an assurance of proper stewarding to prevent a recurrence. 2. Roxboro: Deferred. Deferred Ballindooley Castle: 4. Kilmacduagh: Secretary to write again to O.P.W. asking to have the production of Brochure on Kilmacduagh expedited. 5. Seefin: Mrs McDonagh stated that a system of souterrains beside the proposed reservoir required excavation. Fr. Egan to write to Mr Paul Duffy, engineer in charge of water schemes, seeking his co-operation in having the National Monuments Advisory Committee consulted in such cases as Seefin. 6. Connemara Tombs: Mr Bartley raised the question of tombs in Connemara
7. Social Employment Schemes: County Council and the Unions in agreement had been reached between the County Council and the Unions in regard to employment of people under the Social Employment Scher 8. Roscam: Site of Odins (nephew of St. Ciaran, Clonmacnoise) monastery Stones seem to have been removed from the site. Prof. O'Neill suggested that green sign giving history of monastery be erected. Mrs McDonagh to provide script. 9. Killeroran Rough Tower: Built c.1870 by Denis O'Kelly. Mr Kenny asked that tree on top of tower be removed. Secretary to contact District Engineer, Mountbellew. .30 p.m., Thursday, 16 January, 1986. Next Meeting Martin J Joyce Hon. Sec. National Monuments Advisory Committee Taipais C. Mac Doiasan S.P. CATHAOIR LEACH. Aughrim Ballinasloe

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR:-Very Rev. P.K. Egan Ph.d.

Mr. M. J. Joyce, Secretary, Mr. M. Breathnach, ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. G. Bartley, Mr. M. O'Conaill, Mr. M. J. Molloy,

Mr. H. Bermingham, Mr. M. Keane, Mr. J. McDonagh, Mr. James Joyce, Mr. M. O'Conghaile, Mr. A. Lardner.

APOLOGY RECEIVED FROM MRS. McDONAGH.

1. ATHENRY TOWN WALLS:-

Letter re Town Walls submitted by Mr. Kennedy approved and forwarded to Secretary of Galway County Board G.A.A.

2. ROXBORO MEMORIAL BRIDGE:-

Mr. Breathnach expressed disappointment that nothing was done in Roxboro since last Meeting. Secretary to write to County Manager asking for information re Roxboro.

3. BALLINDOOLEY CASTLE:-

Secretary to write to County Council asking what is present position as regards Ballindooley Castle.

4. KILMACDUAGH:-

Secretary to write to Office of Public Works stressing the importance of Kilmacduagh as an archaeological and tourist amenity and the necessity for a suitable brochure covering this important site.

Fr. Egan to interview Mr. Paul Duffy, Engineer in charge of Water Schemes in County Galway.

6. CONNEMARA TOMBS:-

Mr. Bartley asked that road signs be erected indicating megalithic tombs in Connemara.

Secretary to write to Bord Failte to have road ICE HOUSE MONIVEA signs provided at 'Roscam Round Tower' and Monivea 'Ice House'.

8. KILLERORAN: - Secretary to write again to District Engineer Mountbellew asking that the tree growing on top of Round Tower be removed.

9. CLONTUSKERT ABBEY:-

Mr. James Joyce informed the Meeting that Mr. Brendan Naughton, Abbeypark, was agreeable to the erection of fences beside the roadway leading through his lands to Clontuskert Abbey.

NEXT MEETING 3.30 p.m. Thursday, 10th April, 1986.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON THURSDAY, 10th APRIL, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR:

Very Rev. P.K. Egan Ph.d.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. M.J. Joyce, Secretary, Mr. M. O'Conaill, Mr. M.J. Molloy, Mr. J. McDonagh, Mr. J. Joyce, Mr. H. Bermingham, Mr. A. Lardner.

1. MINUTES:

On the proposition of Mr. J. McDonagh seconded by Mr. A. Lardner, the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS:

A letter from Mr. Proinsias De Burca, Runai Contae, Cumann Luth Chleas Gael, was read stating that Coiste Chontae na Gaillimhe, Cumann Luth Chleas Gael, had at all times shown the utmost of care and concern for the preservation of the walls. The walls were not in the property of Coiste Chontae Luth Chleas Gael and it was unreasonable to expect the G.A.A. to provide security on them. Youngsters climbing the walls were a regular feature, but neither the G.A.A. nor its agents had the required legal authority to position themselves on lands surrounding the walls.

The National Monuments Advisory Committee could rest assured that the G.A.A. are very concerned that this national land mark is preserved and not undermined in any way.

ROXBORO MEMORIAL BRIDGE:

the Koxboro Memorial Bridge and Gateway would be carried out as part of this years' programme under the Social Employment Scheme.

BALLINDOOLEY CASTLE:

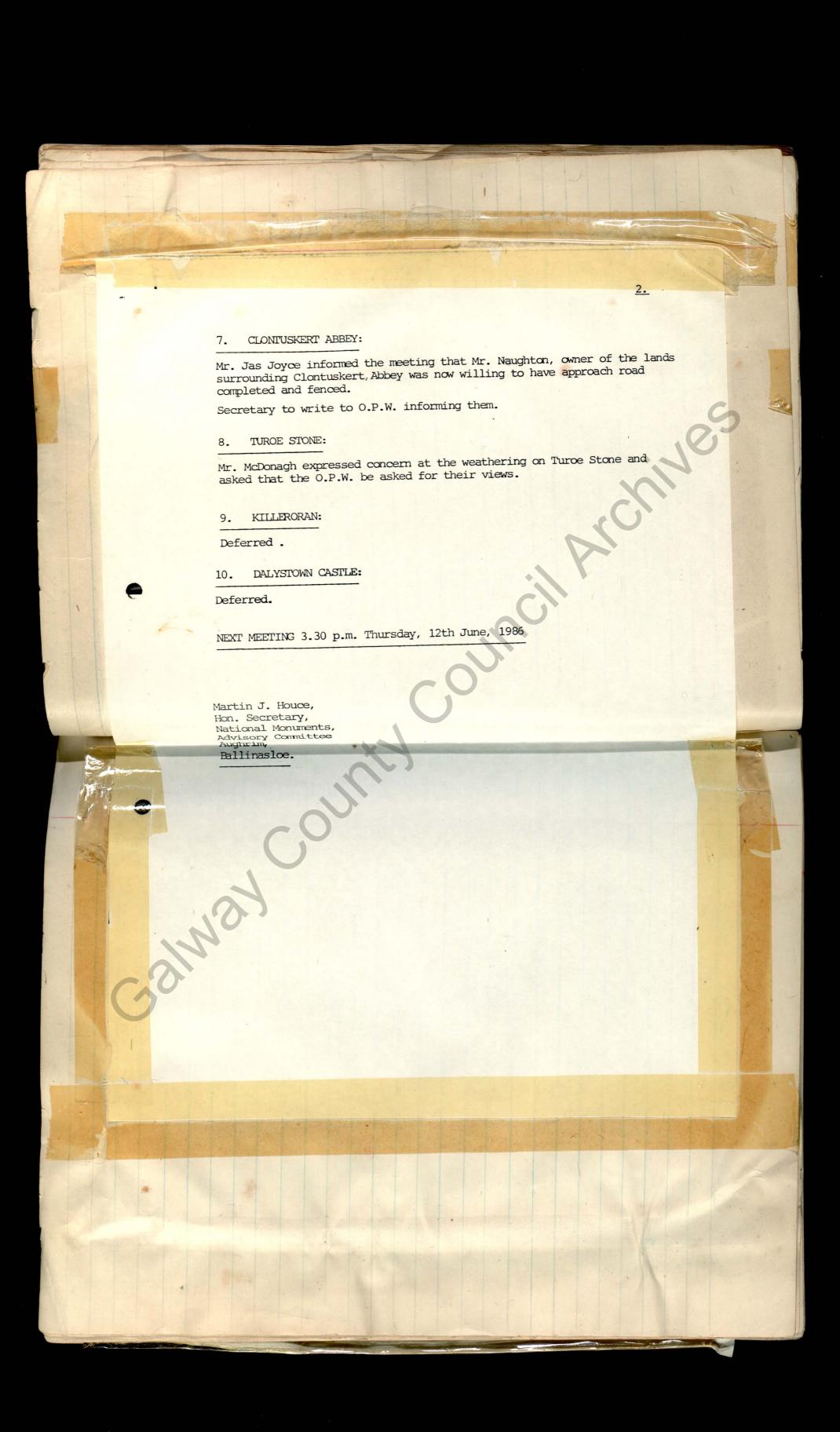
A letter was received from the County Secretary, stating the position as regards Ballindooley Castle. In January, 1986, the Council was notified by the Office of Public Works that the building had been listed pursuant to Section 8 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1954. Prior to this the County Council had taken proceedings against the owner who was fined but had appealed to the Circuit Court. Meanwhile, they had written to the O.P.W. asking if they had any plans in relation to the premises so that they may be considered by the Council as an alternative to the Council's proposed steps to ensure that this dangerous building ceases to be a hazard to the public.

SEEFIN:

Father Egan to interview Mr. Paul Duffy.

6. KNOCKDOE BATTLEFIELD AND ROSCAM ICE HOUSE:

Patrick A. Egan P. P. 12/6/86. Secretary to write to Bord Failte to have road signs erected at Knockdoe Battlefield and Roscam Ice House.



Minutes of the proceedings of the National Monument held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 12 June, is committee

In the Chair: V. Rev. P K Egan, Ph.D.

Also Present: Mr M J Joyce, Secretary; Mr M O Conail, Mr M Breathnach, Mr H Bermingham, Mr J McDonagh, Dr A Claffey, Mr A Lardner,

Mr James Joyce.

Apologies were received from Mrs M McDonagh.

Minutes:

On the proposition of Mr M O Conail seconded by

Mr M Breathnach the minutes of the previous meeting

were adopted and signed.

1. Athenry Town Walls:

Mr O Conail said he was satisfied with the work carried out.

2. Omission of members as full members of National Monuments Advisory Committee:

Mr Bermingham deplored the fact that Prof. Rynne and Mr Fanning had not been re-elected full members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee. Mr O Conail agreed. Following discussion the following resolution was adopted.

"We deplore the non re-election of Prof. Rynne and Mr Tom Fanning,
Department of Archaeology, U.C.G., as full members of this Committee.
Both of these gentlemen possessed the highest qualifications and
gave unstintingly of their very valuable services to this Committee.
Few Committees of this kind had such valuable advice at their disposal.
We ask that they be restored as full members".

3. Roxboro:

Deferred.

4. Ballindooley:

Deferred.

5. Seefin:

Fr. Egan said that Mr Duffy, B.E., had left the Water Scheme Services but had alerted the people of the area to contact his successor.

6. Clontuskert Abbey:

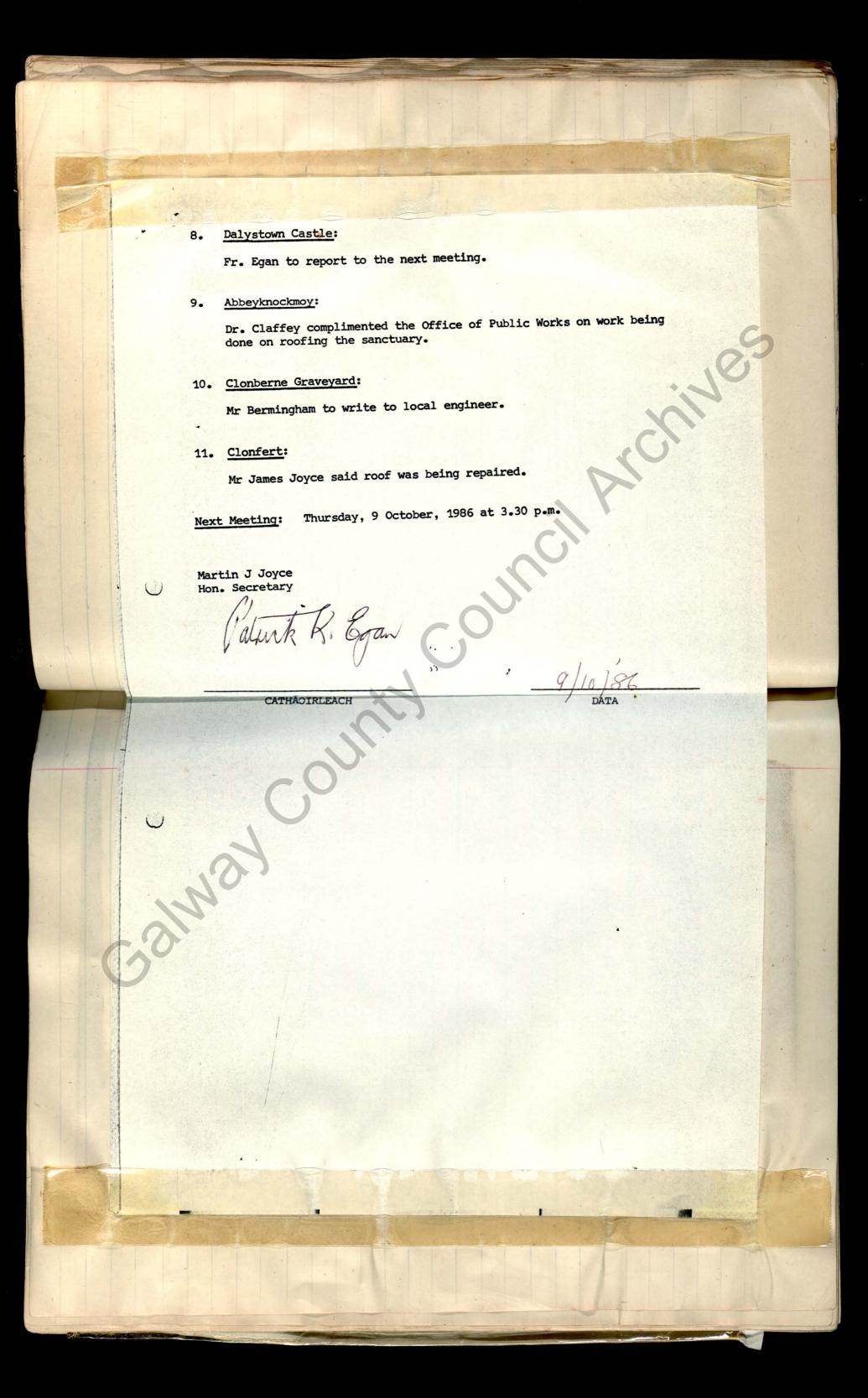
Fr. Egan said that a silage pit had been erected beside the roadway leading to the Abbey. The Secretary said that no reply had been received from the Office of Public Works.

7. Killeroran:

Deferred.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Thursday, 9 October, 1986.

In the Chair:

V. Rev. P K Egan, Ph.D.

Also Present: Mr M J Jo

Mr M J Joyce, Secretary; Mr M O Conaill; Mr E Kennedy;

Mr H Bermingham; Mr James Joyce.

1. Minutes:

On the proposition of Mr M O Conaill seconded by Mr M Keane, the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

were adopted

Athenry Town Walls: Deferred

3. Omission of Members

A letter from Mr M Kitt, T.D., stated that he regretted that he could not get agreement in his party to create full membership of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for Prof. Rynne and Mr T Fanning, Department of Archaeology, U.C.G. They had sent a resolution to the Department of the Environment asking the Minister to increase the Membership.

In reply to the resolution, Mr E Gleeson, Secretary, Galway County Council, received a letter from Mrs Avril Doyle, stating that a new Bill - National Monuments (Amendment) Bill, 1986 - had just been published. The National Monuments Advisory Council would be

new Bill - National Monuments (Amendment) Bill, 1960 been published. The National Monuments Advisory Council would be reconvened shortly and if the County Council made a submission to her (Mrs A Doyle) setting out the difficulties arising from the present membership limits she would ask the National Monuments

Mr Breathnach wasn't sure if work had been started.

- 5. Ballindooley: Deferred awaiting result of Court case.
- 6. Seefin: Fr. Egan hadn't met Mr Duffy.
- 7. Clontuskert Abbey: Deferred
- 8. Killeroran: Mr O Conaill to write to Mr Peter Raftery M.C.C. to have repairs carried out.
- 9. Dalystown Castle: Fr. Egan to report to the next meeting.
- 10. Abbeyknockmoy: Mr Bermingham to report to next meeting.
- 11. Clonberne: Mr Bermingham had written to local Engineer recommending necessary repairs; would investigate if work had been done.
- 12. Clonfert: Fr. Egan reported that the roof of the Chancel had been repaired. Tower had been painted. He felt 0.P.W. should help in the restoration of the 12th Century transept which contains a 13th Century window.
- 13. Ballinahinch Castle: Mr Kennedy said ivy was growing on old
 Ballinahinch Castle. With the exception of
 Castlekirk it was only castle in Connemara.
 Secretary to write to O.P.W. to have the work
 completed in Inchigoill and Castlekirk and
 scaffolding removed.

Next meeting: 3.30p.m., Thursday, 29 January, 1987.

Martin J Joyce
Hon. Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1987. IN THE CHAIR: Mrs. M. McDonagh. ALSO PRESENT: Mr. M.J. Joyce, Secretary. Mr. M. O'Conaill, Mr. J. McDonagh, Mr. M.J. Molloy, Mr. James Joyce, Mr. A. Lardner. Apologies were received from V. Rev. P.K. Egan and Mr. H. Bermingham. On the proposition of Mr. M. O'Conaill, seconded by Mr. Minutes: J. McDonagh, the Minutes of previous meeting were read, adopted and signed. 1. Athenry Town Walls: Deferred. Increase in Full Membership: Copy of letter from Mr. Gleeson, Secretary, County Council to Ms. Avril Doyle, Minister of State, Department of the Environment, seeking increase in the Full Membership of National Monuments Advisory Committee, was read. Members expressed the wish that if extra members were appointed, preference would be given to professional Archaeologists. 3. Roxboro Memorial Bridge: Meeting informed that work had been completed. Members expressed satisfaction and thanked the County Engineer's Staff. Seefin: Deferred pending attendance of Fr. Egan. 5. Ballindooley: Deferred. Clontuskert Roadway: Secretary to write to Office of Public Works asking if there is any development as regards the -Cummer and Lackagh Church: Mr. McDonagh to report to next meeting. Killeroran: Mr. Conaill reported on Castlekelly. Thought Round Towner worthy of preservation. Dalystown Castle: Deferred pending the attendance of Fr. Egan. Abbeyknockmoy: Deferred pending attendance of Mr. Bermingham. Clonbeine Ma Egan Vault will be repaired 11. Clonfert: Mr. James Joyce reported that a new roof costing £40,000 and funded by Church of Ireland had been erected. County Council had agreed to give a grant over next three years. Mr. Joyce, to contact local, people re the restoration of the 13th Century transept. Next Meeting, Thursday, 9th April, 1987, at 3.30 p.m. Martin J. Joyce, Honorary Secretary, National Monuments Advisory Committee, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, CO. GALWAY.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held in the County Buildings, Galway on Thursday, 9th April, 1987

In the Chair : Mrs. M. McDonagh

Also Present : Mr. M. J. Joyce, Secretary,

Mr. H. Bermingham,
Mr. M. Breathnach,
Mr. M. O'Conail,
Mr. T. Byrne,
Mr. J. Joyce,
Mr. J. McDonagh,
Mr. A. Lardner.

Minutes

On the proposition of Mr. M. Breathnach, seconded by Mr. M. O'Conaill the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

- 1. Athenry Town Walls : Deferred.
- 2. National Monuments Advisory Committee:

 Secretary informed the meeting that no further communication re increase in full membership of the Committee had been received. Secretary instructed to write again to the County Council what developments if any, had taken place since the last communication was received.
- 3. Seefin: Mrs. McDonagh informed the meeting that the site of the proposed reservoir had been changed and wouldn't interfere with the waterrain at Seefin.
- 4. Clontuskert Abbey :A letter from the O.P.W. stated that pending full determination of
 the ownership of the site it was planned to provide an access route
 to the monument.
- 5. Lackagh and Cummer Churches:

 Mr. J. McDonagh proposed that the 13th 16th century churches at
 Lackagh and Cummer, Co. Galway be declared national monuments and be
 taken into care of the Office of Public Works.
- Roxboro Memorial Bridge:Mr. M. Breathnach said he wasn't too happy about the stones used in the restoration of the Bridge.
- 7. <u>Dalystown</u>:-Deferred pending attendance of Fr. Egan.
- Abbeyknockmoy: Mr. M. Bermingham reported that the project at Abbeyknockmoy was being supervised by Dr. Claffey.

9. Clonberne: Mr. Bermingham was informed that repairs to the Mac Aodhgan tomb
were to be carried out by the County Council.

10. Clonfert :- Deferred.

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Next Meeting :- Thursday 4th June, 1987 at 3.30 p.m.

Martin J. Joyce,
Hon. Secretary,
National Monuments Advisory Committee,
Aughrim,

Patrick R. Egan A.P.
CATHADIR LEACH

4/6/87 DATA MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS? GALWAY ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE, 1987

In the Chair:

V. Rev. P.K. Egan, Ph.d

Also Present:

Mr. M.J. Joyce, Secretary,

Mr. E. Kennedy, Mr. M. O'Conaill, Mr. A. Lardner,

Clr. J. McDonagh, Clr. J. Joyce, Mrs. M. McDonagh.

Apology:

Received from Mr. H. Bermingham.

Minutes:

On the proposition of Mr. M.O'Conail seconded by Mr. A. Lardner the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

1. Athenry Town Walls

Deferred.

2. National Monuments Advisory Committee

Following discussion on the omission of Prof. E. Rynne and Mr. Tom Fanning, Dept. of Archaeology, U.C.G. as full emembers of the N.M.A.C. it was agreed that a resolution be sent to the Secretary, Galway County Council asking to have them restored to full membership and that a copy of the resolution be sent to each member of the County Council before the Annual General Meeting in July. Councillors Jarlath McDonagh and James Joyce undertook to raise the matter with their respective political parties.

3. Lackagh and Cummer Churches

Mrs M. McDonagh said she was very much impressed by the work done by locals and by the County Council at Lackagh and Cummer Churches. She had been in touch with Mr. Paul Gosling who promised to supply material on the churches. Councillor Jarlath McDonagh thanked Mrs McDonagh for her compliments.

4. Roxboro:

Deferred

5. Dalystown:

Deferred

6. Abbeyknockmoy: Deferred

7. Clonfert Cathedral

Mr. James Joyce said work carried out had been very successful. The death of Dean Champ and the departure of Bishop Empey had prevented further developments

An Teampall Beag, Clonliffe

Mrs M. McDonagh said an Teampall Beag is vested in the County Council which should be asked to have the Church protected.

Ballynonagh Castle, Clonbur

Mrs. M. McDonagh to write to Mr. Paul Gosling, U.C.G. asking for information about the castle.

Claregalway Castle

Councillor McDonagh sought information regarding Claregalway Castle. Mrs McDonagh to contact Prof. T.P. O'Neill.

NEXT MEETING

3.30 p.m. THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 1987

Martin J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary, National Monuments Advisory Committee. Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY

COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON THURSDAY,

10th SEPTEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:-

Very Rev. P. K. Egan, Ph.d.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Mr. M. J. Joyce, Secretary, Mr. C. Lardner, Mr. M. Breathnach, Mr. T. Byrne, Mrs. M. McDonagh, Clr. James Joyce, Clr. J. McDonagh

Mr. H. Bermingham.

APOLOGIES:-

Received from Mr. Gosling and Mr. Michael

O'Neill.

MINUTES:-

Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

(1) ATHENRY TOWN WALLS:-

Secretary informed the meeting that with Mr. O'Conaill he had visited Athenry Town Walls and saw what appeared to be preparations for a building beside the walls. Councillor Joyce to draw the attention of the County Planning Officer.

(2) ROXBORO:-

Mr. Breathnach said he was dissatisfied with the work done. The Inscription Stone should be enclosed in the Bridge Wall. The magnificant Gateway should have been refurbished.

(3) CLONFERT:-

Deferred.

(4) BALLYMANAGH CASTLE:-

Mrs. McDonagh said she had been promised information by Mr. Gosling about the Castle which she hoped to have for the next Meeting. Tradition had it that cards were played there before the Battle of Knockdoe.

(5) CLAREGALWAY CASTLE:-

15th Century De Burgo Castle. In 1765 John Bodkin re diverted river. House beside the Castle in dangerous condition. Messrs. Lardner and McDonagh undertook to interview the owner.

(6) DUNMORE ABBEY:-

Mr. Bermingham informed the Meeting that some stones were broken in Dunmore Abbey. He also informed the Meeting that work was to be done in the near future on the Mac Aodhagan Tomb, at Clonberne, by the County Council.

(7) TONAROISTY:-

Medieval site near Loughrea - Deferred.

NEXT MEETING:- 3,30 p.m. THURSDAY, 12th NOVEMBER, 1987.

MARTIN JOYCE, HON. SECRETARY, NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AUGHRIM, CO. GALWAY.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR Very Rev. P. K Egan, Ph.d.

ALSO PRESENT Mr. M. J. Joyce, Secretary; Dr. A. Claffey, Messrs M. Breathnach, Ml. O'Neill, M. Keane,

C. Lardner, J. McDonagh, M. O'Conaill and

J. Joyce.

APOLOGIES Received from Mr. T. Fanning and Mr. P. Gosline

On the proposition of Mr. C. Lardner, Minutes seconded by Dr. A. Claffey, the minutes of

the previous meeting were adopted and

signed.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS

Councillor James Joyce informed the Meeting that planning permission for the erection of buildings beside the walls had expired. County Planning Officer had informed him that a new planning application would have to be submitted.

ROXBORO

Mr. M. Breathnach said the owner was interested in the gateway. Mr. Breathnach to contact the Local Engineer to have the inscription stone inserted in the wall of the budge

CLONFERT

Mr. James Joyce informed the meeting that the roof and tower had been restored. Fr. Egan said the early 13th century ruined transept needed attention.

CLAREGALWAY CASTLE

Mr. Lardner asked to have deferred to the next meeting.

DUNMORE ABBEY Deferred.

TONAROSTY

Dr. Egan read a letter from Mr. Con Sheehan, O.P.W., concerning the preservation of "The Deserted Medieval Village and Caiseal at Tonarosty" near Loughrea. The letter enclosed a copy of Plan to secure the preservation of the site which had been submitted to Galway County Council and was on display in the County Council Offices at Prospect Hill.

Meeting agreed to endorse the intention to secure preservation of the site.

ARCHAELOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

Department of Archaeology, U.C.G., and the O.P.W. were congratulated on their report on the Archaeological Survey in County Galway. Members expressed disappointment that a copy of the Report was not provided for the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

BATTLEFIELD OF KNOCKDOE

Councillor J. McDonagh asked that a signpost be erected at the site.

NEXT MEETING AT 3.30P.M. ON THURSDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1988. _______________________________

Martin J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary. ========

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR:

Very Rev. P.K. Egan, Ph.d.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. M.J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary, Mrs M. McDonagh, Mr. T. Byrnes, Cllr. J. McDonagh, Mr. M. O'Neill,

Mr. H. Bermingham, Mr. E. Kennedy, Cllr. J.

Joyce.

APOLOGIES:

Received from Mr. C. lardner, Mr. T. Fanning,

Mr. P. Gosling and Mr. M O'Conaill.

MINUTES:

On the proposition of Mr. J. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. H. Bermingham, the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS

It was unanimously agreed to ask the Planning Authority, Galway County Council, to take cognisance of the recent archaeoligical survey carried out by O.P.W. and U.C.G. in adopting policy concerning the future granting of planning permission at Athenry.

Deferred pending attendance of Mr. M. Breathnach.

CLONFERT CATHEDRAL.

Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. T. Fanning had told him that he and Mr. Maurice Craig were trying to have Clonfert Cathedral declared a national monument and thus become eligible for an E.E.C. grant.

LACKAGH:

Deferred

<u>CLONTUSKERT:</u> Deferred.

CLAREGALWAY CASTLE

Owner to contact the Committee for further discussion of the matter.

DUNMORE ABBEY:

Mr. Birmingham informed the meeting that O.P.W. was active in restoring the Handcock Tomb.

TONATOISTY: Completed.

KNOCKDOE BATTLEFIELD:

Secretary asked to again ask to have a sign post erected on the site.

- 2 -MEELICK: Cllr. Joyce informed the meeting that very good work was done in restoration of the outbuildings at Meelick. NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1988, AT 3.30 P.M. MARTIN J. JOYCE HON. SECRETARY. NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUGHRIM CO. GALWAY.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held in the County Buildings, Galway on Thursday, 21st April, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR :-

Mr. Jarlath McDonagh

ALSO PRESENT :-

Mr. M.J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary,
Mr. Aidan Lardner, Mr. M. O'Conaill, Mr. M. O'Neill,
Mrs. M. McDonagh, Mr. H. Bermingham, Mr. E.Kennedy,
Councillor James Joyce.

APOLOGIES :-

Received from V.Rev. P.K. Egan, Ph.d Mr. Paul Gosling.

MINUTES :-

On the proposition of Mr. H. Bermingham seconded by Mr. M. O'Conaill, the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

The Secretary was instructed to convey good wishes to Dr. Egan for his speedy recovery.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS: -

Following discussion , the following resolutions were made :

- (a) that a Preservation Order be put on Athenry Town Walls by the relevant Authority.
- (b) that a Heritage Centre be centred at Athenry.

LACKAGH AND CUMMER CHURCHES :-

ancient churches declared National Monuments.

CLAREGALWAY CASTLE :-

Messrs. Lardner and McDonagh to again contact owner.

SIGNPOSTING OF MONUMENTS, BATTLEFIELDS ETC. :-

It was agreed that each member produce a list of national monuments for signposting

MEELICK ABBEY :-

Meeting congratulated the Local Community on the restorations carried out at Meelick. The Secretary was instructed to write to the County Manager expressing concern that several schemes concerned with the restoration of National Monuments are held up because of a union embargo on new schemes.

NEXT MEETING :-

3.30 p.m. THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE, 1988

Martin J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary
NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
Aughrim,
Co. Galway.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR:-

Councillor Jarlath McDonagh.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Mr. M. J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary., Mr. E. Kennedy, Mr. M. Breathnach, Mr. M. O'Neill, Mr. T. Fanning, Councillor J. Joyce.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM:

V. Rev. P.K. Egan, Ph.d., Mr. H. Birmingham, Mr. M. O'Conaill.

MINUTES.

On the proposition of Mr. M. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. E. Kennedy the Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed.

(1) ATHENRY TOWN WALL.

Secretary instructed to write to Mr. Noel Treacy, Minister of State, asking for his support in having Athenry Town Walls declared National Monuments.

Councillor Jarlath McDonagh informed the Meeting that Planning Permission had been got for a Heritage Centre at Athenry.

(2) MINUTES:-

Secretary to write to County Secretary asking him to bring the Minutes of the National Monuments Advisory Committee before the County Council for adoption.

(3) LACKAGH & CUMMER CHURCHES.

No reply received from Office of Public Works to letter asking that these churches be declared National Monuments.

(4) SIGNPOSTING.

Was asked to provide a list of required signposts for his/her area.

(5) EMBARGO.

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Meeting informed that Union Embargo on new Schemes such as restoration at Meelick had been lifted.

(6) EYRECOURT HERITAGE.

Mr. James Scully, National Teacher, Meelick, and all responsible for the production of 'Echoes' were warmly congratulated on providing such an excellent journal as well as the restorations at Meelick,

(7) CLONTUSKERT.

Deferred.

(8) CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. M. Joyce was warmly congratulated on his retirement as Secretary of Ballinasloe Agriculture Society.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

N.B. NEXT MEETING 3.30 p.m. ON TUESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1988.

N.B. ENCLOSED HEREWITH IS LIST OF SITES REQUIRING SIGNPOSTING SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

PLEASE NOTE MINUTE NO. 2, ASKING THAT MINUTES OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISOR COMMITTEE BE ADOPTED BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIGNED M.J. JOYCE.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR:-

Very Rev. P. K. Egan, Ph.D, Mr. M. J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Lardner, Councillor J. McDonagh, Mr. M. O'Conaill, Mr. M. Keane, Mr. M. O'Neill, Councillor J. Joyce and Dr. A. Claffey.

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh and seconded by Mr. M. O'Conaill, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed.

A letter was received from Government Information Services in connection with the establishment of the National Heritage Council asking for submissions.

Following discussion of a letter from Mr. P. M. Hyde, enclosing a report on the Yew Walk at Clonfert, it was agreed

- That the County Council be asked to place a Preservation Order on
- (b) That the report submitted by Mr. Hyde be submitted to the National
- Heritage Council. (c) That Office of Public Works be asked to place PacPreservation Order on the Bishop's Palace at Clonfert.

Councillor Joyce to organise support of the Eyrecourt Heritage Group at Clonfert

Councillor McDonagh to see County Secretary in connection with the adoption of the Minutes of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Meetings.

CLONTUSKERT.

Councillor Joyce informed the Meeting that problems had arisen with regard to the ownership of the lands carrying the proposed roadway to Clontuskert Abbey. Office of Public Works were pursuing negotiations.

PALACE GROUNDS TUAM:-

Dr. A. Claffey informed the Meeting that work is being carried out at the Palace Grounds, Tuam now the property of the County Council. He asked that the County Council be made aware of the importance of having the landscape restored to its original state.

SIGNPOSTING:

Members again asked to submit list of required signposts in their areas.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Next Meeting 3.30 p.m., Tuesday, 6th December, 1988. N.B.

SIGNED:-

MARTIN J. JOYCE, HON. SECRETARY, NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AUGHRIM.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR:-

Clr. Jarlath McDonagh.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Mr. M. J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Lardner, Mr. T. Byrne, Mr. H. Birmingham, Mr. J. McDonagh, Councillor J. Joyce.

APOLOGIES.

Rev. P. K Egan, Dr. A. Claffey.

MINUTES:

On the proposition of Mr. Birmingham, seconded by Mr. A. Lardner, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS.

Agreed to seek support of Mr. Noel Treacy, Minister of State to have the Town Walls of Athenry taken into the care of the Office of Public Works.

CLONFERT:

Councillor James Joyce informed the Meeting he had sent a Notice of Motion to Galway County Council to have improvements carried out at Clonfert under the Special Employment Scheme. He had attended a Meeting in Clonfert of Eyrecourt Heritage Council, at which the condition of the Bishop's Palace and the conservation of the Yew Walk were discussed. He felt it required a Seminar to draw up a report and plan of work for this important project.

Councillor Joyce was complimented on his activities and for the publicity he had achieved on Telifis Eireann in highlighting the urgent need for action at Clonfert.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councillor McDonagh to see Mr. Gleeson, County Secretary to enquire if Regulations permitted the reading of Minutes of National Monuments Advisory Committee Meetings at County Council Meetings.

CLONTUSKERT.

Councillor Joyce informed the Meeting that Office of Public Works had agreed on a price for the lands carrying the proposed roadway at Clontuskert Abbey with the owner.

SIGNPOSTING.

Secretary to write again to County Council to have signposting already submitted carried out.

ARDRAHAN CEMETERY:

Mr. Toddie Byrne undertook to contact local Committee re-improvements at Ardrahan Cemetery.

MONUMENT AT CARTYMORE CROSS.

Secretary to write to Mrs. Marie Fahy, Cartymore, Athenry.

3.30 p.m., Tuesday, 14th February, 1989.

MARTIN JOYCE,

HON. SECRETARY, NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

AUGHRIM.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY

COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY,

14TH FEBRUARY, 1989

IN THE CHAIR :-

Rev. Dr. P.K. Egan

ALSO PRESENT :-

Mr. M.J. Joyce, Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Bermingham, Councillor J. McDonagh, Councillor J. Welby, Councillor J.Joyce, Mr. E. Kennedy, Mr. M. Breathnach.

APOLOGIES :-

Mrs M. McDonagh, Dr. A. Claffey

MINUTES :-

On the proposition of Councillor J. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. H. Bermingham, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ATHENRY TOWN WALLS: -

Secretary to contact Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State, seeking his support in having the walls taken over by the O.P.W.

MINUTES OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES MEETINGS: -

Mr. E. Gleeson, Secretary, County Council informed Messrs. M.

CLONTUSKERT:

Deferred

ARDRAHAN CEMETERY: -

Mr. M. Breathnach to see Mr. J. Byrne with regard to improvements to Ardrahan Cemetery.

SIGNPOSTING: -

Secretary to write to County Council expressing disappointment that no action had been taken as regards list already submitted.

KILSKEAGH CEMETERY: -

Secretary to write to County Council to enquire if the Cemetery is under County Council control.

CLONFERT: -

Councillor Joyce informed the meeting that O.P.W. were to see if the Bishop's Palace was worthy of preservation. Local Protestant Community to get an Archaeologist to advise on developments at

Clonfert.

ROSS ERRILLY: -

Councillor McDonagh reported that a local Committee concerned with preservation of Ross Errilly was anxious that a Meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee be held in Headford. Secretary to write to Secretary, County Council asking for permission to do so.

CASTLEQUIRK: -

Councillor Welby asked if anything had been done towards the preservation of the Castle ruins. Mr. Kennedy said the O.P.W. had done a good job there.

NEXT MEETING: -

3.30 p.m., Tuesday, 18th April, 1989.

SIGNED: - Martin Joyce, Hon. Secretary, National Monuments Advisory Committee, Aughrim, Co. Galway.

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