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# **GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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**30 June 1951 – 30 June 1956**

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CUIZ SAC DAILL DE'N COMAIRLE: 5.00.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of vacancies on Committees resulting from the death of Mr. P. Kyne, Co.C. Clonbur, viz.:-
  - (a) Loughs Corrib, Mask & Carra Joint Drainage Committee;
  - (b) River Shrule Joint Drainage Committee;
  - (c) County Committee of Agriculture.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for supplemental loan of £400 for Tiernea Water Supply.
4. Machinery Loan £60,000 (Minute No. 3374 of 24/2/1951) - Letter L.2348/51 of 14th July, 1951, from Department of Local Government stating that this loan must be raised from the Council's Treasurer.
5. Raising of loan of £4,500 for 50% of the estimated cost of reconstructing Bunowen Pier.
6. Making of Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, in respect of site - area: 5 perches - in the townland of Townparks 4th Division in the town of Tuam - Owner: Mr. Patrick J. Prendergast, The Square, Tuam.
7. Senior Counsel's Opinion in regard to the appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 4. Collection District.
8. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (1) Clr. J. McElhinney:
    - (a) (i) "That in future rate collectors shall be appointed by the Appointments Commission, and applicants residing in the area where the vacancy exists shall be given preference over other applicants."
    - (ii) "That the present arrangement whereby hospital patients receive only 5/- under the Infectious Diseases Allowances Act, 1948, be altered so that they shall receive 10/- per week, and the balance of the allowance going towards hospitalization be adjusted accordingly."
  - (b) "Please note that I will move at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the County Engineer be instructed to proceed immediately with the making of the Terryland Road."
- (2) Clr. M. Wall: "That an explanation be given to the Council of the delay in completing the Ballygar Water Supply Scheme."
- (3) Clr. M. Newell: "That the village of Kiltulla, Cranmore, get a water supply."

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4. Clr. L. O'Toole:

- (a) "That the County Manager inform the Council what number of cottages are being built in the Connemara area, and if it is proposed to build any in the Renvyle area. If so, how many applications have been received and what progress, if any, is being made."
- (b) Tullycross (Gurteenclough) & Derryinver Waterworks: "That the County Manager inform the Council if an engine and a Hydraulic ram have been purchased for above waterworks and, if so, what it is proposed to instal them."
- (c) Tullycross-Tully & Letterfrack Sewerage: "What progress is being made to provide sewerage schemes for above Villages."
- (d) "Please note that I intend to propose that the County Council provide a scheme to supply Cornamona with water from Ballydoolough Lake at next Council Meeting."
- (e) "That I intend to ask the County Manager what number of cottages it is intended to build in Clifden and if land is being acquired for the purpose."

9. Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts of Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for year ended 31.3.1951.

10. Resolutions.

11. Other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD ON SATURDAY, THE  
30th JUNE, 1951.

In the Chair: 1. Senator M. Quinn.  
2. Councillor M. Carty.

Also Present: Councillor M. A. Ashe, Deputy P. Beegan, Deputy P. Cawley, Councillors P. Collins, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. J. Ruane, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8439. **Election of Chairman.**—Councillor Carty proposed, Councillor Geoghegan seconded, and it was unanimously Resolved:—

"That Senator Martin Quinn be re-elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1951/52."

8440. **Election of Vice-Chairman.**—Deputy M. Killilea proposed, Councillor Higgins seconded, and it was unanimously Resolved:—

"That Councillor M. Carty be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1951/52."

8441. **Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board.**—Letter, 15/6/51, from the Chief Clerk, Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board, was submitted, stating that the number of members to be elected to the Board by the Galway County Council was 17.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Ashe, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the following members be appointed to represent the Galway County Council on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board for the year 1951/52, viz.: Senator M. Quinn, Deputies P. Beegan and M. Killilea, and Councillors T. King, J. J. Ruane, J. Glynn, M. O'Donnell, M. Nicholson, J. Houlihan, R. Lahiffe, M. Kitt, Miss M. A. Ashe, M. Newell, P. Collins, M. Wall, J. J. Nestor, and L. O'Toole (Councillor Galvin having withdrawn his name in favour of Councillor Wall)."

8442. **County Galway Education Committee.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the existing members of the Galway Education Committee be re-appointed for the year 1951/52."

8443. **County Libraries Committee.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the existing members of the County Libraries Committee be re-appointed for the year 1951/52."

8444. **National Monuments Advisory Committee.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the existing members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee be re-appointed for the year 1951/52."

8445. **Visiting Committee for District Institutions.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That Councillor M. O'Donnell be appointed to replace Councillor P. Kyne, deceased, and that in addition the remaining members of the Visiting Committee for the Council's District Institutions be re-appointed for the year 1951/52."

8446. **Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That all the existing members of the Old Age Pension Sub-Committees be re-appointed for the year 1951/52."

8447. **County Councils' General Council.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That Senator M. Quinn, Deputy M. Killilea, and Councillor M. Kitt be re-appointed the Council's representatives on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1951/52."

8448. **Irish Tourist Association.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That Councillor J. Glynn be re-appointed to represent the Council on the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1951/52."

8449. **Minutes.**—The Minutes of the Council to No. 8438, having been circulated to the members of the Council, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

8450. **Vacancy.**—It was proposed by Councillor Geoghegan and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell:—

"That Mr. Laurence O'Toole, Tullycross, Renvyle, be co-opted a member of the Galway County Council to replace Mr. Patrick Kyne, deceased."

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It was proposed by Councillor Nestor and seconded by Councillor Collins:—

"That the brother of the late Patrick Kyne be co-opted a member of the Galway County Council."

Deputy Cawley suggested that as a general principle the Council should co-opt the last eliminated candidate for the electoral area concerned.

A vote taken as between Messrs. O'Toole and Kyne resulted as follows:—

For—Councillors Ashe, Beegan, Carty, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane—16.

Against—Councillors Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Mannion, Mylotte, Nestor, Sirr and Wall—11.

The Chairman declared Mr. Laurence O'Toole, Tullycross, Renvyle, appointed a member of the Galway County Council.

8451. **Rates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1952.**—It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Higgins, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council do hereby allow and make the rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1952, as assessed in the Rate Books."

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Higgins, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the rate books for the year ending 31st March, 1952, be signed and sealed with the seal of the Council." The rate books were then signed and sealed.

8452. **Dail Elections.**—The Chairman and other members of the Council congratulated Mr. P. Beegan on his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, and also congratulated Councillors Cawley, Mannion and Killilea on their election to the fourteenth Dail.

8453. **Church Holydays.**—Councillor King proposed and Councillor Higgins seconded:—

"That all work of this Council, including office work, be closed down on Church Holydays."

After a discussion, the County Manager suggested that it might be possible to arrange for the closing down of the Council's offices at the County Buildings on Church Holydays if the officers concerned would be prepared to work from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on each of the other five days of the week in which a Church Holyday would occur.

It was eventually decided to leave it to the County Manager to arrange with the staff concerned for the working of the necessary additional hours, so as to permit of the offices being closed down on Church Holydays.

8454. **Children's Home.**—Councillor Carty asked the County Manager to inform the Council of the position in regard to the carrying out of improvements at the Children's Home, Tuam.

The County Manager replied that the Architect had prepared sketch plans for the work proposed, and that these plans had been submitted to the Department of Health, by whom a number of improvements had been suggested.

The decision of the Department of Health in regard to the allocation of a grant from Hospitals' Trust Funds for this work had not yet been given, and the estimated cost of the work as set out in report, 28/8/50, from the Architect was £2,590.

It was decided that the Department of Health be requested to make the position clear in regard to the future of the home and the financing of the cost of the necessary improvements.

8455. **Ambulance Boat for Aran Islands.**—It was proposed by Councillor Joyce and seconded by Councillor Nestor:—

"That an ambulance boat be provided for the people of the Aran Islands."

Some other members suggested that it would be necessary to provide a District Hospital in Aran.

Deputy Mannion stated that while a small District Hospital would be desirable it would not meet the necessity for conveyance of urgent difficult cases to Galway Central Hospital, which could not be treated in a District Hospital.

Councillor Mylotte also pointed out the necessity for provision of a boat for conveyance of patients from the outlying islands, viz., Inisheer and Inishmaan.

The County Manager stated that an arrangement was already in existence between the Council and the Life Boat Institution for use of the life boat for conveyance of urgent cases to hospital.

Councillor Ashe requested that information be supplied to the Council in regard to the number of patients from Aran treated in the Central Hospital during the recent period of one year.

It was eventually decided that the Manager would examine the possibility of providing accommodation in the life boat for stretcher cases.

8456. **Light on Spiddal Pier.**—Councillor Joyce stated that his Notice of Motion for provision of one street light on Spiddal Pier had already been dealt with.

8457. **Water Supplies.**—In response to Councillor Higgins' Notice of Motion:—

"That the Council instruct its engineering staff to make an immediate survey of existing piped water supplies, with a view to improving and extending same, where necessary." It was arranged that each member would be requested to submit his proposals in regard to extension and improvement of existing water supplies, and that these would then be submitted to the

County Engineer, whose recommendation would, in due course, be submitted to the Council.

**8458. Adjournment.**—At this stage it was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Deputy Killilea, and Resolved :—  
“That the Meeting be adjourned until 3.30 p.m.”

**8459. New Courthouses.**—Reports from the Co. Engineer were submitted in regard to the necessity for provision of new Courthouses at Ardrahan, Derreen and Killimor.

The Secretary pointed out that plans were at present being prepared for provision of three new courthouses at Athenry, Mountbellew and Gurteen.

The Council approved proceeding with the preparation of plans for the new courthouses at Ardrahan, Derreen and Killimor also.

**8460. County Councils' General Council.**—Letter, 6/6/51, from the County Councils' General Council, was submitted, requesting notice of matters to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Councillor Ashe seconded, and it was Resolved :—

“That the necessity for the appointment of additional Health Inspectors for the carrying out of the Food Hygiene Regulations be referred to the County Councils' General Council to ascertain what is being done by local authorities generally.”

**8461. School Meals Gaeltacht Scheme.**—Letter, 6/2/1951, from the Department of Social Welfare, was submitted, stating that the amount of the grant for the School Meals Gaeltacht Scheme is fixed by Statute, and that it is regretted that it is not possible to accede to the Council's request for a grant of not less than 50 per cent of the actual cost of provision of meals under this scheme.

It was decided that the Department be informed that it is the view of the Council that a grant of not less than 50 per cent. should be allocated in this case.

**8462. Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd.**—It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Carty, and unanimously Resolved :—

“That Senator Martin Quinn be appointed to represent the Council on the Board of the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd.”

**8463. Loan for Improvement of Private Roads in Galway Borough.**—It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan, and unanimously Resolved :—

“That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 27th March, 1951, the sum of £13,000 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited,

Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of former private roads in Galway City, said sum to be re-paid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Bank's rate, rising and falling from time to time, with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the seal of the County Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited.”

**8464. Flannery Bridge.**—The Secretary reported that the Consulting Engineer's estimate of the total cost for erection of Flannery Bridge, including construction of approach roads, was £26,586 0s. 0d., towards which the Department of Local Government was prepared to allocate a grant of £4,500.

It was proposed by Councillor Geoghegan, seconded by Councillor Higgins, and unanimously Resolved :—

“That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £26,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of Flannery Bridge; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council.”

It was proposed by Councillor Geoghegan, seconded by Councillor Higgins, and unanimously Resolved :—

“That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on Capital Account not exceeding £10,000, pending the receipt of the loan for provision of Flannery Bridge.”

**8465. Cranmore Dispensary Residence and Dispensary.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Higgins, and unanimously Resolved :—

“That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works to cover the cost of purchase of a dispensary and dispensary residence at Oranmore; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council.”

**8466. Athenry Dispensary and Residence for Midwife.**—The Secretary reported that for some time the Council had been considering the provision of a residence for the Midwife at Athenry, but that difficulty was experienced in obtaining a site; that the dispensary premises at Athenry are also unsuitable, and that a site is now offered for £160 which would be suitable for erection thereon of both a dispensary and a residence for the midwife.

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Carty, the Council expressed their approval to proceeding with this proposal.

**8467. Health Inspectorate Staff.**—As already stated in Minute No. 8460, the Council decided that this matter be referred to the County Councils' General Council.

**8468. Midwife's Residence at Ahascragh.**—On the proposition of Deputy Beegan, seconded by Senator Quinn, the Council approved the Manager's proposal to purchase a residence for the Dispensary Midwife from Mr. Thomas Dillon, Ahascragh, at a cost of £450, plus costs of conveyance.

**8469. Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.**—Letter, 3/4/51 (E.L.1/51), from the Department of Local Government, having already been circulated to the Councillors, was submitted.

Deputy Beegan suggested that the Department should be requested to reckon as pensionable service the period of employment of certain servants on Minor Relief Schemes and Rural Improvement Schemes.

**8470. Orthopaedic Theatre.**—Correspondence in connection with the provision of a temporary Orthopaedic Theatre at the Galway Central Hospital, at a cost of £3,500, was submitted, and the Secretary stated that the Department of Health are not prepared to allocate any grant from Hospitals' Trust Funds for this work, but that the cost would be apportioned between the counties in the orthopaedic region in proportion to their valuation.

On the proposition of Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Nestor, the Council unanimously approved proceeding with this work.

**8471. Monivea Water Supply.**—Correspondence in connection, with the request for provision of a piped water supply at Monivea was submitted, together with County Engineer's report, 2/4/51, stating that the cost would be approximately £10,000.

It was pointed out that an efficient pump is already available on the Athenry Road.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this request until the meeting in connection with water supplies generally, which is expected to be held in September, 1951.

**8472. Turf Production.**—The deputation from the Oughterard Turf Producers, which the Council had consented to hear did not attend.

The County Manager stated that the Minister for Local Government had intimated recently that he considered that the Council should, as a permanent arrangement, produce turf for its own requirements; that the County Manager had given as his view that the Council is not properly equipped for permanent production of turf, and as its engineering staff is fully occupied with

ordinary Council works, he considered that the permanent production of turf should be a matter for the Department of Industry and Commerce.

The County Engineer stated that if a reasonable price were fixed at the start of each season he believed that sufficient turf for the Council's requirements would be available from private producers.

On the proposition of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Galvin, the Council approved the suggestions of the County Manager and County Engineer.

In reply to queries in regard to the turf supply for Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, the County Engineer stated that tenders from private producers had already been accepted for 1,400 tons, and that tenders would be obtained for approximately a further 600 tons—the balance required, viz., 8,000 tons, approximately, will be supplied by the Council.

Resolution by the Galway Corporation, at their meeting on the 5th April, 1951 :—

“That the Council be requested to provide for production of the original target proposed” was submitted and read.

**8473. Rate Collectors ; Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Allowances ; and Terryland Road.**—In the absence of Councillor McElihinney, consideration of his notices of motion in relation to above matters was adjourned.

**8474. Labourers' Cottages.**—In reply to Councillor Nicholson's notice of motion, the Secretary gave particulars of the cottages which are being erected or are proposed to be erected in the Cooloo area.

**8475. Midwife's Residence at Furbo.**—Councillor Ashe requested that the Department be again requested to approve the provision of a residence for the Midwife in the Furbo area of Spiddal Dispensary District.

Councillor Ashe also requested that particulars be supplied to her of the hours of attendance of the medical officers at the Galway Nos. 1 and 2 Dispensaries.

**8476. Committees.**—Resolution from the Galway Borough Council was submitted, requesting “that the Borough Council be given representation on Committees relating to county-at-large services.”

As the Committees in which the Borough Council would be interested were appointed at the annual meeting held in the local election year, no action was taken on this resolution.

It was decided to place on the next Agenda for consideration the filling of the vacancies on certain Committees resulting from the death of Mr. P. Kyne, Co.C.

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**8477. Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd.**—The annual report of this Company for year ending 31st December, 1950, was submitted and noted.

**8478. Rate Collector, No. 4 District.**—Letter, 1/6/51, from the County Solicitor, enclosing advice by Mr. F. J. Roche, B.L., having already been circulated to the members, was submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor Geoghegan, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell:—

"That the advice of Senior Counsel be obtained in regard to this matter."

It was proposed by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Wall:—

"That the Council act on the advice already obtained." Deputy Mannion suggested that the Council should now appoint Miss Lee.

A vote taken on the question of obtaining Senior Counsel's advice resulted as follows:—

For—Councillors Ashe, Beegan, Carty, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn, and Ruane—18.

Against—Councillors Cawley, Collins, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Mannion, Mylotte, Sirr, and Wall—9.

It was, therefore, decided that the advice of Senior Counsel be obtained.

**8479. Rate Collector, No. 7 District.**—The list of applicants (10), having already been circulated to the members, was submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Galvin, and Resolved:—

"That having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector to No. 7 Collection District, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties, and the qualifications for that office, the Council consider that the person to be appointed cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and decide, therefore, that the Council consider the qualifications of the applicants for that post and make an appointment after consideration of said qualifications."

The appointment of Mr. Martin O'Donnell, Kylesalia, Kilkerrin, Carna, was proposed by Councillor Geoghegan and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell.

The appointment of Mr. John Mylotte, Carna, was proposed by Councillor Joyce and seconded by Deputy Mannion.

The appointment of Mr. Walter A. Burke, Moyglass, Kylebrack, Loughrea, was proposed by Councillor Houlihan. This proposal was not seconded.

A vote taken as between Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Mylotte resulted as follows:—

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For Mr. O'Donnell—Councillors Ashe, Beegan, Carty, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn, and Ruane—17.

For Mr. Mylotte—Councillors Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Mannion, Mylotte, Sirr, and Wall—10.

The Chairman declared Mr. Martin O'Donnell, Kylesalia, Kilkerrin, Carna, appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

(COUNCILLOR CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.)

**8480. Overdraft.**—Councillor Galvin proposed, Deputy Beegan seconded, and it was unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account not exceeding £150,000 for the quarter ending 30th September, 1951."

It was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Deputy Beegan, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £70,000 on Turf Account for the quarter ending 30th September, 1951."

**8481. Shelters at Salthill.**—It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Ashe, seconded by Councillor P. Sirr, and Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 24th April, 1951, the sum of £2,550 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of shelters at Salthill, Galway, said sum to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate, rising and falling from time to time, with a minimum of 4 per cent. per annum, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

**8482. Sale of Derelict Site No. 47.**—Correspondence in connection with the sale of Derelict Site No. 47, Tuam, was submitted—notice of the intended sale having been circulated to the members on the 18th May, 1951.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Galvin, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the sale of Derelict Site No. 47—area: 11 perches—situated at Church View, Tuam, to Mr. Brian Hardiman, Church View, Tuam, for £70, plus costs of conveyance of the site to Mr. Hardiman."

**8483. County Home, Loughrea.**—Letter, 5/5/51, from the Department of Health in regard to the proposed change in the name of the County Home, Loughrea, was submitted, stating that this matter is one for the local authority.

It was proposed by Councillor Houlihan, seconded by Councillor Cawley, and Resolved:—

"That the name of the County Home, Loughrea, be altered to St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea."

**8484. Bridge at Derrywee.**—Report, 21/6/51, from the County Engineer, was submitted, stating that the estimated cost of providing a new bridge at Derrywee, including the approach roads, etc., would be £4,000.

It was proposed by Councillor Lahiffe, seconded by Councillor Houlihan, and Resolved:—

"That the Council approve the provision of this bridge, and that Clare County Council and the Department of Local Government be approached with a view to obtaining a contribution towards the cost of the work."

**8485. Half-Holiday for Road Workers.**—(30/5/51). On the proposition of Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the Council unanimously approved the granting of a half-holiday with pay to road workers on the day of the General Election on the 30th May, 1951.

**8486. Bishop's Palace and Grounds at Tuam.**—Correspondence in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Protestant Bishop's Palace and Grounds at Tuam was submitted, including the recommendation of the Committee appointed to consider the proposal that, subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government, the property be acquired by the Galway County Council for £12,000, plus 5 per cent auctioneer's fees—each party to the transaction to pay its own costs of conveyance.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the acquisition of the Protestant Bishop's Palace and Grounds at Tuam for £12,000, plus 5 per cent auctioneer's fees and stamp duty—the Council and the Church of Ireland authorities to bear their own costs of conveyance of the property to the Council."

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £13,300 for the acquisition of the Protestant Bishop's Palace and Grounds at Tuam from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 10 years with interest at the

rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council and the repayment charges to be levied on the Galway County Health District."

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Kitt, and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on Capital Account not exceeding £13,300, pending the receipt of loan, for acquisition of the Protestant Bishop's Palace and Grounds at Tuam."

**8487. Cottage Purchase Schemes.**—Letters, 9th March, 1951, and 18th May, 1951, from the Department of Local Government, in regard to the reduction of the amount of the annuity set out in cottage purchase schemes, were submitted—copies having already been circulated to the members.

It was decided that no change be made in the existing procedure in connection with the cottage purchase schemes, as the Council considered that the amount of the annuity is already very low.

**8488. Weekly Payment of Bog Workers.**—In regard to Councillor Galvin's notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that arrangements had already been made for weekly payment of wages to the bog workers from the Ballinasloe Urban area.

**8489. Cottages in Portumna.**—In connection with his notice of motion, Councillor Carty stated that he would furnish a list of persons requiring cottages in Portumna, as the number of applications already received was only 3—one of whom was a single man.

**8490. Milk Supplies to Institutions.**—Councillor Collins asked if it is a fact that the Renmore Dairy Company, who are supplying milk to the Council's Institutions, are obtaining their supplies from sources outside this county.

Councillor Lahiffe stated that he understands that all their supply at present comes from Ennistymon Creamery, which does not get its milk from registered suppliers.

Councillors King and Kitt referred to the dirty condition of milk supplied to the Sanatorium by this Company over a lengthy period, and stated that furthermore they considered that ordinary milk is more palatable than pasteurized milk.

The County Manager replied that he had no information in his possession as to the source from which the Renmore Dairy Company is at present obtaining its milk—that inquiries would be made into the allegation that the supply comes from outside the county and from unregistered suppliers.

**8491. Temporary Allowance and Temporary Bonus.**—Some members inquired in regard to the payment of temporary allow-

ance or temporary bonus to the Porter and the Caretaker of the County Buildings and to the Gardener at the Galway Central Hospital, and requested that this matter be considered further.

**8492. Meat Supply: Central Hospital.**—Councillor Carty requested that consideration be given by the County Manager to the application for an increase in prices received from Mr. Patrick Ryan, Dominick Street, Galway, who supplies meat to Galway Central Hospital.

Councillors Ashe, Houlihan and Cawley supported this request.

The Manager eventually stated that he would consider cancelling Mr. Ryan's contract, but if this were done Mr. Ryan's name would be black-listed, and he would never obtain a contract from the Council again.

**8493. Rate Collector, No. 9 District.**—Medical certificate was submitted, indicating that owing to illness Rate Collector J. J. Flaherty will be unfit for duty for six months to the 31st December, 1951, inclusive.

Mr. Flaherty named as his deputy during this period Miss M. E. O'Toole, 17, Henry Street, Galway.

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ashe, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of Miss M. E. O'Toole, 17, Henry Street, Galway, as deputy Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District for six months to the 31st December, 1951.

**8494. Bunowen Pier.**—Letter, 27/6/1951 (S.W.1/10/111), from the Special Employment Schemes Office, was submitted, stating that an expenditure not exceeding £9,000 on this work is now being sanctioned on the condition that a grant of not more than 50 per cent of the actual cost will be made and that the balance of the cost will be contributed by the County Council, and that the County Council will accept responsibility for maintenance of the work when completed.

On the proposition of Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ashe, the Council unanimously approved the carrying out of the work on the terms mentioned in this letter.

**8495. Staff Home at County Home.**—Correspondence in connection with the conversion of the front block of the County Home into a staff home was submitted, including the Architect's estimate of the total cost, viz., £4,957 15s. 3d., and Department of Health letter, 5/1/50, which stated that a grant from Hospitals' Trust Funds would not be allocated for this work.

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £5,000 for provision of a Staff Home at the County Home,

Loughrea, from the Commissioners of Public Works—the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**8496. Dispensary Midwives' Uniform Allowance.**—The Council unanimously approved the provision of funds for payment of uniform allowance at the rate of £10 per annum (instead of £5) to each Dispensary Midwife, as approved in Department of Health Circular A.35/51 of the 25/5/51.

**8497. Miscellaneous.**—Auditor's report and Statement of Account of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee for year ended 30/3/50 were submitted and noted.

Letter, 12/5/51, from the Irish Live Stock Exporters and Traders' Association, Ltd., stating that they considered that fairs should start at, say, 7 or 7.30 a.m., was submitted, and the Association requested the opinion of the Council on this matter.

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ashe, it was decided to inform the Association that the Council agreed with their views.

Councillor Carty recommended that the Council's representatives in the Dail press for legislation to abolish Tolls and Customs generally.

Councillor Kitt requested that the tenancy of the next vacant cottage in the Baunogues or Castleblakeney area be allocated to Mr. Patrick Gavin and his family, who were evicted from their house recently. Councillor Kitt stated that Mr. Gavin is an applicant for a cottage in Potter's farm, and has been listed for over three years.

**8498. Sympathy.**—Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with:—

The O'Rourke family, Dunsandle, on the death of Father O'Rourke;

The Carr family, Nuns' Island, Galway, on the death of Mr. J. Carr;

The Mullins family, Shop Street, Galway, on the death of Fr. Mullins;

Mr. Brian Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar, on the death of his daughter;

Tommy McNamara and family, Athenry, on the death of their father.

**8499. Next Meeting.**—It was decided that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, the 23rd July, 1951, at 4 p.m.

*submitted, approved & confirmed this 23rd day of July 1951*  
*M. S. O'Connell*  
*Chairman*

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23rd JULY, 1951.**

In the Chair: Senator M. Quinn.

Also present: Councillor Miss M. A. Ashe, Deputy P. Cawley, Councillors P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Fury, P. F. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. M. O'Donnell, J. J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8500.—Minutes.**—The Minutes of the Council to No. 8499, were submitted. Councillor King drew attention to Minute No. 8453 and pointed out that his proposal was carried without any qualification as to the office staff working extra hours. The County Manager stated that the control of officers was vested in him, and that the Minute was a correct record. Deputies Killilea and Cawley, Councillors Nestor, Galvin, Collins and the Chairman confirmed the correctness of the Minute.

The Minutes of the Council to No. 8499 were then signed by the Chairman, Councillor King dissenting from the contents of No. 8453.

**8501.—Lough Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee.**—It was proposed by Councillor Ashe, seconded by Deputy Mannion and unanimously resolved:—

"That Mr. Edmond Kyne, Clonbur, be appointed to the vacancy on the Lough Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee to replace his brother, Mr. Patrick Kyne, deceased."

**8502.—River Shrule Joint Drainage Committee.**—It was proposed by Councillor Ashe, seconded by Deputy Mannion, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That Mr. Edmund Kyne, Clonbur, be appointed to the vacancy on the River Shrule Joint Drainage Committee to replace his brother, Mr. Patrick Kyne, deceased."

**8503.—County Committee of Agriculture.**—It was proposed by Councillor Ashe and seconded by Deputy Mannion:—

"That Mr. Edmund Kyne, Clonbur, be appointed to the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture to replace his brother Mr. Patrick Kyne, deceased."

It was proposed by Councillor Geoghegan and seconded by Councillor O'Toole:—

"That Mr. Patrick Gibbons, Oughterard, be appointed to the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture to replace Mr. Patrick Kyne, deceased."

A vote taken as between Messrs. Kyne and Gibbons resulted as follows:—

For Mr. Kyne: Councillor Ashe, Deputy Cawley, Councillors Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Glynn, Houlihan, Deputy Killilea, Councillors King, Kitt, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Mylotte, Nestor, Newell, Nicholson, Senator, Quinn, Councillors Ruane, Shields, Sirr and Wall—21.

For Mr. Gibbons: Councillors Geoghegan, Higgins and O'Toole. 3

The Chairman declared Mr. Edmond Kyne, Clonbur, appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

**8504.—Supplemental Loan for Tiernea Water Supply.**—Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Mylotte and Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £400 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948."

**8505.—Loan for Maternity Extension to Clifden Hospital.**—Proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Mylotte and Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £17,000, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939, and the Local Government Act, 1941."

**8506.—Machinery Loan £60,000.**—Letter dated 11/7/1951, Ref. L.2348/51, from the Department of Local Government was submitted, stating that Council's borrowing margin for General Purposes would not permit raising a loan of £60,000, as resolved in Minute No. 8374 of 24/2/1951. It added that the Minister would be prepared to authorise, pursuant to Section 3 of Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, the necessary borrowing by way of temporary loan or overdraft from Council's Treasurer, repayment to be spread over period not exceeding 10 years.

It was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved:—

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local

Government, the Council approve the raising of a loan of £80,000 from the National Bank, Ltd., Galway, for the purchase of machinery and plant; the loan to be repayable in half-yearly instalments over period of 10 years with interest at the rate of 1/2% under Bank Rate prevailing at the date of issue (minimum 4%).

Mr. Houlihan recommended to the Co. Engineer that he include some heavy, e.g. diesel, tractors in his purchases.

**8507.—Reconstruction of Bunowen Pier.**—It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Mylotte and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the provision of overdraft accommodation of £4,500 on Capital Account, pending the receipt of a loan for the reconstruction of Bunowen Pier."

**8508.—Reconstruction of Bunowen Pier.**—Deputy Mannion proposed, Councillor Mylotte seconded and it was unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of defraying the Council's contribution towards the cost of the reconstruction of Bunowen Pier; the loan to be repayable upon such terms as the Minister for Local Government shall decide."

**8509.—Rate Collector, No 4 District.**—Letter dated the 16/7/51, from the County Solicitor, enclosing opinion of Mr. M. J. Ryan, S.C., having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Councillor King:—

"That the file be referred back to the Minister for Local Government for his directions, more especially as to whether Mr. Curley was ineligible and if so, if the Council were entitled to re-advertise the position."

It was proposed by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Mylotte:—

"That the Council accept the legal advice given them and proceed with the appointment."

A vote taken on Councillor Collins's amendment resulted as follows:—

For: Deputy Cawley, Councillors Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Mylotte, Nestor, Shields, Sirr and Wall—12.

Against: Councillors Ashe, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Deputy Killilea, Councillors King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lanin, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Senator Quinn and Councillor Ruane—16.

A vote was then taken on Deputy Killilea's proposition and resulted as follows:—

For: Councillors Ashe, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Deputy Killilea, Councillors King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiff, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Senator Quinn and Councillor Ruane—16.

Against: Deputy Cawley, Councillors Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Mylotte, Nestor, Shields, Sirr and Wall—12.

It was accordingly ordered that the file be referred to the Minister for Local Government for his directions.

Councillor Shields asked that a note be recorded of those who voted for the amendment in the event of a surcharge on the Council as a result of a mandamus action afterwards.

**8510.—Grants for Houses.**—Councillor Glynn asked what the position was as regards the Council's decision to make housing grants available, and if the Scheme had been sanctioned. He was informed that the Scheme was sanctioned but the raising of the loan was not sanctioned.

**8511.—Consideration of all other items on the Agenda** was adjourned until the next meeting.

*Induced  
E.H.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1951.*

*Chairman  
Michael Carthy*

4<sup>th</sup> Iugnusa, 1951.

Súdan:  
Saillim 55.

A Chara,

JARRAR ORC LEIS SEO BOIC I TACAIR AS CRUINNIU SPEISIALTA DE COMAIRLE CONRADAE NA SAILLIME I SEANRA NA COMAIRLE INS NA POIR NIOTE CONRADAE UIA SACAIRN, 11<sup>th</sup> Iugnusa, 1951, AS 12.30 P.M. A CIOS.

Mise, le meas,  
M. S. O'Maolruanaidh.  
Runai Seal.

CUIZ SAC SAILLI DE'N COMAIRLE:  
SNO.

TO CONSIDER:

1. To consider appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District.
2. Other business.

4th August, 1951

Phone  
Galway

To: Each Member of the Council.

Vacancy for Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District

A Chara,

I enclose for your information copy of letter received from the Department of Local Government, Custom House, Dublin in reply to County Council resolution regarding above passed at Meeting of 23rd July, 1951.

Mise, le meas,  
M. S. O'Maolruanaidh.  
Runai Seal.

Department of Local Government

Custom House,  
Dublin.

31st July, 1951.

E.L.7/16/4.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 26th instant in connection with the appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 4 District and to state that since it appears from recent press reports that this matter is now sub judice it is considered that it would not be appropriate for the Minister to intervene.

Your file in connection with the appointment is returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,  
T. B. Barrington.

The Secretary,  
Galway County Council,  
County Buildings,  
Galway.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST, 1951.

In the Chair: Councillor M. Quinn.

Also Present: Councillors Miss M. A. Ashe, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, J. Houlihan, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. J. Ruane, P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8512. *Sympathy*.—Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the late Mr. J. J. Flaherty, Rate Collector; Michael Cogavin, Gurteen; M. J. Kelly, journalist, Creggs, and Frank Hardiman, Riverside, Galway. The meeting adjourned for one hour as a mark of respect to the late Mr. McElhinney, father of ex-Councillor J. McElhinney.

8513. *Rate Collector, Number 4 District*.—Letter dated the 31st July, 1951, from the Department of Local Government, having been circulated to the members, was submitted, stating that since it appeared from recent press reports that the matter was now sub judice, it was considered that it would not be appropriate for the Minister to intervene.

Copy of Conditional High Court Mandamus Order, dated 27th July, 1951, which was served on the 3rd August, 1951, was submitted, commanding the Council to proceed to an election of a qualified rate collector from the applicants then qualified, and whose applications were before the Council, unless cause was shown to the contrary within ten days after service of the Order on the Secretary.

Applications received from Mr. Walter Augustine Burke, Moyglass, Kylebrack, Loughrea, and Miss Nora Agnes Lee, Market Street, Clifden, were submitted.

The County Manager pointed out that the qualifications were inter alia, that "each candidate must possess standard of education at least equal to that of National School, 7th Standard;" that Mr. Burke claimed in his application that he had received a good National School Education, that he had reached the highest standard in the school and had won the Primary Schools Certificate but had submitted no evidence to substantiate the claim.

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Councillors Carty and Kitt opined that Mr. Burke had the necessary school education and added that he could have same confirmed from his school record. Mr. L. E. O'Dea, County Solicitor, advised the Council that it would be complying with the Conditional Order of the High Court if an appointment was made at that meeting, and he recommended that the appointment be made. He mentioned that he had communicated with Senior Counsel in the matter, who suggested that an application for an extension of time might be made to finalize matters.

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, and seconded by Councillor O'Toole:—

"That Mr. Walter A. Burke, Moyglass, Kylebrack, Loughrea, be appointed Rate Collector for Number 4 Collection District."

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion and seconded by Councillor Nestor:—

"That Miss Nora A. Lee, Market Street, Clifden, be appointed Rate Collector for Number 4 Collection District."

A vote taken resulted as follows:—

For Mr. Burke.—Councillors Ashe, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Houlihan, King Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell and Ruane (14).

For Miss Lee.—Deputy Cawley, Councillors Collins, Flaherty, Deputy Mannion, Mylotte, Nestor, Shields, Sirr and Wall (9).

The Chairman did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Walter A. Burke, Moyglass, Kylebrack, Loughrea, appointed Rate Collector, Number 4 Collection District.

The County Manager reminded the meeting that as the duties of the office were to be performed in the Gaeltacht, the candidate appointed must possess a competent knowledge of Irish. He stated that Mr. Burke had submitted no evidence as to his knowledge of Irish.

Mr. F. Roche, B.L., who was present, was asked for his opinion as to whether the Council was bound to satisfy itself that Mr. Burke was a qualified applicant in order to comply with the Conditional Order of Mandamus. Mr. Roche advised that the Council was bound to take reasonable steps to satisfy itself that he had the necessary qualifications, but that it was entitled to assume that his application was in order.

Mr. King asked was the Council not entitled to assume that every applicant whose application was submitted was a qualified person for the post, and the County Manager replied in the negative. Mr. King then suggested that the qualifications of applicants should be investigated before being submitted to the Council, and the County Manager agreed.

A discussion then ensued as to an examination in Irish of Mr. Burke and Miss Lee.

The County Solicitor was asked if the Council could rescind the resolution appointing Mr. Burke, and he stated that it could be done, provided that the Council were unanimous and that no Councillor dissented.

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Houlihan, and unanimously resolved:—

"That the resolution appointing Mr. Burke be rescinded and expunged from the Minutes; that Miss Nora A. Lee, Market Street, Clifden, be appointed Rate Collector, Number 4 Collection District."

The Chairman declared Miss Nora A. Lee, Market Street, Clifden, appointed Rate Collector, Number 4 Collection District.

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Lahiffe, and unanimously resolved:—

"That the Chairman be authorised to make any affidavits necessary in the proceedings pending in the High Court between Miss Nora Lee and the Galway County Council."

8514. *Adjournment*.—The meeting then adjourned.

*Submitted, approved & confirmed this 29th day of  
September, 1951.  
Maurin O'Curran, Chairman.*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,  
ON SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1951.

In the Chair : 1. M. Carty, Vice-Chairman.  
2. M. Quinn, Chairman.

Also Present : Councillors M. A. Ashe, Deputy P. Cawley, Councillors P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors J. McEihiney, M. Mylotte, J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr, and M. Wall.

**8513. Minutes.**—The Minutes of the Council to No. 8511, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read, and were signed by the Chairman.

**8514. Resignation of Deputy P. Beegan.**—Letter, 15/8/51, from Deputy Beegan, resigning from membership of the Council and all its subsidiary Committees was submitted.

On the proposition of Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Nestor, Deputy Beegan's resignation was accepted, and it was ordered that the usual arrangements be made for the filling of the vacancies at the next meeting of the Council.

The Chairman and members paid tribute to Deputy Beegan's service as a member of the Council, and congratulated him on the fact that his abilities had been recognised by the Government, of which he is a member.

**8515. Rate Collector, No. 9 District.**—The Secretary reported that Mr. John J. Flaherty, Rate Collector, No. 9 District, died on 11th August, 1951, and that, subject to the Council's approval, the employment of Miss Maureen E. O'Toole as temporary Rate Collector had been continued up to this meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Galvin, the employment of Miss Maureen E. O'Toole as temporary Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District from the 17th August, 1951, until the closing of the collection for the year ending 31st March, 1952, was approved, and it was ordered that arrangements for the permanent filling of the vacancy be made early in 1952.

**8516. Rate Collector, No. 6 District.**—Mr. James A. Mongan's resignation from the post of Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District, was submitted.

On the proposition of Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Galvin, Mr. Mongan's resignation was accepted, and it was

ordered that arrangements be made for the permanent filling of the vacancy at the next meeting of the Council.

COUNCILLOR QUINN now took the Chair.

**8517. Housing Grants.**—Letter H.12/51, of the 17/8/51, from the Department of Local Government, was submitted, stating that the Minister would approve advances from the local loan's fund, repayable over a maximum period of 25 years, for issue of grants to persons who would otherwise have to be housed by the local authority; that loans for the purpose of making supplementary grants to persons other than those coming within the scope of the local loans fund would have to be met either from local revenue or by way of short-term loans.

Several members expressed keen disappointment at the terms of this letter, and Councillor Cunningham proposed and Councillor Collins seconded :—

"That the Government be asked to implement the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, by approving the issue from the local loans fund of the loan of £200,000, for which application had been made by the Galway County Council."

It was proposed by Councillor McEihiney and seconded by Councillor Shields :—

"That the Council proceed with the issue of grants in so far as approval has been given in Department's letter, 17/8/51, and obtain a loan for the balance on the best terms possible."

After a long discussion, it was eventually agreed that above proposals be withdrawn and that quotations be obtained for a loan of £50,000, and that these quotations be submitted to the Council at next meeting.

**8518. Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952.**—Letter 14/51 R.O. (2) 8130, of 8th August, 1951, from the Department of Education, was submitted, together with Minutes of Meeting of the Education Committee held on the 22nd August, 1951.

It was proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and unanimously Resolved :—

"That a scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1952, similar to the scheme for the year 1951, with the additions set out hereunder, be submitted for approval to the Minister for Education :—

"ADDITIONS : That the following Clauses be included in the Scheme :—

"CLAUSE II (5) : A candidate who has already been awarded a Scholarship (full or partial) or a Bursary under any Scheme approved in accordance with the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, shall not be eligible for admission to the competition for Scholarships under this Scheme.

"CLAUSE X (2): As far as possible the Council shall determine the eligibility of each candidate before the date of the examination, and a candidate declared eligible shall not subsequently be rejected save in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Minister for Education. Where the Council is satisfied in the case of any applicant that there is need for further investigation, which is not likely to be concluded in sufficient time before the examination, the candidate may be admitted provisionally to the examination, subject to the prior approval of the Minister for Education and to the receipt from the parent (or guardian) of a written undertaking to accept the decision which will be given later regarding the eligibility of the candidate."

**8519. University Scholarship Scheme, 1952.**—Minutes of meeting of Education Committee, held on the 22nd August, 1951, were submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and unanimously Resolved:—

"That a scheme for University Scholarships (Ordinary and Agricultural) for the year 1952 similar to the scheme for the year 1951 be adopted."

Letter, 31/7/51, from Mr. M. J. Brennan, Dalysfort Road, Salthill, Galway, was submitted, requesting that the value of his scholarship be increased from £90 to £120 during the period for which it will be necessary for him to pursue his studies at University College, Dublin.

Councillor King proposed, Councillor Geoghegan seconded, and it was unanimously Resolved:—

"That the value of the University Scholarship awarded to Mr. M. J. Brennan, Dalysfort Road, Salthill, Galway, be increased to £120 during the period for which it will be necessary for him to pursue his studies at University College, Dublin."

Letter, 3/8/51, from Mr. Kieran Hanley, 8, Shantalla Place, Galway, was submitted, stating that though awarded a University Scholarship by the Galway County Council in 1950, he did not accept it, as he also qualified for a State Scholarship of a higher amount; this year, due to the fact that he had failed by 2 per cent to get honours in Chemistry, he had not retained the latter scholarship, and requested that the Council's scholarship be granted to him for the coming year.

On the proposition of Councillor Ashe, seconded by Councillor King, it was decided that if the facts are as stated by Mr. Hanley, the Council approve the payment to him of an amount equivalent to the amount which would be payable to him if he had availed of the scholarship under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme—this payment to be for the current year 1951/52 only.

**8520. Aughrismore Pier.**—Letter, 17/8/51, from the Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted.

Deputy Mannion proposed, Councillor Geoghegan seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Council approve the contribution of 25 per cent of the cost of improving Aughrismore Pier, in accordance with the terms of the Special Employment Scheme's letter of the 17/8/51, and accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the pier and approach road on completion of the work now proposed."

**8521. Bunowen Pier.**—It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan, and Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Department of Local Government, dated 21/8/51, the sum of £4,500 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying the portion of the cost of reconstructing Bunowen Pier which will be borne by the Galway County Council—said sum to be recouped within 15 years with interest at the rate of one-half per cent under Irish Bank's rate, rising and falling from time to time, with a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said letter of sanction, provided the said loan and all interest thereon be secured by a mortgage over the rates."

**8522. Derelict Site at Tuam.**—On the proposition of Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Lahiffe, the Council approved the making of a Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, in respect of site No. 1 (1951) area: 5 perches in the townland of Townparks 4th Division in the Town of Tuam; Owner: Mr. Patrick J. Prendergast, The Square, Tuam.

**8523. Mass Radiography Service.**—Correspondence in connection with this matter, including Department of Health letter, 20/7/51, was submitted.

Councillor King proposed, Councillor McElihinney seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Council approve the payment of contribution of £709 to the National Mass Radiography Association, Ltd., in respect of that Company's expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1952."

**8524. Improvement to Children's Home, Tuam.**—The Secretary reported that the Architect's estimate of the cost of the improvement works required at the Children's Home, Tuam, was £2,000, and that the Minister for Health is prepared to approve the provision of a grant of 50 per cent of this figure from Hospitals' Trust Funds.

It was proposed by Councillor Nestor, seconded by Councillor King, and Resolved:—

"That the Minister for Health be again requested to make a grant of at least 75 per cent of the cost of this work available from Hospitals' Trust Funds, as it is the opinion of the Council that the full cost of this work should be met from this source."

**8525. Home Assistance.**—The Secretary reported that while the amount provided in the estimate for the current year is £21,000, it is anticipated that the actual cost of this service will be £23,000.

On the proposition of Councillor Nestor, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan, the Council approved the provision of an additional sum of £2,000 to meet the cost of home assistance for the year ending 31st March, 1952.

**8526. Church Holydays.**—Letter, 7/8/51, from the Galway Branch, I.L.G.O.U., was submitted, stating that the members of the Branch have decided not to accept the proposal in regard to Church Holydays.

The Secretary explained that the proposal was that the staff work from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on each of the other days of a week in which a Church Holiday would occur and that the office be closed down on Church Holydays.

Councillor King stated that in his original Notice of Motion there was no qualification in regard to working extra time.

Councillor King proposed, Councillor Geoghegan seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the County Manager be requested to close down all Council work on Church Holydays."

**8527. Commemoration of Late General Michael Collins.**—Councillor Nestor proposed a vote of condemnation of the Government for withdrawing the services of the National Army from the Michael Collins Commemoration Ceremony.

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order, as he stated that it was a motion of a contentious political nature.

**8528. Appointment of Rate Collectors.**—It was proposed by Councillor McElihinney and seconded by Councillor Shields:—

"That in future Rate Collectors shall be appointed by the Appointments Commission, and applicants residing in the area where the vacancy exists shall be given preference over other applicants."

As an amendment, Councillor Kitt proposed and Councillor Wall seconded:—

"That the procedure in regard to the appointment of Rate Collectors be left as it is at present."

A vote taken on Councillor Kitt's amendment resulted as follows:—

For—Councillors Ashe, Collins, Cunningham, Flaherty, Furey, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, Quinn, Ruane, Sirr, and Wall—21.

Against—Councillors Cawley, Galvin, Mannion, McElihinney, Mylotte, Nestor, and Shields—7.

The Chairman declared Councillor's Kitt's amendment carried and Councillor McElihinney's motion lost.

**8529. Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Allowance.**—Councillor McElihinney proposed and Councillor Ashe seconded:—

"That the Council recommend to the Minister for Health that the present arrangement, whereby hospital patients receive only 5/- under the Infectious Diseases Allowances Act, 1948, be altered so that they shall receive 10/- per week, and the balance of the allowance going towards hospitalization be adjusted accordingly."

**8530. Terryland Road.**—In response to Councillor McElihinney's notice of motion, the County Engineer explained that it will be necessary to acquire compulsorily the lands for the construction of Terryland Road—that everything possible will be done to expedite this work.

**8531. Ballygar Water Supply Scheme.**—In reply to Councillor Wall's notice of motion, the County Engineer explained in regard to the difficulty in obtaining essential parts for the pumping plant at Ballygar; that it is expected, however, that these parts will be available, and the work of completion of the scheme will be put in hands within the next week or so.

**8532. Cornamona Water Supply.**—Councillor O'Toole proposed and Councillor King seconded, and it was unanimously Resolved:—

"That the County Manager be requested to proceed with a scheme to supply Cornamona with water from Ballydoolough Lake."

**8533. Glenamaddy Water Supply Extension.**—Councillor Flaherty asked that the piped water supply at Glenamaddy be extended to the cottages on the Dunmore Road, and Councillor Cunningham further requested that the extension of the supply include such places as Leitra and Patch—an extension to which had already been recommended by Councillor Cunningham.

**8534. Water Supplies and Cottages in Connemara.**—In reply to his notice of motion, Councillor O'Toole was informed of the position in regard to the erection of cottages in Clifden and Connemara area generally; and in regard to the provision of an

engine and hydraulic ram for Tullycross and Derryinver Water-works.

Councillor O'Toole was also informed by the Secretary that there is no proposal in existence for provision of a sewerage scheme for Tullycross, Tully or Letterfrack.

It was decided that the question of provision of a sewerage scheme for these latter places would be investigated.

**8535. Clonbur Sewerage.**—In reply to his notice of motion, Councillor O'Toole was informed that an advertisement had been issued inviting applications for the position of Consulting Engineer for preparation of plans, etc., for sewerage scheme at Clonbur.

**8536. Clarenbridge and Kilcolgan Water Supplies.**—Councillor Lahiffe proposed and Deputy Cawley seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Manager be requested to consider the provision of a water supply scheme for Clarenbridge and Kilcolgan villages."

**8537. Milk Supply.**—Councillor Joyce proposed that advertisements be issued for supplies of pure new milk to Galway Central Hospital, Woodlands Sanatorium and the County Home immediately the existing contracts expire.

After discussion of this proposal, which was supported by Councillors King and Ashe, it was decided that the County Manager be requested to defer consideration of the tenders for milk supplied to the Council's Institutions for the period from the 1st October, 1951, with a view to issuing a fresh advertisement for tenders for supply of pure new milk to the said Institutions during that period.

**8538. Overdraft.**—Councillor King proposed, Councillor Ashe seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £100,000 on the Council's General Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1951. Councillor King proposed, Councillor Ashe seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £70,000 on the Council's Turf Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1951."

**8539. Cinema Licence.**—On the proposition of Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Ashe, the issue of a cinema licence to Mr. S. Hudson for his travelling cinema was approved, subject to satisfactory reports from the County Engineer and the Superintendent, Garda Síochána.

**8540. County Councils' General Council.**—Minutes of meetings of the County Councils' General Council, held on the 3rd May, 1951, and the 12th June, 1951, were submitted and noted.

**8541. Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.**—Auditor's report and Statement of Account of above Committee for year ended 31st March, 1951, were submitted and noted.

**8542. Sympathy.**—Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. T. McD. Kelly, Raheen Park, Athenry, on the death of Mrs. Kelly's brother;  
Mr. Pat Powell, Galway, on the death of Miss Powell, Aran;  
Councillor Ml. Higgins on the death of his sister.

**8543. Miscellaneous:—**

**ROADS.**—In reply to Councillor Geoghegan, the County Engineer stated that certain alterations were required to the plans for the Lettermore bridges; that the alteration of these plans was now completed, and it was expected that the Council will soon be in a position to invite tenders for the work.

Councillor Cunningham recommended that outside every village a sign should be erected by the Council, saying: "Drive Slowly Through the Village."

Councillor Lahiffe requested that the County Engineer clean the top portion of the Pier at Kinvara.

Deputy Cawley requested that a danger sign be erected at Templemartin Bridge, Craughwell.

The Chairman asked that the sign at the Crossroads at Killaan, which is deceptive, be corrected.

**WATER SUPPLIES, Etc.**—Councillor Newell proposed and Councillor Ashe seconded:—

"That consideration be given to the provision of a water supply for the village of Kiltilla, Oranmore."

Councillor Lahiffe was informed that the preparation of plans, etc., for a water supply scheme for Oranmore was well advanced; that the sewerage scheme would have to await the completion of the water supply scheme.

Councillor Lahiffe also requested that the houses at Bridge Street, Gort, be connected with the main sewer.

Councillor O'Toole was informed that there is no proposal in existence for provision of a sewerage scheme at Cleggan.

**HOUSING.**—In reply to Councillor Lahiffe's notice of motion regarding the erection of artizan dwellings at Gort, the Chairman drew attention to a previous resolution of the Council deciding that no further housing activities should be undertaken until the Council would have disposed of the housing needs of the original 312 applicants for cottages.

Submitted, approved & confirmed this 29th day of September 1951

M. A. O'Connell

Chairman

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Oifig an Runaidhe,  
Na Foirgnighthe Oiondae,  
Gaillimh.

21adh Mean Fomhair, 1951.

Guthan:  
GAILLIMH 55.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Comhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe i Seomra na Comhairle ina na Foirgnighthe Connadae Dia Sathairn, 29adh Mean Fomhair, 1951, ag 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Luanigh.

Runai.

Chuir gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

GNO.

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Filling of Vacancy on the Council resulting from the resignation of Deputy Patrick Beegan, Ballinasloe Electoral Area.
- (b) Filling of vacancies on Committees resulting from Deputy Beegan's resignation, viz:—
  - Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board;
  - Galway County Committee of Agriculture;
  - Housing Committee.
- Completion of Mortgage Deeds for:—
  - Loan £2,350 for Laurencetown Dispensary Residence.
  - Loan £5,000 for Staff Home at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea.
- Filling of vacancy for Rate Collector in District No.6. (List of applicants will follow).
- Raising of loan of £50,000 for issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.
- Letter 13/51 of 6/9/1951 from the Department of Local Government relating to the increase in Capital cost limit for housing loan subsidies. (Copy of letter attached).
- (a) Raising of supplementary loan of £7,500 to enable the Council to advance this amount to the Tuam Town Commissioners for completion of Newtownmorris Housing Scheme.  
(b) Authorisation of Overdraft £7,500 pending availability of above loan.
- Amendment of Third Scheme for issue of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts consequent upon the increase to £2,000 in the maximum value.
- Proposal to reconstruct a bridge at Banagher: Estimated cost £3,000 to be borne equally by Galway and Offaly County Councils.
- Childrens' Home Improvements - Department of Health letter 17/9/51 stating that a grant of more than 50% of the approved cost cannot be given.
- Letter 12/3/51 from the Special Employments Schemes Office regarding slipway at Portnadoon, Gortnagopple, Inishmore, Aran.
- Spiddal Dispensary - County Engineer's estimate £1100 for provision of dispensary building.

12. Minutes of Meetings of Visiting Committee for Institutions:-

- (a) County Home.....6/9/51
- (b) Sanatorium.....12/9/1951
- (c) Clifden Hospital.....22/9/1951

13. Membership of National Monuments Advisory Committee.

14. Resolution by Galway Corporation:-

It was proposed by Clr. Brennan seconded by Ald. Owens, and resolved "That the Local Government Electoral Law be so amended as to constitute Galway Borough a single electoral unit, and thereby permit of the Borough having direct representation on the Galway Council."

15. Resolution by Galway Corporation:-

It was proposed by Ald. Owens, seconded by Clr. Brennan, and resolved: "That in view of the fact that, through the increased valuation of the Borough resulting from the recent General Revision, the proportion of the County-at-large charges levied on the Borough area has reached the proportion of .137297, or approximately one-seventh of the total charges, whereas the valuations in the County Health District have generally remained unaltered, we call on the County Manager to take the necessary steps to have premises other than land in the County Health District revised, on the same principles as the revision carried out in the Borough and thus ensure an equitable incidence of the Rate Demand on all hereditaments in the County and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government."

16. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

- (a) Clr. P. Furey: "I hereby give notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council that the dangerous bridge at Claregalway be repaired and made safe to traffic."
- (b) Clr. J.M. Glynn: (i) "That I will move that the Williamstown Water Supply be extended South of Town 300 yards."  
(ii) "That I will move that Glenamaddy Water Supply be extended West of Town to Parochial House."
- (c) Clr. J.P. Joyce: "Please note that at the next meeting of County Council I will ask County Manager what progress has been made regarding proposed ambulance boat for Aran Isles."
- (d) Clr. M. Nicholson: "Please note that I intend to propose at the next Council Meeting that the sewerage scheme in Tuam be extended to the cottages in Tullinadaly Road."
- (e) Clr. M. O'Domhnaill: (i) "I will request the County Engineer to provide a graveyard for the people of Muckinagh."  
(ii) "That in future all bye-roads used by County Council workers for haulage of stones from quarries by heavy lorries will be repaired at completion of work."
- (f) Clr. J. Flaherty: (i) Have the tenders been accepted for the cottages at Milkerrin, and when is the erection of same going to start?  
(ii) "I will ask that the proposed site in Cortoon for the erection of a cottage be acquired as soon as possible for Mr. Paddy Mullins, Cortoon, Tuam."
- (g) Clr. L. O'Toole: (i) "That the road from Cleggan P.O. to Claddaghduff Chapel, the Courthor be maintained by the County Council."  
(ii) "That a sewerage scheme be provided for Cleggan Village."

17. Resolutions.

18. Other Business.

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In the Chair: Councillor Martin Quinn.

Present: Councillors M. A. Ashe, M. Garty, Deputy P. Cawley, Councillors P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, J. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, J. Ruane, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8544. Minutes.—The Minutes of the Council to No. 8543 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

8545. Comhgairdeachas.—Mol Comh. M. O h-Uigin run chomhgairdeachais leis an Seanadóir Liam O Buachalla ar a cheapachan mar Cathaoirleach do Seanad Eireann. Chuidigh Comh. M. O'Domhnaill leis an run sin agus glach an Comhairle uilig leis d'aon guth.

8546. Vacancy.—On the proposition of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan it was unanimously decided to adjourn to the next meeting the filling of the vacancy on the Council resulting from the resignation of Deputy Patrick Beegan.

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Nicholson and Resolved:—

"That Councillor James J. Cunningham be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board resulting from the resignation of Deputy Patrick Beegan."

It was proposed by Councillor Houlihan, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan and Resolved:—

"That Mr. Eugene Curley, Clontuskert, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Galway County Committee of Agriculture resulting from the resignation of Deputy Patrick Beegan."

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ruane and Resolved:—

"That Councillor M. F. Kitt be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Housing Committee resulting from the resignation of Deputy Patrick Beegan."

8547. Loan for Laurecetown Dispensary Residence.—It was proposed by Councillor J. Geoghegan, seconded by Councillor M. Carty and unanimously Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £2,350 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939, and the Local Government Act, 1941."

8548. Loan for Staff Home at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea. It was proposed by Councillor J. Geoghegan, seconded by Councillor M. Carty and unanimously Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £5,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939, and the Local Government Act, 1941."

8549. Reconstruction of Bunowen Pier.—It was proposed by Councillor J. Geoghegan, seconded by Councillor M. Carty and unanimously Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 21st day of August, 1951, the sum of £4,500 0s. 0d. be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., Galway, to meet portion of the cost of work of reconstructing Bunowen Pier to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Bank's rate rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

8550. Rate Collector No. 6 District.—The list of applicants (10) which had already been circulated to the members was submitted and the Secretary stated that applicants No. 1 and 3 had since submitted the necessary certificates and were now eligible for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor King and Resolved:—

"That having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties, and the qualifications for that office the Council consider that the person to be appointed cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and decide therefore, that the Council consider the qualifications of the applicants for that post and make an appointment after consideration of said qualifications."

The appointment of candidate No. 5, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Cahir, Recess, was proposed by Councillor Geoghegan and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell.

The appointment of candidate No. 6, Mr. George Mitten, Errisbeg, Roundstone, was proposed by Deputy Mannion and seconded by Deputy Cawley.

The appointment of candidate No. 4, John J. Joyce, Sea

View, Clifden, was proposed by Deputy Mylotte and seconded by Councillor Joyce.

A vote taken resulted as follows:—

For Mr. Patrick Joyce—Councillors Ashe, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane—16.

For Mr. George Mitten—Councillors Cawley, Collins, Galvin and Mannion—4.

For Mr. John J. Joyce—Councillors Flaherty, Furey, Joyce, Mylotte, Nestor and Sirr—6.

The Chairman declared Mr. Patrick Joyce, Cahir, Recess (who obtained a majority of the votes cast) appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**8551.—Loan for Issue of Housing Grants.**—The quotations received for a loan of £50,000 were submitted by the Secretary, viz:—

The Irish Assurance Co. Ltd., Hamman Buildings, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin—4 per cent.

The New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., 12, Dawson Street, Dublin—4½ per cent.

The National Bank, Ltd., Galway—½% under Irish Bank's rate with a minimum of 4 per cent. or a fixed rate of 5 per cent.

It was proposed by Councillor Collins, seconded by Deputy Cawley and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council approve the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the Irish Assurance Co. Ltd., for issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 15 years with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum."

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Ashe and Resolved:—

"That the Ministers concerned be informed of the Council's disappointment by the fact that grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, cannot be made to persons availing of the Gaeltacht Housing Grant, and that the Government be requested to amend the law so as to provide that a person receiving the Gaeltacht Grant will also be eligible for the Council's housing grant."

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Carty and Resolved:—

"That the Council recommend to the Minister for Local Government that the scheme for issue of housing grants by the Council be amended so as to render eligible applicants who had not actually received the Government housing grant

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before the 1st August, 1950, though, in fact, such grant had been allocated prior to that date."

It was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Galvin and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council recommend to the County Manager that the maximum grant be limited to 80 per cent of the State grant in the case of applicants who would not be eligible for housing by the Council under the Labourers Acts or the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

**8552. Housing Subsidies.**—Letter 13/51 of the 6/9/51 from the Department of Local Government was submitted stating inter alia that the capital cost limit for labourers' cottage had been increased to £950 for fully-serviced cottages and £800 for un-serviced cottages.

It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Cunningham and Resolved:—

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to increase the capital cost limit to a figure which would be adequate to cover the cost of providing a cottage at present, viz., £1,150 for fully-serviced cottages and £1,000 for un-serviced cottages."

**8553. Tuam Town Commissioners' Housing.**—It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Cunningham and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £7,500 from the Commissioners for Public Works to enable the Council to make a grant of that amount to the Tuam Town Commissioners for completion of the Commissioners' housing scheme at Newtownmorris; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 50 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Cunningham and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of an overdraft of £7,500 on capital account pending the receipt of the loan of £7,500 for Tuam Town Commissioners' housing—the raising of which has been approved by the County Council to-day."

**8554. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts—Loans.**—It was proposed by Councillor Ashe, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan and unanimously Resolved:—

"That the Council approve an amendment of the third approved scheme for the issue of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899–1948, so as to provide that where the floor area exceeds 600 square feet the amount

which may be advanced shall not exceed 80 per cent. of the certified value or £1,600, which ever is the lesser."

**8555. Bridge at Banagher.**—Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted stating that Offaly County Council proposed to reconstruct and improve the existing swing bridge over the river Shannon at Banagher, provided the Galway County Council would be prepared to contribute 50 per cent of the cost of the work; the County Engineer's rough estimate of the cost of the work being £3,000.

It was proposed by Councillor Ashe, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve a contribution of 50 per cent. of the cost of reconstruction of the swing bridge at Banagher by the Offaly County Council."

**8556. Children's Home Improvements.**—Letter, H11/7/1 of the 17th September, 1951, from the Department of Health was submitted, stating that the Minister had again considered the matter but could not approve a grant of more than 50 per cent. of the approved cost of the improvements to the Children's Home, Tuam.

The Secretary pointed out that the Architect's estimate, dated 23rd August, 1950, of the total cost of the work was £82,590.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ashe and seconded by Councillor Glynn and Resolved:—

"That the Council will be prepared to meet the remaining 50 per cent. of the cost of the improvements at the Children's Home, in view of the urgent necessity for this work, provided a loan will be sanctioned which will be repayable over period of not less than 35 years.

**Galway Fever Hospital Improvements.**—The County Manager stated that improvements to the Galway Fever Hospital are required which are estimated to cost £36,000 and that the Minister for Health has informed the Council that a grant from Hospitals' Trust Funds will not be available for this work.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Visiting Committee for discussion with the County Manager and the Resident Medical Superintendent.

**8557. Pier at Portnadoon, Gortnagopple.**—File of correspondence was submitted including Special Employment Schemes Office letter, 12/3/51, which stated that it is proposed to provide a slipway at Portnadoon, Gortnagopple, at a total cost of £530 provided the Galway County Council will contribute 25 per cent. of the cost of the work and will accept responsibility for future maintenance of the work when completed.

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It was proposed by Councillor Mylotte, seconded by Deputy Mannion and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve and accept the conditions set out in Special Employment Schemes Office letter, 12/3/1951, in regard to the provision of a slipway at Portnadoon, Gortnagopple.

Councillor Mylotte requested that the repairs to Kilmurvey Pier receive attention and that the present light which is unsuitable be improved. Councillor Mylotte also requested that attention be given to Portnacarra Pier at Inishmann.

**8558. Spiddal Dispensary.**—The County Engineer's plan and estimate for provision of a dispensary at Spiddal were submitted.

The Secretary pointed out that the proposed dispensary is similar to a labourer's cottage so that if at any time the dispensary became obsolete, it could be utilized as a cottage; the County Engineer's estimate of the cost of erecting this dispensary which would be typical of the dispensary required for all areas is £1,100.

On the proposition of Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Geoghegan, the Council approved the County Engineer's proposal.

**8559. Visiting Committee.**—The Minutes of the Meetings of the Visiting Committee were submitted for:—

- (a) County Home—Meeting held 6/9/51.
- (b) Sanatorium— " " 12/9/51.
- (c) Clifden Hospital— " " 22/9/51.

Copy of the diet scale for the County Home had already been circulated to the members. It was decided that no change be recommended.

In regard to the Sanatorium minutes, the Secretary reported that application had been made to the Department of Health for sanction to the appointment of two additional porters who would rotate on night duty as well as performing day duty at the Sanatorium; that proceedings for ejection of Mr. Patrick Nolan from the Gate Lodge are pending and that it is expected that accommodation will be provided for him in one of the Corporation houses which are at present being erected; that application had been sent to the Department of Health for sanction to the appointment of a Sister Housekeeper.

In regard to milk supplies, Councillor King requested that the County Manager would seriously consider deleting from future advertisements the Clause confining tenders to Grade A milk or Pasteurised Milk.

The County Manager replied that in inviting tenders for Grade A or Pasteurized milk, he was acting in accordance with the opinion of the Minister for Health, the Resident Medical Superintendent at the Hospital and the Bacteriologist; that he

was not prepared to alter his decision unless the Council see fit to compel him to do so by proceeding in accordance with Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940, in which case the Council would accept responsibility for the type of milk supplied to institutions.

Deputy Killilea recommended that a special meeting be called, with a view to adopting a resolution requiring the Manager to invite tenders in future for supply of pure new milk to the Council's institutions instead of Grade A milk or Pasteurized milk.

**8560. National Monuments' Advisory Committee.**—Letter 3/9/51, from the Secretary of the National Monuments' Advisory Committee, was submitted giving particulars of the attendance of members since 1947, and requesting that the Council would decide as to which of these members should constitute the Committee.

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Ashe, it was Resolved:—

"That the following be members of the National Monuments' Advisory Committee until the Annual Meeting in 1952, viz., Professor M. Duignan, Lord Killanin, Dr. Costello, Canon Crehan and Mr. H. McGlory."

The remaining members may be continued as honorary members until the Annual Meeting in 1952, viz., An t-Athair E. Mac Fhinn and Rev. Fr. Egan; a list of the attendance of members between this date and the Annual Meeting in 1952 to be submitted prior to the Annual Meeting.

**8561. Electoral Areas.**—Resolution from Galway Corporation was submitted, requesting that the Electoral Law be amended so as to constitute Galway Borough a single electoral unit. As the Council consider that having regard to the number of electors in the Galway Borough area, the Borough should be able to secure adequate representation on the Galway County Council, no action was taken in regard to this resolution.

**8562. Revision of Valuation of County Health District.**—A resolution from Galway Corporation was submitted, requesting that the County Manager have the valuation of premises, other than land in the County Health District, revised.

No action was taken on this resolution.

**8563. Cinema Licence.**—On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor King, the Council approved the issue of a cinema licence to Mr. George Bradley for his travelling cinema, subject to receipt of satisfactory reports from the County Engineer and the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána.

**8564. Kiltormer Dispensary Residence and Dispensary.**—Correspondence in connection with the necessity for provision

of a dispensary residence and dispensary at Kiltormer, was submitted.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kitt, the Council approved the preparation of the contract documents with a view to obtaining tenders for this work; the cost to be kept approximately within the limits set out for the Turloughmore residence with an additional provision for the dispensary.

**8565. Flannery Bridge.**—Councillor Mylotte stated that several men who were available for employment are not getting employment on the Flannery Bridge job as the ganger is employing his own friends or persons of his political views to the exclusion of all others.

Mr. Collins, chief A.C.E., stated that the arrangement made was that married men would be employed for a two months' period and single men for a one month period. When these periods expire the men are laid off and others taken on in their places; that he would investigate the matter again to ensure that this instruction is being complied with.

**8566. Claregalway Bridge.**—Councillor Furey requested that something be done to improve conditions at the dangerous bridge at Claregalway, and Councillor Sirr requested that pending the carrying out of a permanent job on the bridge, a danger sign be erected at each side of it. It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Engineer to investigate and report on the possibility of improving conditions at this bridge.

**8567. Williamstown and Glenamaddy Water Supply.**—Consideration of Councillor Glynn's notice of motion regarding extensions at Williamstown and Glenamaddy was adjourned until the special meeting for water supplies.

**8568. Ambulance Boat for Aran.**—Councillor Joyce suggested that a deputation be sent to C.I.E. with a view to getting a cabin in the "Dun Aengus" properly fitted for hospital cases. The County Manager explained that it is expected that a new lifeboat will be provided at Aran early in 1952, and the Lifeboat Institution have undertaken to provide in this new lifeboat, at their own expense, accommodation for stretcher cases; that this would meet fairly adequately the position in regard to urgent cases and that non-urgent cases could travel by the "Dun Aengus" which service has been improved since it was taken over by C.I.E.

It was decided that no further action be taken pending the arrival of the new lifeboat at Aran.

**8569. Sewerage Extension at Tullinadaly Road, Tuam.**—Councillor Nicholson requested that the Tuam sewer be extended to the cottages in Tullinadaly Road.

The County Engineer pointed out that owing to levels there are difficulties in the way of this proposal and that at present the only way in which it is feasible to provide sewerage facilities for the cottages is by way of a septic tank.

It was decided that the County Engineer be requested to investigate the proposal in conjunction with the general proposal for sewerage arrangements for labourers' cottages.

Councillor King stated that at Bermingham, Tuam, there is a sewer for a distance of about 100 yards where no water main exists.

**8570. Muckinagh Burial Ground.**—In reply to Councillor O'Donnell's notice of motion, the Secretary stated that Mr. John Ridge, the owner of the site which the Council is seeking to acquire for this burial ground, is now in a position to sell, and the County Solicitor has been requested to take the matter up with Mr. Ridge.

**8571. Repair of Roads to Quarries.**—In reply to Councillor O'Donnell's notice of motion, Mr. Collins, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that it has been the practice of the Council to restore any bye-roads damaged by haulage of stones from quarries; that frequently these roads are also used by other parties in hauling turf, and the Council is sometimes blamed for damage which it has not caused. Councillor O'Donnell requested specially that attention be given to a bye-road at Clynagh Costello.

**8572. Labourers' Cottages.**—In reply to Councillor Flaherty's notice of motion, the Secretary reported that a tender had been accepted from Mr. James Redington for erection of two cottages at Carrowlena in March last, but that up to the present, Mr. Redington had not commenced the work.

Mr. Cullinan stated that he hoped that the contractor would start this work in the near future.

Councillor Flaherty stated that he was aware of the position in regard to the cottage for Mr. P. Mullins, as a site could now be obtained on the lands of Mr. Patrick Flaherty, Gallagher, Browns-grove; Councillor Flaherty requested that, if possible, Mr. Mullins be accommodated in the meantime in some one of the Tuam cottages as a temporary arrangement.

**8573. Road from Cleggan to Claddaghduff.**—Consideration of Councillor O'Toole's notice of motion in regard to above road was deferred until the special meeting for road works.

**8574. Cleggan Sewerage Scheme.**—Councillor O'Toole proposed, and Councillor O'Donnell seconded, and it was Resolved:—  
"That consideration be given to the provision of a sewerage scheme for Cleggan village."

**8575. Cregg (Currandulla) Burial Ground.**—Councillor Furey stated that a new graveyard which was provided by the Council at Cregg some years ago has never been used, and requested that the matter be investigated.

**8576. Sympathy.**—Votes of Sympathy were unanimously adopted with:—

Rev. Fr. A. Moran, P.P., Carraroe, on the death of his brother;  
Mr. Nicholas Kyne, Kiltrogue, Claregalway, on the death of his wife;  
Mr. Brian Molloy, Castlegar, on the death of his brother.

*Induced  
SH.*

*Submitted, approved & confirmed this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of October 1951.*

*Allan O'Curran, Chairman.*

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

19th October, 1951.

To:  
Each Member of the Galway County Council.

A Chara,

I have been directed by the County Manager to forward herewith a copy of Notice, requisitioning, in accordance with Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940, a special meeting to consider the arrangements for contracts for supply of milk to Woodlands Sanatorium.

The special meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 27th October, 1951, commencing at 12.30 p.m. and you are requested to be present thereat.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

To:  
The Galway County Manager.

We the undersigned members of the Galway County Council hereby requisition a special meeting of the Galway County Council for the purpose of arranging contracts for the supply of milk to the Sanatorium - the meeting to be held on Saturday, 27th October, 1951, at 12.30 p.m.

The following resolution will be proposed at the Special Meeting:-

"That advertisements inviting tenders for supply of milk to Woodlands Sanatorium, for the year commencing 1st April, 1952, shall specify tenders for pure new milk only, and that a tender for supply of pure new milk to Woodlands Sanatorium for the year commencing 1st April, 1952, shall be accepted."

Signed: *H. Killilea*

M. Ashe.  
James J. Ruane.  
Thomas King.  
Micheal O. Domhnaill.  
John Flaherty.  
M. Newell.  
Patrick Fury.  
James P. Joyce.  
Peter Sirr.  
Paddy Collins.  
P. Cawley.  
J. Mannion.  
J.J. Cunningham.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

19adh Meadhon Fomhair, 1951.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo, beith i lathair ag Cruinniu de Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnighthe Chonndae, Gaillimh, Dia Sathairn, 27adh Daire Foghmair, 1951, tar eis an cruinniu speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

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To consider:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of vacancy in the Galway County Council resulting from the resignation of Deputy P. Beegan.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan of £3,700 for purchase of Dispensary Residence and Dispensary at Oranmore.
4. Raising of loan of £8,300 for provision of Water Supply Scheme at Williamstown.
5. Appointment of three additional Health Inspectors and 1 Superintendent Health Inspector.
6. Sale of Portumna Fair Green to the Church Authorities.
7. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
  - (a) Clr. J.J. Cunningham -
    - (1) "That it being the experience, in some districts, that it is not always easy to have a quorum present, those Councillors who so desire, may be permitted to raise by election, the present extent of the O.A.P. Committees by 25% or so."
    - (2) "That Mr. John Tyrell, Kilkerrin, who, during the ten years of his membership, rarely missed a meeting, be added to the Glenamaddy O.A.P. Committee."
    - (3) "That Fr. Conneely, C.C. Clonberne, be elected a member of the Elenamaddy O.A.P. Committee".
  - (b) Clr. M. Carty -
    - (1) "That this Council, if empowered to do so, make Bye-Laws for the proper control of dogs during the lambing season.
    - (2) "That this Council make an annual contribution of £100 to Loughrea Town Band for the purpose of providing public musical performances in Loughrea Town."



(C) Clr. J. J. Nestor -

- (1) "That the Rev. Ml. Burke's name be substituted on the Dunmore Old Age Pension sub-committee for that of Rev. M. Loftus, now P.P. of Menlough.
  - (2) In order to avoid serious accidents, we again appeal to the Government requesting the Department responsible to place a Garda on point duty at a very dangerous crossing on the Square, Dunmore.
  - (3) To repair a road from Carrowroe to the Dunblaney Road leading to Cartron, length about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, either by Relief Funds or County Council funds.
  - (4) To repair a road in the townland of Dalgin leading from the Boys' School to the Girls' School. Length about 170 yds."
8. Letter 8/10/51 from County Council's General Council requesting Notice of matters to be included in agenda for December meeting.
  9. Auditor's reports and statements of accounts for Year Ended 31/3/51:-
    - (a) Shrule Joint Drainage Committee.
    - (b) Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee.
  10. Resolutions.
  11. Other business.

## GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY, COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, ON SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1951.

In the Chair: Councillor Michael Carty.

Also Present: Councillors M. Ashe, P. Cawley, P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, S. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, M. Killilea, T. King, M. F. Kitt, J. Mannion, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, L. O'Toole, M. Quinn, J. J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr, and M. Wall.

Dr. C. P. McConn, County Medical Officer; Dr. T. K. White, R.M.S., Central Hospital, and Dr. M. Folan, Bacteriologist, were also present.

**8577. Milk Supply for Woodlands Sanatorium.**—The Notice requisitioning a special meeting to consider a resolution in connection with milk supplies to Woodlands Sanatorium was submitted.

Deputy Killilea stated that he desired that the word "only" be omitted from the resolution, as it was not his intention that patients in the Sanatorium, who desired pasteurised milk, should be deprived of it.

Councillors Sirr and Nicholson stated that it should be left open to suppliers of other than ordinary new milk to compete for the Sanatorium Contract.

Councillor Flaherty stated that it would be unwise to ignore the advice of the medical officers concerned.

Councillor King stated that he would like to have information on the following points:—

1. If the Local Authority can decide on the class of milk to be supplied to the institution.
2. Has the opinion of such a body as the Medical Association been obtained on the merits of pasteurised milk and ordinary milk?
3. If ordinary new milk is injurious to health, why does the

Department of Health allow it to be used by almost all members of the ordinary public?

4. Was pasteurised milk first introduced to Woodlands Sanatorium on the recommendation of the medical staff?

Councillor Cunningham spoke on the advantages and disadvantages of pasteurised milk.

The County Manager asked if Dr. McConn would accept the views of the Bacteriologist on this matter as being the best qualified to give an opinion hereon.

The Chairman stated that he did not consider this a fair question, and the question was, therefore, not pursued.

Deputy Killilea pointed out that pasteurised milk is not supplied to various other institutions, such as Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, Castlereagh Sanatorium, etc., and asked how the patients in those institutions fare.

The County Manager replied that if it were possible to obtain supplies of pasteurised milk for these institutions, he would have pasteurised milk supplied. Since it is not possible to obtain pasteurised milk, ordinary milk must of necessity be supplied to those institutions.

The Chairman called on Dr. Folan to give his views.

Dr. Folan stated that milk is pasteurised so as to kill any disease-producing organisms which get into the milk before pasteurisation; that it kills such organisms but will not render the milk absolutely free from other germs which will sour the milk but are not disease-producing; that the energy in the milk is not diminished by pasteurisation, and that its nutritive value is not decreased appreciably.

Dr. McConn stated that he agreed with Dr. Folan that pathogenic organisms in milk are killed by pasteurisation, but that pasteurised milk does not sour so quickly as ordinary milk; that the milk supplied to the Sanatorium on occasions up to November, 1950, was not satisfactory; since that time on occasions, it has not been wholly clean, but generally the milk supplied from November, 1950, has been satisfactory.

Dr. White, R.M.S., stated that since the conditions of production of milk are not so ideal that it may not be contaminated, he would in these circumstances always recommend that a supply of pasteurised milk be obtained for Galway Central Hospital.

Councillor Collins asked whether ordinary milk or pasteurised milk would be the more advantageous for the patients, if in both cases the milk were produced under ideal conditions.

Dr. McConn replied that in such a case he would always prefer ordinary new milk, and would recommend it in preference to pasteurised milk.

Dr. Folan stated that if produced under ideal conditions new milk would be as advantageous to the patients as pasteurised milk, and if the patients found it to be more palatable, it would

be preferable to provide ordinary new milk; but the difficulty is that milk is not produced under ideal conditions, and such being the case ordinary new milk is more likely to be contaminated by disease-producing germs than pasteurised milk.

Councillor Cunningham asked if pasteurisation would render safe milk from a T.B. cow?

Dr. Folan replied that pasteurisation would render such milk safe.

Councillor Wall asked if the milk delivered to the Sanatorium was suitable to the patients, and if it complied with the minimum standard, as it appeared to him that the whole matter arose from unfavourable reports on the milk supplied to the Sanatorium.

In reply to Miss Ashe, Dr. Folan stated that he was not present at the meeting at which the dirty pads were produced, and therefore had not seen these pads.

Councillor Higgins stated it was not a question of the merits of pasteurised or pure new milk, but whether the milk being actually supplied to the Sanatorium is satisfactory and harmless to the patients.

In reply to the Chairman's inquiry as to whether milk supplied to the Sanatorium was satisfactory, Dr. McConn stated that prior to 1950 all samples of milk examined were clean; that dirt first appeared some time prior to November, 1950. Since then occasionally the milk went sour; that it was not satisfactory in the period April to November, 1950; that it has been reasonably satisfactory since November, 1950.

The County Manager pointed out that since 1950 the milk supplied to the Sanatorium is subjected to a more rigid test than previously as a result of reports made by inspectors from the Departments of Health and Agriculture on the ordinary milk supplied by persons who previously held the contracts for the Sanatorium.

The County Manager read a report made by Dr. McConn, some years ago, on milk supplied in the Galway Area, which stated that the production of highest grade or pasteurised milk would receive his full support.

Councillors Galvin and Sirr recommended that pasteurised milk be used as far as possible.

Councillor Collins stated that having heard the opinion of the doctors he came to the conclusion that pasteurised milk was most suitable.

Councillor Houlihan stated that as a member of the visiting committee he was not satisfied with the reports on pasteurised milk supplied to Woodlands Sanatorium; furthermore that the inviting of tenders for pasteurised milk eliminated any competition, as there is only one firm which could supply it.

Miss Ashe asked if pasteurised milk could be supplied in sealed bottles so as to eliminate danger after pasteurisation.

Councillor Ruane stated that the milk supplied to Athery

by the Department of Agriculture Station is not pasteurised milk, and that apparently that Department considers that ordinary new milk is better than pasteurised milk.

Councillor Glynn asked if it was not a fact that pasteurised milk was found to contain T.B. germs and that Grade A milk was of a higher standard than pasteurised milk.

Councillor Kitt stated that the majority of the patients in the Sanatorium, when asked by the Visiting Committee, stated that they preferred ordinary new milk to pasteurised milk.

Deputy Killilea asked if the resolution, as circulated, could be amended so as to omit the word "only."

The Secretary pointed out that, according to the provisions of the County Management Act, 1940, the resolution, as given in the requisition for the meeting, cannot be altered.

The County Manager then stated that in order to save the Council the trouble of requisitioning a further meeting, he would agree to the proposed alteration of the resolution, but that he would not be bound by any resolution adopted unless it were adopted by the statutory majority required by Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940.

It was then proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Geoghegan:—

"That advertisements inviting tenders for supply of milk to Woodlands Sanatorium, for the half-year commencing 1st April, 1952, shall specify tenders for pure new milk, and that a tender for supply of pure new milk to Woodlands Sanatorium for half-year commencing 1st April, 1952, shall be accepted on a 50/50 bases with pasteurised milk, under special official supervision."

A vote taken resulted as follows:—

For—Councillors Ashe, Cawley, Cunningham, Furey, Goeghegan, Glynn, Houlihan, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Mannion, O'Donnell, Ruane and Wall. Total, 15.

Against—Councillors Carty, Collins, Flaherty, Galvin, Higgins, O'Toole, Nestor, Nicholson, Quinn, Shields and Sirr. Total, 11.

As the two-thirds majority in favour of the resolution was not obtained, the Chairman declared the motion lost.

**8578. Sympathy.**—Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:—

Dr. C. F. McConn, on the death of his mother.

The Hogan family, Kinclare, Caltra, on the death of Mrs. Hogan.

The Nolan family, Killupan, Ahascragh, on the death of Mr. P. Nolan.

The relatives of the late Mr. Keane, Castleblakeney.

The relatives of the late Mrs. Lally, Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed this  
1st day of December, 1951.*

*Máire M. O'Connell, Chairman*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY  
COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON  
SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1951.

In the Chair: Councillor M. Quinn.

Present: Councillors M. Ashe, P. Cawley, P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, M. Carty, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, S. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, M. Killilea, T. King, M. F. Kitt, J. Mannion, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, L. O'Toole, J. J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8579. Congratulations.**—On the proposition of Councillor Houlihan, seconded by Councillor Nestor, the Council unanimously congratulated the Galway Hurling Team on their fine performance in America, stating that the team was a credit not only to Galway but to all Ireland.

Councillor Houlihan recommended that a presentation be made to the team by the members of the Council.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Carty, the Council unanimously congratulated the Rev. Mother and Sisters of St. Raphael's Convent, Loughrea, on the occasion of their centenary.

**8580. Minutes.**—The Minutes of the Council to No. 8576, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

In reply to Councillor Galvin the Secretary stated that a letter had just been received from the Department of Local Government stating that under the terms of the Scheme, the Council could if it so desired, pay grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, in any case in which the whole or part of the State Grant had not been paid before 1st August, 1950; that this letter would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Deputy Killilea requested that a rough sketch be accepted by the County Engineer for such houses, in lieu of a site plan.

**8581. Ballygar Water Supply.**—Councillor Wall requested that the Chairman permit Very Rev. Canon Feeley, Ballygar, to address the meeting on behalf of a deputation for Ballygar Water Supply.

Canon Feeley stated that the scheme was first initiated thirty-seven years ago; that there were various delays, but eventually the work was undertaken in recent years, and carried up to twelve months ago, when work ceased entirely and nothing has been done since; that much inconvenience is being caused, especially to people who went to the expense of preparing their premises for the new service, abandoning their previous arrangements. Canon Feeley requested that the Council would do everything possible to expedite completion of the scheme. This request was supported by Councillor Sirr.

The County Engineer read a letter, 24/10/51, from Mr. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, which stated that the storage tank had been despatched from England on the 6th October. The Chairman requested the County Engineer to do all possible to hasten completion of the work.

**8582. Vacancy.**—On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Kitt, Mr. John O'Dowd, Roaghan, Laurence-town, was unanimously co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council resulting from the resignation of Deputy P. Beegan.

**8583. Loan for Oranmore Dispensary Residence and Dispensary.**—It was proposed by Councillor M. Ashe, seconded by Councillor M. Carty, and Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of three thousand seven hundred pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939, and Local Government Act, 1941."

**8584. Loan for Purchase of Bishop's Palace, Etc., at Tuam.**—It was proposed by Councillor M. Ashe, seconded by Councillor M. Carty, and Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister, dated the 20th September, 1951, the sum of £13,300 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Galway, to defray expenditure on the purchase of the Bishop's Palace and grounds at Tuam, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the rate of one-half per cent under the Irish Bank's rate, rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent per annum, as in said letter of sanction, provided the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates AND that the Seal, of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank, Limited."

**8585. Loan for Williamstown Water Supply Scheme.**—It was proposed by Councillor J. Glynn, seconded by Councillor Nestor and Resolved:—

"That the Council approve the raising of a loan of £8,300 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a Water Supply Scheme at Williamstown—the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**8586. Additional Health Inspectorate Staff.**—Consideration of the appointment of three additional Health Inspectors and One Superintendent Health Inspector was adjourned until the next meeting.

**8587. Portumna Fair Green.**—Correspondence in connection with the proposal to sell Portumna Fair Green to the Church Authorities was submitted, including a letter from Rev. Father Jennings, stating that the Church Authorities were agreeable to the taking over of the new Fair Green on the following terms, viz., that the Church Authorities would pay to the Council:—

1. Purchase Price with legal expenses of transfer.
2. Cost of removing trees, the property of the Department.
3. Cost of erecting a boundary wall.
4. The extra outlay involved in soling an area equal to that of the old fair green.

The Secretary stated that the purchase price and cost of conveyance of the original Fair Green were £800 approximately; that the purchase price for the new Green proposed would be £20, the cost of erecting the boundary wall would be £280; the additional cost of soling of an area in the new Fair Green, equal in area to the original Fair Green, would be £1,711.

Councillor Houlihan proposed, Councillor Shields seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Council recommend that the existing Fair Green at Portumna be transferred to the Church Authorities on the condition that the latter pay the purchase price and legal costs of transfer, the cost of erecting a boundary wall and of clearing the trees; the Council to bear the cost of soling and surfacing the new Fair Green."

Councillors Nestor and Houlihan recommended that the collection of tolls at Portumna be continued—that the collection of tolls be let to somebody.

**8588. Glenamaddy O.A.P. Sub-Committee.**—It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Deputy Killilea and Resolved:—

"That Rev. Father Conneely, C.C., be elected a member of the Glenamaddy O.A.P. Sub-Committee."

The Chairman ruled that Councillor Cunningham's notices of motion, Nos. 1 and 2, were not in order.

8589. Control of Dogs, and Loughrea Town Band.—As Mr. Carty had left the meeting, consideration of his notices of motion in connection with above matters was adjourned.

8590. Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee.—It was proposed by Councillor Nestor, seconded by Councillor Killilea and Resolved:—  
"That Rev. Father Michael Burke be appointed a member of Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee in lieu of Fr. M. Loftus, who is now transferred to Menlough."

8591. Dangerous Crossing at Dunmore.—On the proposition of Councillor Nestor, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was Resolved:—  
"That the Department of Justice be requested to place a Garda on point duty at a very dangerous crossing on the Square, Dunmore."

8592. Repair of Roads.—It was ordered that Councillor Nestor's notices of motion Nos. 7 (c), (3) and (4) be referred to the County Engineer to consider when preparing the Road Works Scheme for year 1952/53.

8593. Local Authorities (Works) Act Schemes, 1951/52.—In reply to notice of motion received from Councillors Kitt and Killilea, the Secretary gave the following information in regard to above schemes:—

1. Total amount of schemes submitted for sanction	£160,686
2. Amount sanctioned by the Department of Local Government up to date	£29,000
3. Amount expended up to 13th October, 1951	£12,408 12 11

Deputy Killilea stated that it was unsatisfactory that the amount £29,000, was not spent while the season was suitable, and asked that the balance available be expended immediately; that if this were done, he and other deputies would be in a better position to approach the Department of Local Government for sanction to further monies under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, for the current year. This statement was supported by Councillor Kitt.

The County Engineer explained that the balance available can be expended within a month; that during the earlier part of the year adequate work was available on roads and on turf production.

8594. Miscellaneous.—Letter, 8/10/51, from the County Council's General Council, requesting notice of matters to be included in the Agenda for December meeting, was submitted. Auditor's reports and statements of accounts for year ending 31st March, 1951, were submitted, viz:—

- (a) Shrule Joint Drainage Committee.
  - (b) Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee.
- On the proposition of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Quinn, the Council unanimously supported the claims of the old I.R.A. pensions Committee for increase in pensions, etc., as set out in letter 23/10/51 and enclosure received from the Hon. Secretary of that Committee.

Consideration of letter, 10/10/51, and enclosures from the Anti-Partition Association, in regard to a Congress to be held at the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 10th, 11th and 12th December, was adjourned until next meeting.

Deputy Killilea requested that a light, which is at present further up the street at Glenamaddy, be moved to a position opposite the hotel.

Councillor Houlihan requested that one or two public lights be provided at Tynagh.

*Submitted 29.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed this 1st day of December 1951.*

*Mairín O'Curran, Chairman.*



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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Extension of existing piped water supply schemes.
3. Provision of new Pumps.
4. Retirement of certain existing Rate Collectors at 1st May, 1952.
5. Adoption of Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952, in accordance with Department of Education letter 19th November, 1951.
6. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan of £60,000 for purchase of machinery.
7. Raising of loan of £15,500 to make a grant to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee for providing and equipping a new Vocational school at Dunmore.
8. Raising of loan of £8,400 for provision of seven new dispensaries.
9. Appointment of Deputy Rate Collectors during illness of permanent Collectors:—  
(a) in No.20. District. ;  
(b) in No.24 District.
10. Issue of Cinema Licence to Mr. Michael Hayes for his travelling Cinema.
11. Letter 16/11/47 from the County Engineer in regard to Councillors' proposals under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
12. Loughrea Dispensary Residence extension.
13. County Medical Officer's recommendation that three additional Health Inspectors and one Superintendent Health Inspector be appointed.
14. Issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, in cases where the whole or part of the State grant was not paid before 1st August, 1950.
15. Provision of a housing scheme in Oughterard under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.
16. Wild Birds Protection Act, 1930.
17. Letter from the Anti-Partition Association regarding Conference in Dublin 10th - 12th December, 1951.

## 18. COUNCILLORS' Notices of Motion:

- (a) Councillor M. Carty: (1) "That this Council, if empowered to do so, make Bye-laws for the proper control of dogs during the lambing season."  
(2) "That this Council make an annual contribution of £100 to Loughrea Town Band for the purpose of providing public musical performances in Loughrea town."
- (b) Councillor J.J. Cunningham: "That I shall interrogate the relevant officials as to what progress has been made in the provision of a piped water supply for the town of Kilkerrin since our Consulting Engineer inspected the proposed source some ten months ago, and satisfied himself as to its suitability. That the reply include, too, the Moylough Scheme, because of the possibility (which the Engineer stated he would consider) of both schemes being provided from the same supply source."
- (1) "That I shall ask the relevant officials as to the duration of the period, that will, in their opinion, be likely to elapse, before the condition of some of our roads - more especially the non-stop ones - can be described otherwise than antediluvian or near-barbarous. That the policy of the haphazard provision of grants, at long intervals, without any maintenance provision, is considered socially shortsighted and even economically untenable. That the Council solicit from Central funds (per Board of Works) a sufficient maintenance grant for such roads and boreens, its own contribution thereto being unpaid use of our Engineers and Gangers - that is, unpaid from the funds aforesaid."
- (2) "That the scholarship grant made by us last year in the Connaughton Scholarship (Mt. Bellew) be continued for another year."
- (3) "That it is unbusiness-like and unfair to permit contractors for the construction of labourers cottages, any considerable extension of the period provided in the contract, for its completion, except where it is obvious that adverse circumstances are altogether outside his control."
- (c) Councillor M. Ua h-Uigin: (1) "That the Council instruct the County Engineer to proceed with necessary repairs to Kilmurvey Pier, Aran Islands."  
(2) "That the building of four cottages already arranged for be proceeded with immediately."
- (d) Councillor M. Newell: "I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the road through the village of Kiltullagh be repaired."
- (e) Councillor J. Flaherty: "That I will ask the County Engineer if it is his intention to widen the road opposite the church at Clonberne."  
(1) "If possible, could he state when does he propose to start work on the proposed extension of the piped water supply in Glenamaddy."  
(2) "If possible, could he state when does he propose to start work on the proposed extension of the piped water supply in Glenamaddy."
- (f) Councillor M. Mylotte: (1) "That John Mylotte, Carna, and John Greene (Jas.), Mynish, Carna, be put on Roundstone No.2, O.A.P. Committee in place of Rev. Fr. Corcoran, P.P. and John F. Cooke who were both nominees of mine and who have since informed me that they would not attend and have not attended since they were put on."  
(2) "That a wall be erected on both sides of road at Culleen Bridge, Carna; there is a bad bend in road inside bridge and it is dangerous without a proper wall."  
(3) "That a gullet be put in road opposite Michael Larkin's land in Shannaphistean as the road is swamping his land."  
(4) "That a wall be erected on north side of road on the Galway side of Clynagh Cross, as it is very dangerous to passengers, as the road is about four feet higher than the field beside it."
- (g) Councillor M. Kitt: (1) "That the Council consider the propriety of appointing a County Forester."  
(2) "That the pump erected by the Land Commission in Carrtrandoogan, Ahascragh, be maintained by the County Council."  
(3) "That the Manager make a statement on the present condition of the water supply and sewerage scheme for Ahascragh."  
(4) "That the footpaths in Ahascragh which in their present condition are a danger to the public be repaired."

- (h) Councillor S. Glynn: (1) "To request the County Manager to make a statement re appointment of Home Assistance Officer for Glenamaddy District."  
(2) "To request the County Manager to make a statement re filling position of Midwife for the Ballymoe District."
- (i) Councillor T. King: "I will move at the next County Council meeting that the County Manager inform the Council of the considerations which influenced him to give the tenancy of a labourer's cottage at Ballybrit to a woman from Connemara after refusing to accept two recommendations from the Co. M.O.H."
- (j) Deputy M. Killilea: "Take notice that I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Assistance District of Abbey be retained and not incorporated with any other district."
- (k) Councillor L. O'Toole: (1) "What progress is being made to provide a water supply for Cornamona Village?"  
(2) "When is it intended to proceed with the Clonbur Sewerage Scheme?"  
(3) "What progress has been made in the preparation of sewerage schemes for Tullycross - Tully-Renvyle - Cleggan and Letterfrack Villages?"  
(4) "How has the County Engineer received delivery of the Engine for Tullycross (Curteenclough) Waterworks and an Hydraulic ram for Derryinver and when is it proposed to instal them."

19. Resolutions.

20. Other Business.

## Galway County Council

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, THE 1st DECEMBER, 1951.

In the Chair: 1 Councillor M. Quinn;  
2, Councillor M. Carty.

Present: Councillors M. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, Deputy P. Cawley, Councillors P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8595. Acceptance of Office.**—The declaration of acceptance of office was signed by Mr. John O'Dowd, Reeghan, Laurencetown. Councillor O'Dowd thanked the Chairman and Council for co-opting him a member of the Council.

**8596. Minutes.** Minutes of the Council to No. 8594, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

**8597. New Pumps and Extension of Existing Piped Water Supply Schemes.**—On the proposition of Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Sirr, it was agreed to adjourn consideration of these items until a special meeting to be held on Saturday, 5th January, 1952.

**8598. Local Government (Officers' Age Limit) Order, 1951.**—Letter E.L.6/51, of the 13/11/51, from the Department of Local Government, in regard to above order, was submitted and the Secretary reported that in accordance with the terms of the order, the collectors for Districts Nos. 2, 17, 20, 25, 26 and 32 will cease to hold office on the 1st May, 1952. The contents of the letter were noted and it was ordered that arrangements be made for the filling of the vacancies prior to the issue of next year's rate warrants. Councillor Nestor suggested that rates be collected in the same manner as land annuities are collected at present.

**8599. Scholarships.**—Department of Education, letter R.O.(2) 81314, of the 19/11/51, was submitted, approving the scheme formulated by the Council for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1952, subject to certain minor amendments.

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Sirr, and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby adopt the scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1952 as formulated in minute 8518 of the 1st September, 1951, subject to the amendments set out in Department of Education letter R.O. (2) 81314 of the 19/11/51"

**8600. Loan of £60,000 for New Machinery.**—It was proposed by Councillor R. Lahiffe seconded by Councillor M. Carty and Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 15th day of October, 1951, the sum of £60,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Galway to defray expenditure on the purchase of road machinery to be repaired within ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Bank's rate rising and falling from time to time with a minimum of £4 per cent. per annum as in said letter of Sanction provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

**8601. Loan £15,500 for Dunmore Vocational School.**—It was proposed by Councillor J. J. Nester, seconded by Councillor M. Carty and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £15,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works so that a grant of this amount may be made by the Council to the County Council Vocational Education Committee for provision and equipment of a new Vocational School at Dumore; the loan to be repayable half-yearly by annuity over a period of 30 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date issue of the loan to the Council."

**8602. Loan £8,400 for New Dispensaries.**—It was proposed by Councillor J. Geoghegan, seconded by Councillor M. Carty and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £8,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of new dispensaries at Ardrahan, Athenry, Ballygar, Kilmilkin, Recess, Roundstone and Spiddal; the loan to be repayable by instalment over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**8603. Dispensaries: Miscellaneous.**—Councillor O'Donnell requested that a dispensary depot be provided at Carraroe.

The County Manager stated that the provision of a dispensary at this place is under consideration at present.

Councillor Collins stated that Mountbellew Dispensary is one of the worst in the county.

**8604. Deputy Rate Collectors.**—On the proposition of Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Lahiffe, the Council approved the appointment of the following Deputy Rate Collectors until the closing of the warrant for the year ending 31st March, 1952, during the absence of the permanent Collectors on sick leave:—

Mr. Joseph McInerney, Cahermore, Ardrahan, as deputy for Mr. Thomas McInerney, Collector for No. 20 district;  
Miss Ita D. Walsh, Kilmadeema, Loughrea, as deputy for Mr. James Walsh, Collector for No. 24 district.

**8605. Cinema Licence.**—Councillor Quinn proposed and Councillor Geoghegan seconded:—

"That a Cinema Licence be issued to Mr. Michael Hayes for his travelling cinema, provided that satisfactory reports are received from the County Engineer and from the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána."

**8606. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.**—Co. Engineer's letter, 16/11/51, was submitted, requesting that Councillors would, in the coming year, restrict their proposals to three schemes for each Councillor.

Councillors King and Sirr suggested that the restriction should be in cost rather than in the number of schemes.

Councillor Kitt proposed:—

"That before forms requesting the Councillors' proposals are sent out this year, a list should be made up for each Assistant County Engineer's district showing the schemes already submitted by the Council and approved by the Department, for which money has not been made available."

Councillor King proposed:—

"That the full sum made available under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, in future be devoted to keeping county roads in order."

The Chairman stated that this would not be legal.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that each Councillor would submit six proposals and that a list, as recommended by Councillor Kitt, would be circulated to each Councillor prior to the submission of proposals.

Councillor Collins referred to the futility of making a drain for part of the distance only instead of completing the drain to its natural outlet.

Deputy Mannion proposed and Councillor Quinn seconded:—

"That the Galway County Council protest strongly against the reduction of £20,000 in the amount of the grant made available for the current year under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, as compared with the year 1950/51."

Councillor Higgins stated that a meeting of the Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee was called recently for a week-day, and it was impossible for him to leave his school and attend the meeting on that day. Councillor Higgins requested that in future these meetings would be held on a Saturday.

**8607. Loughrea Dispensary Residence.**—The Secretary stated that the Council, in Minute No. 8395, of the 31/3/1951, had approved the expenditure of £600 in extending the dispensary residence at Loughrea, provided the Medical Officer would undertake to pay a proportionate increase in rent. The Medical Officer had agreed to the Manager's proposal that he pay an increase of £17, making the rent £62 a year, plus rates, from the date the additional accommodation would be completed. In the meantime the County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of this work had increased to £850. Dr. Dyar has agreed to pay a rent of £70 a year, plus rates, in lieu of the rent of £62 previously arranged, provided the work costing £850 will be carried out by the Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Ashe, seconded by Councillor Carty, the Council approved the provision of additional accommodation at Loughrea dispensary residence at a cost of £850, on the understanding that the Medical Officer will pay a rent of £70, plus rates, with effect from the date of completion of the additional accommodation.

**8608. Additional Health Inspectorate Staff.**—The County Medical Officer's recommendation for appointment of three additional Health Inspectors and one Superintendent Health Inspector was again submitted.

Councillor Collins proposed and Councillor Sirr seconded:—

"That the appointment of three additional Health Inspectors and one Superintendent Health Inspector, as recommended by the County Medical Officer, be not made."

In reply to Councillor Ashe, the County Manager stated that he would not accept a recommendation that Miss MacHale be appointed temporarily as Superintendent Health Inspector; the position had not yet been created, and the intention is that if the position is created the permanent appointment must be made on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.

It was proposed by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor O'Dowd:—

"That a Superintendent Health Inspector be appointed, and that consideration of the appointment of any additional health inspectors be deferred."

Councillor King proposed:—

"That the Superintendent Health Inspector be appointed temporarily for a period of twelve months—one of the existing health inspectors to be promoted to the Superintendent post and a temporary health inspector to be employed to replace the officer promoted."

This proposal was not seconded.

A vote taken on Councillor Quinn's amendment resulted as follows:—

FOR: Messrs. O'Dowd, Carty, Cawley, Cunningham, Galvin, Geoghegan, Higgins, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, Quinn, Ruane, Shields, and Wall—17.

AGAINST: Messrs. Ashe, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Glynn, Houlihan, Mannion, Mylotte, Nestor, O'Donnell, and Sirr—11.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and Councillor Collins' proposal defeated.

**8609. Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.**—Letter, 22/10/51, from the Department of Local Government was submitted, stating that the Council may make grants in accordance with their scheme under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, in cases where the State grant or the final instalment of it was paid on or after the 1st August, 1950.

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Carty, and Resolved:—

"That the Council's grant under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, be made available to applicants who, though allocated a State grant before the 1st August, 1950, had not been paid the full amount of the State grant before that date; in such cases, however, the amount of the Council's grant to be in proportion to the amount of the State grant paid to the applicants on or after the 1st August, 1950, viz. 100 per cent of that amount for applicants eligible for housing by the Galway County Council and 80 per cent of that amount for applicants not so eligible."

On the proposition of Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Galvin, the Council confirmed that the Manager shall be left discretionary powers in regard to the allocation of grants in any case where the applicant appears to be able to provide housing accommodation out of his own resources.

**3610. Oughterard Housing Scheme.**—The County Manager stated that he now proposes to provide a housing scheme at Oughterard under the Labourers Acts rather than under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and that it is intended that the houses in that scheme at Oughterard will be the subject of a differential rent scheme.

Councillor Carty requested that the Manager would consider

the provision of water and sewerage services in the new cottages which are being provided by the Council at Athenry Road, Loughrea.

**8611. Wild Birds' Protection Act, 1930.**—Letters, 31/10/51, from the Department of Justice and, 5/11/51, from the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, were submitted.

It was ordered that the particulars given in the latter letter be conveyed to the Minister for Justice.

**8612. Anti-Partition.**—Letters, 9/10/51 and 29/11/51, from the Anti-Partition Association, requesting that the Council appoint delegates to attend a Conference which will be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, from the 10th—12th December, 1951, were submitted.

It was decided that the following would represent the Council at the Conference: Deputies Cawley, Killilea, and Mannion, and Councillor J. M. Glynn.

It was also requested that any other members who would find it convenient to do so should attend the Conference in the Mansion House.

**8613. G.A.A. Pitch at South Park, Galway.**—Councillor Nestor referred to the recent resolution by the Harbour Commissioners that South Park be utilised for factory sites instead of being allocated to the G.A.A. as a site for a stadium, and suggested that owing to the prevailing wind, if a factory were erected on this site, it would smother the city with smoke and fumes; that ample room for factory sites is available at the rear of Rockbarton and elsewhere.

Councillor Ashe stated that this matter will be discussed at a meeting of the Galway Corporation on the 6th instant, when the interests of the G.A.A. in this matter will be adequately protected.

**8614. Dogs.**—Councillor Carty proposed and Councillor O'Donnell seconded:—

"That the Garda Authorities be asked to enforce the regulations made by the Council for the control of dogs, as substantial losses have been sustained by farmers in the Loughrea and Craughwell area during the lambing season."

**8615. Loughrea Town Band.**—Councillor Carty proposed, Councillor Shields seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Council recommend the making of a contribution of £20 a year to the Loughrea Town Band for not less than ten performances a year of at least one hour each."

**8616. Water Supplies, Roads and Cottages.**—Councillor Cunningham's Notice of Motion, Nos. 18 (b) (i), (ii), and (iv) were, at his request, adjourned.

Councillor Carty now took the Chair.

**8617. University Scholarships.**—Councillor Cunningham proposed and Councillor Glynn seconded:—

"That a scholarship of £120 a year be made available to Mr. M. J. Connaughton, Mountbellew, for the coming year 1951/52, as was approved for the past year in Minute No. S331 of 25/11/50."

Councillor Kitt stated that when this scholarship was granted by the Council last year it was understood that if the boy obtained Honours in his examination in 1951 he would again become eligible for the State scholarship. He had obtained First Class Honours in his examinations in 1951, but the Department of Education are not prepared to renew his scholarship. Councillor Kitt suggested that the Department of Education be requested to renew this scholarship, and the Council agreed to this suggestion.

**8618. Kilmurvey Pier.**—In reply to Councillor Higgins' notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that a proposal to expend £500 on Kilmurvey Pier under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, had not been sanctioned by the Department, and the County Engineer now recommends that the necessary work be done out of revenue.

Councillor Higgins proposed and Councillor Geoghegan seconded, and it was Resolved:—

"That the Council approve the provision of £500 to enable the County Engineer to carry out the necessary repairs to Kilmurvey Pier within the current financial year."

**8619. New Cottages at Spiddal.**—The Secretary informed Councillor Higgins that it is accepted that the necessary undertaking by the representatives of the owner of the site would be signed on the 1st instant, and that the Council would then be in a position to deal with the tenders already received for erection of cottages at Spiddal.

**8620. Road at Kiltulla.**—In reply to Councillor Newell's notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that he is attending to the flooding of the road at Kiltulla village.

**8621. Road at Clonberne and Glenamaddy Water Supply.**—Councillor Flaherty's Notices of Motion were adjourned to the special meetings to be held for Roads and Water Supplies.

**8622. Roundstone No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.**—The Chairman directed that Councillor Mylotte's Notice of Motion be adjourned until next meeting, so that, in the meantime, the Clerk

to the Committee would confirm the non-attendance of Rev. Fr. Corcoran and Mr. J. F. Cooke, who were appointed members on above Committee.

Councillor Mylotte's Notices of Motion, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, were adjourned to the Road Works Meeting.

**8623. Forester.**—Councillor Kitt recommended that a Forester be appointed for County Galway, who would operate a small Nursery to raise plants for the Council's own lands and who would sell the surplus to farmers in the county. Councillor Kitt explained that Foresters are already employed in other counties, e.g., County Kildare and County Cork.

It was decided that the views of the County Committee of Agriculture be obtained on the proposal.

**8624. Pump at Cartrandoogan, Ahascragh.**—On the proposition of Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Collins, the Council unanimously approved the taking over responsibility for maintenance of Cartrandoogan Pump, provided the Irish Land Commission consent.

**8625. Ahascragh: Water Supply, Sewerage, and Footpaths.**—Councillor Kitt's Notices of Motion in regard to these matters were adjourned until the special meetings for Water Supplies and Roads.

**8626. Glenamaddy H.A.O.**—Councillor Glynn stated that, as this matter has been arranged and that the district was actually divided, he did not propose pursuing it further, but he wishes to register a strong protest against the non-replacement of Mr. Garvey, Home Assistance Officer for this district.

**8627. Midwife for Williamstown: Glenamaddy District.**—In reply to Councillor Glynn's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that it appeared that Nurse Coyne had attended to only three public assistance cases during the past three years. Nurses Cloonan and Greene had been appointed Midwives for Glenamaddy and Williamstown dispensary districts, respectively. The conditions of their appointment did not restrict their duties to any portion of these dispensary districts, and, therefore, the Department of Health was not prepared to approve any increase in remuneration for them on their taking over the area formerly held by Nurse Coyne.

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Sirr, and Resolved:—

"That the Council request the Minister for Health to approve the appointment of a Midwife to replace Nurse Coyne"

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in the electoral divisions of Ballinakill and Tobberee in Williamstown dispensary district and the electoral division of Creggs in Glenamaddy dispensary district."

**8628. Cottage at Ballybritt.**—In reply to Councillor King's Notice of Motion, the County Manager gave particulars of the various steps leading up to the selection of Mrs. Connolly as tenant for a cottage at Ballybritt, vacated by Mr. M. Hosty.

Councillor King stated he had strong feelings in this matter; that while there were eligible applicants from the vicinity, a stranger from forty or fifty miles away obtained the tenancy of the cottage. Councillor King requested that the present system be made more watertight and that applicants who would not be eligible would not be submitted to the County Medical Officer for his recommendation.

Deputy Mannion objected to the reference to Connemara in Councillor King's notice of motion.

**8629. Abbey Assistance District.**—The County Manager explained that the proposed abolition of Abbey Assistance District was part of the general scheme for the reorganisation of districts, so as to reduce the number of such districts; that since the officers to whom it was proposed to allocate the Abbey district did not, in fact, now wish to accept this addition to their districts, he intended to leave matters stand and to continue the employment of Mrs. Nicholson as temporary Assistance Officer.

**8630. Water and Sewerage Services: Connemara.**—In reply to Councillor O'Toole's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that Mr. E. R. Ryan, M.E., has been appointed Consulting Engineer for Clonbur Sewerage Scheme and is preparing his preliminary report; the County Engineer has made an initial survey of the villages of Tullycross, Tully-Renvyle, Cleggan, and Letterfrack, but the survey had not been finally completed.

The Secretary stated that the County Engineer had ordered engines for Tullycross and Derryinver Water Supplies, and that the period of delivery quoted for these engines was four months.

Councillor O'Toole's Notice of Motion in regard to Cornamona Water Supply was adjourned to the special meeting for Water Supplies.

**8631. Galway Technical School.**—Letter, 28th November, 1951, from the Executive Officer, Galway City Vocational Education Committee was submitted, requesting that the Council would make a contribution to the funds of the Committee in respect of 86 students from outside the borough who are at present attending the day classes in the Galway Technical School.

Councillor Ashe stated that the Committee are considering

he erection of a hall, and it might meet their request if the County Council would agree to contribute a portion of the cost of providing this hall.

It was ordered that consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting, and that, in the meantime, particulars be obtained of the nature of the hall and its estimated cost.

**8632. Housing Schemes : Loughrea Town Commissioners.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and Resolved :—

" That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of over-draft accommodation on Capital Account not exceeding £500, pending the raising of a supplementary loan to meet the balance of expenditure on the Loughrea Town Commissioner's housing schemes."

**8633. Old I.R.A. Pensioners.**—Letter, 29/11/51, from the Clerk of Loughrea O.A.P. Sub-Committee was submitted, enclosing resolution from the Sub-Committee requesting the Minister for Social Welfare to amend the legislation or regulations relating to Old Age Pensions whereby military service pensions of members of the Old I.R.A. are calculated when computing means for Old Age Pension purposes.

It was decided to forward the resolution to the Minister for Social Welfare for his favourable consideration.

**8634. Oil Tanker Fleet.**—Draft resolution received from the Irish Tanker Fleet Conference in letter, 26/11/51, was submitted. The resolution was adopted unanimously, viz. :—

" That Galway County, viewing the grave danger of our whole economy being brought to a stop by any interruption of oil and petrol supplies to Ireland, resolves :—

" 1.—That an Oil Tanker Fleet is essential to the national economy of an island nation ;

" 2.—That it is essential that immediate steps be taken to establish an Irish Tanker Fleet as a necessary means of securing the continuity of food supplies, agriculture, transport and industry in the country in the event of war or international tension resulting in the removal of the normal overseas organisation for the supply of oil and petrol through our ports ;

" 3.—That we call upon the Government to take immediate and vigorous steps to obtain such a fleet ; and

" 4.—That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and to the Irish Tanker Fleet Conference."

**8635. Miscellaneous.**—In reply to Councillor Furey, the County Manager stated that it is not the practice to supply tools to burial ground caretakers.

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**8636. Sympathy.**—Votes of sympathy were unanimously passed with :—

- The relatives of the late W. J. Concannon, Tuam ;
- Most Rev. Dr. Browne and the clergy of the diocese on the death of Rev. Canon Carr, Moycullen ;
- the Curran family, Prospect Hill, on the death of Mrs. Curran ;
- the relatives of Mr. Michael J. Lavelle, Echo Point, Clifden ;
- Mr. J. M. G. Sweeney, Solicitor, Athenry, on the death of his father ;
- Mr. John Rooney (Tim), Cahercrin, Athenry, on the death of his sister ;
- Mr. Patrick Caulfield, Boyhill, Athenry, on the death of his daughter ;
- Mr. Michael Fallon, Bawnmore, Craughwell, on the death of his brother ;
- the relatives of Mr. Michael Costello, Clonbrock, Ahascragh ;
- the relatives of Mrs. M. Lally, of Clonbrock, Ahascragh ;
- the relatives of Mr. J. L. Dunne, The Grove, Ahascragh.

*Released  
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*Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1952.  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 1952*

*Maurice O'Curran, Chairman*

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Road Works Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1953.
2. Memorandum received with Department of Health letter 1/12/51 regarding the control and operation of the Western Regional Sanatorium.
3. Overdraft arrangements for the quarter ending 31st March, 1952.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER,  
1951

In the Chair: Mr. M. Quinn, Co.C.  
Also Present: Councillors M. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty,  
P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, John Flaherty, Patrick Furey,  
P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan,  
J. Joyce, M. Killilea, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe,  
J. Mannion, M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell,  
M. Quinn, J. J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. SIRR and M. Wall.

**8637. Road Works Estimate.**—The estimate for Road Works for year ending 31st March, 1953, was submitted, showing an expenditure of £191,175 for Main Roads, and £144,380 for County Roads.

The above expenditure included £30,610 for Main Road Improvements, and £21,650 for County Road Improvement.

The County Manager informed the Council that there would be little likelihood of any reduction in the estimates for the other services for year ending 31st March, 1953.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**—Councillor Houlihan proposed that the estimates for Main and County Road Improvements each be reduced by £5,000. This proposal was not seconded.

It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, and seconded by Councillor King:—

"That the estimates for Main Road Improvements and for County Road Improvements each be reduced by £10,000."

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Mylotte, and seconded by Councillor Furey:—

"That the amounts included in the estimates for Main and County Road Improvements be not reduced."

A vote taken on Mr. Mylotte's amendment resulted as follows:—

FOR: Councillors O'Dowd, Furey, Galvin, Glynn, Mylotte, and Shields—6.

AGAINST: Councillors Carty, Collins, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Mannion, Nestor, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane, SIRR, and Wall—19.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Kitt's motion, resulting as follows:—

FOR: Councillors Carty, Collins, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Mannion, Nestor, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane, SIRR, and Wall—19.

AGAINST: Councillors O'Dowd, Furey, Galvin, Glynn, Mylotte, and Shields—6.

The Chairman declared Mr. Kitt's motion carried, and it was, therefore, decided that the amounts included in the estimate for Improvements to Main Roads and to County Roads be reduced to £20,610 and £11,650, respectively.

**MAINTENANCE.**—Councillor Carty proposed, Councillor Lahiffe seconded, and it was unanimously Resolved:—

"That the amount included in the estimate for Main Road Maintenance be reduced by £4,327 to £75,000."

**SURFACE-DRESSING.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Lahiffe, and Resolved:—

"That the amount included in the estimate for Main Roads Surface-Dressing be reduced by £5,245 to £72,000; that the amount included in the estimate for County Roads Surface-Dressing be reduced by £1,890 to £20,000."

**GALWAY URBAN ROADS.**—The estimate for Galway Urban Roads was submitted, showing a total expenditure of £6,900 for year ending 31st March, 1953.

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Lahiffe:—

"That the estimate as submitted be amended as follows: Maintenance to be increased by £300 to £3,200, to allow for increase in wages; Improvements to be reduced by £50 to £500."

**BALLINASLOE URBAN ROADS.**—The estimate for Ballinasloe Urban Roads was submitted, showing expenditure of £1,000 for year ending 31st March, 1953.

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Lahiffe, and Resolved:—

"That the estimate as submitted be approved."

Deputy Killilea proposed:—

"That when the estimate of expenses for the coming year would be adopted by the Council, no subsequent increase on the estimate, as adopted, should be authorised by the Council during the financial year to which the estimate will relate."

The Chairman suggested to Deputy Killilea that a Notice of Motion to this effect be put before him on the Agenda for the estimates meeting.

**8638. Western Regional Sanatorium.**—Letter, 1/12/51, from the Department of Health, and memorandum received with that letter, were submitted, copy of the memorandum having already been circulated to the members.

Councillor King suggested that, having regard to the population of each of the five counties in the western region, the membership of the proposed Joint Board should be increased to 12. Galway and Mayo counties should each have three representatives on the Board.

It was proposed by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Carty, and Resolved:—

"That the Council approve the proposals for the control and operation of the Western Regional Sanatorium as set out in the memorandum received with Department of Health letter, 1st December, 1951, provided that the Joint Board for control of the Western Regional Sanatorium shall consist of twelve members, viz.: Three from County Galway, three from County Mayo, and two each from Counties Roscommon, Sligo and Leitrim."

**8639. Overdraft.**—It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Nestor, and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £100,000 on the Council's General Account for Q.E. 31st March, 1952."

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Nestor, and Resolved:—

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £70,000 on Turf Account for Q.E. 31st March, 1952."

**8640. Loan £7,500 for Tuam Town Commissioners' Housing.**—It was proposed by Councillor J. J. Nestor, seconded by Councillor P. Collins, and Resolved:—

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date, now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £7,500, proposed to be advanced by them to us under Section 27 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

**8641. Galway Port.**—Letter, 14/12/51, from the Secretary, Galway Harbour Commissioners was submitted, enclosing a copy of resolution adopted by the Harbour Commissioners, requesting that an investigation be made by this Council to disclose why the existing regular Liverpool-Galway direct shipping service is not being availed of for the import of materials for use in the construction of the New Regional Hospital and Regional Sanatorium.

It was decided that the matter be taken up with Messrs. A. A. Stuart, Ltd., the contractors for the Galway Regional Hospital.

**8642. County Medical Officer.**—Letter, 14/12/51, from Deputy Killilea was read, stating that the Minister for Health informed the deputation which attended on him that he would deal

generously with the matter of a gratuity to Dr. C. F. McConn, on the appointment of a Medical Superintendent to Woodlands Sanatorium, which post was recently advertised.

Councillor Carty stated that he and Councillor Nestor would hand in a Notice of Motion relating to this matter.

**8643. Miscellaneous.**—Councillor Glynn stated that the streets in Glenamaddy are in a disgraceful condition, as they have not been restored following the completion of the Sewerage Scheme, and rubbish has been left dumped in the streets after a recent fair.

Councillor SIRR drew attention to the necessity for removal of dangerous bends at Creggs and Ballymoe, to prevent fatal accidents.

Councillor Nicholson requested that dangerous bends in the Horseleap vicinity receive attention.

**8644. Sympathy.**—Votes of sympathy were unanimously passed with:—

The Irish Franciscan Brothers, Mountbellew, on the death of Rev. Brother Jarlath;

Councillor John Houlihan, on the death of his brother;

The relatives of the late Mrs. Hoban, Leitra, Glenamaddy;

Professor Stephen Shea and with Dr. John Shea, on the death of their father;

The Keane family, Claregalway, on the death of their father;

Mr. John Rafter, Corofin, on the death of his mother;

Joseph Keaney, Letterard East, Cashel, on the death of his mother;

The relatives of Mrs. Connolly, Clifden.

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*Submitted, approved & confirmed this 15th day  
of January 1952. 23rd February, 1952*

*M. S. O. Quinn Chairman*



COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIUME

Suċan:  
Saillim 55.

Oifis an Rúnáide,  
na Foirgnithe Conndae,  
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28ab No11as, 1951.

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TARRAR ORC leis seo beic i láthair ag Cruinnú Speisialta de Comairle Conndae na Saillime i Seomra na Comairle ins na Foirgnithe Conndae Dia Saċairn, 5ab Eanáir, 1952, at 12.30.p.m. a clog.

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Ó Tuathais.

Runa.

Cuig zac Baill be'n Comairle:

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Extension of existing piped water supply schemes.
2. Provision of new Pumps.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIUME.

Suċan:  
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Oifis an Rúnáide,  
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28ab No11as, 1951.

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TARRAR ORC leis seo beic i láthair ag Cruinnú de Comairle Conndae na Saillime a cionópar (m's féidir) i Seomra na Comairle ins na Foirgnithe Conndae Dia Saċairn, 5ab Eanáir, 1952, nuair a béas beire leis an gCruinnú Speisialta.

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Cuig zac Baill be'n Comairle:

TO CONSIDER:

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1. Minutes.
2. Sale of Derelict Site No: 69 Tullinadaly Road, Tuam.
3. Provision of a new Dispensary at Clifden.
4. Provision of a Swimming Pool at Loughrea.
5. Letter 11.12.51 from Galway Vocational Education Committee in regard to attendance of County Health District students at Galway Technical School.
6. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. M. Mylotte: "That John Mylotte, Carna, and John Greene (Jas.), Mynish, Carna, be put on Roundstone No.2 O.A.P. Committee in place of Rev. Fr. Corcoran, P.P. and John F. Cooke who were both nominees of mine and who have since informed me that they would not attend and have not attended since they were put on."
  - (b) Clr. P.F. Galvin: (1) "If facilities are available at Portiuncula Nursing Home, Ballinasloe for the treatment and care of non-paying patients".
    - (2) "If such treatment included the services of Doctors, free beds and X-ray".
    - (3) "If so does the Co. Council pay for such services".
    - (4) "Total amount of such payments (if any) made during the year ending 31/3/51 or since 1/4/51".
  - (c) Clr. M. Wall: "I hereby give notice that I, or another Councillor in my stead, shall propose at the next meeting of this Council a Motion that this Council has no proper function, competency or obligation to effect or cause to be effected the execution of the bequest of the deceased Michael Quinn of Ballygar relavent to the improvement and embellishment of the Council's Cemetery at Killyan".
  - (d) Clr. S. Glynn: (1) "I or someone on my behalf will move at next meeting of County Council That this Council will borrow the sum of £100,000 or what ever Sum the Council decide to borrow for the purpose of Section 7 of the Housing Act, 1950".
    - (2) "That I will move that the Williamstown Waterworks be extended South 300 yards and West 400 yards".

- (e) Clr. J. O'Dowd: "I will move at next meeting to have road from Laurencetown to Eyrecourt steamrolled".  
 (2) "to have road at Booreen Kille in two places to relieve flooding".  
 (3) "to have at least 7 cottages built at Laurencetown".
- (f) Clr. L. O'Toole: (1) "RD Clifden ED-Selerna - Repair road branching north from Cleggan Maam road to sea at Rossadillish (30 families and general public). 1 mile approx. cost £400 Co. Council Road.  
 (2) "RD Clifden ED Renvyle - Surface dress and tar street of Tully Village. Push back wall to widen street (village is all on one side 7 shops (2 pubs and dispensary) approx. cost £300.  
 (3) "RD Clifden ED.Cleggan - Open the drain which has filled in from Cleggan Dock through Townlands of Knockbrack and Mourneen to Selerna Beach and Branch to Bridge at Ettycuddan-14 Tenants - Agri Land - £100.  
 (4) "RD.Clifden ED-Cushkillery - Surface road from Monkeyhill through Rossroe fill in hollows opposite houses. Blast drain to stop flooding - 400 yds. - £150 approx.Co. Council Road."  
 (5) "RD.Clifden ED-Ballinakill - surface road from RJ on Clifden Letterfrack Main Road to Bonogue graveyard - 500 yds. £200 approx. - Co. Council Road."  
 (6) "RD Clifden ED-Ballinakill - Trunk and fill hollows on main road from RJ at Ballinakill Chapel towards Moyard Bridge - (600 yds of the worst of it) £600".  
 (7) "RD. Clifden ED-Renvyle - widen road to Co. Council pound at Letterfrack - 200yds - £150".
- (g) Deputy M. Killilea: "That after the adoption of the Estimates for the year 1952/53 on no account will any notice of motion be accepted during the Financial Year which would in any way tend towards any increase in the Rates".
- (h) Clrs. M. Carty & J.J. Nestor: "That in view of the Minister's favourable attitude and in view of the fact that a R.M.S. is being appointed at a salary from £900 to £1200 p.a. for discharging the work satisfactorily and efficiently discharged by Dr. C. McConn during his period of association with Woodlands Sanatorium, we propose that a consolidated sum equal to the amount voted annually by the County Council and included in the Estimates for each year from 1947 inclusive be now paid as an ex gratia payment and request the Minister's sanction to the payment of that amount".
- (i) Clr. J. O'Dowd: "Please note that at next meeting of Co. Council I will ask the Co. Manager what the position is regarding the erection of Labourers' Cottages at Laurencetown and Eyrecourt".
- (j) Clr. P. Sirr: (1) "I will move at next meeting of Co. Council that corner at Creggs known as Keefescorner be made safe for Public Traffic".  
 (2) "Also that Corner at Ballaghmirray Cross leading from Glinsk-Ballymoe Co. Road to Ballymoe-Williamstown main road be widened and made safe for traffic".  
 (3) "Also that footpaths at Creggs and Ballymoe be completed". (4) Widening Road Gortnadieve to Friaryland. (5) Taking over Kilmacrickard Road.
7. Letter 29/11/51 from the Irish Tourist Association regarding the Shops (Hours of Trading on Weekdays) Order, 1947.
8. Minutes of meeting of the County Councils General Council 9/8/51.
9. Polling Station at Crumlin School - letter from Mr. J. Kavanagh, Turloughmore, Sub-executive, Clann na Talmhan.
10. Other Business.

In the Chair: Chr. M. Quinn.

Present: Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shiels, P. Sirr, and M. Wall.

**8645—Provision of New Pumps**: The schedules of pumps already provided and pumps to be provided were submitted—copies having already been circulated to the members.

Chr. Carty stated that the schedule of existing pumps includes many which have not functioned for years and cited Newtowndaly pump as an example.

The Chairman referred to pumps which were sunk to a considerable depth and then abandoned, e.g., Liscune and Alloon in the Ballinasloe Rural District; the Chairman considered that since the necessity for pumps in areas such as these was established before the sinking of the abandoned pumps commenced, he considered that these areas should have priority now.

Chr. Galvin stated that the list of pumps to be provided shows Killure Beg while, in fact, the place in which the pump is required is Killure Castle.

In reply to Chr. King, the County Engineer stated that the delivery time for the two well-sinking plants ordered has expired and, therefore, the plants should soon arrive; that with these two plants and the existing contractors, it would be possible to sink approximately twenty pumps in each year.

Clrs. Houlihan, Collins and Galvin recommended the improvement of existing wells and where such wells would be improved that a small approach road to the wells would be provided.

Chr. Collins asked why there should be such a delay in dealing with the repair of existing pumps—several of which are out of order and should be repaired before the provision of further new pumps would be considered.

The County Manager suggested that the Council raise a loan of £20,000 which would be sufficient for a two years programme of providing new pumps and that it be left to the County Medical Officer to recommend the areas which are most urgently in need of such new pumps—without allocating a number of pumps specially for each rural district.

It was proposed by Chr. Ashe seconded by Deputy Killilea and unanimously Resolved: "that the Council approve the raising of a loan of £20,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government for sinking of wells and provision of new pumps in the Galway County Health District; the loan to be repayable by instal-

ments over a period of ten years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Chr. Cunningham and Resolved:—

- (1) "that the County Engineer be authorised to proceed with the walling in drainage and paths of spring wells;
- (2) that where water works are convenient, piped lines be taken;
- (3) that we proceed to erect as many pumps as possible by our own plants and existing contractors;
- (4) that the County Medical Officer be requested to give priority to schools and condemned wells or where an epidemic breaks out."

**8646—Extension of Existing Piped Water Supply Schemes**: Schedules which had already been circulated to the members were submitted showing:—

- (a) the new piped water supply schemes which are in the hands of Consulting Engineers;
- (b) the new schemes which are required but which are not yet referred to Consultants, and
- (c) the existing piped water supply schemes to which extensions are sought.

The County Manager referred to the large programme of works already in the hands of the Consulting Engineers and suggested that they be allowed to clear up the programme which is on hands before undertaking further schemes.

Chr. Higgins proposed and Chr. O'Toole seconded that the improvement and extension of Moycullen Water Supply Scheme be proceeded with.

The Chairman stated that he could not accept Chr. Higgins' motion as he considered that it was not in accordance with the spirit of the meeting and that it should be left to the County Medical Officer to recommend schemes in order of urgency.

Chr. Ruane stated that there is no water in Athenry at present and asked that the improvement scheme be expedited and that a test be made for leakages.

Chr. Glynn proposed that Williamstown water supply be extended South—300 yds. from the town and West—400 yds. from the town.

Chr. Carty proposed that no new works be done other than those which have already been referred to Consultants.

Chr. Nestor proposed and Chr. Flaherty seconded that an extension of the Dunmore water main be made to Ballinlass where a pump is required and that this extension would also serve Killoneey where another pump is required and where a new school has been provided.

Chr. Wall requested that Creggs piped water supply be included in the second list of schemes (which have not yet been referred to the Consultants).

Chr. Sirr requested that a water supply be provided for Ballyhard, Glenamaddy where there is a large school.

In reply to Clr. Lahiffe, the County Manager explained the position in regard to extensions of the water supply in Gort Town. It was proposed by Clr. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved:

- (a) that the schemes, as set out in the lists, which have not yet been referred to Consultants be referred to them when the Consulting Engineers will be in a position to deal with such additional schemes;
- (b) that the County Manager would investigate the necessity for the extensions sought at Moycullen, Williamstown and Ballinlass, Dunmore, and would report to the Council on these matters in due course;
- (c) that the list of extensions to existing water supplies be referred back to the County Engineer and the County Medical Officer for particulars of the houses to be served and the necessity for these extensions.

**8647—Storm Damage:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Higgins and Resolved: "that a report be obtained from the County Engineer on the damage to the Council's property by the storm on the night of the 26th-27th December, 1951, and that when full particulars and an estimate of the cost of repairing the damage will be available, application be made to the Minister for Local Government for a special grant towards the cost of repairing this damage."

Deputy Mannion requested that the storm damage to the approach road to Ballyconneely Burial Ground be repaired immediately as about 100 yds. of the road was destroyed and there is at present no access by land to the Burial Ground.

The County Engineer stated that the work of repairs would start in the coming week and the estimated cost of making good the damage was £800.

**8648—Labourers' Cottages—Spiddal & Clifden:** It was proposed by Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of land for erection of labourers cottages at Spiddal and Clifden entitled "The County Galway (Spiddal and Clifden) (Land for Labourers' Cottages) Compulsory Order, 1952," and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Order."

**8649—Housing Grants:** It was proposed by Clr. J. J. Nestor seconded by Clr. P. Collins and Resolved: "that our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Irish Assurance Company, Limited, Hammam Buildings, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, for the repayment of the sum of £50,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950."

**8650—County Medical Officer:** It was proposed by Clr. M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. J. Nestor and Resolved: "That in view of the Minister's favourable attitude and in view of the fact that a R.M.S. is being appointed at a salary from

£900 to £1,200 p.a. for discharging the work satisfactorily and efficiently discharged by Dr. C. McConn during his period of association with Woodlands Sanatorium, we propose that a consolidated sum equal to the amount voted annually by the County Council and included in the Estimates for each year from 1947 inclusive be now paid as an ex gratia payment and request the Minister's sanction to the payment of that amount." Consideration of the remainder of the Agenda for the ordinary meeting to be held on the 5th January, 1952, was adjourned until next meeting.

*Submitted & confirmed*

*Submitted approved & confirmed this 23rd day of February, 1952.*

*Maurice O'Connell, Chairman.*

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

Phone:  
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GALWAY 55.  
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21st January, 1952.

To: Each Member of the Council:  
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Estimate for Year Ending 31st March, 1953.  
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A Chara,  
You are requested to attend a meeting of the Committee to consider the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1953, which, by arrangement with the Chairman of the Council, will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 26th January, 1952, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

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Signed: L. O'Lunaigh.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 26/1/1952.

In the Chair: 1. Clr. M. Carty. 2. Clr. M. Quinn.

**Estimate of Expenses for the Year Ending 31st March, 1953:** The statement as circulated to the members was submitted showing estimate of expenditure and receipts for the year 1952/53, as follows:—

Account.	Expenditure.	Receipts.
Roads	465,570	
Public Assistance	346,210	202,464
Mental Hospital	257,458	149,240
Health	158,180	90,560
Sanitary	43,500	118,200
Housing	36,220	2,500
General Purposes	218,754	17,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,525,892</b>	<b>651,554</b>

In addition to estimated receipts and expenditure, as set out above, urban contributions were estimated to produce £95,754 and the net credit balance at 31st March, 1952, is estimated to be Nil.

The estimate, as prepared, provided for an increase of 60½d. in the general rate as compared with the year ending 31st March, 1952.

The County Manager stated that the increase in the estimate is attributable to several factors over which a Manager cannot exercise any control, e.g., increase in prices of commodities; increase in salaries and wages; additional staff required for the implementation of new services; the increased cost of Mental Hospital fuel supply and the high cost of maintaining County Galway patients in St. Patrick's Chest Hospital, Castlerea.

The Chairman proposed that the estimate be considered in detail in the order as set out in the statement furnished to the members.

**Roads.** Clr. Nestor suggested that a reduction be made in the amount provided for roads, even though the Council at a special meeting had already agreed on the amount of the estimate for this account—as it appeared to be the only account in which any reduction could possibly be made.

Clr. Galvin proposed that the Roads Estimate be increased by £10,000 to make provision for new works.

#### Clr. Quinn now took the Chair.

The Chairman stated that Clr. Galvin's proposal should have been put forward at the Special Road Works meeting. He requested that the Council would devote its attention to reducing the increase of 5/0<sup>d</sup>. rather than to adding to that increase.

Deputy Cawley requested that attention be given to the Laurecetown-Kylemore road and that application be made to Bord na Mona for a special grant for repair of this road.

Clr. Carty asked if the expenditure could be reduced by having Coras Iompair Eireann convey tar for the Council's requirements by rail and having that tar stored in large tanks. The County Engineer agreed that if this were feasible it would reduce expenditure.

Clr. Sirr stated he considered that the Road Works Estimate, as submitted, should not be reduced.

Clr. O'Dowd drew attention to the dangerous condition of the Canal bridge of the Kylemore-Laurecetown road.

Clr. Higgins proposed and Clr. O'Dowd seconded that a reduction be not made in the Road Works Estimate as having regard to rising costs, such a reduction is not feasible.

Clr. Collins stated that more work could be done for the amount of money allocated for roads.

Clr. King stated that the Committee should adhere to the decision of the Special Road Works meeting in regard to the estimate for road works; that the estimate does not make any provision for an increase in road workers' wages; that he would support an increase in road workers' wages if a fair return were given for the wage paid to road workers.

Deputy Killilea stated that if road workers are not giving a fair return for their wages, their inefficiency is due to laxity on the part of the Engineering staff.

Clr. Nestor asked if the Council would maintain a short piece of road leading to Tuam G.A.A. Stadium which was improved recently at the expense of the G.A.A.

Deputy Mannion asked if the County Engineer is satisfied with the condition of the Galway-Clifden road as he, Deputy Mannion, considers that the amount provided for improvement and maintenance of this road is not sufficient.

The County Manager pointed out that the estimate, as submitted, does not provide for any increase in road workers wages and asked the Committee to decide definitely if it is recommended that the Council should adhere to the present rate of wages for road workers. It was decided not to make any recommendation to the Council in regard to this point.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Cawley and Resolved: "that the Committee approve the Road Works Estimate, as submitted, providing for expenditure £465,570 and Receipts £202,464."

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**Public Assistance.** Clr. Nestor proposed, Clr. Collins seconded and it was Resolved: "that the Council approve the Estimate for Public Assistance, as submitted, providing for expenditure £346,210 and Receipts £149,240."

Clr. King stated that the time is now opportune to review the arrangements in regard to the Health Service Grant in view of unforeseen increases—not in the services—but in their costs.

It was noted that in the year ending 31st March, 1953, the net expenditure for Health Services would exceed twice that expenditure for the standard year and that, therefore, the full grant would not be forthcoming in future.

**Mental Hospital.** Clr. Galvin recommended that fuel supplies for the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital be obtained from private producers for the coming Season at a price to be fixed early in the year.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea seconded by Clr. Ruane and Resolved: "that the Committee approve the Estimate, as submitted, for the Mental Hospital providing for expenditure of £257,458 and receipts £90,560."

**Health, Sanitary, Housing & General Purposes.** It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Ruane and Resolved: "that the Committee hereby approve the Estimate, as submitted, for Health, Sanitary, Housing and General Purposes, viz:—

Account.	Expenditure.	Receipts.
Health	158,180	118,200
Sanitary	43,500	2,500
Housing	36,220	17,060
General Purposes	218,754	71,530

It was proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Kitt and Resolved: "that the Committee recommend that application be made to the Department concerned for grant of 50% of the net expenditure on provision of School Meals with a request that all commodities under the School Meals (Gaeltacht) Scheme be supplied at ration prices.

Deputy Killilea proposed that the mileage rate for members' travelling allowance be reduced by 50%. This proposal was not seconded.

The County Manager thanked the Committee, the County Engineer, the Secretary and the Accountant especially the Accountant who was principally concerned with the onerous duty of preparing the Estimate.

**National Ploughing Championship.** Clr. Ruane said that as Chairman of the National Ploughing Association, he asked the

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co-operation of the Council and of the Council's officials in making the ploughing match at Athenry on the 7th February, 1952, a success, and he requested that the Council's workers and office staff be allowed off duty at 12 noon on that day. This request was supported by Deputy Cawley and Clr. Higgins. Clr. King recommended that the facility, if granted, be restricted to a twenty-mile radius of Athenry. The County Manager stated it could be arranged to give the half day on Thursday instead of on Saturday if all the staff agreed.

André Seffroy. Mhóir an Cathairleáid, M. Ó Cúinn, an rún seo leanas:—

"Sur impionn an Coisde seo de Comairle Comhdae na Gaillime go n-omósad ar thacarán na Fraince, André Seffroy, Náisiúntac Briotanac acá dáoraithe cún báis a léisint saor."

"Do curas an Comairleór Ó n-úisín leis an rún agus do fliac Coisde na Comairle leis dáon gur."

*Edward H.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed this  
23rd day of February, 1952.*

*Markus O'Curran. Chairman*

#### GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

15th February, 1952.

Phone:  
GALWAY 55.

To: Each Member of the Council:

Galway County Council - Annual Estimates Meeting.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1952, at 12.30 p.m. when the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1953, will be considered.

The Council will be required to adopt, with or without amendment, the Estimates of Rates for County Charges, Separate Charges, and Town Charges, and to make the statutory demands on the Borough Council of Galway and on the Urban District Council of Ballinasloe.

A copy of the Estimate of Expenses is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Luanagh.

RUNAI.

COMHAI RLE CONNDAE NA SAILLI ME.

Suáán:  
Saillímh 55.

Oifis an Rúnáid,   
Na Foirgníste Conndae,   
Saillímh.   
15<sup>th</sup> Feabhra, 1952.

A CARA,

TARRCAR ORT leis seo beic 7 lácair ag Cruinníú de   
Comhairle Conndae na Saillímh a tionsólfaidh i Seomra na Comhairle ins   
na Foirgníste Conndae Oia Saicáirín, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feabhra, 1952, nuair a   
beas beire leis an gcruinníú Meastacáin.

Mise, le meas,   
L. O Luadháin.   
Rúnái.

Cuig saé dáill be'n Comhairle:

3<sup>no</sup>.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Sale of Derelict Site No. 69, Tullinadaly Road, Tuam.
3. Provision of a new Dispensary at Clifden.
4. Provision of a Swimming Pool at Loughrea.
5. Letter 11/12/51 from Galway Vocational Education Committee in regard to attendance of County Health District students at Galway Technical School.
6. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. M. Mylotte: "That John Mylotte, Carna, and John Greene (Jas.), Mynish, Carna, be put on Roundstone No. 2, O.A.P. Committee in place of Rev. Fr. Corcoran, P.P. and John F. Cooke who were both nominees of mine and who have since informed me that they would not attend and have not attended since they were put on."
  - (b) Clr. P.F. Galvin: (1) "If facilities are available at Portiuncula Nursing Home, Ballinasloe, for the treatment and care of non-paying patients".  
(2) "If such treatment included the services of Doctors free beds and X-ray."  
(3) "If so does the Co. Council pay for such services."  
(4) "Total amount of such payments (if any) made during the year ending 31/3/51 or since 1/4/51"
  - (c) Clr. M. Wall: "I hereby give notice that I, or another Councillor in my stead, shall propose at the next meeting of this Council a Motion that this Council has no proper function, competency or obligation to effect or cause to be effected the execution of the bequest of the deceased Michael Quinn of Ballygar relevant to the improvement and embellishment of the Council's Cemetery at Killyan."
  - (d) Clr. S. Glynn: (1) "I or someone on my behalf will move at next meeting of County Council that this Council will borrow the sum of £100,000 or whatever sum the Council decide to borrow for the purpose of Section 7 of the Housing Act, 1950."  
(2) "That I will move that the Williamstown Waterworks be extended South 300 yards and West 400 yards."
  - (e) Clr. J. O'Dowd: "I will move at next meeting to have road from Laurencetown to Eyrecourt steamrolled:  
(2) "to have road raised at Booreen Kile in two places to relieve flooding."  
(3) "to have at least 7 cottages built at Laurencetown."

- (f) Clr. L. O'Toole: (1) "R.D. Clifden E.D. Selerna - Repair road branching north from Cleggan Maan road to sea at Rossadillish (to families and general public.) 1 mile approx. cost £400 Co. Council Road.  
(2) "R.D. Clifden E.D. Renvyle - Surface dress and tar street of Tully Village. Push back wall to widen street (village is all on one side 7 shops (2 pubs. and dispensary) approx. cost £300.  
(3) "R.D. Clifden E.D. Cleggan - Open the drain which has filled in from Cleggan Dock through Townlands of Knockbrack and Mourneen to Selerna Beach and Branch to Bridge at Attycuddan - 14 tenants - Agri. Land - £100.  
(4) "R.D. Clifden E.D. Cushkillery - Surface road from Monkeyhill through Rossroe fill in hollows opposite houses; blast drain to stop flooding - 400 yds. - £150 approx. Co. Council Road."  
(5) "R.D. Clifden E.D. Ballinakill - surface road from RJ on Clifden-Letterfrack Main Road to Bonogue graveyard - 500 yds. £200 approx. - County Council Road."  
(6) "R.D. Clifden E.D. Pallinakill - Trunk and fill hollows on main road from RJ at Ballinakill Chapel towards Moyard Bridge - £600 yds. of the worst of it) - £600."  
(7) "R.D. Clifden E.D. - Renvyle - widen road to Co. Council pound at Letterfrack - 200 yds. - £150."
- (g) Deputy M. Killilea: "That after the adoption of the Estimates for the year 1952/53 no account will any notice of motion be accepted during the financial year which would in any way tend towards any increase in the Rates."
- (h) Clr. J. O'Dowd: "Please note that at next meeting of Co. Council I will ask the Co. Manager what the position is regarding the erection of Labourers' Cottages at Laurencetown and Eyrecourt."
- (i) Clr. P. Sirr: (1) "I will move at next meeting of Co. Council that corner at Creggs known as Keefscorner be made safe for Public Traffic."  
(2) "Also that Corner at Ballaghmurray Cross leading from Glinisk-Ballymoe Co. Road to Ballymoe-Williamstown main road be widened and made safe for traffic."  
(3) "Also that footpaths at Creggs and Ballymoe be completed."  
(4) "Widening road Gortnadieve to Frisseyland."  
(5) "Taking over Kilmacrickard Road."
7. Letter 28/11/51 from the Irish Tourist Association regarding the Shops (Hours of Trading on Weekdays) Order, 1947.
8. Minutes of meeting of the County Councils' General Council 9/8/51.
9. Polling Stating at Crumlin School - letter from Mr. J. Kavanagh, Turloughmore, Sub-executive, Clann na Talmhan.
10. Filling of two vacancies on the County Galway Committee of Agriculture.
11. Revision of Rate Collection Districts:-  
(a) Nos. 15, 17 and 25  
(b) Nos. 9 and 10.
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13. Sale of Plot of Land and buildings at former Waterworks Pumping Station, Loughrea.
14. Raising of Loan for purchase of one Dual-purpose Fire-fighting Appliance.
15. Authorization of excess expenditure in the year ending 31/3/1952.
16. Provision of new dispensaries:-  
(a) Killoonly and Dummore  
(b) Williamstown.

17. Estimated cost of providing Water Supply Schemes for Kilkerrin and Moylough.
18. Midwifery Services in Glenamaddy & Williamstown Dispensary Districts - Letter 23/1/52 from Department of Health adhering to Minister's previous decision not to replace Nurse Coyne.
19. Issue of Cinema Licence to Mr. Fred McCormick for travelling cinema.
20. University Scholarships - Letter 10/1/52 from Department of Education re Mr. M. J. Connaughton, Longford, Mountbellew.
21. Proposal to appoint an Inspector for boarded-out and nursed-out children.
22. Proposal to appoint a Forester.
23. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

(a) Clr. L. O'Toole: "Please note that I intend to ask the County Manager why the usual amount of public assistance footwear vouchers have not been issued this year, and if it is still the intention to issue them at this late date, to explain the undue delay in doing so."

(b) Clr. M. Nicholson: "I will move at the next meeting of County Council to have the road leading to the cemetery at Abbart, Ballyglunin, known as the Moore repaired."

(c) Clr. V.P. Shields: "Take Notice that at the next meeting of the Galway County Council, I, or some person on my behalf, will move the following notice of Motion "that a Public Abattoir be erected in Loughrea."

(d) Clr. J. Geoghegan: "Take notice that at next meeting of County Council - if the Co. Council decide that there are two vacancies for members on the Roundstone No.2. O.A.P. Sub-Committee - I will propose that Coleman Geary (Val), Letterdeskard, Carna, and Patrick Connolly, Dooyeher, Carna, be appointed to fill those vacancies."

(e) Clr. M. Ua h-Uigin: "That the Council request the County Manager to take a sufficient number of E.D's from Rate Collection area No.9, and add to Rate Collection area No.10. so that the total warrant in area No.10. would be such as to provide for a remuneration of £250 annually or thereabouts to the collector of area No.10."

(f) Clr. J. Flaherty: (1) "That I will ask the Co. Sec. at next meeting the total amount of salaries paid to Rate Collectors in the County in the financial year 1950/51."

(ii) "To state if retired rate collectors' pensions are paid out of Council revenue."

(iii) "That I will ask that provision be made in the estimates for the provision of public sanitary accommodation in the town of Dummore."

(g) Clr. M. Kitt: (1) "I will move at the next meeting of Galway County Council that in view of the fact that poundage emoluments, etc., of Rate Collection District No.25. (Mountbellew) are over £800 per annum that the Council agree to divide the collection district in two when making new appointments."

(2) "I will move at the next meeting of Galway County Council that proper steps be taken immediately by the Council to acquire as a public well (provide protection right of way etc.) the well known as the Cloon well on the Potter Estate Castleblakeney now in the hands of the Land Commission, before the Estate is divided, as this is the only pure source of water supply in the locality."

(h) Clr. J. Flaherty: "That I move at next meeting that a sign board be erected at the Square, Dummore."

(i) Clr. L. O'Toole: (1) "In view of the increased accommodation in the Clifden Hospital would it not be considered essential that a second doctor be appointed to deal with the maternity cases alone. Considering the importance of the question the saving of the remuneration of such a doctor would only be false economy. In view of the responsibility which may fall on the Local Authority in the event of say an anaesthetic accident it is the duty of the Council to provide sufficient staff to comply with its legal obligations and I hereby demand that the Minister be approached to sanction this appointment. I believe that such an appointment would increase the efficiency of the Clifden District Hospital and at the same time lessen the strain on the Maternity Department of the Central Hospital."

Please note that I will propose the building of three slips for landing of small boats as follows:-  
 (2) at Pat Faherty's house, Mullaghglass;  
 (3) near Renvyle Hotel  
 (4) at Crump Island."

24. Letter 14/1/52 from County Councils' General Council re
  - (a) Rating System
  - (b) Health Inspectors

25. Olympic Council of Ireland - Letter 15/1/52 requesting financial support.

26. Letter 14/1/52 from the Mayor of Limerick regarding electricity charges.

27. Auditor's reports and statements of accounts for year ended 31/3/1951:-

Galway County Committee of Agriculture  
 Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees  
 Loughs Corrib, Mask & Carra Joint Drainage Committee.

28. Resolutions.

29. Other Business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ESTIMATES MEETING  
 OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON  
 SATURDAY, the 23rd FEBRUARY, 1952.

In the Chair: 1. Clr. M. Carty.  
 2. Clr. M. Quinn.

Also Present: Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirm, and M. Wall.

8651—Estimate of Expenses for Year ending 31st March, 1953: The County Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1953, was submitted together with Minutes of meeting of the Estimates Committee held on 26th January, 1952.

The County Manager stated that notification had been received from the Department of Local Government that the Special Main Road Improvement Grant would be £84,100 for the year 1952/53 as compared with £45,900 for the current year; and that the Special County Road Improvement Grant would be £81,000 for the year 1952/53 as compared with £69,500 for the current year.

The County Manager stated further that applications are being received for increase of 3/- in the daily rate of charge for extern hospitals and for Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe; that provision for this increase had not been made in the Estimate submitted but that if the increase is approved by the Minister for Health, the Council will have no alternative to paying it.

In reply to Clr. Sirm, the County Manager stated that the increase in the amount of the Road Improvement Grants would not enable the Council to allow an increase in the rate of wages for road workers.

Clr. Sirm proposed that road workers' wages be increased to £4 a week for labourers with a corresponding increase for other grades.

Clr. Quinn now took the Chair.

The County Manager stated that unless additional money were provided by the Council it would not be possible to grant any increase in road workers' wages.

Clr. Carty stated that men were being employed on roads who were not dependent on such employment; that the number of road workers employed had increased by twenty-five to thirty per cent. during the past few years; that if

the number of men employed was reduced to the normal figure it would be possible to grant an increase within the estimate as submitted.

Clr. Carty seconded Clr. Sirr's proposal provided that the workers recruited would be genuine labourers.

The Chairman stated that he considered such proposals were not appropriate as the estimate had already been considered fully by the Estimates Committee composed of the entire Council. He recommended the Estimate as submitted be adopted.

Clr. O'Dowd proposed that the road workers' wages be not increased but that they be given steady employment throughout the year.

Clr. Galvin proposed that the estimate, as submitted, be adopted with the suggestion that something be done to increase road workers' wages.

Deputy Mannion proposed that no change be made in the estimate as submitted.

Clr. Carty proposed that the number of road workers employed be reduced by twenty-five per cent.

Clr. King proposed, Clr. Collins seconded and it was Resolved: "that the Estimate of Expenses, as set forth in Table A, B, C, D and E be adopted and that the rates set forth in Tables C, D and E be the rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1953."

It was proposed by Clr. King seconded by Clr. Collins and Resolved: "that the Demands on the Galway Borough Council and on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council be signed by the Chairman and Secretary and sealed with the Seal of the Council."

*Submitted approved & confirmed this  
3rd day of May 1952  
Maurice O'Connell Chairman*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE CON-  
CLUSION OF THE ESTIMATES MEETING ON 23rd  
FEBRUARY, 1952.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Quinn.

Also Present: Clr. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr, and M. Wall.

8652—Minutes: The Minutes of the Council to No. 8650 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

8653—Estimates: Deputy Killilea proposed "that after the adoption of the Estimates for the year 1952/53 on no account will any Notice of Motion be accepted during the financial year which would in any way tend towards any increase in expenditure, except for items relating to exceptional circumstances over which the Council has no control." This proposal was seconded by Clr. Cunningham. As an amendment Clr. Carty proposed and Deputy Mannion seconded a direct negative to Deputy Killilea's proposal. A vote taken on Clr. Carty's amendment resulted as follows:

For: Clrs. Carty, Cawley, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Higgins, O'Toole, Mannion, Mylotte, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Shields, and Sirr ..... 12.

Against: Clrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Collins, Cunningham, Furey, Galvin, Glynn, Houlihan, Killilea, Kitt, Nestor, Quinn, Ruane, and Wall ..... 14.

Clrs. King and Lahiff did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote taken on Deputy Killilea's proposal resulted as follows:

For: Clrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Collins, Cunningham, Furey, Galvin, Glynn, Houlihan, Killilea, Kitt, Nestor, Quinn, Ruane, and Wall ..... 14.

Against: Clrs. Carty, Cawley, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Higgins, O'Toole, Mannion, Shields, Mylotte, Nicholson, O'Donnell, and Sirr ..... 12.

The Chairman declared Deputy Killilea's proposal carried.

Clr. Carty now took the Chair.

8654—Sale of Derelict Site No. 69.—Tuam: Notice 1/12/51 as circulated to the members of the Council was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. Glynn seconded by Clr. Higgins and Resolved: "That the Council approve the sale

to Mr. Michael Healy of Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, of a plot of land situate at Tullinadaly Road in the town of Tuam in the Parish of Tuam and in the Barony of Dunmore, County Galway, containing 7½ sq. perches or thereabouts Statute measure known as Derelict Site No. 69, for £1 refund of compensation plus £3/13/0 in respect of costs already incurred by the Council; the purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of conveyance of this plot to him and shall give an undertaking that he will clean up the plot to the Council's satisfaction and will fence it properly within a period of one month from the date of conveyance of the plot to him.

8655—Clifden New Dispensary: Correspondence relating to the proposal to provide a new dispensary on the grounds of Clifden Hospital was submitted. On the proposition of Deputy Mannion seconded by Clr. Glynn, the Council unanimously approved the proposal.

8656—Loughrea Swimming Pool: Correspondence relating to this matter was submitted. The Secretary stated that the estimated cost as given a year ago is £3,300 and that a local committee is prepared to contribute £500 towards this work. On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the preparation of the estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1954.

8657—Galway Technical School: Letter 11/12/51 from the C.E.O. Town of Galway Vocational Education Committee was submitted requesting that the Council would make a contribution per head in respect of each of the students from outside the Galway Borough area who attend the Galway Technical School. The request was supported by Clr. Ashe and opposed by Clr. Quinn. On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to defer consideration of this application until the preparation of Estimate for year ending 31st March, 1954.

Clr. Quinn now took the Chair.

8658—Roundstone O.A.P. Sub-Committee: It was proposed by Clr. Mylotte seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved: "that to replace Rev. Fr. Corcoran, P.P. and Mr. J. F. Cooke who have not attended any meetings of above Committee, the following two new members be appointed on the Roundstone No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee: Mr. John Mylotte, Carna, Mr. Coleman Geary (Val.), Letterdeskard, Carna.

8659—Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe: The information requested by Clr. Galvin was supplied by the County Manager. Clr. Houlihan stated that the visiting hours at Portiuncula Hospital are most unsuitable to people coming from the country and he requested that it be arranged that visitors will be allowed on four days in each week and that some

publicity be given by the hospital authorities to the visiting hours.

8660—Kilyan Burial Ground—Bequest: Clr. Wall withdrew his Notice of Motion in regard to this matter.

8661—Housing Grants: It was proposed by Clr. Glynn seconded by Clr. Flaherty and Resolved: "that quotations be obtained for a further loan of £50,000 for issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950."

Clr. Shields suggested that the Council should call on the Government to give effect to the necessary legislation to require the Central Bank to lend money to local authorities at a low rate of interest.

8662—Williamstown Water Supply Extension: Consideration of Clr. Glynn's notice of motion was adjourned for consideration along with all other water supply extensions which have been proposed.

8663—Road Works, Etc.—In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that he would consider the inclusion of this item in the Road Works Scheme for the coming year.

The Chairman directed that Clr. O'Dowd's notice of motion regarding the raising of the road at Booreen, Kyle, should be submitted as a proposal under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

The information requested in regard to cottages to be built in the Laurencetown—Eyrecourt area requested by Clr. O'Dowd was supplied by the Secretary.

Clr. O'Toole stated that in view of the adoption of Deputy Killilea's proposal relating to Estimates, he, Clr. O'Toole, wished to withdraw his Notice of Motion Nos. F.1 to F.7 inclusive.

In reply to Clr. Sirr's notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that provision had been made by him in his estimate for items Nos. 1 (i) to 1 (iv) inclusive; Clr. Sirr stated that having regard to the adoption of the proposal re Estimate, he was withdrawing his notice of motion re Killmacrickard Road.

8664—Shops (Hours of Trading on Week Days) Order, 1947: Letter 28/11/51 from the Irish Tourist Association was submitted. No suggestion was made by the Council.

8665—County Council's General Council: Minutes of meeting of the County Council's General Council held on 9/8/51 were submitted. It was ordered that a copy of the Minutes of the General Council be supplied to each member of the County Council.

8666—Polling Scheme: Consideration of letter 11/12/51 from Mr. J. Kavanagh, Turloughmore, was adjourned until such time as general revision of the Polling Scheme would be considered.

8667—County Committee of Agriculture : Consideration of the filling of two vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture was adjourned.

8668—Revision of Rate Collection Districts : The County Manager's proposal in regard to the revision of the areas of districts Nos. 15, 17 and 25 was submitted. It was proposed by Deputy Killilea seconded by Clr. Kitt and Resolved : "that consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime particulars of the proposal be circulated to each member of the Council."

The County Manager's proposal in regard to the revision of the areas of rate collection districts Nos. 9 and 10 was submitted. On the proposition of Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. Ashe, the proposed revision was approved.

8669—Sale of Portumna Fairgreen : Notice 7/1/52 as circulated to each member of the Council was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. Houlihan seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved : "that the Council approve the sale of the existing Fairgreen at Portumna Town—area: 2 acres 1 rood 7 perches to the Catholic Church Authorities for the following consideration, viz :—

The Catholic Church Authorities :—

- (1) shall arrange that a site for an alternative Fairgreen, area 2.55 acres at Barrack Road, Portumna, shall be made available to the Council by the Department of Lands ;
- (2) shall refund to the County Council purchase price and costs of conveyance of this site at Barrack Road to the Council ;
- (3) shall erect to the satisfaction of the County Engineer a boundry wall enclosing the new site and shall clear the site of trees and make it ready for surfacing ;
- (4) shall allow the existing Fairgreen to be used as such until the new Fairgreen at Barrack Road will be ready for use."

8670—Sympathy : Vote of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following :— Mr. Tadhg O'Seaghda, Rossaveel, on the death of his brother-in-law ; Mrs. O'Toole, Costello, on the death of her husband ; Mrs. Ml. McDonogh, Clynagh, Carraroe, on the death of her mother ; Clr. Thos. King, on the death of his aunt ; Mrs. P. Concannon, Henry Street, Galway, on the death of her husband ; Mr. Jack Whelan, Killimor, on the death of his mother ; Mrs. P. Lydon, Eyre Street, Galway on the death of her husband.

8671—Adjournment : Consideration of items Nos. 13 to 28, inclusive, excluding 23 (d) was adjourned until next meeting.

*Submitted  
S.H.*

*Submitted, approved & confirmed this  
3rd day of May 1952.  
Mairín O'Curran Chairman.*

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Súclán:  
SAI 1117 55.  
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OIFIS AN RÚNAOIBE,  
NA FOIRSENIÚCHE CONNBÁE,  
SAI 1117.  
6A8 MÁRTA, 1952.

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Mise, le meas,  
L. O'Curran,  
Rúnaí.

Cuiz gabó Ó. 1117 be'n Comhairle:

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TO CONSIDER:

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- 8. Estimated cost of providing Water Supply Schemes for Kilkerrin and Moylough.
- 9. Midwifery Services in Glenamaddy & Williamstown Dispensary Districts - Letter 23/1/52 from Department of Health adhering to Minister's previous decision not to replace Nurse Coyne.
- 10. Issue of Cinema Licence to Mr. Fred McCormick and Mr. Augustus McCormick for travelling cinemas.
- 11. University Scholarships - Letter 10/1/52 from Department of Education re Mr. Ml. J. Connaughton, Longford, Mountbellew.
- 12. Proposal to appoint an Inspector for boarded-out and nursed-out children.
- 13. Proposal to appoint a Forester.
- 14. Councillors' Notices of Motion:  
(a) Clr. L. O'Toole: "Please note that I intend to ask the County Manager why the usual amount of public assistance footwear vouchers have not been issued this year, and if it is still the intention to issue them at this late date, to explain the undue delay in doing so."  
(b) Clr. M. Nicholson: "I will move at the next meeting of County Council to have the road leading to the cemetery at Abbert, Ballyglunin, known as the Moore repaired."  
(c) Clr. V.P. Shields: "Take Notice that at the next meeting of the Galway County Council, I, or some person on my behalf, will move the following notice of motion "that a Public Abattoir be erected in Loughrea."  
(d) Clr. J. Flaherty: (1) "That I will ask the Co. Sec. at next meeting the total amount of salaries paid to Rate Collectors in the County in the financial year 1950/51."

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- (ii) "To state if retired rate collectors' pensions are paid out of Council revenue."
- (iii) "That I will ask that provision be made in the estimates for the provision of public sanitary accommodation in the town of Dunmore."
- (e) **Clr. M. Kitt:** "I will move at the next meeting of Galway County Council that proper steps be taken immediately by the Council to acquire as a public well (provide protection right of way etc.) the well known as the Cloon well on the Potter Estate Castleblakeney now in the hands of the Land Commission, before the Estate is divided, as this is the only pure source of water supply in the locality."
- (f) **Clr. J. Flaherty:** "That I move at next meeting that a sign board be erected at The Square, Dunmore."
- (g) **Clr. L. O'Toole:** (1) "In view of the increased accommodation in the Clifden Hospital would it not be considered essential that a second doctor be appointed to deal with the maternity cases alone. Considering the importance of the question the saving of the remuneration of such a doctor would only be false economy. In view of the responsibility which may fall on the Local Authority in the event of say an anaesthetic accident it is the duty of the Council to provide sufficient staff to comply with its legal obligations and I hereby demand that the Minister be approached to sanction this appointment. I believe that such an appointment would increase the efficiency of the Clifden District Hospital and at the same time lessen the strain on the Maternity Department of the Central Hospital."  
(2) Please note that I will propose the building of three slips for landing of small boats as follows:-

at Pat Faherty's house, Mullaghglass,  
near Renvyle Hotel;  
at Crump Island.

15. Letter 14/1/52 from County Councils' General Council re:  
(a) Rating System  
(b) Health Inspectors.
16. Olympic Council of Ireland - Letter 15/1/52 requesting financial support.
17. Letter 14/1/52 from the Mayor of Limerick regarding electricity charges.
18. Auditor's reports and statements of accounts for year ended 31/3/1951:-  
Galway County Committee of Agriculture  
Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees  
Loughs Corrib, Mask & Carra Joint Drainage Committee  
County Vocational Education Committee.
19. Extensions and improvements to existing Water Supply Schemes:-
- | Place                 | Estimated Cost | Place           | Estimated Cost | Place       | Estimated Cost |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Carraroe              | 2958           | Dunmore         | 870            | Athenry     | 1038           |
| Moycullen             | 390            | Tuam            | 700            | Mountbellew | 875            |
| Lettermore            | 2000           | Carna           | 20             | Gort        | 1547           |
| Tiernea               | 3788           | Letterfrack     | 1435           | Kinvara     | 940            |
| Lettermullen          | 30             | Tully (Renvyle) | 400            | Gortmore    | 5200           |
| Spiddal               | 3200           | Cleggan         | 500            | Derryrush   | 3130           |
| Knocknacarra (Galway) | 3340           | Claddaghduff    | 280            | Oughterard  | 10763          |
| Glenamaddy            | 2406           |                 |                | Headford    | 881            |
| Williamstown          | 700            |                 |                | Portumna    | 1055           |
20. Raising of Loans for Issue of Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.
21. Galway Fever Hospital Improvements.
22. Visiting Committee Minutes: Galway Central Hospital - 1/3/1952.

23. Appointment of representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
24. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
- (a) **Clr. V.P. Shields:** "That the County Manager examine the qualifications of all applicants for the position of Rate Collector and that only the names of properly qualified candidates be submitted to the Council for consideration."
- (b) Take Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall request the County Engineer to amplify his statement made at the meeting of the Council on the 23rd February, 1952, that he is not getting the same return from labour employed by the Council as before the last Emergency: I shall ask him to state specifically:  
(1) the areas in which there has been a falling off in the return, and  
(ii) the extent of such falling off."
25. Letter 25/2/52 from Roscommon County Council recommending that the cost of maintaining main roads should be defrayed in full by State Grant.
26. Letter 4/3/52 from Hon. Secretary, Macra na Feirme, requesting that the Council hear a delegation of young farmers to discuss the increase in rates.
27. Resolutions.
28. Other business.

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY 15th MARCH, 1952.**

**In the Chair:** 1. Clr. Martin Quinn. 2. Clr. Michael Carty.

**Also present:** Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, P. Cawley, P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. T. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, M. Killilea, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, J. Mannion, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, J. J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirm and M. Wall.

**8672—County Committee of Agriculture:** The Secretary submitted correspondence relating to the filling of two vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture. It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Kitt, and resolved that: "Rev. Br. Eugenius O.S.F., Agricultural College, Mountbellew be appointed to fill one vacancy on the County Galway Committee of Agriculture."

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Councillor Carty and resolved that: "Clr. John O'Dowd, Rooghan, Laurence-town, Ballinasloe, be appointed to fill the second vacancy on the County Galway Committee of Agriculture."

**8673—Rate Collection Districts, Numbers 15, 17, and 25:** The Secretary submitted letter 1/3/1952, which was circulated to each member of the Council giving particulars of the proposed revision of the areas of Rate Collection Districts Numbers 15, 17 and 25 and the proposal to fix a maximum poundage rate of 7d. for each of the three revised Districts. It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Clr. King and resolved that: "the Council approve the revision of the areas of Rate Collection Districts Numbers 15, 17 and 25 as proposed by the County Manager, but the Council recommends that the maximum rate of poundage for each of the three revised Districts be 8d."

**8674—Rate Collection District Number 4:** Deputy Mannion stated that when the office of Rate Collector for Number 4 District was being filled consequent on the death of Mr. James J. Lee, a drastic reduction was made in the poundage rate and he requested that consideration of the revision of the poundage rate for this District be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

**8675—Sale of Plot of Land etc. at Loughrea Pumping Station:** Notice dated 25th January, 1952 which was circulated to each member of the Council was submitted. It

was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Houlihan and resolved that: "the Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land in the town of Loughrea, area 9 perches and 28 square yards or thereabouts, statute measure, to Mr. William McDonnell, Building Contractor, Moore Street, Loughrea for £75 plus costs of conveyance of the plot to the purchaser."

**8676—Loan for Dual Purpose Fire Appliance:** It was proposed by Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Galvin and resolved that: "the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £5,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government for purchase of a Dual Purpose Fire Fighting Appliance for the Galway County Fire Service; the Loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**8677—Excess Expenditure:** On the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council approved the following excesses in actual expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1952, over the amounts authorized, viz.,

<b>Public Assistance Account:</b>		
District Institutions	.....	£34,000
Home Assistance	.....	£3,500
		£37,500
<b>General Purposes:</b>		
Libraries	.....	£3,000
Scholarships	.....	£300
		£3,300
		£40,800

It was noted that the estimated savings on other items would amount to £43,130.

**8678—New Dispensaries:** Deputy Killilea proposed, Clr. Glynn seconded and it was resolved that: "the Council hereby approve the provision of new Dispensaries at Kilconly and Williamstown and consider that the proposal for a new Dispensary at Dunmore should be adjourned, as the existing building appears to be adequate. Clr. Collins stated that the buildings being provided for use as dispensaries are much too elaborate for the purpose and that a more simple and less costly type of building should be sufficient."

**8679—Water Supply Schemes for Kilkerrin and Moylough**

The Secretary gave particulars of the estimated cost of providing piped water supply schemes for Kilkerrin and Moylough, viz.,

Kilkerrin	.....	£11,350
Moylough	.....	£10,260

or a combined scheme for both Kilkerrin and Moylough, which would also serve houses in the area between these two towns, the cost of which would be £25,137. Clr. Cunningham requested that the Council would proceed with these schemes, as the need for a proper water supply is acute, especially in Kilkerrin.

After a discussion, it was decided that the proposals be adjourned so that the Consulting Engineer may be requested to consider whether the schemes could be amended so as to reduce the estimated costs considerably.

**8680—Midwifery Services—Glennamaddy and Williamstown:** Letter of 23/1/52 (A 11/245) from the Department of Health was submitted, stating that the Minister for Health is not prepared to alter his previous decision to the effect that Nurse Coyne who acted as Midwife in part of Glennamaddy and Williamstown districts should not be replaced and that her work should be carried out by Nurse Greene and Nurse Cloonan without extra remuneration.

The Council noted the contents of this letter.

**8681—Cinema Licence:** On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Lahiffe, the Council approved the issue of a Cinema Licence to Mr. Fred McCormick, for his travelling cinema.

**8682—University Scholarships:** Letter 10/1/52 (M.1960) from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) was submitted, stating that the Department would not renew the State Scholarship for Mr. M. J. Connaughton, Longford, Mountbellew. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved that: "If the student requires only one further year to complete his University course, the Council approve granting a scholarship of £120 to him for the coming year, subject to compliance with the usual conditions of the Scholarship Scheme."

**8683—Inspector for Boarded-Out and Nursed-Out Children:** Correspondence in connection with the proposal to appoint an Inspector for boarded-out and nursed-out children in County Galway was submitted, giving particulars of the salary scale—£340 x £10 to £400 per annum (inclusive

of temporary bonus) together with travelling expenses. It was proposed by Clr. Nestor, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved that: "the Council do not approve the proposal to appoint an Inspector for Boarded-out and Nursed-out children and consider that the necessary duties could be carried out adequately by the Superintendent Assistance Officer and the Assistance Officers."

**8684—Forester:** Letter 12/2/52 from the Secretary County Galway Committee of Agriculture was submitted stating that as there is no suitable area of land available for a nursery, the Committee is of the opinion that the proposal to appoint a Forester is premature.

On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Collins, it was decided to adjourn the consideration of the appointment of a Forester.

**8685—Footwear Scheme:** In reply to Clr. O'Toole's notice of motion, the Secretary stated that the Grant for provision of footwear which was £928 for the year 1950/1 was reduced to £882 for the year 1951/2. The price of footwear had increased by 25% in the current year as compared with last year and consequently while 2280 pairs of footwear were issued in 1950/1951 it was possible to issue only 1816 pairs in the current year; that the issue of vouchers for footwear commences within a short period after the receipt by the Council of the notification of the continuation of the scheme in each year. On the recommendation of Clr. O'Toole and Clr. Galvin, the Council directed that the Minister be requested to issue the notification earlier in each year, so that the issue of footwear may be made available to the children concerned earlier in the winter.

It was proposed by Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Galvin and unanimously resolved that: "the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to increase by at least 100% the amount of the Grant for provision of footwear for necessitous children under the Council's footwear scheme."

Councillor Carty now took the Chair.

**8686—Abbott Burial Ground Road:** The County Engineer's letter 23/3/1952 was submitted, giving particulars of the cost of complying with Clr. Nicholson's notice of motion. The County Engineer pointed out that this cost is fairly considerable, but he agreed that he would carry out some repairs to the road, which would result in an improvement of conditions.

Deputy Killilea requested that road to Cummer Burial Ground receive attention.

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**8687—Loughrea Abattoir:** Clr. Shields stated that in former times there was a public abattoir in Loughrea but at the time that the holdings in the town were purchased from the Harewood Estate, the abattoir was sold to an individual and the other butchers now have no place to kill animals. Mr. Shields requested that the Council would examine the proposal to provide a public abattoir in Loughrea, and stated that the local butchers would contribute towards the cost of this work.

It was decided that a report on the proposal be obtained from the Veterinary Inspectors and other officials concerned.

**8688—Rate Collector's Remuneration:** In reply to Clr. Flaherty's notice of motion, the Secretary gave particulars of the remuneration of Rate Collectors in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1951, viz.,

Poundage	.....	£12,823	0	9
Franchise Fees	.....	£925	17	4
Jurors' Fees	.....	£31	10	0
Agricultural Grant Fees	.....	£55	5	0
		£13,835	13	1

**8689—Dunmore Public Lavatory:** In reply to Clr. Flaherty's notice of motion, the Secretary stated that provision for a new lavatory in Dunmore was made in the Council's estimate for the coming year.

**8690—Cloon Well:** It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved that: "the well known as Cloon Well on the Potter Estate, Castleblakeney, be taken over by the Council from the Irish Land Commission and that the Well, when taken over, be adequately protected from contamination."

**8691—Road Signs at Dunmore:** In reply to Clr. Flaherty's notice of motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that he is arranging for provision of the necessary signs at the Square, Dunmore.

**8692—Clifden District Hospital:** In reply to Clr. O'Toole's notice of motion, the Secretary stated that the Medical Officer for Clifden Dispensary District has also been appointed as Medical Officer for the Clifden District Hospital and that the appointment of an additional Medical Officer for the District Hospital would be an encroachment on his rights; that the provision of the extension to the Hospital is not

expected to result in an increase in the number of maternity cases, as these were in fact being accommodated with difficulty in the original hospital; that if at any time it is necessary to obtain a second Medical Officer for administration of anaesthetics, the regulations empower the Medical Officer of the Hospital to call in a second Medical Practitioner for this purpose.

No action was taken on Clr. O'Toole's notice of motion.

**8693—Landing Slips at Mullaghglass etc.:** Clr. O'Toole requested that slips for the landing of small boats be provided as follows:

- At Pat Flaherty's house, Mullaghglass;
- Near Rinvyle Hotel;
- At Crump Island.

Clr. O'Toole stated that he understands that a Grant towards the cost of these works would be made available by the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch). It was decided that the matter be taken up with the Department of Agriculture.

**8694—County Councils' General Council:** Letter 14/1/52 from the General Council was submitted requesting the views of the Council on motions in regard to the rating system and the appointment of Health Inspectors. It was decided that a copy of the letter be circulated to each member and that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**8695—Olympic Council:** Letter 15/1/52 from the Hon. Secretray of the Olympic Council of Ireland was submitted, requesting that a subscription be made by the Council to their funds, together with letter 14/2/52 from the Department of Local Government, stating that the Minister has no power to sanction the making of such payment; in view of the contents of the letter from the Department of Local Government, no action was taken.

**8696—Electricity Charges:** Letter 14/1/52 from the Mayor of Limerick was submitted in regard to the charges made by the E.S.B. for electricity. It was ordered that copies of this letter be circulated to the members for consideration.

**8697—Porter at Woodlands Sanatorium:** Deputy Killilea recommended that the age limit for temporary porters about to be appointed at Woodlands Sanatorium be increased to 55 years.

**8698—Auditor's Reports:** Auditor's Reports and Statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1951 were submitted and noted, viz.,

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Galway County Committee of Agriculture;  
Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees;  
Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee;  
County Vocational Education Committee.

**8699—Extension and improvements to existing Water Supply Schemes:** The Secretary gave particulars of the recommendation of the County Engineer and the County Medical Officer in regard to the extension and improvement of certain existing water supply schemes. It was decided that a summary of the recommendations be circulated to each member of the Council and that consideration of the carrying out of these works be adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

**8700—Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950:** Letter received in response to the Council's invitation for tenders for a Loan of £50,000 for the issue of Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, were submitted and it was noted that the only quotation received was that from the National Bank Limited, which was for a loan of £50,000 repayable over a period of not more than twenty years with interest at  $\frac{1}{2}$ % under the Irish Banks Rate varying—minimum 4%—and stating that if the Council require a fixed rate of 5% for the Loan, the matter should be referred to the Bank Directors again. It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. O'Dowd and resolved that: "The Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the National Bank Limited for the issue of Grants by the Council under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950; the Loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of fifteen years, with interest at the rate of 5%.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved: "The Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £30,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to enable the Council to issue Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to persons who would be eligible for housing by the Galway County Council; the Loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the Loan to the Council.

**8701—Galway Fever Hospital:** Correspondence in connection with the proposed improvement of the Galway Fever Hospital was submitted, including the Architect's Estimate of the cost of the work, viz., £28,000 for which a Grant will not be made available from Hospitals' Trust Funds. The Secretary pointed out that this matter had been brought before the Council previously, when it was directed that

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consideration be adjourned until the proposal would be investigated by the Visiting Committee to the Hospital; that the matter was considered by the Visiting Committee together with the County Manager and that the Visiting Committee had recommended the carrying out of the work. After a discussion, it was, on the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt, decided to adjourn consideration of this proposal until the next meeting.

**8702—Minutes of Meetings of Visiting Committees:** Minutes of the Meeting of the Visiting Committee held at the Central Hospital, Galway on 1/3/1952 and at Tuam Children's Home on 8/3/1952 were submitted. Clr. Carty referred to the item in the Minutes for the Central Hospital relating to Probationer Nurses' Lectures and stated that the Council was perturbed at not being made aware of the position in regard to the giving of lectures to Probationers in the Galway Central Hospital, which might result in an extension of the period of training for several probationers. The Secretary stated that the Manager had taken promptly the appropriate action in connection with this matter, and that the Minister for Health was made fully aware of the position.

In regard to the Children's Home, the Secretary stated that Consulting Engineer for the Mechanical Services had been appointed; that the Architect's Report and Estimate of the cost of the work had been received and was under consideration by the County Manager; that the revision of capitation rate is also being considered by the Manager at present and that this will to some extent be affected by the carrying out of the improvement works.

**8703—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited:** The Council unanimously appointed Mr. Martin Quinn as representative to attend and vote at general meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited and to exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership.

**8704—Appointment of Rate Collectors:** It was proposed by Clr. Shields, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved that: "The County Manager examine the qualifications of all applicants for the position of Rate Collector and that only the names of the properly qualified candidates be submitted to the Council for consideration."

**8705—Road Workers:** In reply to Clr. Shields notice of motion, County Engineer's report 15/3/52 was submitted, stating that the fall-off in labour output is due to the marked scarcity of workmen prevailing in this country for the past five or six years.

**8706—Maintenance of Main Roads:** Letter 25/2/52 from Roscommon County Council enclosing copy of resolution adopted by that Council to the effect that the full cost of the maintenance of main roads should be made a national charge was read and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

**8707—Macra na Feirme:** Letter 4/3/52 from Mr. J. Leonard, Kilmalaw Young Farmers' Club was submitted requesting that the Council would hear a delegation of the Young Farmers to discuss the increase in the rates: On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that a copy of the printed Estimate as adopted for the coming year be supplied to Mr. Leonard, with a request that he would indicate the items which, in his opinion, could be considerably reduced; that it be pointed out that the rate for the coming year has been struck and that any suggestion which might be made would apply only to the rate for the year ending 31/3/1954.

Letter from Mr. John Donoghue, Secretary, Killallaghan Young Farmers Club was submitted, stating that his club is by no means satisfied with the rate struck for the coming year. This letter was noted.

**8708—Aughris Pier:** Letter 12/3/1952 from the Secretary, Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted, stating that the cost of this work which previously was estimated to be £1,000 is now estimated to be £1,240, and enquiring if the Council would agree to contribute 25% of the increased cost. On the proposition of Clr. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, the Council unanimously agreed on the contribution of 25% of the revised cost of £1,240 and agreed to the other conditions set out in letter 12/3/1952 from the Special Employment Schemes Office.

**8709—Overdraft:** It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Galvin and resolved that: "The Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £150,000 on the Council's General Account for the Quarter Ending 30th June, 1952."

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Galvin and resolved that: "The Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £70,000 on the Council's Turf Account for the Quarter Ending 30th June, 1952."

**8710—Loughrea Town Commissioners—Housing:** It was proposed by Clr. Shields, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved that: "Pending the obtaining of a supplementary Loan to meet the balance of the cost of Loughrea Town Commissioners' Housing Schemes, the Council approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £7,000 on Capital

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Account, so that an advance of this amount may be made by the Galway County Council to the Loughrea Town Commissioners."

**8711—School Meals (Gaeltacht) Scheme:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Toole and resolved that: "The Council again inform the Minister for Social Welfare that it is their opinion that the Grant for the School Meals (Gaeltacht) Scheme should be increased to 50% of the actual expenditure incurred by the Council in each year; that amending legislation should be introduced to enable a full 50% Grant to be paid by the State and to provide that accommodation and cooking facilities for school meals in the Gaeltacht Area should be provided by the Department of Education.

**8712—Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme:** The Secretary reported that the Consulting Engineer's Estimate of the cost of this Scheme is £14,700 and that the population according to the last census is only 309; that the cost is considered high in relation to the population figure. As some Members had left the meeting by this time, it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter.

**8713—Miscellaneous:** Letter 5/3/1952 from the County Council's General Council was submitted, stating that the next meeting will take place during the Spring Show Week 6/10th May and requesting notice of any matters to be placed on the Agenda.

**8714—Sympathy:** Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following: Clr. John Flaherty on the death of his mother-in-law Mrs. Donnellan, Clonberne, Ballinasloe. Tomas Ban O'Coinceanain on the death of his wife Senator Helean Concannon, Gallagher Family, Forster Street, on the death of their father. Connolly Family, Ahascragh on the death of Mr. J. J. Connolly. Geary Family, Carna on the death of their son. Marmion Family, Loughrea on the death of Mrs. Marmion. Ruane Family, Castlelambert.

*Entered SH.*

*Submitted, approved & confirmed this 3rd day of May 1952.*

*Muirín O'Cuinn Chairman*

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIÉ.

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍOIR,  
NA FOIRGNÍOIRÍ CONNDAE,  
SAILLIÉ.

25<sup>th</sup> Aibreán, 1952.

Suícán:  
SAILLIÉ 55.

A ÓARA,

TARRCAR ORT leis seo beic i lícáir ag Criunnú de Comairle Conndae na Saillíe a tionsólfaí i Seomra na Comairle ins na Foirgníóirí Conndae, Uíá Saclaíon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bealtaine, 1952, ag 12.30.p.m. a éile.

Mise, le meas,

W. Ó. LUANNÁIS.

Rúnaí.

Cuís 3<sup>rd</sup> Uáil de'n Comairle:

5<sup>th</sup>

To Consider:

- Minutes.
- County Engineer's list of schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
- Turf Production proposals for 1952.
- Extensions and improvements to existing Water Supply Schemes:-

Place.	Estimated Cost.	Place	Estimated Cost	Place	Estimated Cost.
Carraroe	£2958	Dunmore	£870	Athenry	£1038
Moycullen	390	Tuam	700	Mountbellew	875
Lettermore	2000	Carna	20	Gort	1547
Tiernea	3768	Letterfrack	1435	Kinvara	940
Lettermullen	30	Tully (Renvyle)	400	Gortmore	5200
Spiddal	3200	Cleggán	500	Derryrush	3130
Knocknacarra (Galway)	3340	Claddaghduff	280	Oughterard	10763
Glenamaddy	2406			Woodford	881
Williamstown	700			Portumna	1055

- New Inn Vocational School - Notice of Motion by Clr. J.J. Ruane:- "Take notice that I, or some other member of the Council on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that the necessary steps be taken immediately to raise a Supplementary Loan of £2,863, as per provisions of Sec. 51 (1) and (6) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, and that a Grant of same be made to the Co. Galway V.E.C. being the additional sum required with the £10,500 already authorised, from the Loan of £40,000 agreed to by the Co. Council on the 23/3/48, to complete and equip the new Vocational School at New Inn, Co. Galway".
- Raising of Loan for issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.
- Galway Fever Hospital Improvements.
- Provision of a Sewerage Scheme at Eyrecourt - estimated cost £14,700.
- Provision of a Sewerage Scheme at Carraroe - estimated cost £10265.

- 10. Improvements at Children's Home, Tuam, and revision of capitation charges.
- 11. Provision of a bridge at Derreen (Derryree).
- 12. Provision of Abattoir at Loughrea.
- 13. Road Workers Wages - Letter 1/4/52 from the Federation of Rural Workers applying for an increase of 12/6d. a week.
- 14. Tillage of cottage plots - letter from Department of Local Government.
- 15. Visiting Committee for Institutions:- Minutes.
- 16. Visiting Committee - Letter 10/4/52 from the Town Clerk, Galway, requesting that the Galway Corporation be allowed two representatives on the Visiting Committee for the Galway Central Hospital.
- 17. Appointment of representatives (4) on the Joint Advisory Committee for County Fire-fighting Services.
- 18. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. J.P. Joyce:  
"I or someone on my behalf will move that the streets in Oughterard be washed, monthly, each Fair evening".
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDING OF MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 3rd MAY, 1952.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Quinn.

Also present: Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. T. Galvin, S. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Holohan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King, M. F. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, J. Mannion, T.D., M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Domhnaill, J. J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8715—Adjournment: It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Higgins and resolved: "That the Council convey to Clr. J. Geoghegan their deep sympathy with him on the death of his father, and that as a mark of respect, the meeting be adjourned for one hour". The meeting was then adjourned until 1.30 p.m.

8716—Minutes: Minutes of the Council to No. 8714, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

8717—Rate Collection: The Secretary submitted the following particulars of the state of the Rate Collection at the 31st March, 1952:

Warrant	£389651	19	10	
Lodged	£378016	2	7	(97.01%)
Discount	386	0	9	(.10%)
Outstanding	11249	16	6	(2.89%)

The arrears lists were submitted to and noted by the Council.

8718—Loan £8,300 for Williamstown Water Supply Scheme: It was proposed by Clr. R. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. M. F. Kitt and resolved: "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Eight Thousand three hundred pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1950".

8719—Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949—Schemes for 1952/53: County Engineer's list of proposals for works to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act,

1949, during year ending 31st March, 1953, was submitted. A summary of the proposals having already been circulated to the Councillors.

Clr. Collins suggested that the Council should make a protest against the drastic reduction in the Grant under this Act, having regard to the fact that the grant is devoted to works which are of great benefit to the community.

Clr. Nestor supported Clr. Collins' suggestion, and also asked that in the list of schemes sent to the Councillors in future the electoral area should be stated for each work.

Deputy Killilea stated that the largest grant under this Act was allocated for the first year when the greatest amount of work required to be done.

Clr. O'Dowd recommended that the work be carried out during the summer season as he considered the carrying out of such works during the winter season wasteful.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins, and seconded by Clr. Kitt:—"That the list of schemes as submitted to the Council for year ending 31st March, 1953, be approved".

Clr. King recommended that the amount of the grant which would be allocated for the current year be spent entirely on drainage works.

The Chairman stated that the grant should not be devoted to Road Improvement Works, and asked the Council to delete from the list any schemes for improvement of existing main or county roads.

Clr. Sirr said that he submitted thirteen drainage proposals last year, none of which were done; that he submitted some of these proposals again for the current year, and that only two of these proposals are listed.

The Co. Manager recommended that the list, as submitted, be sent to the Department of Local Government, and stated that the Schemes approved by the Council and by the Department last year (for which funds were not allocated) would be done first; that schemes other than these would not be started without the prior approval of the Council.

Clr. Nestor suggested that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction quickly the schemes approved by him last year, and which are now being re-submitted. County Engineer explained that if a new proposal appears to the Department of Local Government to be more important, they would delete in its favour a scheme approved by them last year.

Clr. Higgins protested that the cutting out of main and county road improvement works from the list would have the effect of deleting any provision for carrying out schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, in the area west of the Corrib.

Clr. Carty recommended that the list, as submitted, be sent to the Department of Local Government, and that the Department be informed that it is the wish of the Council that no scheme for improvement of main and county roads in the area east of the Corrib be carried out; that works other than those approved by the Council and by the Minister for Local Government last year be submitted to the Council for approval before such schemes would be started.

Finally, it was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved: "That Schemes for improvement of main and county roads in the part of the county east of the River Corrib be deleted from the list of proposals, and that the list, as so amended, be and is hereby approved by the Council".

**8720—Turf Production, 1952:** The County Manager stated that it is proposed that the Council will produce for its own requirements between 1,500 and 2,000 tons of turf in the current season, and that bogs which will not be required by the Council will be de-vested as quickly as possible. In reply to Clr. Carty, the County Manager stated that turf is being used in all District Institutions, but that coal is being used for some boilers in the Mental Hospital.

Clr. Joyce complained that payment of compensation had not been made yet for the use of bogs during 1951, and requested that such payment would be made immediately. The County Engineer undertook to deal with this matter with all possible speed.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Glynn and resolved: "That the Council approve the production of 1,500-2,000 tons of turf for the Council's requirements during the current season".

**8721—Water Supply Extensions:** The list of proposals for extensions and improvements to existing Water Supplies as circulated to the Councillors was submitted.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Ashe: "That the Council approve the carrying out of the extensions and improvements as recommended by the County Engineer and County Medical Officer".

Clr. King requested that provision be made for extension of the Watermain at Headford the short distance necessary to enable the supply to be made available for a scheme of Labourers' Cottages there.

Finally, it was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Ashe, and resolved: "That the extension of Headford Water Supply, as recommended by Clr. King, be added to the list of proposals, and that subject to this amendment, the Council approve the carrying out of the works on the list submitted

which has been approved by the County Engineer and County Medical Officer".

**8722—New Inn Vocational School:** It was proposed by Clr. Ruane, seconded by Clr. Quinn and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £2,863 from the Commissioners of Public Works, to enable the Council to advance this amount to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee to meet the balance of the cost of providing and equipping the new Vocational School at New Inn; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 30 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Galway County Council".

**8723—Loan—Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950:** The Secretary stated that the National Bank Ltd. had notified the Council that a loan at a fixed rate of interest of 5% cannot be made available; that if the Council wished to proceed with the raising of the loan of £50,000, the rate of interest to be charged would be subject to variation in accordance with any changes which may be made by the Irish Banks Standing Committee from time to time, the present rate of interest being 5%.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved: "That the Council approve the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the National Bank Ltd. for issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 15 years with interest at the rate of ½% under the Irish Banks rate varying from time to time".

**8724—Galway Fever Hospital Improvements:** Correspondence in connection with the proposed improvement of Galway Fever Hospital was submitted, including the Architect's estimate of the cost of the work, viz., £28,000, for which a grant will not be made available from Hospitals Trust Funds.

It was proposed by Clr. Houlihan and seconded by Clr. Collins: "That consideration of the carrying out of the improvement works at Galway Fever Hospital be adjourned for twelve months".

As an amendment, it was proposed by Clr. Ashe, and seconded by Clr. Quinn: "That the Council approve proceeding with the improvement works at Galway Fever Hospital estimated to cost £28,000.

A vote taken on the amendment resulted as follows:—  
For: Clrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Galvin, Joyce, Killilea, Kitt,

O'Toole, Mylotte, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane, Shields, Wall. (13).

**Against:** Clrs. Carty, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Houlihan, King, Lahiffe Nestor and Sirr. (9).

A vote was then taken on Clr. Houlihan's motion, resulting as follows:—

**For:** Clrs. Carty, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Houlihan, King, Lahiffe, Nestor and Sirr. (9).

**Against:** Clrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Galvin, Joyce, Killilea, Kitt, O'Toole, Mylotte, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane, Shields and Wall. (13).

The Chairman declared Clr. Ashe's amendment carried, and Clr. Houlihan's motion defeated.

**8725—Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme:** Correspondence in connection with this proposal was submitted, including the Consultant's estimate £14,700. Clr. O'Dowd proposed that the Council proceed with the scheme.

The Co. Manager suggested that before Sewerage Schemes would be considered, an undertaking would be obtained from the residents in the Town who would be prepared to connect with the sewer when provided.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Clr. Collins seconded: "That in connection with Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme and future Sewerage Schemes, the work be not undertaken unless at least 75% of the householders agree to connect with the Main Sewer.

Clr. King opposed proceeding with this or any future schemes while the Council is required to engage Consultants for such work.

Clr. Joyce considered that it would be more economical for the Council to appoint a full-time Consulting Engineer instead of paying such a large amount annually in fees to Consultants.

Eventually, Deputy Killilea's proposal that the Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme be carried out, provided 75% of the householders agree to connect with the main sewer, was approved.

**8726—Carraroe Sewerage Scheme:** Correspondence in connection with this proposal was submitted, including Consultant's estimate, £10,265.

Clr. O'Donnell proposed that the work be carried out as the scheme is required to provide for a Vocational School and very large national school, as well as for the ordinary residents and business premises in the village.

Clr. Ashe seconded this proposal, and the Council approved the carrying out of the work provided 75% of the house-

holders and proprietors of others premises in the village, undertake that they will connect with the Main Sewer when provided.

**8727—Portumna Cottages:** Referring to Clr. Carty's Notice of Motion, (No. 18 (e)) Clr. Houlihan asked to be informed of the position in regard to provision of cottages at Portumna, stating that he understood that there were recently 22 Applicants for one vacant cottage.

Co. Manager explained that it is proposed, subject to the Council's approval, to provide 10 three-bedroomed cottages at Portumna under the provision of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts; that the County Engineer has been requested to inspect sites in the vicinity of Portumna, with a view to obtaining a site of approximately three acres, on which up to five further houses could be built later, if necessary.

The Council approved the proposal to provide the 10 three-bedroomed houses, and Clr. Carty recommended that the site be obtained from the Forestry Department as soon as possible, as that Department may have disposed of the land unless the Council secure it soon.

**8728—Presidential Election, 1952:** Department of Local Government Circular G,5/52 of the 25th April, 1952, in regard to the Presidential Election, 1952, was submitted and noted, copies of the circular letter having already been sent to each member of the Council.

**8729—Budget:** Clr. Sirr proposed that the Council send a protest to the Government against the drastic increase in prices resulting from the recent Budget.

The Chairman ruled this proposal out of order as being of a political nature.

**8730—Adjournment:** All other business on the Agenda, viz., Item 10 to 22 inclusive, excluding 18 (e), was adjourned until next meeting.

*Advised  
B.H.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed this  
14th day of June 1952.*

*Muirín O'Curran, Chairman.*

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runaidhe,  
Na Foirgnighthé Chomndae,  
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Gadh Meitheamh, 1952.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe i Seomra na Comhairlé ins ná Foirgnighthé Conndae, Dia Sathairn, 14adh Meitheamh, 1952, ag 12.30.p.m. a clog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Luanaigh.

Runai.

Chuíg gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

GNO.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. To make the Rates and to sign and seal the Rate Books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1953.
3. Appointment of Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 2, 9, 17, 20, 25, 26 and 32. (List of Applicants herewith).
4. Filling of vacancy on the County Galway Vocational Education Committee as a result of the death of Rev. Br. Jarlath Edwards, O.S.F.
5. Letter from the Secretary, Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee stating that two of the Council's representatives are disqualified.
6. Western Regional Health Institutions:
  - (a) arrangements for appointment of members of Joint Board;
  - (b) Transfer of Woodlands Sanatorium to the Joint Board.
7. Provision of Water Supply Scheme for Kilkerrin.
8. Athenry Water Supply Improvement Scheme.
9. Loughrea Sewerage Scheme - Improvements.
10. Improvements at Childrens' Home, Tuam, and revision of capitation charges.
11. Provision of a bridge at Derreen (Derrywee).
12. Provision of Abattoir at Loughrea.
13. Road Workers' wages - Letter 1/4/52 from the Federation of Rural Workers applying for an increase of 12/6d. a week.
14. Tillage of cottage plots - letter from Department of Local Government.
15. Visiting Committee for Institutions - Minutes.
16. Visiting Committee - Letter 10/4/52 from the Town Clerk, Galway, requesting that the Galway Corporation be allowed two representatives on the Visiting Committee for the Galway Central Hospital.
17. Appointment of representatives (4) on the Joint Advisory Committee for County fire-fighting services.
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19. Letter 14/1/52 from the County Councils General Council re:

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- (b) Health Inspectors;
- (c) Road Transport Act.

20. Letter 14/1/52 from the Mayor of Limerick regarding cost of Electricity.

21. Reconstruction of County Roads - 5-Year Plan.

22. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

(a) Clr. J. Flaherty: (i) "That I will ask the County Manager could it be possible to retain the services of the out-going Rate Collectors in view that their pensions will have to be paid out of Council Revenue thus causing an increase in Rates."

(ii) "I will ask the County Engineer if it is his intention to continue the steam-rolling of the Clonbern-Moylough road and when?"

(b) Clr. J. Houlihan: "Having regard to increased accommodation about to be available in our hospitals in the County, I will move that the proposition carried at our last meeting to expend £28,000 on the Fever Hospital be rescinded for at least one year, when we will be in a better position to know whether same is necessary."

(c) Clr. R. Lahiffe: "Please note that at next meeting of County Council, I will ask what progress, if any, has been made regarding erection of labourers cottages at .....

(1) Oranmore;

(2) Kinvara."

(d) Clr. M. Carty: (1) "That the main water supply in Loughrea be extended as far as the junction of Raruddy Road and Athenry Road and that a public fountain be provided near the three new B.O.H. cottages at this junction." (Sewerage Works to L'rea

(2) "That the stream leading from Loughrea River be cleaned without further delay."

(3) "That the river from Tobartee, Loughrea, to Ardnadocman, Loughrea, be cleaned, widened, and deepened so as to relieve flooding of farmland on either bank."

(4) "That the remaining portion of the Yellow Bog river be drained this summer so as to complete the drainage scheme for this district."

(5) "That the Co. Manager should indicate what progress has been made with the plans to extend the sewerage to the Hill, Loughrea, and the stage reached in the Cosmona Sewerage Scheme."

(6) "That the Co. Manager will inform the Council of the local authority's intentions regarding another housing scheme for Loughrea."

(7) "That the Co. Surveyor be requested to state if it is his intention to include the old Galway Road from Loughrea to Ballymana Chapel in his Five Years Plan for the steamrolling of county roads."

(e) Clr. J.J. Ruane: (1) Housing Loans - Discharge of Equities - delay in registration of documents, and issue of loans to joint owners.  
(2) Supplementary Grants - clarification of position.

(f) Clr. J.P. Joyce: "I will ask County Manager the reason for delay in providing labourers cottages at Oughterard."

23. Auditor's Report - River Suck Joint Drainage Committee - year ended 31/3/1951.

24. Resolutions.

25. Other Business.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 14/6/1952.**

**In the Chair :** 1. Clr. M. Quinn.  
2. Clr. Ml. Carty.

**Also Present :** Ctrs. M. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, Deputy P. Cawley, Ctrs. P. Collins, J.J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Fury, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Ctrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, Ctrs. M. Mylotte, J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8731.—Adjournment :** Ctrs. Quinn proposed and Clr. Collins seconded and it was unanimously Resolved: "That the meeting be adjourned until 2 p.m. as a mark of respect to Deputy P. Cawley, Co. C. on the death of his father."

Votes of sympathy were also adopted unanimously with:— His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Brown, on the death of his mother; the relatives of the late Mr. Tom Collins, former County Councillor; The relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Naughton, P.R.C.; Mr. Jas. Brennan, Courthouse Square, Galway, on the death of his wife; With the widow of Mr. Charles Copeland, New Docks, Galway; With Mr. McLoughlin, Tourist Hotel, Salthill, on the death of his wife; With Mr. Kieley, Presentation Road, Galway, on the death of his wife.

Deputy Cawley thanked the Council for their expression of sympathy. Clr. Geoghegan also thanked the Council for resolution of sympathy with him adopted by the Council at a previous meeting. The meeting was then adjourned until 2 p.m.

**8732.—Minutes :** When business was resumed, the Minutes of the Council to Minute No. 8730 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

**8733.—Rates for financial year ending 31/3/1953 :** It was proposed by Clr. Galvin seconded by Clr. Collins and unanimously Resolved: "That the Council do hereby allow and make the rates for the financial year ending 31/3/1953 as assessed in the Rate Books." It was proposed by Clr. Galvin seconded by Clr. Collins and unanimously Resolved: "That the rate books for the year ending 31/3/1953 be signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council." The Rate Books were then signed and sealed.

**8734.—Appointment of Rate Collectors :** Clr. Shields drew attention to a leading article in the Galway Star of the 14/6/1952 and asked that the statements therein, if untrue be denied by the Council. The Chairman stated that he would not permit discussion

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on the article in question.

It was proposed by Clr. King seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and Resolved: "That having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for Nos. 2, 9, 17, 20, 25, 26, and 32 districts, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties and the qualifications for that office, the Council consider that the person to be appointed in each case cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and decide, therefore, that the Council consider the qualifications of the applicants for the posts and make appointments after consideration of such qualifications."

Ctrs. Collins and Sirr requested that Councillors would vote according to their conscience for the candidates they considered most eligible for appointment, and that they should not be guided by political considerations.

**RATE COLLECTOR—No. 2 DISTRICT**

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. O'Dowd that Miss Margaret B. Callanan, Calla House, Kilconnell, be appointed to the post of Rate Collector for District No. 2, in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. Patrick Finnerty, Castlegar, Ahascragh, was proposed by Clr. Galvin and seconded by Deputy Mannion.

The appointment of Miss Mary P. Forde, Gurteen, was proposed by Deputy Cawley and seconded by Clr. Collins.

The appointment of Mr. John Kenny, Cappalusk, Gurteen, was proposed by Clr. Shields and seconded by Clr. Mylotte.

A Vote taken resulted as follows:—

**For Miss Callanan :** Ctrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—18.

**For Mr. Finnerty :** Ctrs. Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Mannion, Sirr and Wall.—7.

**For Miss Forde :** Ctrs. Cawley, Collins and Nestor.—3.

**For Mr. Kenny :** Ctrs. Mylotte and Shields.—2.

Miss Margaret B. Callanan, Calla House, Kilconnell, obtained the majority of the votes cast. The Chairman declared Miss Callanan appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 2 District subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**RATE COLLECTOR—No. 9. DISTRICT**

It was proposed by Clr. Higgins and seconded by Clr. Geoghegan that Mr. Michael Mulryan, Kiltulla, Oranmore, be appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

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The appointment of Mr. Hubert Broderick, Newcastle Road, Galway, was proposed by Clr. Joyce and seconded by Clr. Mylotte. The appointment of Mr. Thomas Mannion, St. Helen's Street, Galway, was proposed by Clr. Nestor and seconded by Clr. Sirr.

A vote taken resulted as follows:—

**For Mr. Mulryan :** Ctrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—16.

**For Mr. Broderick :** Ctrs. Cawley, Collins, Galvin, Joyce, Mannion, Mylotte, Shields and Wall.—8.

**For Mr. Mannion :** Ctrs. Flaherty, Nestor and Sirr.—3.

Ctrs. Carty, Furey and Lahiffe did not vote.

Mr. Michael Mulryan, Kiltulla, Oranmore, obtained a majority of the votes cast and the Chairman, therefore, declared him appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 9 collection district subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**RATE COLLECTOR.—NO. 17 DISTRICT**

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Ruane that Mr. James F. Cunningham, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, be appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 17 Collection District in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. Patrick J. O'Connor, Morganure, Kilkerrin, was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Clr. Collins. This proposal was refused by the Chairman, as Mr. O'Connor does not possess a competent knowledge of Irish and, therefore, would not be eligible for appointment so long as a candidate is available who is otherwise eligible and has a competent knowledge of Irish.

The appointment of Mr. Michael Farrell, Ballaghlea, Ballygar, was proposed by Clr. Wall and seconded by Clr. Collins.

A Vote taken resulted as follows—

**For Mr. Cunningham :** Ctrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—18.

**For Mr. Farrell :** Ctrs. Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Galvin, Mannion, Mylotte, Shields, Sirr and Wall.—9.

Ctrs. Furey, Joyce and Nestor did not vote.

Mr. James F. Cunningham, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, obtained a majority of the votes cast and the Chairman, therefore, declared him appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 17 Collection District subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**RATE COLLECTOR.—No. 20 DISTRICT**

The Secretary informed the meeting that Miss Margaret M.

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Murphy, Killeely, Kilcolgan, a candidate for No. 20 district whose name was not included on the list circulated had subsequently furnished an educational certificate and is, therefore, eligible for consideration.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. O'Toole that Mr. Joseph J. McInerney, Cahermore, Ardrahan, be appointed to the post of Rate Collector for District No. 20 in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. Joseph Lynch, Kinvara was proposed by Deputy Cawley and seconded by Clr. Shields.

A vote taken resulted as follows:—

**For Mr. McInerney :** Ctrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—16.

**For Mr. Lynch :** Ctrs. Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Galvin, Joyce, Mannion, Mylotte, Nestor, Shields, Sirr and Wall.—11.

Ctrs. Carty, Furey and Lahiffe did not vote.

Mr. Joseph J. McInerney, Cahermore, Ardrahan, obtained a majority of the votes cast and the Chairman, therefore, declared him appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 20 Collection District subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**RATE COLLECTOR.—No. 25 DISTRICT**

It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. Wall that Mr. Patrick J. Farrell, Woodmount, Mountbellew be appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 25 Collection District in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Kitt, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, was proposed by Clr. O'Dowd and seconded by Clr. Geoghegan.

The appointment of Mr. James J. McEvoy, Lawrencetown, was proposed by Deputy Cawley and seconded by Clr. Flaherty.

A Vote taken resulted as follows:—

**For Mr. Farrell :** Ctrs. Collins, Galvin, Mannion, Mylotte, Shields, Sirr and Wall.—7.

**For Mr. Kitt :** Ctrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Nestor, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—19.

**For Mr. McEvoy :** Ctrs. Cawley, Flaherty and Joyce.—3.

Clr. Furey did not vote.

Mr. Thomas J. Kitt, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, obtained a majority of the votes cast and the Chairman, therefore, declared him appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 25 district subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.



**RATE COLLECTOR.—No. 26 DISTRICT**

It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Higgins that Mr. Patrick J. Burke, Tohergar, Ballinamore Br., be appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 26 Collection District in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. Michael D. Cunningham, Newbridge, was proposed by Clr. Galvin and seconded by Clr. Sirr.

The appointment of Mr. Joseph Mills, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe, was proposed by Clr. Carty. The Chairman refused this proposal since Mr. Mills did not possess a competent knowledge of Irish and, therefore, would not be eligible for appointment so long as a candidate otherwise qualified and with a competent knowledge of Irish was available.

A Vote taken resulted as follows:

**For Mr. Burke:** Cirs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—15.

**For Mr. Cunningham:** Cirs. Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Mannion, Mylotte, Nestor, Shields, Sirr and Wall.—12

Cirs. Carty, Houlihan and Lahiffe did not vote.

Mr. Patrick J. Burke, Tohergar, Ballinamore Br., obtained a majority of the votes cast and the Chairman, therefore, declared him appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 26 Collection District subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**RATE COLLECTOR.—No. 32 DISTRICT**

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr and seconded by Clr. Flaherty that Mr. John Geraghty, Glenamaddy, be appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 32 Collection District in accordance with the published conditions of appointment and subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. James F. Kilgariff, High Street, Dunmore, was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell and seconded by Clr. Higgins.

The appointment of Mr. Ml. J. Brennan, Liskeavy, Milltown, was proposed Clr. Joyce and seconded by Clr. Shields.

A vote taken resulted as follows:—

**For Mr. Kilgariff:** Cirs. O'Dowd, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, Killilea, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiffe, Nestor, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—18.

**For Mr. Geraghty:** Cirs. Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Mannion, Mylotte, Sirr and Wall.—9.

**For Mr. Brennan:** Cirs. Joyce and Shields.—2.

Mr. James F. Kilgariff, High Street, Dunmore, obtained a majority of the votes cast and the Chairman, therefore, declared him appointed to the post of Rate Collector for No. 32 Collection District subject to sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**8735: Western Regional Health Institution** The County Manager referred to the representations made by the Council that three representatives from Galway County should be appointed on the Joint Board for the Western Regional Health Institutions (Merlin Park and Woodlands Sanatoria) and stated that for the present the Minister is arranging that the Board shall consist of two members from each County concerned; that this arrangement can be reviewed later if necessary. The County Manager stated that a Provisional Board is being appointed which will consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each Council in the Western Region.

The Manager requested that the Council would express its approval to the transfer of Woodlands Sanatorium to the new Joint Board for the Western Regional Health Institutions, either by way of conveyance or by licence on the understanding that 188 beds will be made available in Merlin Park to accommodate the existing patients in Woodlands Sanatorium and that there will be a permanent allocation of 160 beds in Merlin Park for County Galway patients in addition to which the County will participate in the pool of regional beds at Merlin Park Institution.

On the proposition of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Ashe, the Council unanimously agreed to the proposed transfer of Woodlands Sanatorium to the Joint Board for the Western Regional Health Institutions, either by conveyance or by licence.

Clr. Carty requested that the County Manager would examine the visiting hours for Woodlands Sanatorium which have been altered recently and are most unsuitable now. Clr. Carty requested that arrangements would be made for visiting time in the early part of the day and again in the evening after 6 p.m.

**8736: County Galway Vocational Education Committee:** It was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of the filling of the vacancy on the County Galway Vocational Education Committee until the annual meeting on the 28/6/52.

**8737: Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee:** Consideration of the appointment of representatives on above Committee to replace those disqualified was adjourned until the annual meeting on the 28/6/1952.

**8738: Kilkerrin Water Supply Scheme:** On the suggestion of Clr. Cunningham, consideration of this item was adjourned until next meeting.

**COUNCILLOR CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR**

**8739: Athenry Water Supply Scheme:** Correspondence in connection with the improvement of Athenry Water Supply

Scheme was submitted including the report from Mr. N. O'Dwyer, Consulting Engineer, stating that the estimated cost of the improvement scheme is £18,175. On the proposition of Clr. Ruane seconded by Clr. Shields, the Council unanimously approved proceeding with the scheme.

**8740: Water Supply Improvements—General:** It was proposed by Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved "that the Council borrow sufficient money to proceed with the proposed improvements and extensions to existing piped water supplies in the County."

Clr. Ashe recommended that where the Council builds cottages, the water and sewerage services, if available, should be provided in the cottages.

Clr. Carty requested that a fountain be provided for the cottages at Athenry Road, Loughrea.

Clr. Ashe stated that there is a considerable number of houses in Knocknacarra which will not be served by the extension to the water main which is being carried out at the expense of the County Council.

**8741: Loughrea Sewerage Scheme Improvements:**

The County Manager stated that the sewerage disposal works at Loughrea are not adequate to cope with the volume of sewage during wet weather and that improvements are necessary. The Manager requested the Council's approval to obtaining a report on this matter from Messrs. P. H. McCarthy & Sons, Consulting Engineers, Dublin, who were the Consulting Engineers for the original sewerage scheme. This proposal was, on the proposition of Councillor Carty seconded by Clr. Ruane, unanimously approved.

**8742: Childrens' Home, Tuam:** Correspondence in connection with the proposed improvements to the Childrens' Home at Tuam was submitted. The County Manager pointed out that a grant of 50% of the cost will be made available from Hospitals' Trust Funds, but the Hospital Commission insists that as a condition of the making of this grant, an improvement scheme, as set out by them, shall be carried out. This scheme is estimated to cost £150,000 approximately. After a discussion, it was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Quinn and Resolved: "that the Council approve proceeding with the scheme of improvements at the Childrens' Home, Tuam, estimated to cost £150,000, on the understanding that 50% of this will be recouped from Hospitals Trust Funds and that an appropriate revision will be made in the capitation allowance payable by Mayo County Council."

Clr. Collins recommended that the Council satisfy itself definitely as to the future of the Home before incurring this expenditure. Clr. King stated that it would be right for the Council to express

its appreciation of the services of Mother Hortense as Matron of the Childrens' Home, Tuam, and that the Council would express its regret at the departure of Mother Hortense from the Home at such a critical time in its history. Clr. King suggested that the Council would request the return of Mother Hortense as Sister-in-Charge of the Childrens' Home at Tuam. This recommendation was supported by Cirs. Killilea, Nestor, Collins and other members of the Council.

The County Manager stated that he had considered this matter and that he does not think it proper to interfere with a Religious Order in the control of one of its members.

**8743: Derreen Bridge:** Correspondence with Clare County Council was submitted and while it was agreed that the Council had not given any undertaking to Clare County Council to bear the entire cost of the bridge at Derreen, it was on the proposition of Clr. Houlihan, seconded by Clr. Lahiffe, decided that if Clare County Council will contribute one-third of the cost of the bridge, the remaining two-thirds of the cost will be borne by Galway County Council.

**8744: Loughrea Abattoir:** Clr. Shields proposed that the Council get an estimate of the cost of providing an Abattoir at Loughrea; this estimate to be prepared by the County Architectural Assistant. Clr. King proposed and Clr. Sirr seconded, "that the Council should decide first whether Abattoirs are to be provided for all towns in the County." After discussion, it was decided that the estimate for Loughrea be obtained and submitted to the Council.

**8745: Road Workers' Wages:** Letter 1/4/52 from the Federation of Rural Workers applying for an increase of 12/6 per week for road workers was submitted. The County Manager pointed out that at the Estimates Meeting in February 1952 he had drawn the Council's attention to the fact that the estimate submitted did not make any provision for an increase in road workers' wages and that if such provision were to be made by the Council, it should be made by increasing the amount of the estimate as submitted. Councillor Sirr proposed that a supplementary estimate be approved to provide for an increase in the road workers' wages. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Shields. Clr. Ashe stated that it is her intention to propose at the next meeting of the Council that the resolution adopted by Council in Minute No. 8653 of the 23/2/1952 be rescinded.

Clr. King proposed that the application from the Federation of Rural Workers be adjourned for consideration by a Roads Committee which he recommended should be appointed at the Annual Meeting on 28/6/1952. Clr. King further recommended that

permanent road workers be paid wages for Church Holydays. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Ruane.

It was eventually decided that consideration of the matter be deferred pending consideration of Clr. Ashe's Notice of Motion in regard to the rescinding of Minute No. 8653. Clr. Carty stated that in the Loughrea area in recent times a large number of established servants have been left off work for fairly long periods and, consequently, when they resume work eventually most of their wages for the first couple of weeks, after resumption, are devoted to paying arrears of superannuation contributions. The County Engineer stated that turf production and L.A.W. schemes were in progress at this time last year which gave greater employment than is now available. The County Manager asked the County Engineer to inquire into the distribution of plant in the various Engineer's areas.

**8746.—Cultivation of Cottage Plots:** Letter H.7/1952 of 2nd April, 1952, from the Department of Local Government was submitted and noted.

**8747.—Visiting Committee for Institutions:** Minutes of Meetings of the Visiting Committee held at:—

- (a) St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, 26th April, 1952.
- (b) Woodland's Sanatorium, 10th May, 1952.
- (c) Children's Home, Tuam, 24th May, 1952.

were submitted and noted.

Letter 10/4/52 from the Town Clerk, Galway, was submitted enclosing a copy of resolution by the Galway Corporation requesting that that Body be allowed two representatives on the Visiting Committee of the Central Hospital, Galway. After consideration of the matter and having regard to the facts that (a) the Visiting Committee is a committee of the Galway County Council; and

(b) Miss Ashe, Co. C., a member of the Galway Corporation is a member of the Visiting Committee for Institutions.

The Council refused to accede to the request of the Galway Corporation.

**8748.—Overdraft:** It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Carty and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £200,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 30th September, 1952."

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Carty and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £30,000 on Turf Account for the quarter ending 30th September, 1952."

**8749.—Rate Arrears:** Deputy Killilea asked for an explanation of the delay in dealing with the collection of large sums due for rate arrears in Tuam, e.g., Hosty's. The County Manager stated that for several years he has been endeavouring to get the County Solicitor to take action in these matters. Deputy Killilea stated further that arrears of rates are due by a member of the Tuam Town Commissioners and requested that the County Manager would examine into these matters.

**8750.—Fever Hospital Improvements:** Clr. Houlihan proposed "that having regard to increased accommodation about to be available in our hospitals in the county, the proposition carried at our last meeting to expend £28,000 on the Fever Hospital be rescinded for at least one year when we will be in a better position to know whether same is necessary." The County Manager explained that this matter had been considered fully by the Visiting Committee and, subsequently, by the Council; that there is no proper isolation ward in the hospital; that it is impossible to state when there might be an outbreak of fever requiring adequate accommodation for patients in the Fever Hospital; that the accommodation for staff in the Fever Hospital is very bad.

It was proposed by Clr. Higgins and seconded by Clr. Carty "that the Council proceed with the improvement of the Fever Hospital which is estimated to cost £28,000."

Clr. King asked whether the accommodation for fever patients could not be provided in a Regional Fever Hospital which would accommodate the small number of fever patients in the entire region comprising, say, five or six counties. Clr. King seconded Clr. Houlihan's proposal that the carrying out of the improvements be adjourned for twelve months. On a show of hands, the Chairman declared Clr. Houlihan's proposal defeated.

**8751.—Adjournment:** Consideration of items 17 to 24 inclusive excluding items 18 (c) and 22 (b) was adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

*Subscribed  
S.A.*

*Submitted, approved & confirmed  
this 6th day of Sept. 1952  
Muirín O'Curra Chairman.*

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 21st JUNE, 1952.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Killilea, Nestor, King, Geoghegan, Lahiffe, Collins, Mannion, Quinn, Ruane, Kitt and Ashe.

**CHAIRMAN:** It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Collins that Deputy M. Killilea take the chair.

**SYMPATHY:** It was proposed by Clr. Nestor, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, and unanimously resolved:

"that the Council convey to Mr. Martin Quinn their deep sympathy with him on the death of his brother".

**COTTAGES:** The Secretary submitted a statement giving particulars of the position in regard to erection of labourers' cottages, viz:—

Total No. of Applicants for Cottages approved by County Medical Officer:	312.
No. of Sites which Council has authority to Enter:	248.
No. of houses completed (Rural 58: Town 10)	68.
No. of houses near completion (Rural 4: Village 12)	16.
No. of houses under construction.	
(Rural 26: Town 30)	56.
No. of houses sanctioned (Rural 4)	4.
No. of houses for which tenders are with L.G.D. (Rural 32: Village 10)	42.
No. of houses for which sites are available (Tuam 40: Oughterard 22)	62.
Total:	248.

Clr. Geoghegan referred to the delay in obtaining Department's sanction to the acquisition of sites for cottages, and suggested that the Deputies who were members of the Galway County Council should approach the Minister for Local Government, with a view to expediting sanction in such cases.

The Chairman and Deputy Mannion requested that an explanation would be given for the long delay in acquiring sites for cottages - apart from any delay which may result from the Department's failure to sanction such proposals quickly.

**SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS:** The Chairman referred to the delay in payment of final instalments of housing loans, due to the fact that the documents for such loans were not being registered in the Land Registry Office, and requested that a sample list of such cases be supplied to him so that he might take the matter up with the Land Registry Office.

**DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCHEME:** Clr. King stated that the cottages in Headford, which it is proposed will be subject to a differential rent scheme, will probably cost more per cottage than the cottages to be erected in Tuam - with a consequent higher minimum rent. After a discussion, it was proposed by Clr. Ruane, seconded by Clr. King and resolved:

"that the committee recommend that the minimum rent in differential rent schemes should not exceed 7/6d. per week, and that the committee also considers that for all future lettings of new cottages in rural areas not subject to a differential rent scheme, the rent should be increased from the present figure of 5/- to 6/- per week.

Deputy Killilea suggested that the minimum rent of 7/6d. a week for differential rent schemes should be in respect of an income equivalent to the Agricultural wage for the time being.

**GRANTS UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1950:** The County Manager explained that in the Housing (Amendment) Bill, 1952, it was provided that the Council may proceed with the issue of grants under this Scheme in cases where the applicant was notified of the allocation of his grant before the 29th April, 1952; that this would be the cause of certain difficulties, and the attention of the Department had been drawn to this fact, and that a promise had been obtained that the section would be rectified, so as to provide that the Council could deal under **their** scheme with the issue of grants in all cases in which the application had been received prior to a certain date, say, 31st March, 1952.

It was proposed by Clr. Ashe, seconded by Clr. Ruane and resolved:-  
 "That the Committee recommend that Deputy Killilea and Deputy Mannion should see the Minister for Local Government, to ascertain what is being done to have this provision made in the Bill".

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Clr. Ruane asked for an explanation of the delay in providing a house for Bernard Healy, Ardfry, Oranmore, whose present dwelling is in a very bad condition, and who is in urgent need of a house. Clr. Ruane also requested that the County Manager would approve the application for change of cottages between Messrs. Barrett and Cunniffe at Athenry.

Suíón:  
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**TO CONSIDER:**

1. Election of Chairman for year 1952/53.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1952/53.
3. Appointment of representatives on:-
  - (a) Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board;
  - (b) County Councils' General Council;
  - (c) Irish Tourist Association.
4. Appointment of Committees for:-
  - (a) County Libraries Committee;
  - (b) National Monuments Advisory Committee;
  - (c) Visiting Committee for District Institutions;
  - (d) Education Committee and Notice of Motion by Clr. P. Furey that one of the Brothers from St. Joseph's Seminary, Galway, be appointed;
  - (e) Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.
5. Filling of vacancy on the County Galway Vocational Education Committee as a result of the death of Rev. Br. Jarlath Edwards, O.S.F.
6. Letter from the Secretary, Loughs Corrib, Mask & Carra Joint Drainage Committee stating that two of the Council's representatives are disqualified.
7. Provision of a Water Supply for Kilkerrin.
8. Road Workers' Wages - Letter 1/4/52 from the Federation of Rural Workers applying for an increase of 12/6d. a week; and Notice of Motion by Clr. M.A. Ashe: "that the resolution adopted by the Council in Minute No.8653 of 23rd February, 1952, be rescinded."
9. Appointment of representatives (4) on the Joint Advisory Committee for County fire-fighting services.
10. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
  - (a) Clr. J.P. Joyce: "I, or someone on my behalf, will move that the streets in Oughterard be washed, monthly, each Fair evening."
  - (b) Clr. J. O'Dowd: (i) Repairs to Esker Bog Road leading from the Banagher Eyreccourt to Martin Buckleys. This road is at present in a very bad state owing to heavy traffic with turf and other materials. This road was not repaired for the last 4 years and heavy traffic with lorries as it is at present in a terrible condition. Is the Council responsible for the repairs of this road or would there be a grant made available for repairing same?"



- (ii) "I will propose at the next meeting of Galway County Council to have road continued to Doon Cemetery connecting the new Land Commission road on the Howard Estate, Eyreccourt, carried out as its most essential."
- (iii) "I will put forward at the next meeting of the County Council that all road workers employed by the County Council during the summer months be given regular and constant employment during the winter months, and the use of machinery for the purpose of loading of lorries be abandoned or limited while Council workers are available for such work."
- (iv) "I will move at the next meeting of Galway Co. Council that the Council take over and demolish derelict sites in Lawrencetown."

(c) Clr. J. Mannion: (i) "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the remuneration of the Clifden Rate Collector be increased from 8d. to 1/- in the £."

(ii) "I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that a new dispensary be provided for Oughterard."

(d) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting of the County Council, by order of the Visiting Committee, I or some member acting for me shall ask the County Manager to state if he accepts recommendations from persons other than County Councillors that hospital bills (Central and Clifden) be reduced or remitted."

11. Letter 14/1/52 from the County Councils General Council re:-

- (a) Rating System;
- (b) Health Inspectors;
- (c) Road Transport Act.

12. Letter 14/1/52 from the Mayor of Limerick regarding cost of Electricity.

13. Reconstruction of County Roads - 5-Year Plan.

14. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

(a) Clr. J. Flaherty: (i) "That I will ask the County Manager could it be possible to retain the services of the out-going Rate Collectors in view that their pensions will have to be paid out of Council Revenue thus causing an increase in Rates."  
 (ii) "I will ask the County Engineer if it is his intention to continue the steam-rolling of the Clonbern-Moylough road and when?"

(b) Clr. R. Lahiffe: "Please note that at next meeting of County Council, I will ask what progress, if any, has been made regarding erection of labourers cottages at.....(1) Orammore;  
 (2) Kinvara."

(c) Clr. M. Carty: (1) "That the main water supply in Loughrea be extended as far as the junction of Raruddy Road and Athenry Road and that a public fountain be provided near the three new B.O.H. cottages at this junction."  
 (2) "That the stream leading from Loughrea Sewerage Works to Loughrea River be cleaned without further delay."  
 (3) "That the river from Tebartee, Loughrea, to Ardnadocman, Loughrea, be cleaned, widened, and deepened so as to relieve flooding of farmland on either bank."  
 (4) "That the remaining portion of the Yellow Bog river be drained this summer so as to complete the drainage scheme for this district."  
 (5) "That the Co. Manager should indicate what progress has been made with the plans to extend the sewerage to the Hill, Loughrea, and the stage reached in the Cosmona Sewerage Scheme."  
 (6) "That the Co. Manager will inform the Council of the local authority's intentions regarding another housing scheme for Loughrea."  
 (7) "That the Co. Surveyor be requested to state if it is his intention to include the old Galway Road from Loughrea to Ballymana Chapel in his Five Years Plan for the steamrolling of county roads."

(d) Clr. J.P. Joyce: "I will ask County Manager the reason for delay in providing labourers cottages at Oughterard."

15. Auditor's Report - River Suck Joint Drainage Committee - year ended 31/3/1951.

- 16. Letter 9/6/52 from Gar Dumb Friends' League requesting that piers be provided at Inishmaan and Inishere.
- 17. Letter 4/6/52 from the County Councils' General Council requesting Notice of Motion to be included in Agenda for next meeting.
- 18. Notice of Motion by:-  
Clr. P. Sirr: "In view of the prevailing circumstances, I propose that a new dispensary be provided at Glenamaddy."
- 19. Resolutions.
- 20. Other Business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 28th JUNE, 1952.

**Present**: Councillors M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, and P. Sirr.

**8752.—Chairman**: It was proposed by Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Ashe and unanimously Resolved "that Clr. Martin Quinn, Cloonacallis, Killaan, Woodlawn, be elected Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1952/53."

**8753.—Vice-Chairman**: It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Glynn and unanimously Resolved: "that Clr. Michael Carty, Abbey Street, Loughrea, be elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1952/53."

**8754.—Road Works**: Clr. Lahiffe stated that recently fourteen men in one road gang at Loughcutra and one married man at Kinvara had been laid off work. Clr. Lahiffe requested an explanation of this in view of a statement made by the County Engineer at last meeting that labourers are so difficult to obtain that they have to be transported by lorry to various works. It was ordered that the matter be put on the Agenda for consideration at next meeting.

**8755.—Kilkerrin Water Supply**: A deputation from Kilkerrin attended in connection with the proposal to provide a water supply there, and it was decided to hear Rev. Fr. P. Waldron, P.P., on behalf of the deputation. Fr. Waldron referred to the bad quality of the present water supply from the pump in Kilkerrin stating that the water is discoloured and contaminated and nobody will drink it; he requested that the Council would proceed with all possible speed for the provision of a suitable water supply in Kilkerrin.

**8756.—Sympathy**: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman, on the death of his brother; Mrs. O'Beirn, Newcastle, on the death of her daughter—Dr. Stanford; Mr. Frank Fahy, T.D., on the death of his brother.

**8757.—Adjournment**: It was proposed by Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Ashe and unanimously Resolved: "that the meeting be adjourned to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 5th July, 1952, as a mark of respect to the Chairman—Clr. M. Quinn." The meeting was then adjourned.

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*Submitted, approved & confirmed this 6th day of Sept 1952,*

*Martin O'Quinn Chairman*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, 5/7/1952.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Carty.

**Present:** Clrs. Miss M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, P. Cawley, P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. P. Joyce, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, M. Quinn, J. Ruane, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8758.—Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board:** Letter 18/6/52 from the Chief Clerk, Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, was submitted stating that the number of members to be elected to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board by the Galway County Council is 16. The Secretary stated that the number of representatives of the Council on the Board for the year 1951/52 was 17. It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved: "that the following members of the Council be appointed as members of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board for the year 1952/53:—

Clr. M. Quinn, Cloonacallis, Killaan, Woodlawn.  
Deputy M. Killilea, Caherhugh, Belclare, Co. Galway.  
Clr. T. King, Balroebuckmore, Currandulla.  
Clr. J. J. Ruane, Northgate St., Athenry.  
Clr. S. Glynn, Corralough, Williamstown.  
Clr. Micko O'Donnell, Carraroe South, Carraroe.  
Clr. M. Nicholson, Danganbeg, Derreen, Ballyglunin.  
Clr. J. Houlihan, Abbey, Loughrea.  
Clr. R. Lahiffe, Cloon, Gort.  
Clr. M. Kitt, Lehanagh, Castleblakeney.  
Clr. M. A. Ashe, Cross Street, Galway.  
Clr. P. Collins, Moneen, Castleblakeney.  
Clr. M. Wall, Ballygar.  
Clr. J. J. Nestor, Bridge Street, Dunmore.  
Clr. M. Newell, Breanloughaun, Galway.  
Clr. L. O'Toole, Tullycross, Renvyle.

**8759.—National Monuments Advisory Committee:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that the existing members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee be re-appointed for the year 1952/53."

**8760.—Visiting Committee for District Institutions:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that the existing members of the Visiting Committee for the Council's district Institutions be re-appointed for the year 1952-53"

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**8761.—Education Committee:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that one of the Brothers of St. Joseph's Seminary, Galway, be appointed a member of the Education Committee and that all the existing members of the Committee be re-appointed for the year 1952/53."

**8762.—Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that the existing members of the various O.A.P. Sub-Committees be re-appointed for the year 1952/53."

**8763.—County Councils General Council:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that the following members be appointed to represent the Galway County Council on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1952/53:—

Clr. M. Quinn, Cloonacallis, Killaan, Woodlawn.  
Deputy M. Killilea, Caherhugh, Belclare.  
Clr. M. Kitt, Lehanagh, Castleblakeney.

**8764.—Irish Tourist Association:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Kitt and Resolved: "that Clr. Sean Glynn, Corralough, Williamstown, be appointed to represent the Council on the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1952/53."

**8765.—County Galway Vocational Education Committee:** It was proposed by Clr. Nicholson, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved: "that Mr. Mark Lohan, Mountbellew, be appointed a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rev. Brother Jarlath Edwards, O.S.F."

**8766.—Lough Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee:** Letter 7th May, 1952, from the Acting Secretary to above Committee was submitted stating that Clrs. Killilea and McElhinney are disqualified by reason of non-attendance at meetings of the Committee for a period of twelve months.

It was proposed by Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Nicholson that Clr. Sean Glynn, Corralough, Williamstown, be appointed to fill one of the two vacancies on the Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee.

It was proposed by Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that Deputy M. Killilea, Caherhugh, Belclare, be re-appointed a member of the Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee."

**8767.—Fire Fighting Services—Joint Committee:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Kitt that Clrs. M. A.

Ashe, J. J. Ruane, M. Quinn and M. Higgins, be appointed to represent the County Council on the Joint Advisory Committee for County Fire Fighting Services.

It was proposed by Deputy Cawley, seconded by Clr. Sirr "that Clr. M. Carty be appointed a member of the Advisory Committee to represent Loughrea."

The Secretary pointed out that the number of members to be appointed by the Galway County Council was 4. Clr. Carty thanked Messrs. Cawley and Sirr for proposing him, and at his request, the proposal to appoint Clr. Carty was withdrawn, and the Council approved the appointment of Clrs. Ashe, Ruane, Quinn and Higgins on the Joint Advisory Committee.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Cawley and Resolved: "that the Council recommend that the membership of the Joint Advisory Committee be increased by two so that one member of the Committee may be appointed by the Loughrea Town Commissioners and one member by the Tuam Town Commissioners.

**8768.—Kilkerrin Water Supply:** Rev. Canon Waldron, P.P., Kilkerrin, attended with a deputation from Kilkerrin. Canon Waldron addressed the meeting and stressed the necessity for the provision of proper water supply for Kilkerrin.

Report 4/6/52 from Mr. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, was submitted in which it is stated that the estimated cost for provision of a water supply scheme for Kilkerrin is £12,744 and the estimated cost of a water supply scheme for Moylough is £12,500, while, Mr. O'Connor states, that a Joint Scheme which would serve both of these towns and in addition the groups of houses between Kilkerrin and Moylough would cost approximately £1,000 more than the total cost of the two separate schemes.

On the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Carty, the Council unanimously approved the provision of a joint water supply scheme for Kilkerrin and Moylough in accordance with the Consulting Engineer's recommendation.

**8769.—Water Supplies Generally:** It was proposed by Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that an explanation should be given of the progress made with the water supply extension schemes and the provision of wells, which works had been approved by the Council some months ago."

Clr. Carty stated that the delay in putting schemes in hands appears to be attributable to the Consulting Engineers, and Clr. Carty suggested that the Council should consider the employment of Consulting Engineers who are available in Galway. The Secretary pointed out that Galway Consultants, viz., Mr. Ryan and Mr. O'Connor are already engaged by the Council on a number of schemes.

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COUNCILLOR QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Collins stated that a considerable sum had been spent by the Council in the provision of wells and pumps which have not functioned and suggested that instead of providing pumps, the Council should again consider the possibility of providing regional piped water supply schemes. Clrs. Ruane and Nestor supported Clr. Collins' suggestion.

Clr. Nestor requested that a tap at Kinalappa and Ballintava, Dunmore, which had been authorised sometime ago be provided immediately as it is very much needed.

**8770.—Chairman:** The Chairman thanked the Council for re-electing him to the position of Chairman for the coming year and also for the motion of sympathy with him adopted by the Council at the last meeting.

**8771.—Road Workers' Wages:** It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved: "that a Roads Committee consisting of the entire Council be appointed to consider road works and road workers' wages; meetings of the Committee to be held once in each quarter and the first meeting to be held at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 12th July, 1952."

It was decided that Item 8 on the agenda be referred to this committee.

**8772.—Oughterard Fairs:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer explained that he had already arranged to have the streets at Oughterard cleaned in the evening of each fair day.

Deputy Mannion suggested that similar arrangements be made for Clifden Town.

**8773.—Esker Bog Road:** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer explained that this road is not a county road and, consequently, the Council cannot incur any expenditure on its repair and improvement.

**8774.—Doon Cemetery Road and Employment of Road Workers:** Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion in connection with these matters were referred to the Roads Committee.

**8775.—Derelict Sites—Laurecetown:** Clr. O'Dowd proposed and Clr. Carty seconded that the derelict sites in Laurecetown be taken over and demolished by the County Council. The County Engineer stated that he would give this matter his attention.

**8776.—Rate Collector No. 4 District :** It was proposed by Deputy Mannion and seconded by Clr. O'Toole and Resolved: "that the Council recommend that the poundage for the Rate Collector in No. 4 Collection district which was reduced to 8d. on appointment of the existing Collector be now increased to 1/-."

**8777.—New Dispensaries :** Deputy Mannion proposed that a new dispensary be provided in Oughterard to replace the existing dispensary which is entirely unsuitable. It was proposed by Clr. Surr that a new dispensary be provided in Glenamaddy.

The County Manager stated that there are 40 dispensary districts in the county and that in the majority of these districts it will be necessary to provide new dispensaries; that in some districts there are, in addition to the main dispensary, one or more out-lying dispensary depots and that some of these will also require replacement. A grant of £600 each is now being made available by the Department of Health for new dispensaries, and the Manager requested the views of the Council on his recommendation that the Council should proceed with the provision of new dispensaries in all cases where these are necessary. On the proposition of Clr. Kitt seconded by Clr. Nicholson, the Council approved the provision of new dispensaries in all cases where such dispensaries are necessary. Clr. Carty recommended that the Council would ensure that the buildings to be provided would be pleasing in appearance.

Clr. Flaherty requested that a dispensary be provided in Clonbern as patients have to travel six or seven miles to the nearest dispensary.

**8778.—Hospital Bills :** In reply to Clr. Carty's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that he cannot prevent anybody from making a recommendation for the reduction of a hospital bill, but that the question of reducing the bill is considered in relation to the information available in regard to the means of the patient.

On the Chairman's suggestion, it was decided that it is unnecessary to make any alteration in the present arrangements for dealing with hospital bills.

**8779.—County Councils' General Council :** (a) Rating System : Letter 14/1/52 from the County Councils' General Council was submitted requesting the views of the Council on a motion that the present rating system be altered. It was decided that the General Council be informed that the Galway County Council consider that the present rating system is reasonably equitable and that the Council does not agree with the terms of the Motion.

(b) Health Inspectors : Letter 14/1/52 from the County Councils' General Council was submitted requesting that the views of the Council be obtained on the appointment of additional health inspectors in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations. It was decided that the General Council be informed of the arrangements made in this county.

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(c) Road Transport Act : Letter from the General Council was submitted enclosing a motion requesting that haulage licence be issued for the use of farmers' tractors for conveyance of materials for road works. Clr. Carty proposed that the motion be approved. The County Engineer stated that C.I.E. has always been able to provide all transport required by him for road works. It was decided that the Council does not approve the terms of the motion received from the County Councils' General Council in regard to this matter.

(d) Housing Grants : It was decided to refer to the General Council for consideration the recommendation of the Housing Committee in regard to the issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

**8780.—Electricity Charges :** Clr. Carty stated that since the issue of letter 14/1/52 by the Mayor of Limerick, a Conference had been held with the Electricity Supply Board and certain concessions had been obtained. It was decided that no further action in connection with this matter is necessary at present.

**8781.—Reconstruction of County Roads :** The County Engineer's report showing his proposals for the 5-year plan for reconstruction of county roads and setting out a total mileage of 226.1 miles be rolled was submitted. It was decided that consideration of this matter be referred to the Roads Committee.

**8782.—Housing Committee :** The Minutes of meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 21/6/1952 were submitted.

In regard to the issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, Clr. Carty stated that it is desirable that a statement be issued that the Council cannot proceed with the payment of grants until such time as the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, will come into operation.

The recommendation of the Committee that the minimum rent for differential rent schemes to be 7/6 per week and that for future lettings of new cottages in rural areas, the rent be increased from 5/- to 6/- per week was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. Ruane, seconded by Clr. Kitt that the Council recommend that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be approved.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Galvin that the Council recommend that the minimum rent in differential rent schemes be 10/- a week; that the rent for future lettings of new houses in rural areas not subject to a differential rent scheme be increased from 5/- to 6/- per week. A vote resulted as follows:—

**For Mr. Ruane's Proposal :** Messrs. Cunningham, Geoghegan, King, Kitt, Quinn, and Ruane.—6.

**For Mr. Carty's Amendment :** Messrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Carty, Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Joyce, Lahiffe, Mylotte, Nestor, Nicholson, O'Dowd, Surr and Wall.—16.

The Chairman declared Clr. Carty's amendment carried and Clr. Ruane's motion lost.

**8783.—Western Health Institutions' Committee :** Letter F.1/209 of the 30/6/52 from the Department of Health was submitted enclosing a copy of the Western Health Institution's Committee Order, 1952, which requires that two representatives of the Galway County Council on that Committee be appointed. It was decided that this matter be put on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

**8784.—Ardrahan Dispensary Residence :** The Secretary stated that the site of Ardrahan dispensary residence was held by the Council under a lease from Mr. Shawe Taylor which has now expired; that the premises are now being offered by the owner to the Council in fee simple for the sum of £500 and that acceptance of this offer is recommended by the County Solicitor. On the proposition of Clr. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. Nicholson, the Council approved the acquisition of these premises for £500 plus cost of conveyance.

**8785.—An Tostal :** Letter 30/6/52 from the Town Clerk Galway, was submitted and noted stating that a meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, Galway, at 8 p.m. on Monday, 7th July, 1952, to discuss arrangements for Galway's contribution to An Tostal—the Irish Festival proposed for April 1953.

**8786.—Rate Collectors, etc. :** Clr. Flaherty withdrew his Notice of Motion in regard to the retention of out-going rate collectors.

8787. The County Engineer stated, in reply to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, that the steam rolling of the Clonberne-Moylough road will start soon.

Clr. Nestor recommended that the road from Moylough to the Mayo border be steam-rolled; this recommendation was referred to the Roads Committee.

Clr. Carty requested that consideration of the provision of the new road to Terryland be also placed on the Agenda for the Roads Committee Meeting.

**8788.—Cottages at Oranmore and Kinvara and Oughterard :** In reply to Clr. Lahiffe's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that he expected that the new cottages at Oranmore would be available in approximately nine months time.

In regard to the cottages at Kinvara, the Secretary stated that six of the applicants in this area are in the Tooreen-Ballinderreen district and that the County Engineer is having the applicants and land owners in the district interviewed with a view to getting sites

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by agreement; that it appears that a site for erection of the remaining cottages will have to be acquired compulsorily.

In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that it is expected that the advertisement inviting tenders for Oughterard cottages will be issued within one month.

Clr. Furey stated that a cottage in Tuam has been vacant for nine months; that he understands that the tenant is absent in Dublin.

**8789.—Water, Sewerage, etc., in Loughrea :** In reply to Clr. Carty's Notice of Motion, that the water supply be extended to the junction of Raruddy Road and Athenry Road, Loughrea, the County Engineer stated that he proposes to provide a fountain at the end of the existing main which will be reasonably convenient to the cottages. The Council approved this proposal.

The County Engineer stated that he is arranging to deal with Mr. Carty's proposals regarding the stream from Loughrea Sewerage Works; the river from Tobartee and the part of the Yellow Bog river as portion of the Dunkellin Drainage District maintenance for the current year.

In reply to Clr. Carty's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that the County Engineer is preparing plans for the extension of the sewerage scheme at Cosmona, Loughrea; that no previous application had been received for extension of the sewerage to the Hill, Loughrea.

Consideration of Clr. Carty's Notice of Motion in regard to another housing scheme for Loughrea town was, at his request, deferred.

The County Engineer stated that he has included in his proposals under the 5-year plan the steam-rolling of the road from Loughrea to Ballymana Chapel.

**8790.—Auditor's Reports and Statements of Accounts :** The Auditor's reports and statements of accounts as set out hereunder were submitted and approved:—

Ballinasloe Joint Mental Hospital Board—two years ended 31/3/50.

River Suck Joint Drainage Committee—y.e. 31/3/51.  
Shrulle Joint Drainage Committee—y.e. 31/3/52.

**8791.—Piers at Aran Islands :** Letter 9/6/52 from Our Dumb Friends League was submitted requesting that the Council would consider the steps to be taken for provision of Piers at Inishmaan and Inishere. Clr. Mylotte stated that if the existing slip at Inishmaan were extended local boats (Hookers, etc.) could call at Inishmaan and take cattle to Kilronan where they could be loaded on to the Dun Aengus. After a discussion it was decided that the responsible Government Department be informed that the Council would be prepared to maintain piers in Inishmaan and

Inshere if these piers were erected by the responsible department to the satisfaction of the County Engineer.

**8792.—Loan for Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme:** It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. O'Dowd and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £14,250 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a water supply scheme at Ahascragh—the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan.

**8793.—Laurencetown Water Supply Scheme:** Notice of Motion received from Clr. O'Dowd proposing that piped water supply scheme be provided at Laurencetown was submitted. It was decided that this matter be placed on the Agenda for consideration at next meeting of the Council.

**8794.—Road Workers' Employment:** It was decided that Clr. Lahiffe's statement at meeting on the 28/6/52 in regard to the laying off of road workers at Loughcutra and Kinvara be referred to the Roads Committee for consideration.

**8795.—President:** It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Collins and Resolved: "that the Council congratulate Sean T. O Ceallaigh, Uas., on his re-election as President of Ireland."

**8796.—Sympathy:** Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:—

Mr. Sean Donnellan, N.T., Loughwell N.S., Moycullen, on the death of his mother;

The widow of the late Mr. M. Fleming, Dunmore;

Mrs. Kavanagh, and family, Annaghdown, on the death of her husband;

The family of the late Mr. Mtn. Mannion, Menlough.

*Submitted approved & confirmed  
this 6th day of Sept. 1952.  
Mairín O'Cuinn Chairman*

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Phone:  
GALWAY 55.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
Galway.  
9th July, 1952.

To: Each Member of County Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the ROADS COMMITTEE which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, at 12.30 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 12th July, 1952.

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AGENDA.

TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Road Workers' Wages - application for an increase of 12/6d. a week.
- (2) Doon Cemetery Road - Clr. O'Dowd's N.O.M. re continuation of road.
- (3) Employment of road workers: (a) Clr. O'Dowd's N.O.M. recommending that road workers be given constant employment during Winter;  
(b) Clr. Lahiffe's statement in regard to the laying off of road workers at Loughcutra and Kinvara.
- (4) Reconstruction of county roads - 5-year plan.
- (5) Steam-rolling of road from Moylough to Mayo border - Clr. Nestor's recommendation.
- (6) Terryland Road.
- (7) Other business.

In the Chair. Clr. M. Quinn.

Present: Clrs. Miss M.A. Ashe, M. Carty, P. Collins, J.J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P.T. Galvin, J. Geoghagan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Holohan, M. Killilea, M. F. Kitt, T. King, J. O'Dowd, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, J. Mannion, M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nowell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J.J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr, and M. Wall.

Sympathy: The Chairman notified the members of the death of Mr. F. Forde, Retired Clerical Officer, and paid tribute to his service under the Board of Health, and the Galway County Council. Sympathy was noted with his relatives.

Road Workers' Wages: Arising out of the application for an increase of 12/6d per week, Mr. Sirr proposed that the labourer's wage be increased to £4. 0.0. per week. Mr. Holohan suggested that any increase granted be limited to married men only. Mr. Glynn asked that priority in employment be given to married men. Miss Ashe commented on the number of engineers and supervisory staff employed. Mr. Mannion stated that as the wages of forestry workers were based on County Council's labourers rates, workers in Mayo were paid more than in Galway. Mr. King asked if there were any statistics available showing the numbers of labourers and supervisory staff employed and the output per man. Mr. O'Toole suggested that all road works be suspended during the month of March thus releasing labour for the farmers' requirements. Mr. Carty considered that the increased Road Grants allocated by the Government for 1952/53 should be applied for the provision of increased wages for the workers. Mr. Galvin said that an increase of 8/- per week should be granted within the current year's estimate. Mr. Wall suggested that any increase granted should be a percentage one based on output. Mr. Collins contended that the wage increase was necessary because of the increased cost of living. Mr. Kitt advocated such an increase as would give the road labourer a net wage of £4. per week after deduction of insurance and superannuation contributions. Mr. Higgins stated that as the insurance deductions were for the workers' own benefit he would favour a gross wage of £4. per week, because the workers' contentment was necessary to obtain maximum Production. Mr. O'Dowd criticised the treatment noted out to road and farm labourers in the past. Messrs. Furey and Nestor said that the interests of the ratepayers would have to be considered. The Chairman stressed that it would be unfair to burden next year's Estimates of Expenses by carrying forward the cost of the increase. Messrs. Ruane, Nicholson, Killilea and Cunningham also spoke.

After hearing the County Manager's views on the matter it was unanimously resolved "That the Committee recommend the following weekly wage increases - Labourers 8/-; Gangers 7/-; Foremen 6/-; Overseers 5/- to be payable from the beginning of the first pay period after receipt of sanction from the Minister for Local Government, and that over expenditure amounting to one half of the cost be allowed on the current year's Roads Estimate. The County Engineer advised the meeting that the approximate annual cost of the proposed increases would be £40,000.

Church Holydays: Mr. King proposed and Mr. O'Donnell seconded that road workers be paid for Church Holydays. A discussion ensued but no decision was made.

Terryland Road: The County Engineer told Miss Ashe that the delay was due to the fact that the land had to be acquired.

Doon Cemetery Road: The County Engineer's report on Clr. O'Dowd's notice of motion having been read, the Chairman suggested that provision be made for this work in next years estimates to which Clr. O'Dowd agreed.

Employment of Road Workers: (a) Clr. O'Dowd, speaking on his notice of motion, said that seasonal employment only acted as an incentive to workers to leave the employment of the County Council entirely. The County Engineer stated that the laying off of machinery would be a costly proposal as the greater the use, the cheaper the charges.

(b) Clr. Lahiffe speaking on his notice of motion mentioned a recent news item in the "Connacht Tribune" The County Engineer stated that works were now in progress in the Lough Cutra and Kinvara areas which would absorb all available labour.

Road from Moylough to Mayo Border - Steamrolling: The County Engineer told Mr. Nestor that the estimated cost of this work was between £6,000 and £7,000 and that it was hoped to commence it shortly.

Reconstruction of County Roads - 5 year Plan: The unfavourable condition of the Road from Garbally Cross to Skehannagh was commented on and the County Engineer promised to look into it.

The County Engineer's report showing his proposals for the 5 year plan for reconstruction of county roads to a total mileage of 226.1 miles having been circulated, was submitted. He estimated that the complete work would cost £542,000. After a discussion it was decided on Mr. Killilea's suggestion that details of the cost of a long term loan to finance the reconditioning and resurfacing of the County roads be submitted to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

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Na Foireannithe Chonndae,  
GAILLIMH.

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Conndae na Gaillimhe i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foireannithe Conndae, Dia Sathairn,  
30adh Lúnasa, 1952, ag 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Lunaigh.

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Chuíg gach Dhaill de'n Comhairle:

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of two vacancies on the County Galway Committee of Agriculture.
3. Appointment of two **representatives** on the Western Health Institutions Committee.
4. Letter from Clerk to Lettermore Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee recommending appointment of five new members.
5. Overdraft arrangements for quarter ending 31st December, 1952.
6. Proposed transfer of 24.8 sq. perches of land to Galway Corporation.
7. Proposed transfer of Woodlands Sanatorium and the lands attached thereto to the Western Health Institutions Committee by way of licence.
8. Road Workers' Wages -  
(a) Recommendation of Roads Committee and letter 23/7/52 from the Federation of Rural Workers.
9. Reconstruction of County Roads - Five-Year Plan:-  
Roads Committee's recommendation that a loan be raised to meet the estimated cost £542,000.
10. Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary & Vocational Schools 1953.
11. University Scholarship Scheme, 1953.
12. Letter 14/7/52 from Mr. P.K. Hanley requesting that the special University Scholarship of £30 which was granted to him for one year be continued for a further year.
13. Purchase of Tolls and Fairgreen at Loughrea.
14. Increase in charges for maintenance and treatment of patients in Extern Hospitals, including Portiuncula Hospital.
15. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan £2,863 for New Inn Vocational School.
16. Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.
17. Salary Scale for office of Supervising Health Inspector.
18. Minister's proposals for improved and extended health services.
19. Extension of Roundstone Sewerage Scheme - estimated cost: £2,000.
20. Extension of watermain at Clifden (to Courroughil and Killywongaun) estimated cost - £250.

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21. Attendance of County Librarian at Annual Conference of Library Association in Athlone - 29th September to 3rd October, 1952.
22. Pensioned officers and servants allowances - letters from their association and from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union.
23. An Tostal - Meeting to be held in Chamber of Commerce, Galway, on Monday, 1st September, 1952, at 8.p.m.
24. Auditor's reports on accounts of -  
(a) Galway County Council for 2 years to 31/3/1950.  
(b) Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for year to 31/3/1952.
25. Councillors' Notices of Motion:  
(a) Clr. J. O'Dowd: "I will propose at the next meeting of Galway County Council to have a piped water supply for Laurencetown."  
(b) Clr. L. O'Toole: "Take notice that I or some other Councillor on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Council that the Council agree to contribute 25% to the cost of -  
(1) provision of landing facilities at Coolachoy, Ballycoonee, Clifden,  
(2) provision of a slipway at Renvyle near CRUMP Island,  
(3) provision of a quay and slip at Mullaghglass, Renvyle,  
and that the County Council agree to accept responsibility for their maintenance on completion.  
(c) Clr. J. Houlihan: (1) To have dam in river at Killimore, Ballinasloe, removed to avoid flooding of lands on the Omgrove side of the town.  
(2) To have sewerage extended in Portumna for approximately 30 yards on the Woodford Road and for approximately 100 yards on the Killimore Road.  
(3) To have wall erected at Abbey, Loughrea, for which a sum of £200 has been laid out.  
(4) I beg to put in a notice of motion for next meeting of County Council for the provision of a water supply for Kihlmore, Co. Galway, approximately 350 population.  
(d) Clr. M. O'Donnail: (1) Please note that at the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will ask the County Manager if he will state the present position of the Costello Water Scheme.  
(2) That I will request the County Engineer:  
(a) to fence Bodb Brocain Graveyard, Costello;  
(b) to place a light on Rossaveal Pier, Costello.  
(e) Clr. J. O'Flaherty: (1) I will ask the County Manager has any steps been taken towards the erection of sanitary accommodation for Dunmore;  
(2) I will ask the County Engineer when does he propose to erect sign-board at the Square, Dunmore.  
(f) Clr. J. O'Dowd: (1) I will propose at next meeting to have Brooklawn Castle, Clonfert, properly closed up as it is very dangerous to children.  
(2) I will ask at the next meeting to have sign post erected at Moorfield Cross and marked dangerous bends.  
(3) I will ask the County Engineer for the estimated cost of removing the arch of the Bridge at Kylemore, Laurencetown.
26. Resolutions.
27. Other Business.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, the  
30th August, 1952.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr. Ml. Carty, Co.C.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Miss M.A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, P. Cawley, P. Collins,  
J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan,  
J. Glynn, M.J. Higgins, J.P. Joyce, M. Killilea, T. King,  
M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, J. Mannion, M. Mylotte, J.J. Nestor,  
M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, M. Quinn, J. Ruane,  
P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8797: ADJOURNMENT: It was proposed by Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. Nestor and Resolved: "that the Council convey to Mr. Martin Quinn, Chairman, their deep sympathy with him on the death of his sister and that as a mark of respect, the meeting be adjourned until 12.30.p.m. on Saturday, 6th September, 1952."

Votes of sympathy were also unanimously adopted with the widow and relatives of Dr. C.J. McCarthy, Resident Medical Superintendent, Ballinasloe Mental Hospital; and Mr. John Burke, Clonberne, on the death of his wife.

The meeting was then adjourned.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed this 6th day of September 1952.*

*Maiream O'Curran Chairman.*

Phone:  
GALWAY 55.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
Galway.

1st September, 1952.

To: Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Adjourned Meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, at 12.30.p.m. on Saturday - the 6th September, 1952.

The Agenda for the meeting will be that already circulated for the meeting on the 30th August, 1952.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER,  
1952, AT 12.30 p.m.

In the Chair: 1. Clr. M. Quinn.  
2. Clr. M. Carty.

Present: Ctrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, P. Cawley, T.D., P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, J. Mannion, T.D., M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8798.—Minutes: Minutes of previous meetings to 8797 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes Clr. Carty was informed by Mr. Collins, C.A.C.E., of the correspondence with the Office of Public Works in regard to the embankment, etc., adjoining the proposed road at Terryland; that negotiations for acquisition of the land have been in progress and that arrangements have been made for compulsory acquisition of this land if necessary.

Clr. Ashe asked for an explanation of the delay in proceeding with the water and sewerage extension schemes which had been approved by the Council several months ago. The Secretary stated that drawings and specifications of these works had been requested from the County Engineer and are still awaited; that it was intended to raise a loan for these works but it was considered, however, that some of the smaller jobs could be done from Revenue Account; the County Engineer's report in regard to these revenue jobs is also being awaited. Mr. Collins, C.A.C.E., stated that he expected to be able to proceed with the work at Moycullev within a short time.

Clr. Cunningham requested that the Kilkerrin Water Supply Scheme be expedited.

8799.—Tuam Home: Arising out of the Minutes for the Visiting Committee, the Secretary stated that the sanction of the Department of Health had not yet been obtained to the improvement scheme for Tuam Home for which sanction had been sought some months ago. On the suggestion of Clr. King, it was agreed that the Department of Health be informed that the Council desire that sanction to this work be issued immediately as there is an urgent necessity for the carrying out of the work. It was also arranged that the effect of the increase in food prices since July 1952, on the capita-tion rates for Tuam Home be investigated.

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8800.—County Galway Committee of Agriculture: It was proposed by Clr. Ruane and seconded by Clr. Carty, "that Mr. Martin Dolphin, Ballydavid, Loughrea, be appointed a member of the Galway County Committee of Agriculture to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Pat Lambert."

It was proposed by Clr. Nicholson and seconded by Clr. Kitt, "that Rev. Brother Murdoch Walkin, Superior, Agricultural College, Mountbellew, be appointed a member of the County Galway Committee of Agriculture to replace Rev. Brother Eugenius."

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty, and seconded by Clr. Collins, "that Mr. John Houlihan, Co.C., be appointed a member of the Galway County Committee of Agriculture to fill one of the above-mentioned vacancies.

At Clr. Houlihan's request Clr. Flaherty's proposal was withdrawn, and as there was no other proposals the Chairman declared Mr. Martin Dolphin and Rev. Brother Murdoch Walkin elected members of the Galway County Committee of Agriculture.

8801.—Western Health Institutions Committee: Letter F.1/209 of 30/6/52 from the Department of Health was submitted requesting that the Council would appoint two members on the Joint Committee for the Western Health Institutions.

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Ruane, and Resolved "that Clr. M. Quinn be appointed a member of the Western Health Institutions' Joint Committee."

For the second vacancy, the appointment of Clr. M. Carty was proposed by Ctrs. Kitt and Higgins.

The appointment of Clr. Shields was proposed by Ctrs. Flaherty and Cawley.

The appointment of Clr. Ashe was proposed by Clr. Collins and Clr. Sirr. At Clr. Ashe's request her nomination of this vacancy was withdrawn.

A vote taken resulted as follows:—

For Clr. Carty: Ctrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane.—15.

For Clr. Shields: Ctrs. Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Joyce, Mannion, Mylotte, Nestor, Sirr and Wall.—10.

Ctrs. Carty and Shields did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. Carty appointed a member of the Western Health Institution's Committee.

8802.—Lettermore O.A.P. Sub-Committee: Letter 19/8/52 from the Clerk to the Lettermore O.A.P. Sub-Committee was submitted stating that owing to failure of the members appointed to attend meetings, it is difficult to obtain a quorum and suggesting the appointment of certain members.

It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan,

and Resolved, "that the following be appointed members of the Lettermore O.A.P. Sub-Committee:—

JOHN McDONAGH, Aibhíneen, Bealadangan;  
DARBY NESTOR, Bealadangan.  
MICHAEL FLAHERTY (Dan), Cullane, Carraroe;  
JOE McDONAGH, Lettermore;  
JIMMY FAHERTY, Clynagh, Carraroe."

Clr. Nestor stated that it is almost impossible to have a quorum at meetings of the Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee. It was decided that this matter would be pursued by the Secretary.

**8803.—Overdraft:** The Secretary stated that the overdraft required for the quarter ending 31/12/52 would amount, at the maximum period, to £300,000. It was pointed out that the debit balance has been increasing steadily and that the reasons for the large overdraft in the coming quarter are: (a) the increase in expenditure in the current year as compared with previous years; (b) the closing down of the Turf Account and its transfer to General Account; (c) the fact that money has to be advanced to the Mental Hospital Board before it normally falls due; (d) the authorization of certain items, such as, increase in road workers wages for which provision had not been made in the annual estimate. It was proposed by Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, and Resolved, "that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation, not exceeding £300,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 31/12/52. Clrs' Collins and Cawley suggested that the Departments concerned be asked to expedite the payment of grants and that they also be requested to state if the interest on any overdraft which is attributable to the delay in payment of grants will be recouped to the Council.

**8804.—Galway Regional Hospital Site:** Notice dated 12/8/52 in regard to the transfer of land near the Fever Hospital to the Galway Corporation was submitted; copies having already been circulated to the Council on 12/5/52. It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Carty, and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the transfer to the Galway Corporation of a plot of land situated W.N.W. of the Galway Fever Hospital; area—24.8 sq. perches—as part payment for a plot; area—4.87 acres which is being acquired from the Galway Corporation as part of the site of Galway Regional Hospital.

**8805.—Woodlands Sanatorium:** Notice dated 19/9/52 in regard to the transfer of Woodlands Sanatorium to the Western Health Institutions Committee was submitted; copies of the Notice having been forwarded to each member on the 19th ultimo. It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Nestor and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the transfer of

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Woodlands Sanatorium with 17 acres 2 perches of land attached thereto to the Western Health Institutions Committee on the following terms:

1. The allocation by the new Western Health Institutions Committee of 188 beds for the accommodation of the patients at present accommodated in Woodlands Sanatorium and thereafter an allocation of 160 beds together with a proportion of the remainder of the beds in the Regional Health Institution as shall be determined by the Minister according to the requirements of each of the Counties of Roscommon, Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo and Galway, and a further allocation of a minimum of 30 beds in the Orthopaedic Hospital to be established in Woodlands Sanatorium.
2. The maintenance of the buildings including furniture, fittings and appliances and the walls of Woodlands Sanatorium by the Regional Health Institution's Committee.
3. The payment by the Regional Health Institution's Committee of all rates taxes and other outgoings payable in respect of Woodlands Sanatorium.
4. The payment by the Regional Health Institution's Committee of all monies to be expended in the maintenance, running costs and equipment of Woodlands Sanatorium, including salaries and wages of Medical staff and employees.
5. The recoupment of the Galway County Council by the Regional Health Institution's Committee of all loan repayment charges (including principal and interest) which the Galway County Council are, or may at any future date become liable to pay in respect of Woodlands Sanatorium.
6. The insuring of Woodlands Sanatorium, including all furniture, fittings and equipment therein, against loss or damage by fire in the sum of £105,680.

In reply to Clr. Ashe the Secretary explained that Woodlands Sanatorium has now passed out of the Council's control and that, therefore, our Visiting Committee would not be entitled to visit Woodlands Sanatorium. It was decided that the representatives on the Western Health Institutions' Committee would pursue any complaints in regard to visiting hours, etc., at the Sanatorium.

Clr. Ashe complained that the Council's officials from the highest to the lowest have no respect for the Councillors. The Secretary stated that his staff and he have always endeavoured to be attentive and courteous in any dealings which they may have with Councillors or anybody; that if there is an allegation of discourtesy, the name of the officer concerned should be stated rather than that there should be a vague allegation against everybody.

Clr. Cawley stated that he believed the Sanatorium is the Institution concerned. The matter was not pursued further.

**8806.—Road Workers' Wages:** The recommendation of the Roads Committee at a meeting held on the 12/7/52 was submitted and approved, viz., that the following increases be granted to the Council's road workers in the County Health District with effect from the start of the pay period next after the date of receipt of sanction:

Labourers and Carters	8/-	per week
Gangers	7/-	" "
Foremen	6/-	" "
Overseers	5/-	" "

The Secretary was directed to inform the Federation of Rural Workers that it is the intention of the Council that the increase granted to labourers shall also be granted to carters in the County Health District.

**8807.—County Roads—5-Year Plan:** The recommendation of the Roads Committee at meeting on the 12/7/52 that a loan of £542,000 be raised to meet the cost of the County Engineer's 5-year plan for improvement of county roads was submitted. The County Engineer's letter of 22/8/52 stating that unless the work were done by contract, he did not consider he would be able to deal with it was also submitted. In the absence of the County Engineer on leave, it was decided to adjourn consideration of this item until next meeting of the Council.

**8808.—Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary & Vocational Schools:** The Scheme as recommended by the Education Committee was submitted and it was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved: "that a scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1953 similar to the scheme for 1952, subject to the amendments set out hereunder, be submitted for the approval of the Minister for Education: the deletion of clause IV (2) of the scheme and the substitution thereof of the following: "For the purpose of reckoning total income, in cases where the parents or guardians of the candidate occupy land, £1, Poor Law Valuation of land shall be deemed equivalent to an annual income of £8, and that the last date for receipt of completed application forms be the 8th January, 1953."

Since the applications must be forwarded to the Department of Education by the 1st February, 1953, it was arranged that the acceptance of any application will be provisional only until such time as the applications will have been considered by a meeting of the Education Committee.

**8809.—University Scholarship Scheme, 1953:** The recommendation of the Education Committee at meeting on the 17th July, 1952, was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Ashe, and Resolved: "that a scheme for University Scholar-

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ships for 1953 similar to the scheme for 1952 be adopted subject to the deletion of Clause IV (2) (11) of the latter and the substitution thereof of the following: "For the purpose of reckoning total income, in cases where the parents or guardians of the candidate occupy land, £1, Poor Law Valuation shall be deemed to be equivalent to an annual income of £8. Allowances paid under the Children's Allowances Act, 1944, shall not be regarded as income for the purpose of this Scheme."

Clr. Carty pointed out that students pursuing a course leading to the Degree B.E. (Mechanical) or B.E. (Electrical) can do only one year of this course at University College, Galway, and must attend University College, Dublin, for the remainder of the course. It was decided that provision for such candidates would be made in the scheme for 1953.

Letter 14/7/52 from Mr. P. K. Hanly, 8, Shantalla Place, was submitted and on the proposition of Clr. Ashe, seconded by Clr. Nestor, it was agreed to extend Mr. Hanly's University Scholarship of £30 for one further and final year, viz., year 1952/53.

Letter 22/8/52 from Miss Patricia Hanniffy, Creagh, Ballinasloe, was submitted. Miss Hanniffy had been awarded a scholarship of £120 a year in 1948. This scholarship, tenable for a period of four years, has now expired and Miss Hanniffy who is pursuing a medical course requested that it would be extended for another year. On the proposition of Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Carty, it was decided to extend Miss Hanniffy's scholarship for one further year, viz., 1952/53.

**8810.—Loughrea Tolls and Fairgreen:** File of correspondence in connection with the proposal to purchase the tolls, fairgreen and relative properties at Loughrea from Mr. Brian Ryan for £4,250 was submitted. On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Council approved the proposal to purchase the tolls, fairgreen and relative properties at Loughrea for £4,250 plus costs of conveyance and recommended that the fairgreen, when acquired, be improved and that pens be provided thereon. The Council also expressed the opinion that the charging of tolls should be continued.

Councillor Carty now took the Chair.

**8811.—Extern Hospitals:** It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Galvin, and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve payment of the increased charges for maintenance and treatment of patients in Extern Hospitals including Portuncula Hospital, viz., at rate of £5 5s. 0d. per week with effect from 1st January, 1952. Clr. Carty expressed the view that having regard to the number of patients in Portuncula Hospital for whose maintenance and treatment the Galway County Council pay, there should

be some arrangement for visiting of the hospital by the Council's Visiting Committee.

**8812.—Loan for New Inn Vocational School:** It was proposed by Clr. M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. O'Dowd, and Resolved: "that our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £2,863 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Acts, 1930 to 1947.

**8813.—Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952:** The Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, was submitted together with the accompanying Circular from the Department of Local Government dated 12th August, 1952 (H.9/52), copies of the latter Circular having been circulated to members of the Council.

It was proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Sirr and Resolved: "that the Council proceed in accordance with the authority given by the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, i.e., that grants in accordance with the Council's Scheme under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, be paid to qualified applicants whose applications were received and the erection of whose houses commenced before the 29th April, 1952, and that grants in accordance with Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, be paid to qualified applicants, the erection of whose houses commenced on or after the 29th April, 1952.

Clr. Kitt gave notice of motion of his intention to propose that grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, be made available by the Council.

**8814.—Supervising Health Inspector:** On the proposition of Clr. Joyce, seconded by Clr. Cawley, the Council unanimously approved the revised scale for the post of Supervising Health Inspector, viz., £600 x £20 to £700 a year inclusive of temporary bonus.

**8815.—Health Services:** Letter 29th July, 1952, and White Paper relating to the Government's proposals for improved and extended health services were submitted together with a copy of the Secretary's letter of 2nd August, 1952, conveying to the Department of Health the County Manager's observations on the White Paper. Clr. Collins objected to the cost involved by the implementation of the Minister's proposals. Clr. Houlihan supported Clr. Collins.

Clr. Collins proposed "that the Council consider that the proposed schemes for the improvement of Health services are too costly for the people and that these schemes, owing to the heavy cost involved, will be detrimental to health rather than otherwise." The Chairman suggested that the Council await a reply from the Department of Health to the Secretary's letter of 2/8/1952. The Council adopted this suggestion.

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**8816.—Roundstone Sewerage Scheme:** On the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, the Council approved the proposal to extend the sewerage scheme at Roundstone in accordance with the County Engineer's report at an estimated cost of £2,000.

**8817.—Clifden Water Supply Extension:** On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, the Council approved the extension of the water main at Clifden to Courroughi and Killywongaun at an estimated cost of £250.

**8818.—Roads:** Clr. King drew attention to an old house at Quealy's Cross, Caherlistrane, which is in a dangerous condition. Clr. King stated that the owners were willing to dispose of the old house for road improvements.

Mr. Collins, C.A.C.E., stated that he would investigate the matter.

Deputy Cawley requested that attention would be given to improvement of the dangerous corner at Labane.

**8819.—Library Conference:** On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Council approved the attendance of the County Librarian and Mr. J. J. Cunningham, Co.C., at the Annual Conference of the Library Association in Athlone from 29th September to 3rd October, 1952.

**8820.—Pensioned Officers and Servants:** Letters from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and from the Retired Officers and Servants' Association were submitted requesting that pensioned officers and servants be given the benefit of the increases which were granted on the remuneration of serving officers and servants. On the proposition of Clr. Ashe, seconded by Clr. Ruane, it was Resolved: "that the Minister for Local Government be informed that the Galway County Council consider that pensioned officers and servants should be granted increases similar to those granted to serving officers and servants."

**8821.—Auditor's Report:** The Auditor's report on the audit of the accounts of the Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for the year 31/3/1952, was submitted and noted.

Consideration of the Auditor's report on the audit of the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31/3/1950 was deferred pending the receipt of explanations from the various officers concerned.

**8822.—Toghermore Reablement & Training Centre:** Letters 1st and 21st August, 1952, from the Toghermore Reablement and Training Centre were submitted requesting a grant of

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the Council for the carrying out of certain improvements, etc., estimated to cost £2,500 of which £2,000 will be met by Department's grant and other monies available. On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Ashe, it was Resolved: "that the Council approve the making of a grant of £200 to the Toghermore Reablement and Training Centre Committee for the purpose set out in letters 1st and 21st August, 1952, from the Superintendent of the Centre."

**8823.—Joint Advisory Committee for Fire Services:** It was arranged that a meeting of this Committee will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th September, 1952.

**8824.—Dunmore Water Supply:** On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council approved the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to prepare a scheme for the improvements to Dunmore Water Supply.

**8825.—Turf Production—Bonus:** Letter 14/3/52, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the payment of turf bonus to members of the engineering staff was submitted. On the suggestion of the Chairman, the Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until some provision will be made for payment of turf bonus to the members of the clerical staff.

**8826.—Laurencetown Water Supply:** Clrs. O'Dowd and Houlihan stressed the necessity for the provision of a water supply scheme for Laurencetown. It was decided to obtain the report of the County Medical Officer on the proposal.

**8827.—Landing Facilities at Coolacloy:** Clr. O'Toole requested (i) that landing facilities be provided at Coolacloy, Ballyconry, Clifden; (ii) that a slipway be provided at Renvyle near Crump Island; (iii) that a quay and slip be provided at Mullaghglass, Renvyle; and that the Council agree to accept responsibility for the subsequent maintenance of these works.

It was decided that the Special Employment Schemes Office be informed that the Council will consider these proposals sympathetically provided that the amount of the Council's contribution towards the cost of the carrying out of the works will not exceed a total of ~~£150~~ £600.00 M.O.C.

**8828.—Dam at Killimor:** Clr. Houlihan requested that consideration of this matter be deferred to next meeting.

**8829.—Portumna Sewerage Extension:** On the proposition of Clr. Houlihan, seconded by Clr. O'Dowd, the Council ap-

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proved the extension of Portumna Sewerage Scheme in accordance with the County Engineer's report of 30/8/52, at an estimated cost of £650.

**8830.—Wall at Abbey, Loughrea:** It was directed that Clr. Houlihan's Notice of Motion regarding the erection of a wall at Abbey, Loughrea, be deferred for consideration with next year's estimate.

**8831.—Killimor Water Supply:** Clr. Houlihan stated that he noted that the question of providing a water supply for Killimor is already receiving consideration.

**8832.—Costello Water Supply Scheme:** In reply to Clr. O'Donnell's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained the steps that had been taken to acquire the water rights of the Cashla River and informed Clr. O'Donnell that the approval of the Minister is being awaited to a Provisional Order for the acquisition of these water rights.

**8833.—Bodbrocain Graveyard, Costello:** Consideration of Clr. O'Donnell's Notice of Motion relating to the fencing of Bodbrocain Graveyard was adjourned until the next meeting so that particulars of the ownership of this graveyard, which is not vested in the Council, might be obtained.

**8834.—Rossaveel Pier:** Clr. O'Donnell requested that a light be provided on Rossaveel Pier, Costello. The County Engineer's estimate is for a revolving light—£450 and for a fixed light—£40. The provision of a fixed light which Clr. O'Donnell said would be sufficient provided it were a three-sector light at £40, was approved.

**8835.—Dunmore Sanitary Accommodation:** In reply to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, particulars of the position in regard to the provision of a sanitary convenience at Dunmore was given by the Secretary. Clr. Flaherty suggested that the Council communicate with the Town Development Committee in regard to the site of the convenience which he considered should be more convenient to the 'bus stop, etc., rather than on the site proposed.

**8836.—Sign Post at Dunmore:** Clr. Flaherty said he noted that the sign post at Dunmore has now been provided.

**8837.—Brooklawn Castle, Clonfert:** In connection with Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, it was decided that the question of the dangerous condition of this Castle be taken up with the owner.

8838.—Sign Post at Moorfield Cross : The Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Collins, stated, in response to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion that he will provide a danger sign at Moorfield Cross to mark the dangerous bend.

8839.—Bridge at Kylemore, Laurecetown : The County Engineer's report in connection with Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion stated that the estimated cost of removing the arch at the bridge at Kylemore, Laurecetown, is £500. It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter pending the obtaining of further information from the Canal Company.

8840.—Galway-Spiddal Road : Clr. Ashe drew attention to the dangerous condition of the margins of the Galway-Spiddal Road.

8841.—Sympathy : Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following :

The MacNamee family, Loughrea, on the death of Mr. Laurence MacNamee :

The relatives of the late Canon Cunningham, Clifden ;  
Rev. Fr. Moran, P.P., Carraroe, on the death of his brother ;  
Mr. P. Fahy and family, Moyvilla, Athenry, on the death of Mrs. Fahy ;

Mrs. D. Kitt and family, Moate, Moylough, on the death of Mr. Thomas Kitt.

*Induced  
G.H.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1952.*

*Mairé ní Ó Cuinn. Chairman.*

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNTY FIRE SERVICE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS?  
GALWAY ON MONDAY - 15th SEPTEMBER, 1952.

PRESENT.

Galway County Council:-  
Councillors Quinn, Ashe, Ruane and Higgins.

Galway Corporation.  
Aldermen Lydon (Mayor), O'Flaherty and Owens.

Ballinasloe Urban District Council.  
Councillor Lynch.

Loughrea Town Commissioners.  
Mr. M. Carty.

Tuam Town Commissioners.  
Mr. J.A.O'Connell.

Mr. P.B.Sugrue, Chief Officer, County Fire Service was also in attendance. Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer, acted as Secretary to the Committee.

1. CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Clr. Ashe, seconded by Mr. O'Connell and unanimously resolved that Mr. Quinn be appointed Chairman of the Committee.

2. GALWAY FIRE STATION.

Alderman O'Flaherty enquired what was the position in connection with the provision of a Fire Station for Galway. The Secretary informed him that Plans for the Station had been approved by the Department and that it was expected that advertisements would be issued inviting Tenders within a month.

Clr. Ashe suggested that an effort should be made to provide more than three dwelling-houses with the Fire Station for members of the Fire Brigade.

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

Clr. Higgins asked what was the position in relation to the availability of the telephone service from Post Offices and Garda Barracks in rural areas for reporting fires at night. It was proposed by him, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty and unanimously resolved that enquiries be made from the Garda Authorities to ascertain their responsibility in the matter of reporting fires and to ascertain also from them and from the Post Office Authorities what facilities could be made available for reporting Fires at night in rural areas.

4. ALARMS.

It was proposed by Alderman Lydon, seconded by Clr. Ashe and unanimously resolved that tests be carried out periodically without advance notice to the Fire Brigade concerned in order to ascertain the time taken to mobilize the Brigades on receipt of a call, to test the engines and hydrants and the general efficiency of the Fire Brigade.

5. COMPETITIONS.

Mr. Sugrue informed the Committee that the County Manager, with a view to stimulating interest in fire-fighting and promoting the efficiency of the Fire Brigades, was in communication with the Insurance Companies Standing Committee with a view to organizing competitions for which the Insurance Companies concerned and possibly other local Firms would be requested to give prizes. The Committee agreed with this proposal.

6. BALLINASLOE FIRE STATION.

In reply to Clr. Lynch who asked what was being done to provide a Fire Station for Ballinasloe, Mr. Sugrue stated that Mr.P.J.Sheahan, Architect, had been requested to prepare Plans and that details of the accommodation required

6. in the Fire Station has been supplied to him.

7. ATHENRY FIRE STATION.

Clr. Ruane enquired if it was intended providing a Fire Station in Athenry. Mr. Sugrue stated that enquiries are being made with a view to selecting a suitable site and that it was proposed building a small Fire Station and lecture room in Athenry.

8. FINANCES.

Clr. Quinn enquired how the costs of Firefighting are being apportioned over the County. The Secretary gave a summary of the contents of Agreements between Galway County Council and Corporation of Galway and the Urban District Council of Ballinasloe, stating that since the 1st April 1950 the cost of Firefighting in the County was treated as if it were a County at large charge and that the cost of the Fire Service is borne by the three authorities concerned in proportion to the P.L.V. of the districts concerned. He also stated that the amount provided in the Estimates for the current year for the County Health district is approximately £6,900.

In reply to Alderman Owens, the Secretary said that the Agreement between Galway Corporation and the County Council could be terminated, and that in those circumstances the equipment taken over from the Corporation on the 1st April 1950 would be handed back and that compensation would be paid to the Corporation for any damage done to the equipment other than for ordinary Wear and Tear. If it was decided to terminate the Agreement after ten years, the Corporation would become liable for payment of the Loan Charges on the Fire Station.

9. STATE GRANTS.

In reply to a query by Clr. Quinn, the Secretary stated that State Grants are not available towards the cost of provision of Fire Stations or equipment. It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. O'Connell and unanimously resolved that delegates to the forthcoming Municipal Congress at Fermoy, raise the question of State Grants for firefighting at the Congress with a view to approaching the Minister for Local Government to request that State Grants be made available towards the cost of buildings and appliances and that the County Council's delegates to the County Council General Council also be requested to have the matter discussed at the next meeting.

Members expressed the opinion that Fire Insurance Companies should also be requested to contribute towards the cost of firefighting.

10. MOBILE TANKER.

It was proposed by Mr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Lynch and unanimously resolved that the Committee recommend the purchase of a Mobile Tanker which will carry water for firefighting in outlying areas where a proper water supply is not available for the purpose.

11. EQUIPMENT.

Clr. Ruane stated that unauthorized persons have access to firefighting equipment in Athenry and Clr. Quinn stated that similar conditions apply in Ballinasloe. Mr. Sugrue explained that the Fire Stations in those places were rented and were not the property of the Galway County Council but that no damage was being caused to equipment.

Clr. Ruane stated that the Athenry Fire Brigade required a ladder, hatchets and four lengths of hose. He stated that the extra hose was required owing to the inadequacy of the water supply in the town and that it may sometime be necessary to get water from an alternative source. Mr. Sugrue informed him that a ladder for the Athenry Fire Brigade was now on hands and would be delivered soon. He stated that he would examine the position in relation to the supply of extra hose.

Clr. Quinn urged the Chief Fire Officer to ensure that everything possible is done to provide for proper care of equipment and to prevent any avoidable deterioration.

12. INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

Alderman Lydon enquired if any steps were being taken to inspect public buildings, schools, etc. with a view to reducing the danger of fire and to ensuring that adequate means of escape are available in case of fire. Mr. Carty stated that

12. The Childrens' Home in Tuam is a fire trap and that St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, is also dangerous.

Mr. Sugrue informed the Committee that a general inspection of all public buildings, including schools, hotels, orphanages and other institutions is proceeding and that he is in communication with some of the owners of those buildings in connection with certain improvements which are required. He also stated that Dance Halls are inspected once yearly and that the question of improvements to be carried out in the Childrens' Home in Tuam is being referred to an Architect.

13. ELIGIBILITY OF A MEMBER OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS TO ACT ON THE COUNTY FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Carty requested that the County Manager be asked to decide if a member of Loughrea Town Commissioners in receipt of remuneration as a Fireman, could serve on the County Fire Service Advisory Committee.

14. DATES OF MEETINGS.

In reply to a query by Alderman O'Flaherty, the Chairman said he considered that a Meeting of the Fire Service Advisory Committee should be held once every three months.

15. GENERAL.

Mr. O'Connell asked Mr. Sugrue what steps are taken on an outbreak of fire to ensure that a proper water supply is available. Mr. Sugrue stated that wherever it can be arranged, the Waterworks Caretaker is also a member of the Fire Brigade and on the outbreak of fire he is contacted immediately.

He stated that in Galway when a fire is reported the Station Officer at the Fire Brigade immediately rings the waterworks department to request an increase in the pressure in the area of the town concerned. In reply to a query by Alderman O'Flaherty, Mr. Sugrue stated that the maximum output of water from the mains in Galway is approximately 200galls. per min. and that the large fire pump has a capacity of 700galls. per min. For this reason it is often necessary to lay a hose line from the river. He further stated that the ball hydrants which are in use in Galway are not very satisfactory and that valve hydrants would give an output of approximately 450 galls. per min.

In reply to Clr. Lynch, Mr. Sugrue stated that the Military Fire Brigade in Galway will attend fires if called but that their equipment was not very suitable for firefighting in towns.

Mr. O'Connell complained that there is still a scarcity of water in some streets in Tuam. The Secretary informed him that there was considerable wastage of water in Tuam and that an Inspector is being appointed to examine the water supply system.

Clr. Lynch enquired if consideration had been given to advisability of providing Chemical Apparatus for extinguishing fires. Mr. Sugrue informed him that a Foam Branch Extinguisher is available, that this is used for oil fires and that water is generally more satisfactory for extinguishing fires in buildings.

It was proposed by Mr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Ruane and unanimously resolved that the Chief Officer, County Fire Service, be congratulated on the comprehensive report prepared by him of the fire-fighting services in the County.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAIBLIHNE.

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TO CONSIDER:

- Minutes and Notice of Motion by Clr. L. O'Toole, viz:-  
"Take notice that I or another Councillor on my behalf will question the accuracy of the Minutes on the amount agreed to as County Council contribution towards works at Collacloy - Renvyle and at Mullaghglass, Renvyle."
- Raising of a loan for Oranmore Water Supply Scheme.
- Raising of a loan for provision of a County Clinic at Shantalla, Galway.
- Expenditure in excess of amounts authorised for year ended 31/3/1952.
- Letter from Department of Local Government stating that the interest rate on advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts will be 5½% per annum from 5th October, 1952. (The interest rate chargeable to borrowers will, therefore, be 5¾% per annum).
- Letter from Galway Harbour Commissioners requesting that the Council will guarantee an overdraft of £5,000 on the Commissioner's account.
- Election of representative on the Governing Body of University College, Galway.
- Increase in rate of charge for patients in St. Patrick's Chest Hospital, Castlerea.
- Letters 1/8/1952 from Department of Health authorising new scales of remuneration for nursing staff, physiotherapists and radiographers.
- Refusal of Department of Local Government to proposed increase in poundage rate for Rate Collection District No.4.
- Health Services - Minister's proposals for improvement and extension.
- Reconstruction of County Roads - five-year plan:- Roads Committee's recommendation that a loan be raised to meet the cost estimated at £542,000.
- Turf Production Bonus.
- Auditor's report on Council's accounts for two years to 31/3/1950.
- Removal of Dam in river at Killimor.
- Bridge at Kylemore, Laurencetown - removal of arch.

17. Bodbrocain Graveyard, Costello - fencing.

18. Letter 19/9/1952 from An Bord Failte re protection of historic buildings, &c.

19. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

- Clr. M.F. Kitt: "That grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, be made available by the Galway County Council."
- Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will ask the appropriate authorities would they consider the question of providing a more central site for the pump at Cooloo as already on waiting list since 1948."
- Clr. P. Sarr: (i) That the piped water supply scheme for Ballymoe be proceeded with without further delay;  
(ii) "I will ask the County Manager if and when it is proposed to supply Ballyhard, Clondoyle, Sonnagh and surrounding districts with water either by piped scheme or by erecting a pump near Clondoyle School."  
(iii) "I will ask the County Engineer when he intends to remove dangerous corners at Ballaghmurray, Ballymoe, and Creggs and widen road at Gortuadieve."
- Clr. L. O'Toole: (i) "I will ask the County M.O.H. at next meeting of the County Council, how many outbreaks of Typhoid Fever were notified from this area in recent years. (ii) Is he aware that water from a ducks pond is used for making cocoa and washing utensils in the National School;  
(iii) Where has he placed the scheme on his priority list.  
(iv) I will ask the County Manager why he has deferred the scheme.  
(v) I will ask the County Manager to re-consider his decision and have the scheme proceeded with."
- Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will ask the County Engineer to state if its his intention to clean the rivers at Lerhin and Gurteen - Listed Nos. Lerhin - 41, Gurteen - 42, under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 - Schemes 1952/53."
- Clr. M. Carty: (i) "That this Council hereby request the Co. Manager to declare a public road that road which leads from near Carra Bridge, Billaun, due east through Carra and Newgrove to Nogginstown, north of Kilrickle, where it joins the main Loughrea-Ballinasloe road, the approx. distance of same being 3 statute miles."  
(ii) "That the County Surveyor will state what action he proposes to take to have necessary maintenance work carried out this year in the Dunkellin Drainage District and especially in the Danesfort (Loughrea) area where severe flooding last season caused great hardship to landowners."  
(iii) "That the County Surveyor tell the County Council what rates of pay are applicable to men engaged by direct labour in the repair of pumps for Galway County Council and to state if these rates are the same in all the County Engineering districts."
- Clr. J.J. Cunningham: "That the Galway County Council take over and maintain ½ mile of a road reconstructed about 7 years ago under a Rural Improvement Scheme in the townland of Cloonkeen Eighter, Clonberne, Ballinasloe."
- Clr. M. Newell: "Take notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the Dug well at Cahertymore be deepened by a bore hole to such depth as may be necessary. The well is dry since last May."
- Clr. J. Geoghegan: (i) "That the Co. Manager state reason for delay in erection of Doctor's residence and dispensary at Carna.  
(ii) That the County Surveyor state why work on erection of new bridge to replace Flannery Bridge is not being proceeded with.  
(iii) That the County Manager state reason for delay in erection of Labourers cottages at Oughterard."
- Clr. M. Carty: "At next meeting of the Co. Council at the request of Loughrea Town Commissioners, I or some other member acting on my behalf shall ask the County Council to acquire by compulsion all derelict sites in Loughrea Urban area."
- Clr. J.J. Nestor: (i) That I will move at next meeting of Co. Council that the motion passed at last meeting authorising the Co. Manager to purchase Loughrea Tolls and Customs be re-considered so as to enable further enquiries to be made in this connection. (ii) That we ascertain from the Co. Manager the reason for delay in paying grants to the people who built houses recently particularly in the case of those who have been approved.

20. Resolutions.

21. Other business.

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 18th OCTOBER, 1952, AT 12.30 P.M.**

**In the Chair :** Clr. Martin Quinn.  
**Present :** Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, P. J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea Clrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, and P. Sirr.

**8842.—Minutes :** The Minutes of the Council to No. 8841 having been circulated to the members were submitted. In regard to Notice of Motion by Clr. O'Toole the Secretary explained that at the discussion of the previous meeting in regard to the improvements of landing places Coolacloy, etc. he understood that the total cost of the works would be £600. It now appears that the total cost would be approximately £2,000 and therefore the figure £150 shown in Minute No. 8827 should be altered to read £600. The Council approved this alteration of the figure in Minute No. 8827 and subject to this alteration the Minutes of the Council to No. 8841 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

**8843.—University Scholarships :** Clr. Carty stated that in 1951 Mr. Martin O'Grady, Kinvara, was awarded a scholarship under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme; that Mr. O'Grady did not accept this scholarship as he went to Rome to pursue his studies for the priesthood; that in the University Scholarship examination this year Mr. O'Grady's sister obtained seventh place and since each of the candidates who obtained the first six places had obtained a scholarship under the Council's scheme, Clr. Carty proposed that a full additional scholarship be granted to Miss Mary A. O'Grady Kinvara. This proposal was seconded by Clr. O'Dowd. The Secretary pointed out that if an additional scholarship at the rate of £120 was to be awarded to Miss O'Grady, it would be necessary to adjust the amount of the scholarship for one of the candidates who obtained a higher place than Miss O'Grady, but who did not obtain a full scholarship. Clr. Carty, therefore, amended his proposal so as to provide that a scholarship at the rate of £120 a year would be made available to Miss O'Grady and that a full scholarship be also made available to the candidate who obtained sixth place in the examination, and that the Council approve the making available of funds for this purpose. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Nicholson and approved—Clr. T. King dissenting.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that in future when a University Scholarship Scheme is adopted, the Council

should adhere strictly to its terms.  
**8844.—Oranmore Water Supply Scheme :** It was proposed by Clr. J. Ruane seconded by Clr. R. Lahiff and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £19,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a water supply scheme at Oranmore; this loan to be repayable by half-yearly instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**8845.—County Clinic :** The Secretary stated that the total estimated cost of providing the County Clinic at Shantalla is £28,800 of which two-thirds would be recouped by a grant from Hospital Trust Funds and, therefore, the amount of the cost to be met by loan will be £9,600. It was proposed by Clr. J. J. Cunningham seconded by Clr. J. O'Dowd and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £9,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a County Clinic at Shantalla, Galway; this loan to be repayable by half-yearly instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**8846.—Excess Expenditure :** The Secretary explained that while the Council in Minute No. 8677 had approved excess expenditure for the year ended 31/3/1952 amounting to a total of £40,800, the actual excess ascertained when the amounts were closed was £82,056, viz:—

<b>Public Assistance :</b>	
District Institutions	£59,605
Home Assistance	5,223
Medical Assistance	1,791
<b>Health Account :</b>	<b>2,537</b>
<b>General Purposes :</b>	
Libraries	2,200
Scholarships	400
Other Expenses	10,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£82,056</b>

The County Manager explained that there is a large stock of road material in hands which was charged to Material Expense Account and that eventually this part of the excess will be recouped from the road works; that approximately £29,000 of the excess will be recouped from the Health Grant and that the net excess which will be borne by the rates will be approximately £11,000; that the major portion of the excess is attributable to Galway Central Hospital particularly in medicines and medical and surgical appliances. After discussion, the Council on the proposition of Clr. Carty

seconded by Clr. Glynn approved the total excess expenditure as set out above.

**8847.—Medical Registration :** The County Manager stated that according to the terms of the Medical Registration Bill it will be necessary for each medical student to spend one year as House Doctor in a hospital before graduation; that as a result of this requirement, twenty-one additional house doctors will be employed in the Galway Central Hospital with a salary at the rate of £150 a year each plus the usual emoluments on an allowance in lieu. After a discussion in which the view was expressed that the Council should not be required to meet the expense where it concerns students from outside counties, it was proposed by Clr. Kitt seconded by Clr. O'Dowd and Resolved: "that it is unreasonable that the County Galway should be required to bear the cost or even part of the cost of this scheme and that the Council consider that the entire cost of the scheme should be borne by Central Funds."

**8848.—Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts (Loans) :** Letter No.H.13/52 of the 3/10/1952 from the Department of Local Government was submitted stating that the rate of interest on every issue from the Local Loans Fund made on or after the 6/10/52 for the purpose of financing advances under the Small Dwellings Acts should be 5 1/2% per annum. The Secretary stated that the amount of the housing loans allocated by the Council up to the 6/10/52 was £93,791 while the total amount received from the Local Loans Fund for this purpose up to that date was £77,536. A further sum of £16,255 would, therefore, be required to finance all loans which had been allocated up to 6/10/52. The Secretary stated that on the 9th instant a letter had been sent to the Department of Local Government requesting that a further instalment of £16,255 would be issued to the Council at the old rate of interest, 3 1/2%, so that all loans which had been allocated might be issued with interest at the rate of 3 1/2% and proposed by Clr. Collins seconded by Clr. King and Resolved: "that the Department of Local Government be again pressed to issue a further instalment of £16,255 to the Council at the former rate of interest 3 1/2%."

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr seconded by Clr. Collins and Resolved: "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to extend to 50 years the period for repayment to the Council of advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts and the period for repayment by the Council of loans obtained for the making of advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts."

**8849.—Galway Harbour :** Letter 23/9/52 from the Secretary, Galway Harbour Commissioners, was submitted requesting that the Council would guarantee an overdraft of £5,000 for repair of the Dun Aengus Dock Gates. It was proposed by Clr. King seconded by Clr. Higgins and Resolved: "that the Council hereby guarantee an overdraft of £5,000 on the Galway Harbour Commissioners Account for the purpose of repairing the Dun Aengus Dock Gates."

**8850.—University College, Galway :** Letter 10/9/52 from the Secretary, University College, Galway, was submitted stating that the period of office for the Governing Body will expire on 31st January, 1953. The Secretary reported that in response to the notification which had been sent to each member of the Council, the one nomination received was that of Mr. Martin Quinn, Co. Co. Cloonacallis, Killaan, Woodlawn, who at present represents the Council on the Governing Body. It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Clr. Collins and Resolved: "that Mr. Martin Quinn Co.C., be appointed to represent the Council on the Governing Body of University College for the period commencing 1st February, 1953."

**8851.—St. Patrick's Chest Hospital, Castlereagh :** On the proposition of Clr. Sirr seconded by Clr. O'Dowd, the Council approved payment for maintenance and treatment of County Galway patients on St. Patrick's Chest Hospital, Castlereagh, at the rate of 24/2d a day for the financial year ended 31st March, 1952.

**8852.—Remuneration of Nursing Staff :** Letters 1st August, 1952, from the Department of Health were submitted authorising new scales of remuneration for nursing staff, physiotherapists and radiographers with effect from 1st April, 1952. The Secretary reported that the estimated additional cost would be approximately £3,670 a year. After a discussion in which the Chairman and other members objected to such authorizations being granted retrospectively, it was proposed by Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. King and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the revision of the remuneration of nursing staff, physiotherapists and radiographers Nos. A.54/52 and A.56/52 of 1st August 1952 from the Secretary Department of Health the revised remuneration to be made payable from 1st April, 1952, inclusive."

made payable from the 1st April, 1952, inclusive."  
**8853.—Rate Collector—No. 4 District :** Letter 24/9/52 from the Department of Local Government was submitted stating that the Minister is not prepared to sanction the proposed increase in remuneration for the Rate Collector of No. 4. District. On the proposition of Deputy Mannion seconded

matter and to grant approval to the Council's proposal to increase the poundage of the rate collector for No. 4 district to 1/7.

**8854.—Health Services:** Letter 29/7/52 and White Paper relating to the Government's proposal for improved and extended health services were again submitted together with Department of Health's reply to County Manager's letter of 2nd August, 1952. The Department's letter stated that expenditure under the scheme would be borne by the local authorities, but it will rank for recoupment in accordance with the provisions of the Health Services (Financial Provisions) Act, 1947. Clr. Collins proposed and Deputy Cawley seconded that the proposed scheme for improvement and extension of the health services is unnecessary and in any case, its cost would be beyond the resources of the people.

The Chairman pointed out that these proposals or proposals somewhat similar had been recommended by previous Governments. Clr. Sirr considered that the Council should not express approval of the proposed scheme without having before them some estimate of the cost involved. It was eventually decided to inform the Department of Health that the Council consider that it was impossible to come to a decision in regard to the proposals unless some estimate of the additional cost will be made available.

**8855.—County Roads—Five Year Plan:** The recommendations of the Roads Committee at meeting of the 12th July, 1952 and the County Engineer's report of the 22nd August, 1952, were again submitted. On the proposition of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Nicholson it was decided that further consideration of this matter be deferred until the next Roads Estimates Meeting.

**8856.—Turf Bonus:** On the proposition of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, the Council approved payment of bonus to members of the engineering staff in accordance with the authorization given in Local Government Department's letter of 14th March, 1952; the total amount involved being £600.

**8857.—Auditor's Report:** The Auditor's report on the audit of accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1950 was again submitted together with the Secretary's statement dated 15th October, 1952; copies of both the Auditor's report and the Secretary's statement had already been circulated to the members. The Council unanimously approved the Auditor's report and accepted the explanations given in the Secretary's statement of 15th October, 1952.

**8858.—Dam at Killimor:** Clr. Houlihan stated that a promise had been given by the County Engineer that this

dam would be removed and he urged that the removal of the dam would now be carried out. The County Engineer explained that he had agreed to remove this dam, but on examination on the spot, he found that the removal of the dam would do little to relieve flooding upstream and might possibly cause flooding downstream which would involve the Council in public liability claims. The County Manager pointed out that if the dam were removed and if as a result, an action was subsequently taken against the Council which would involve the Council in loss of money, then the Councillors concerned would be liable for surcharge.

After a discussion it was eventually agreed that the County Engineer would remove the dam on the understanding that if any objection were raised subsequently, the dam would be replaced.

**8859.—Bridges at Kylemore:** The County Engineer reported that the bridge at Kylemore, Laurencetown, to which Clr. O'Donnell refers is not on a road maintainable by the Galway County Council. It appears that the bridge is a hump-backed bridge over the canal. On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell seconded by Clr. Houlihan, it was Resolved: "that Comr. James, Eames and Bord as Mona be requested to flatten the arch of the bridge for the safety of road users."

**8860.—Boda Begon Burial Ground, Castello:** The County Engineer's estimate for the cost of fencing this graveyard was £120. Clr. O'Donnell stated that he could not get any information from the local priest in regard to the ownership of the graveyard, that a fair number of people are buried there every year, and as there is no effective fence the graveyard is open to trespass by cattle. On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, it was recommended that the Council take over Boda Begon Burial Ground and fence it properly.

**8861.—Dunmore Burial Ground:** Clr. Nestor stated that Dunmore Burial Ground is in a neglected condition and that sheep have been injured by a wire fence surrounding it. Clr. Nestor requested that something should be done to improve the fencing of this burial ground.

**8862.—An Bord Failte:** Letter 19/9/52 from An Bord Failte was submitted in regard to historic buildings, etc. It was decided that this matter be referred to the Council's National Monuments Committee.

**8863.—County Councils General Council:** Letter 8/10/1952 from the County Council's General Council was submitted requesting notice of any matters to be placed on the Agenda for meeting 28/11/1952.

**8864.—Rate Collector No. 24 District:** On the proposition of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Collins, the Council approved the appointment of Miss Ita Walsh (daughter of the Collector) as deputy for Mr. James Walsh, Rate Collector No. 24 District, during his absence on sick leave for three months from 6th October, 1952 to the 5th January, 1953.

**8865.—Loan for Vocational School at Dunmore:** The Secretary stated that sanction had been received to the raising of a loan of £15,500 for provision of a vocational school at Dunmore; that until the Mortgage Deed will be completed, it will not be possible to obtain any instalment of this loan. It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Clr. Higgins and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on Capital Account not exceeding £5,000 pending the obtaining of an instalment of the loan of £15,500 which has been sanctioned for the provision and equipment of a vocational school at Dunmore."

**8866.—Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1953:** Letter 9th October, 1952, from the Department of Education was submitted approving the Council's draft scheme for scholarships in secondary and vocational schools, 1953, subject to certain minor amendments. It was proposed by Clr. Kitt seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved: "that the Council hereby adopt the scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools 1953 as amended by the Department of Education letter R.O. (2) 84114 of 9th October, 1952."

**8867.—Derryne Court:** Consideration of the provision of a new Courthouse at Derryne was adjourned until next meeting.

**8868.—Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee:** It was ordered that consideration of the appointment of additional members for Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**8869.—Housing Grants:** In accordance with the Chairman's request the County Manager agreed that in future as well as circulating lists of the names and addresses of persons to whom supplementary housing grants have been allocated, lists will also be supplied of the names and addresses of persons whose applications for such grants have been rejected.

The County Manager stated that in order to avoid delay in the payment of grants, the lists will be circulated to the members of the Council and if an objection is not received within a period of seven days from the date of circulation of the lists, the County Manager will proceed to allocate the grants without any further delay.

In reply to Clr. Nestor's N.O.M. the County Manager explained that for a long period it was not possible for the

Council to proceed with the allocation of supplementary housing grants until the position was clarified by the issue of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952; that it is necessary to obtain proof of the date of payment of each instalment of the Department's grant and that difficulty is being experienced in obtaining this proof from the Department of Local Government in regard to payment of Department grants prior to 1st October, 1951. Mr. Doyle, Staff Officer, stated that certificates are now being received regularly from the Department of Local Government showing the date on which payments of grants are made but such certificates had not been furnished for old payments, e.g. for payments of Department grant made prior to 1st October, 1951.

It was decided that particulars be furnished to Deputy Killilea so that he might take this matter up with the Department.

**8870.—Water Supply Extension:** Clr. Higgins requested that he be informed of the position in regard to the water supply extension schemes. The County Manager stated that the County Engineer has requested that a temporary Engineer be employed for the preparation of the documents for these schemes in East Galway; that the County Engineer is prepared to do the schemes in West Galway with his existing staff; that it will be necessary to raise a loan to cover the entire cost of all these works.

Clr. Higgins proposed, Clr. Ashe seconded and it was Resolved: "that pending the obtaining of a loan for the provision of water supply extensions, the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on Capital Account for this purpose up to a limit of £5,000."

**8871.—Loughrea Tolls:** Clr. Nestor asked why the tolls at Loughrea had not been purchased when they were offered for sale some years ago and were then purchased by the Ryan family. The County Manager explained that at the time these tolls and properties were purchased by the Ryan family, the Council was not legally entitled to purchase tolls and markets.

On the proposition of Clr. Ruane seconded by Clr. Quinn, the Council decided to adhere to the decision to purchase the tolls and fairgreen at Loughrea as set out in Minute No. 8810 of 6th September, 1952.

**8872.—Miscellaneous:** It was proposed by the Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Kitt and unanimously Resolved: "that the Galway County Council convey to His Lordship, the Bishop of Galway, their detestation of and horror at the manner in which Catholics are treated in Bulgaria."

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt seconded by Clr. Shields and



unanimously Resolved: "that the Council congratulate the Taoiseach, Mr. Eamonn de Valera on attaining his 70th birthday and convey to him every good wish for his continued good health."

8873.—Sympathy: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:—

The widow and relatives of the late Mr. J. Martyn, Portumna; Mr. M. Neilan, Clerical Officer, on the death of his wife; Mrs. W. J. Glynn, Killoran, on the death of her husband; Mrs. Martin Cunniffe, Northgate Street, Athenry, on the death of her husband; with Mrs. O'Gorman and Family, College Road, Galway, on the death of Mr. Philip O'Gorman.

8874.—Adjournment: It was decided to adjourn until the next meeting consideration of item No. 19 (Notices of Motion) with the exception of 19 (k) (ii).

*Indexed  
J.H.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 13th day of December, 1952.*

*Muirín O'Curran. Chairman*

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TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Minutes.
- (2) Demand by the County Galway Committee of Agriculture for y.e. 31/3/1954.
- (3) Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan of £15,500 for Dunmore Vocational School.
- (4) Raising of Loan for provision of a Dispensary and Residence at Kiltormer.
- (5) (a) Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £50,000 for Housing Grants.  
(b) Raising of loan to meet balance of requirements for issue of Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.
- (6) Tourist Roads Scheme - Letter 112/244 of 27/11/52 from the Department of Local Government.
- (7) Proposals for Improvement and Extension of Health Services - Conference in Sligo 24th November, 1952.
- (8) Application for increase in wages of workers employed on Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme.
- (9) Provision of a new Courthouse at Derrynea.
- (10) Appointment of Members on the Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
- (11) Provision of Sanitary Accommodation at Dunmore.
- (12) Letter 10/11/52 from the Special Employment Schemes Office relating to cost of slipway at Portnadoon, Inishmore, Aran.
- (13) Remuneration of Rate Collector in No.4. District - Department of Local Government letter 5/11/52 refusing sanction to proposed increase.
- (14) Amendments of Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places.
- (15) Kylemore Bridge (Laurencetown) - letters from C.I.E. and Bord na Mona.
- (16) Galway Technical School - Letter 2/12/52 from C.E.O. giving particulars of pupils from outside Galway Borough area.
- (17) Auditor's Reports on accounts of Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee and Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees for y.e. 31/3/1952.
- (18) Letter 22/10/52 from the General Council of County Councils enclosing Memorandum on Valuation.

- (19) Absence of Mr. John McElhinney from meetings of the Galway County Council during the past year.
- (20) Holding of Meeting on 10th January, 1953, to consider estimate for Roads and Sanitary Works for y.e. 31/3/1954.
- (21) Councillors' Notices of Motion:
  - (a) Clr. M.F. Kitt: "That grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, be made available by the Galway County Council."
  - (b) Clr. J.J. Flaherty: "I will ask the appropriate authorities would they consider the question of providing a more central site for the pump at Cooloo as already on waiting list since 1948."
  - (c) Clr. P. Sarr: (i) "That the piped water supply scheme for Ballymoe be proceeded with without further delay."
    - (ii) "I will ask the County Manager if and when it is proposed to supply Ballyhard, Clon Doyle, Sonnagh and surrounding districts with water either by piped scheme or by erecting a pump near Clon Doyle School"
    - (iii) "I will ask the County Engineer when he intends to remove dangerous corners at Ballaghmurray, Ballymoe, and Creggs and widen road at Gortnadieve."
  - (d) Clr. L. O'Toole: Cornamona Water Supply: (i) "I will ask the County M.O.H. at next meeting of the County Council how many outbreaks of Typhoid Fever were notified from this area in recent years."
    - (ii) "Is he aware that water from a ducks pond is used for making cocoa and washing utensils in the National School."
    - (iii) Where has he placed the scheme on his priority list?
    - (iv) "I will ask the County Manager why he has deferred the scheme."
    - (v) "I will ask the County Manager to re-consider his decision and have the scheme proceeded with."
  - (e) Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will ask the County Engineer to state if its his intention to clean the rivers at Lerhin and Gurteen - Listed Nos. Lerhin - 41, Gurteen - 42, under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 - Schemes 1952/53."
  - (f) Clr. M. Carty: (i) "That this Council hereby request the County Manager to declare a public road that road which leads from near Carra Bridge, Bullaun, due east through Carra and Newgrove to Nogginstown, north of Kilrickle, where it joins the main Loughrea-Ballinasloe road, the approx. distance of same being 3 statute miles."
    - (ii) "That the County Surveyor will state what action he proposes to take to have necessary maintenance work carried out this year in the Dunkellin Drainage District and especially in the Danesfort (Loughrea) area where severe flooding last season caused great hardship to landowners."
    - (iii) "That the County Surveyor tell the County Council what rates of pay are applicable to men engaged by direct labour in the repair of pumps for Galway County Council and to state if these rates are the same in all the County Engineering Districts."
  - (g) Clr. J.J. Cunningham: "That the Galway County Council take over and maintain  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of a road reconstructed about 7 years ago under a Rural Improvement Scheme in the townland of Cloonkeen Eighter, Clonberne, Ballinasloe."
  - (h) Clr. M. Newell: "Take notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the dug well at Cahertymore be deepened by a bore hole to such depth as may be necessary. The well is dry since last May."
  - (i) Clr. J. Geoghegan: (i) "That the Co. Manager state reason for delay in erection of Doctor's residence and dispensary at Carna."
    - (ii) "That the County Surveyor state why work on erection of new bridge to replace Flannery Bridge is not being proceeded with."
    - (iii) "That the Co. Manager state reason for delay in erection of Labourers cottages at Oughterard."
  - (j) Clr. M. Carty: "At next meeting of the County Council at the request of Loughrea Town Commissioners, I or some other member acting on my behalf shall ask the County Council to acquire by compulsion all derelict sites in Loughrea Urban area."
  - (k) Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will move at next meeting of the Council that a piped water supply and sewerage be provided for the people of Milltown."
  - (l) Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will move at next meeting of the Council that Martin Silke be appointed to the Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee."

- (m) Clr. P. Collins: "That I will move that the fences on the new road through Patrick Curran's land, Cappaghmoyle, Newcastle, be put into proper repair."
  - (n) Clr. M.F. Kitt: (i) "That this Council request the Co. Manager to declare a public road that which leads from Behan's house on the Caltra-Ahasoragh road through the village of Castlegar East and on to the English road in view of its general public utility and the fact that it leads to a place of pilgrimage - St. Cuan's Well."
    - (ii) "I will ask the Co. Manager what progress had been made to have the Cloon Well, Castledaly, on the Potter Estate acquired from the Land Commission for use of the general public, since my enquiries on this matter earlier this year."
  - (o) Clr. T. King: (i) "I will move at the next Co. Council that the road at Shanbally Currandulla recently repaired under Rural Improvements Scheme be maintained by this Council."
    - (ii) that disused building at Qualley's Cross, Caherlistrane, be purchased and demolished.
    - (iii) that Co. Engineer be asked to examine and report on the extension of Headford Waterworks."
  - (p) Clr. J. O'Dowd: "I will put forward at the next meeting of the Council that the Council seek to obtain a Local Government Grant to enable them to take over and maintain roads made through the Local Government Grant."
  - (q) Clr. S. Glynn: "That all caretakers in Rural Districts of Graveyards be dispensed with and that road workers employed in the areas be instructed by the County Surveyor to clean ground and repair boundary walls of all Graveyards each month from May to October."
  - (r) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting of the County Council, I or some other member acting for me shall move that this Council direct the County Surveyor to (i) prepare and start without delay a relief scheme to give employment to workers in Loughrea town; (ii) to commence work on the reconstruction of the County Home Promenade for which money has already been allocated and (iii) to ensure that (i) and (ii) are so designed that workers will be in receipt of their wages before the Xmas holidays."
  - (s) Deputy M. Killilea: "That an explanation be given to the Co. Council as to the cause of the delay in carrying out work for the protection and improvement of Spring wells."
  - (t) Clr. S. Glynn: "I will move that the Kilsallagh - Kilmaurickard road from the main road at Tubberrow to main road at Corry's shop, Kilsallagh, be maintained in future by the County Council."
  - (u) Clr. J. Geoghegan: "Take notice that at next meeting of County Council I will ask the Co. Manager what progress, if any, has been made to provide a Sewerage Scheme at Clonbur."
22. Litir o Connradh na Gaedhilge ag iarraidh ar an gComhairle comh-cibriu leic leis an Gaedhilge a chur chun cinn.
23. Resolutions.
24. Other Business.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone: GALWAY 55.

Secretary's Office, County Buildings, GALWAY.

To: Each Member of the County Council:

24 DEC 1952

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on TUESDAY, the 30th DECEMBER, 1952, at 3.p.m. to complete Mortgage Deed for loan of £30,000 for issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed): L. O'Luanagh.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY  
the 30th December, 1952.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, P. Collins, J.J. Cunningham,  
J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P.T. Galvin, J. Geoghegan,  
J. Glynn, M.J. Higgins, Deputy M. Killilea, Cirs. T.  
King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion,  
Cirs. M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J.J. Ruane,  
V.P. Shields and P. Sirr.

8904: LOAN £30,000 for HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Clr.  
R. O'Flaithimh seconded by Deputy M. Killilea and Resolved:  
"that our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage  
of this date now read whereby security is given to the  
Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of  
the sum of £30,000, proposed to be advanced by them to us  
under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, and the Housing  
(Amendment) Act, 1952.

8905: MISCELLANEOUS: It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by  
Clr. O'Dowd and unanimously Resolved: "that the Council  
welcome home from Holland An Taoiseach, Eamonn De Bhalera."

8906: SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with  
the following:-

Mr. John Allen, Walsh's Terrace, Woodquay, Galway, on  
the death of his wife;  
Professor Eoin MacKenna, Shantalla, Galway, on the  
death of his wife.

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*Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1953*

*Chairman*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

PHONE:  
GALWAY 55.

2nd January, 1953.

TO: Each Member of the County Council:

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the  
Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings,  
Galway, on SATURDAY - 10th January, 1953 - at 12.30 p.m.

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AGENDA.

(1) To consider Estimate for Road Works and (if time permits) for  
Sanitary Works for the year ending 31st March, 1954.

(2) Notice of Motion by Clr. P. Furey:

- (a) "That the road from Currandulla to Annaghdown be  
steamrolled",  
(b) "To complete road from Ballindoooley Village to  
the Headford Road."

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 13th DECEMBER, 1952, at 12.30 p.m.

In the Chair : Clr. M. Quinn.

Present : Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8875—Adjournment :** It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Clr. King and Resolved : "that the meeting be adjourned for a half-an-hour as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John McKeigue, former County Councillor.

Votes of sympathy were also unanimously adopted with the King Family, Clifden, on the death of Mrs. King ; with Mrs. Loughheed, College Road, Galway, on the death of her husband ; the widow of Mr. Hough, P.C., Eyrecourt ; to Dr. J. J. Waters, Eyre Square, Galway, on the death of his son ; and Mr. Fallon, Newcastle, Galway, on the death of his wife.

The meeting was then adjourned until 1 p.m.

**8876—Minutes :** On the resumption of the meeting, the Minutes of the previous meeting to No. 8874, having been circulated to the Council, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

**8877—Cardinal :** The Chairman proposed, Clr. Nestor seconded and it was unanimously Resolved : "that the Galway County Council congratulate His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Dalton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, on his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals.

**8878—Milltown Water Supply :** Rev. Fr. Jennings, on behalf of a deputation from Milltown, addressed the Council on the necessity for the provision of a piped water supply for Milltown. Fr. Jennings's appeal was supported by Clrs. Flaherty, Nestor, Sirr, Killilea, Nicholson, Cunningham, Kitt and Wall. The Chairman pointed out that in the priority list of water supply schemes Milltown supply is No. 26 and stated that while he would support the application for the supply, it must be made clear to the Deputation that Milltown would have to await its turn in the priority list.

**8879—County Committee of Agriculture :** Letter 20/11/52 from the Secretary, County Galway Committee of Agriculture, was submitted stating that the Committee's requirements for the year ending 31/3/54 would be the equivalent of a rate

of 5½d. in the £—the same as in the current year. It was proposed by Clr. Lahiff, seconded by Clr. O'Dowd and Resolved : "that provision be made in the Council's Estimate for the produce of a rate of 5½d. in the £ to meet the demand of the County Galway Committee of Agriculture for the year ending 31/3/54."

**8880—Loan for Dunmore Vocational School :** It was proposed by Clr. R. Lahiff, seconded by Clr. T. King, and Resolved : "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Acts, 1930 to 1947."

**8881—Loan for Kiltormer Dispensary and Residence :** It was proposed by Clr. J. O'Dowd, seconded by Clr. P. T. Galvin, and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,550 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a dispensary and dispensary residence at Kiltormer ; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**8882—Loan for Issue of Housing Grants :** It was proposed by Clr. R. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. T. King and Resolved : "That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 11th day of November, 1952, the sum of £50,000 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of making Grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, said sum to be repaid within Fifteen Years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates AND that the Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and Resolved : "that the Council approve the raising of a further loan of £13,000 to meet the balance of the Council's commitments for issue of grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, to persons not eligible for housing by the Council under the Labourers Acts or under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts—the loan to be raised from such source and to be repayable for such period as may be sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government."

**8883—Housing Grants—Miscellaneous :** Clr. Sirr stated that

applicants for County Council housing grants were being circulated by Councillors informing them that grants had been allocated to them. Clr. Sirr considered this practice objectionable as it appeared to him to be an attempt to solicit votes. Clr. Sirr proposed that lists of the proposed allocations of housing grants be not circulated to the Councillors until notice of the proposed allocations would be published in the Press.

A lively discussion ensued. It was pointed out by the Chairman that the Council could not exercise control over the actions of any individual Councillor outside the Council Chamber.

Deputy Mannion stated that in some cases an 80% grant had been allocated and on inquiry in the Council's office, he ascertained that a 100% grant should have been allocated in these cases. The County Manager stated that if particulars of any such case were supplied to him, he would investigate the complaint.

**8884—Tourist Road Scheme :** Letter IR/244 of the 27/11/52 from the Department of Local Government was submitted and it was arranged that in due course the County Engineer's list of proposals in connection with the improvement of tourist roads would be placed before the Council.

It was noted that it is intended that the scheme will be spread over a period of 8 years and that proposals are sought for works to a value of approximately £50,000 for the year 1953/54.

**8885—Improvement of Health Services :** The County Manager's report on the Conference in connection with the proposals for the improvement and extension of health services which was held in Sligo on 24/11/52 was submitted. Clr. Sirr asked who authorised the attendance of the Council's representatives at Sligo for this Conference and how the figure of 2/- in the £ on the rates, stated to be the additional cost of these health services, was reckoned. The Chairman explained that the representatives who attended the Conference were nominated by him ; that consideration of the proposals was at the last meeting adjourned by the Council pending the receipt of further information in regard to the financial implications of the White Paper ; that the Conference at Sligo was held with a view to furnishing this information in so far as it was available. The Chairman considered that if the additional benefits could be obtained for an additional 2/- in the £ on the rates, he would be prepared to recommend the scheme to the Council, but he repeated what he had stated at the Conference that it did not appear to him that these additional benefits could be provided for 2/- in the £.

Clr. Ashe endorsed the Chairman's statements.

Clr. Nestor stated that at the Conference he had opposed the proposals on the ground that their cost would be beyond the capacity of the ratepayers of County Galway.

Deputy Cawley considered that 2/- in the £ would be a heavy burden on the ratepayers ; that furthermore there was no guarantee that the cost would not exceed 2/- in the £.

Clr. Wall stated that the proposals would prove far too costly and that it would be wise to postpone the scheme.

Clr. Flaherty stated that he would oppose any such scheme as the health of the people is well provided for already.

Deputy Mannion objected to the proposals to give full health services to those who could afford to pay for them.

Finally, on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Kitt, the Council approved the attendance of the delegates at the Conference in Sligo on the 24th November, 1952, and noted the contents of the County Manager's report on that Conference.

**8886—Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme :** Correspondence in connection with an application for an increase in the wages of labourers employed by the contractors on the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme was submitted showing that the contractors stated that their tender was based on a wage rate of 1/8½d. per hour for labourers ; that it was not found possible to obtain any labourers at this rate of wages and that after negotiations agreement was reached on a wage of 1/10d. per hour ; that the labourers have now demanded 2/5d. an hour ; i.e., a further increase of 7d. After a discussion, it was decided that the Council approve the wage rate of 1/10d. per hour for labourers employed by the contractors on the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme, but the Council did not approve any increase in the labourers wages beyond the rate of 1/10d. per hour.

**8887—Courthouse at Derrynea :** Correspondence in connection with the proposal to provide a new Courthouse at Derrynea was submitted, and it was pointed out that while the Department of Justice stated that a new courthouse should be provided in Derrynea, the Council were of the opinion that it should be provided in Carraroe, as there would be little justification for incurring the cost of providing a new courthouse at Derrynea where it would be used only for the few Courts held there. It was proposed by Clr. Higgins and seconded by Clr. Geoghegan : "that the new Courthouse be provided at Carraroe."

It was proposed by Clr. Mylotte and seconded by Deputy Mannion "that the new Courthouse be provided in Derrynea."

Clr. Joyce asked if suitable premises could be rented in Carraroe and the County Manager stated that he would make local inquiries as to the possibility of renting suitable premises in Carraroe. Further consideration of the matter was, therefore, adjourned.

**8888—Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee :** The appointment of the following additional members was approved unanimously by the Council :

Mr. Thomas Walsh, Dunmore—proposed by Deputy Killilea.  
Mr. Martin Silke, Gurteen, Dunmore—proposed by Clr. Nestor.

**8889—Dunmore Sanitary Accommodation :** Correspondence in connection with the provision of sanitary accommodation at Dunmore was submitted, and as Clr. Nestor stated that he had discussed this matter already with the County Engineer, no further action was taken.

**8890—Portnadoon Slipway :** On the proposition of Clr. Higgins, seconded by Clr. Mylotte, it was Resolved : "that the Council approve an increase of £55 in the Council's contribution towards the cost of providing a slipway and clearing rock at Portnadoon, Gortnagopple, Inishmore.

**8891—Rate Collector—No. 4 District :** Letter 5/11/52 from the Department of Local Government was submitted refusing approval to the Council's further representations that the poundage of the Rate Collector for No. 4 district be increased. Deputy Mannion stated that, apparently, the Minister had made up his mind on the matter, and that, therefore, there was no use in pursuing it further.

**8892—Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places :** List of proposed amendments in the Polling Scheme was submitted, and it was ordered that particulars of these proposals be circulated to each member of the Council before the next meeting. Deputy Cawley stated that the Rate Collectors should take more care in the compilation of the registers.

**8893—Kylemore Bridge, Laurencetown :** Letters from Coras Iompair Eireann and Bord na Mona stating that these authorities would not be prepared to incur any expenditure on the improvement of Kylemore Bridge were submitted. Further consideration of this matter was adjourned on the request of Clr. O'Dowd who stated that he is taking the matter up with the Irish Land Commission.

**8894—Galway Technical School :** Letter 2/12/52 from the C.E.O., Town of Galway Vocational Education Committee was submitted giving particulars of the number of students (92) from outside the Galway Borough area who are attending the Galway Technical School this year.

It was ordered that this matter be referred to the County Vocational Education Committee for their consideration.

**8895—Auditor's Reports :** The Auditor's Reports for the year ending 31/3/52 were submitted and approved, viz :—  
Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee.  
Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.

**8896—County Councils General Council :** Letter 22/10/52 from the General Council in regard to valuation and Minutes of meeting of the General Council on the 7/8/1952 were submitted—copies having been already circulated to the members.

**8897—County Council :** The Secretary reported that Mr. John McElihinney had not attended any meeting of the Galway County Council since the 1st September, 1951 ; that as more than twelve months had elapsed since the 1st meeting after the 1st September, 1951, at which Mr. McElihinney was not present, he is now disqualified. On the proposition of Clr. M. Quinn seconded by Deputy M. Killilea it was Resolved : "that consequent on the absence of Mr. John McElihinney from meetings of the Galway County Council during the past twelve months, the Galway County Council declares that a vacancy now exists on the Council and directs that the appropriate notice be given of the existence of such vacancy."

The Declaration of Vacancy was signed by the Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, Deputy M. Killilea and Clr. J. O'Dowd.

**8898—Estimates Meeting for Roads and Sanitary Works :** It was arranged that a meeting will be held on Saturday, the 10th January, 1953, at 12.30 p.m. to consider the estimate for the year ending 31/3/54 for road works and, if time permitted for sanitary works also.

**8899—Relief Schemes in Loughrea :** In the absence of Clr. Carty, his Notice of Motion (No. 21 (r)) was moved by Clr. Lahiffe, and in reply, the County Engineer stated that the relief scheme for Loughrea at a cost of £210 had already started on the 2nd December, 1952 ; that reconstruction of the promenade at the County Home cannot be undertaken, as provision for this work has not been made in the current year's

estimate ; that another small work, reconstruction of the streets, has also started recently in Loughrea.

**8900—Road Widening :** It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Deputy Killilea : "that the disused building at Quealy's Cross, Caherlistrane, be purchased by the Council and demolished." The County Engineer stated that the Council would be prepared to demolish the building and pay for any stones recovered from it for road works. Clr. King stated that the owner is now willing to have the place left surfaced roughly and requested that the County Engineer would get in touch with him again. The County Engineer stated that he would do this.

**8901—Overdraft :** It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Deputy Killilea and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £300,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 31/3/1953."

**8902—Local Pensions Committee :** The Secretary reported that Mr. Eugene Hickey who had been acting as Clerk to the County Galway Local Old Age Pensions Committee would retire under the Age Limit Order on the 18th December, 1952. The appointment of Mr. A. J. Liston, Clerical Officer, as temporary Clerk to the County Galway Local Old Age Pensions Committee was proposed by Clr. Ashe. The appointment of Mr. David Egan, Clerical Officer, as temporary Clerk to the County Galway Local Old Age Pensions Committee was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. Flaherty.

Clr. Ashe withdrew her proposal and it was Resolved : "that Mr. David Egan, Clerical Officer in the Council's Offices, be appointed temporary Clerk to the County Galway Local Old Age Pensions Committee with salary of £19/2/0 a year, subject to sanction by the Minister for Social Welfare.

**8903—Miscellaneous :** The Chairman and County Manager expressed their appreciation of Mr. Eugene Hickey, Clerical Officer, who was retiring on reaching the age limit after almost 42 years service with the Galway County Council. Several members joined in paying tribute to Mr. Hickey and in expressing regret at his retirement.

The Chairman wished a happy Christmas to the members and to the Staff.

Consideration of items 21 and 22 on the Agenda excluding 21 (k), 21 (l), 21 (o) (ii) and 21 (r) was adjourned until the next meeting. ✓

*Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 14th day of February, 1953*

*Maurice O'Connell. Chairman.*

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifis an Rúnaróid.

na Foinsisteach Conndae.

An Bócar Mór,

Gaillimh,

14ú Eanáir, 1953

A CARA,

Cuirim cúis, leis seo, cóip de Mion-Tuairiscí Crumhíste Speisialta na Comhairle Conndae (Uimhir 8907-8908) a tionsóló ar na 10ú Eanáir, 1953.

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó LUATHAÍS,

Rúnaróid.

Cum na h-ábairt seo leanas :-

Sac Ball de Chomhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe.  
An Suiréar Conndae.  
An Cisteóir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teó., Gaillimh.  
An Uilgeadóir Conndae.  
An t-Aire, An Roimn Leasa Sóisialais.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1953, AT 12.30 p.m.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Quinn.

Present: Clrs. J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiffe, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8907.—Adjournment: It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Clr. Nestor and Resolved: "That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. James Brennan Courthouse Square, Galway, and of the late Mr. Thomas Gilmore, Moylough, former members of the Galway County Council, the meeting be adjourned until 1.45 p.m.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:—  
Mr. McSweeney, N.T., Lr. Salthill, Galway, on the death of his wife;  
Mr. P. Gleeson, Shop Street, Galway, on the death of his wife;  
Mr. P. Walsh, N.T., San Antonio Park, Salthill, Galway, on the death of his wife;  
Mr. B. Glynn, Solicitor, Ballinasloe, on the death of Dr. Thomas Glynn;  
Mr. Michael Glynn, Gardener, Central Hospital, on the death of his wife.

The meeting was then adjourned until 1.45 p.m.

8908.—Road Works Estimate 1953/54: The estimate of expenditure on Road Works for the year ending 31/3/54 was submitted showing a total expenditure as follows:—

MAIN ROADS	£190,970
COUNTY ROADS	£147,708
GALWAY URBAN ROADS	£8,250
BALLINASLOE URBAN ROADS	£4,170
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	£348,098

Clr. Nestor proposed that the Estimate as submitted be reduced by at least £35,000. Clr. Nestor also requested that particulars of the annual loan repayments by the Council for all purposes would be made available.

Clr. Carty and Deputy Cawley asked if an indication could be given of the amount of the estimated increase in the rate for all services for the coming financial year. The County Manager, in reply, stated that it is not possible to give an accurate estimate of the increase in the rate in the coming financial year as the figures for the estimate are only now being prepared; that from the information so far available it appeared that including the estimate

for roads which has been submitted to the Council, the increase in the rate for the year ending 31/3/54 would be at least 5/- in the pound.

Clr. Carty proposed that a reduction of £18,811 be made in the Roads Estimate so as to allow the same amount as was allowed for Roads in the current year.

In reply to Clr. Collins, the County Engineer stated that the cost of the road diversion at Merlin Park is being met by road improvement grant. Clr. Collins asked if particulars could be supplied to the Council of the cost of supervision in relation to the actual cost of work done on Roads.

Clr. King considered that an increase on the current year's estimate of approximately £20,000 should be allowed so as to provide for the increase in wages which, in the current year, was granted from August 1952.

Deputy Cawley stated that the tourist road scheme grant should not be spent exclusively in Connemara.

The Chairman informed the Council that an application had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers for an increase of £1 a week in the wages of road workers. The Chairman requested that the Council would decide:—

- (a) whether an increase in road workers wages shall be allowed in the coming financial year and, if so, what provision should be made by the Council to meet such increase;
- (b) whether provision should be made in the Roads Estimate for Councillors' proposals for new roads.

Clr. Carty proposed that no provision be made in the Estimate for Councillors' proposals for new roads.

Clr. King suggested that where a road has been improved out of public monies and is suitable, the Council should, if the occasion arose, consider the desirability of taking over the maintenance of such a road.

Deputy Cawley supported Clr. King's suggestion and he referred particularly to a road at Greenwich, Craughwell, which connects with the Killeeneen Road. Deputy Cawley asked that this road be considered favourably and the County Engineer stated that he would inspect the road and furnish his report thereon.

Clr. Higgins supported Clr. King's suggestion.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. Flaherty that provision be made in the estimate for Councillors' Notices of Motion.

Clr. Galvin supported Clr. Collins proposal and stated that the improvement of county and minor roads is more necessary than, for instance, the provision of footpaths in villages.

Clr. Carty suggested that the amounts included in the estimate for road improvements, viz.:—

MAIN ROADS	£23,720
COUNTY ROADS	£11,440

be struck out and that £15,000 be provided for Councillors' Notices of Motion.

The Chairman again asked for a definite decision in regard to

the application for an increase in wages and in regard to provision for Councillors' Notices of Motion.

Clr. Nestor stated that the Council should not consider any proposals for increases in the Estimate but should concentrate on reducing it.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Clr. Nicholson that no increase in road workers wages be allowed.

Clr. King proposed that the estimate, as submitted for Main and County Roads, be reduced as follows:—

MAIN ROADS	reduced from £190,970 to £187,280;
COUNTY ROADS	reduced from £147,708 to £140,240.

As an amendment to Clr. Flaherty's proposal, it was proposed by Clr. Shields and seconded by Deputy Cawley that an increase of 10/- per week in road workers wages be allowed.

Clr. Lahiffe stated, he considered, that if the question could be discussed with the men concerned, they would be content with a smaller increase in wages or, perhaps, with no increase if they could be assured of permanent employment.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Deputy Killilea that the following reductions be made in the amounts provided for improvements:—

MAIN ROADS—reduction	£13,720
COUNTY ROADS—reduction	£6,440

Clr. Sirr suggested that a reduction of £21,000 be made in the Estimate submitted.

Deputy Mannion proposed that the entire provision for Main Road Improvements should be cut out of the Estimate.

Clr. Shields proposed that the Estimate be reduced by £16,500. Finally, it was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Ruane: "That the Estimate, as submitted, be amended as follows:—

MAIN ROADS:	
Maintenance to be reduced by	£5,230 to £80,000
Surface-dressing " " "	£2,000 to £70,000
Improvements " " "	£13,720 to £10,000
COUNTY ROADS:	
Maintenance to be reduced by	£2,968 to £110,000
Improvements " " "	£1,440 to £10,000
URBAN ROADS:	

The Estimate, as submitted, to be approved.

A show of hands was taken on the above proposal by Clr. Carty in so far as it affected the proposal to reduce County Roads Maintenance by £2,968. A majority of the members present voted in favour of Clr. Carty's proposal and the Chairman, therefore, declared the entire proposal by Clr. Carty as seconded by Clr. Ruane approved by the meeting.

It was then unanimously decided that no provision be made in the Roads Estimate for Councillors' Notices of Motion, and it was decided to defer further discussion of the application for a wages increase until the Estimates Committee Meeting which will be held on the 31st January, 1953.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed this 14th day of March 1953*  
*Maurice Cummins Chairman*

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan,  
GAILLIMH 55.

Oifig an Rúnaidhe,  
Na Feirgnighthe Chonndae,  
GAILLIMH.  
2adh Feabhra, 1953.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Chomhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Feirgnighthe Conndae Dia Sathairn, 7adh Feabhra, 1953, ag 12.30.p.m. a ohlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Luanaigh.

Rúnai.

Chuir gach Dhaill de'n Comhairle:

GNO.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of vacancy on the Galway County Council resulting from the disqualification of Mr. John McElhinney - Galway Electoral Area.
3. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
  - (a) Clr. M.F. Kitt: "That grants under Section 7 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1951 be made available by the Galway County Council, incl. Suppl. Reconstruction Grants"
  - (b) Clr. P. Scurr: (i) "That the piped water supply scheme for Ballymoe be proceeded with without further delay."
    - (ii) "I will ask the County Manager if and when it is proposed to supply Ballyhard, Clondyole, Sonnagh and surrounding districts with water either by piped scheme or by erecting a pump near Clondyole School."
    - (iii) "I will ask the County Engineer when he intends to remove dangerous corners at Ballaghmurray, Ballymoe, and Creggs and widen road at Gortnadieve."
  - (c) Clr. L. O'Toole; Cornamona Water Supply: (i) "I will ask the County M.O.H. at next meeting of the County Council how many outbreaks of Typhoid Fever were notified from this area in recent years."
    - (ii) "Is he aware that water from a ducks pond is used for making cocoa and washing utensils in the National School."
    - (iii) Where has he placed the scheme on his priority list?
    - (iv) "I will ask the County Manager why he has deferred the scheme."
    - (v) "I will ask the County Manager to re-consider his decision and have the scheme proceeded with."
  - (d) Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will ask the County Engineer to state if its his intention to clean the rivers at Lerhin and Gurteen - Listed Nos. Lerhin - 41, Gurteen - 42, under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 - Schemes 1952/53."
  - (e) Clr. M. Carty: (i) "That this Council hereby request the County Manager to declare a public road that road which leads from near Carra Bridge, Bullaun, due east through Carra and Newgrove to Nogginstown, north of Kilrickae, where it joins the main Loughrea-Ballinasloe road, the approx. distance of same being 5 statute miles."
    - (ii) "That the County Surveyor will state what action he proposes to take to have necessary maintenance work carried out this year in the Dunkellin Drainage District and especially in the Danesfort (Loughrea) area where severe flooding last season caused great hardship to landowners."
    - (iii) "That the County Surveyor tell the County Council what rates of pay are applicable to men engaged by direct labour in the repair of pumps for Galway County Council and to state if these rates are the same in all the County Engineering Districts."
  - (f) Clr. J.J. Cunningham: "That the Galway County Council take over and maintain  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of a road reconstructed about 7 years ago under a Rural Improvement Scheme in the townland of Cloonkeen Eighter, Clonberne, Ballinasloe."

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- (g) Clr. M. Newell: "Take notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the dug well at Cahertymore be deepened by a bore hole to such depth as may be necessary. The well is dry since last May."
- (h) Clr. J. Geoghegan: (i) "That the Co. Manager state reason for delay in erection of Doctor's residence and dispensary at Carna."
  - (ii) "That the County Surveyor state why work on erection of new bridge to replace Flannery Bridge is not being proceeded with."
  - (iii) "That the Co. Manager state reason for delay in erection of Labourers cottages at Oughterard."
- (i) Clr. M. Carty: "At next meeting of the County Council at the request of Loughrea Town Commissioners, I or some other member acting on my behalf shall ask the County Council to acquire by compulsion all derelict sites in Loughrea Urban area."
- (j) Clr. P. Collins: "That I will move that the fences on the new road through Patrick Curran's land, Cappaghmoyle, Newcastle, be put into proper repair."
- (k) Clr. M.F. Kitt: (i) "That this Council request the Co. Manager to declare a public road that which leads from Behan's house on the Caltra-Ahascragh road through the village of Castlegar East and on to the Egliah road in view of its general public utility and the fact that it leads to a place of pilgrimage - St. Cuan's Well."
  - (ii) "I will ask the Co. Manager what progress had been made to have the Cloon Well, Castledaly, on the Potter Estate acquired from the Land Commission for use of the general public, since my enquiries on this matter earlier this year."
- (l) Clr. T. King: (i) "I will move at the next Co. Council that the road at Shanbally, Currandulla, recently repaired under Rural Improvements Scheme be maintained by this Council."
  - (ii) "That County Engineer be asked to examine and report on the extension of Headford Waterworks."
- (m) Clr. J. O'Dowd: "I will put forward at the next meeting of the Council that the Council seek to obtain a Local Government Grant to enable them to take over and maintain roads made through the Local Government Grant."
- (n) Clr. S. Glynn: "That all caretakers in Rural Districts of Graveyards be dispensed with and that road workers employed in the areas be instructed by the County Surveyor to clean ground and repair boundary walls of all Graveyards each month from May to October."
- (o) Deputy M. Killilea: "That an explanation be given to the Co. Council as to the cause of the delay in carrying out work for the protection and improvement of Spring wells."
- (p) Clr. S. Glynn: "I will move that the Kilsallagh - Kilmaurickard road from the main road at Tubberroe to main road at Corry's shop, Kilsallagh, be maintained in future by the County Council."
- (q) Clr. J. Geoghegan: "Take notice that at next meeting of County Council I will ask the Co. Manager what progress, if any, has been made to provide a Sewerage Scheme at Clonbur."
- (r) Clr. J.P. Joyce: (i) "That a pump be erected over Well at Rosscahill."
  - (ii) "That well at Killola, Rosscahill, be cleaned and a protection wall built round same."
- (s) Clr. J.J. Cunningham: Kilkerrin & Moylough Water Supply; Kindly include for consideration in your next Agenda, the question of an immediate implementation of your Council's unanimity soliciting from the relevant authority, the right to raise the necessary funds. The recent conflagration has intensified the timidity in which the residents of Moylough and Kilkerrin have lived for years. It took Councillor Cunningham by his sole and relentless efforts several years to convince both The Chamber and the Bench of this dire need."
- (t) Clr. J. O'Dowd: (i) "I will ask the County Manager at our next meeting what is the position of three cottages - cottages selected at Aughrim as far back as 1946 and the cause of the delay in their erection."
  - (ii) "I will ask the County Engineer at our next meeting what is the cause of the long delay in completing the pump at Garrymore, Kiloconnell. Also the cause of the delay in finishing the pump at Redmount Hill, Eyrecourt."
  - (iii) "I will propose at the next meeting of the Council to extend the piped water supply from Eyrecourt to about one mile."
- (u) Clr. J. Flaherty: "That Rev. Fr. Concannon, P.P., Milltown, be appointed to the Milltown O.A.P. Sub-Committee be put on the Agenda for next Co. Council meeting."
- (v) Clrs. M. Nicholson & Deputy M. Killilea: "We will move at the next meeting of Galway Co.C. that Thomas Fleming of Gortaganny, Moylough, be appointed a member of Mountbellew O.A.P. Committee, to fill the vacancy existing through the death of the late Thomas Kitt, Cooloo, Moylough."

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- (w) Clr. J.P. Joyce: "Please note that at the next meeting of Galway County Council I will as Secretary reason for delay in compensating applicants for refund in cost of making connection to Oughterard Sewerage Scheme."
- (x) Clr. J.J. Ruane: (1) "That the Galway County Council make provision for a contribution towards the expenses of An Tostal."  
 (11) "That certain expensions of the Public Lighting system at Athenry be provided."
4. Litir o Comradh na Gaedhilge ag iarraidh ar an gComhairle comh-cibriu leo leis an Gaedhilge a chur chun oinn.
  5. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan £19,800 for Oranmore Water Supply Scheme.
  6. Raising of Supplementary Loan £1150 for provision of three shelters at Salthill.
  7. Aughrismore Pier - increase in Council's contribution.
  8. Attendance of County Librarian at Conference in Llandudno 28th April to 1st May, 1953.
  9. Health Services - Letter from Catholic Societies Vocational Organization Conference.
  10. Minutes of Education Committee Meeting of 26th January, 1953.
  11. Appointment of a second Dentist for County Galway.
  12. Provision of a new Dispensary at Dunmore.
  13. Control of Dogs Regulations.
  14. Letter from Mr. James Haverty, Springlawn, Mountbellew, regarding recent press article on the affairs of the Council for the years 1920/21.
  15. Visiting Committee Minutes.
  16. Resolutions.
  17. Other Business.
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AGENDA FOR MEETING.....7th FEBRUARY, 1953.

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 ADDITION TO COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OR MOTION.  
 -----No.3 (y) Clr. M.F. Kitt:

- (1) "I will move at the next meeting of Galway County Council that when Water Supply piped schemes are being provided to towns and villages in the County, that suitable fountains be erected at the extremities to serve adjoining localities."
  - (2) "that the piped water supply scheme in Ahasoragh be extended along the Ahasoragh-Ballinasloe road to the County Council cottages and that a fountain be erected there to serve the people of Killupin who have no water supply."
  - (3) "that the scheme be extended down the Clooncannon road for a short distance and a fountain be erected to serve the residents of Clooncannon, Cornamuckla and Runnymede."
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COMAIRLE CONNDÁE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifis an Rúnairé
na Foirgníoché Conndáe,
An Dochar Mór,
Gaillimh,
3ao Feabra, 1953

A CARA,
Cuirim cuíac, leis seo, cóip de Mion-Tuairisc Crúinníoché
Meastóiré (Uimhir 8909-8910) a cionólaó ar an 31ao Eanáir,
1953.

Mise, Le meas,
L. Ó LUANAIÓ,
Rúnairé.

Cun na ndaoime seo leanas :-

- Sao Dall de Comairle Conndáe na Gaillimhe.
An Suidéar Conndáe.
An Cisteóir, An Banc Náisiúncá Teó., Gaillimh.
An Uligeadóir Conndáe.
An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Soisialaí.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE OF THE GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1953.

In the Chair: (1) Councillor M. Quinn;
(2) Councillor M. Carty.

Also Present: Cirs. J. O'Dowd, Deputy P. Cawley, Cirs. P.
Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J.
Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy
M. Killilea, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, Deputy J. Mannion, Cirs.
J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, P. Sirr and M.
Wall.

8909.-Adjournment: It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan,
seconded by Clr. Carty and Resolved: "That the sympathy of
the Council be conveyed to the widow and relatives of the late
Mr. Thomas Nee, Clifden, a former member of the Council, and that
as a mark of respect, the meeting be adjourned until 1.45 p.m.
Votes of sympathy were also unanimously adopted with Chief
Supt. MacManus on the death of his son, and with the Secretary
on the death of his mother-in-law.
The meeting was then adjourned until 1.45 p.m.

8910.-Estimate for Year Ending 31st March, 1954: The
County Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st
March, 1954, as circulated to the Council, was submitted showing
for County Charges a total expenditure of £1,805,281 and Total
Receipts £795,320.

The County Manager explained that he had already examined
very carefully the Estimate as prepared by the Accountant and
had made reductions wherever possible; that he considered that
it is not possible to make further reductions unless the Committee
decides to eliminate some services. After an examination of each
item in the Estimate, the Committee decided that the following
reductions be made:

Public Assistance Account:

District Institutions—GALWAY CENTRAL HOSPITAL:

- Salaries: reduced by £2,700 to £84,000;
Retiring Allowances: reduced by £500 to £2,500.
Food, Drink and Tobacco: reduced by £600 to £49,400;
Medicines: reduced by £1,100 to £21,900;
Medical and Surgical Appliances: reduced by £1,030 to
£11,970;
Structural Repairs: reduced by £600 to £3,400.
Total reduction in District Institutions.....£6,530.

Medical Assistance Account:

Salaries of Officers: reduced by £1,000 to £37,700.

Other Expenses:

Ambulances: reduced by £800 to £7,200.
Total Reduction in Public Assistance Account.....£8,330.
As a result of this reduction, it was necessary to reduce the
Estimated Receipts from Health Grant by £4,165 leaving the net
reduction in Public Assistance Account Expenditure £4,165.

General Purposes Account:

Election Expenses: reduced by £4,000 to Nil.
The reductions as set out above were proposed by Clr. Carty,
seconded by Clr. Quinn and were unanimously approved by the
Committee.

In connection with the discussion of the Estimate for Public
Assistance Account, the County Manager explained that the staff
employed at the Galway Central Hospital was based on a bed
occupancy of 505 calculated in proportion to the staff approved
by the Department for the Regional Hospital with a bed comple-
ment of 531.

Clr. King stated that, perhaps, the service provided at the
Galway Central Hospital is too elaborate for a hospital of its nature
and recommended that the officers concerned would economise in
the use of medicines; that if the charges for maintenance and treat-
ment of patients were abolished, it is probable that the patients
who could pay would go elsewhere and thus save the Council
expense.

Dr. White, R.M.S., stated that the hospital is not over-staffed
and that it would not be possible to carry on with a lesser number
of nurses; that the total bed-days for the past year were 165,000
as compared with 165,000 for the previous year.

Clr. Wall agreed with Clr. King's suggestion in regard to the
abolition of charges for maintenance and treatment of patients.

Cirs. Kitt and Carty stated that there are many cases in the
hospital which could be treated adequately at home.

Deputy Cawley did not agree with the reduction in the Estimate
for Medicines.

Clr. Higgins suggested that the provision for the Footwear
Scheme be eliminated.

After a discussion, however, it was decided to leave the matter
stand.

Clr. Houlihan appealed to the officers to co-operate with the
Council in curtailing expenditure wherever possible.

During the discussion on the Health Account Estimate, Clr.
Carty stated that in some cases spectacles are being supplied to
children who do not wear them and who, in fact, provide other
more attractive type of spectacles at their own expense. The
Secretary stated that this matter would be pursued with the
County Medical Officer.

The County Manager stated that it was proposed to appoint
a second wholtime Dentist for the County Galway and this pro-
posal was approved by the Committee.

During the discussion on the Sanitary Account, Deputy Killilea
stated that sufficient progress is not being made with the protection
of wells which would, in many cases, obviate the necessity for the
erection of pumps.

Clr. Collins asked why pumps had not been provided on other
sites at Liscune and Alloon where the sinking of pumps had been
abandoned several years ago.

Clr. O'Dowd stated that two pumps—Redmount Hill and Garry-
more—were started a year ago and have not been completed and
that apparently work on these pumps has been suspended.

Mr. Tracey, A.C.E., explained that the Contractor (Mr. P.
Pelly) was also Contractor for the pump at Aughrim; that he has
been working on the latter pump and has now completed it and
will be ready to resume work on Redmount Hill and Garrymore
Pumps. The Chairman stated that cases, such as Liscune and Alloon,
should get priority over any other pumps on the waiting list, i.e.,
if it was necessary to provide pumps in these places 10 years ago,
the necessity must be much greater now.

It was noted that the Estimate makes provision for new sanitary
conveniences at Dunmore and Athenry only.

Clr. Ruane stated that an extension of the public lighting at
Athenry to the cottages is needed and he also recommended that
the existing lights be switched on half an hour later each night and
be switched off half an hour later than at present.

Deputy Killilea recommended that the position of the light near
the dangerous corner at Raftery's Hotel, Glenamaddy, be altered
or that a new light be provided there.

In the discussion of the Housing Account Estimate, Clr. O'Dowd
requested that the repair of cottages in Eyrecourt and Laurence-
town be expedited.

During the consideration of the General Purposes Account
Estimate, Clr. Carty referred to a fire at College Road, Galway,
where difficulty was experienced due to the absence of a Garda for
regulation of the traffic. Mr. Sugrue, Chief Fire Officer, stated that
in the normal course of events when a fire alarm is received, the
Garda Station is notified and, in fact, the Brigade usually gets the
greatest co-operation from the Garda Authorities; that in the case
cited by Clr. Carty, it appeared that all Garda on duty were occu-
pied elsewhere at the time.

It was decided that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council would
be held on Saturday, 7th February, 1953, at 12.30 p.m.

Submitted, approved and confirmed
this 14th day of March M. J. O'Donnell

## COMAIRLE CONTOAE NA GAILLIHE

OIFIS AN RÚNARÓE

NA FOIRGNISCTE CONTOAE,

AN DÓEAR MÓR,

GAILLIHE,

3AD FEABRA, 1953

A CARRA,

CUIRIM CUSAC, LEIS SEO, CÓIP DE MION-CUAIRSCÍ CRUINNISCTE  
COMAIRLE CONTOAE (UIMHIR 8909—8959) A TIONÓLAÓAR AN 7AD  
FEABRA, 1953.

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó LUATHAÍ,

RÚNARÓE.

Cun na ndaoime seo leanas:—

Seac Dall de Chomairle Conntoae na Gaillithe,  
An Suirbéar Conntoae,  
An Cisteóir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teo., Gaillithe,  
An Uileadóir Conntoae,  
An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Sóisialais.

Cun.....

Le Mion-Cuairse Uimhir 4..... d'feiscint.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON SAT .DAY,  
7th FEBRUARY, 1953.

In the Chair: (1) Clr. M. Quinn.  
(2) Clr. M. Carty.

Also present: Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, P. Sirr, and M. Wall.

8909.—Minutes: The Minutes of the Council to No. 8903 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

8910.—Vacancy: Correspondence in connection with the filling of the vacancy on the Council resulting from the disqualification of Mr. John McElihinney was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Nestor and unanimously Resolved: "That the Galway Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union be requested to suggest a name for co-option to this vacancy and that consideration of the filling of the vacancy be deferred until a reply will be received from the Acting Secretary of the Branch."

8911.—Housing Grants: It was proposed by Clr. Kitt "that supplementary housing reconstruction grants and supplementary grants for installing in a dwelling-house a private water supply and sewerage facilities, be made available by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952." This proposal was seconded by Clr. Cunningham.

Clr. Nestor stated that since this proposal would involve further borrowing by the Council, he considered it unfair that the people who cannot avail of the proposed facilities should be required to pay for them. Clr. Kitt's proposal was supported by Clr. O'Dowd and Clr. Galvin.

Clr. Carty pointed out that over £17,000 was being provided in the current year's Estimate for repayment of loans for supplementary grants for new houses and suggested that the Government should provide the increased grants instead of requiring the Council to make up the balance.

The Chairman suggested that Clr. Kitt's proposal should be restricted to a definite period, say one or two years, and pointed out that the average annual number of applications for reconstruction grants is approximately 500.

The County Manager drew attention to the increase in the rate which is anticipated and stated that the only way in which the

Council can curtail expenditure is by restricting the introduction of new services.

It was proposed by Clr. Nestor and seconded by Clr. Collins that consideration of Clr. Kitt's proposal be deferred for a period of twelve months.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Ruane that the scheme as proposed by Clr. Kitt be adopted by the Council for a period of one year from the 1st April, 1953, to 31st March, 1954; the scheme to be confined to persons whose application forms will have been received by the Council during the period from 1st April, 1953, to 31st March, 1954, inclusive.

A vote taken on Clr. Nestor's amendment resulted as follows:—

For: Clrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Glynn, Joyce, Killilea, Lahiffe, Nestor, Newell and Wall.—12.

Against: Clrs. Carty, Cunningham, Galvin, Geoghegan, Higgins, Houlihan, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane and Sirr.—14.

The Chairman declared Clr. Nestor's amendment lost.

Clr. Carty's amendment was then put to the meeting and approved unanimously.

Clr. Kitt stated that he was prepared to withdraw his proposal in favour of the scheme as proposed by Clr. Carty, and the Chairman, therefore, declared Clr. Carty's proposal approved by the Council.

8912.—New Works: Clr. Houlihan asked that in view of the high rate in the coming year, the Council would defer consideration of all new works proposals for a period of twelve months. This suggestion was supported by Clr. Nicholson. Clr. Higgins stated that this proposal, if carried, would place an undesirable restriction on the Council. The Chairman stated that since the suggestion or proposal was not supported unanimously, he would not accept it.

8913.—Ballymoe Water Supply: In reply to Clr. Sirr's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that a Consulting Engineer had been appointed to prepare plans, etc., for the Ballymoe Water Supply Scheme.

8914.—Water Supply at Ballyhard, Clondoyle and Sonnagh: In reply to Clr. Sirr's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that the proposal to provide a pump for this area is listed as No. 24 in the priority list of pumps for which a loan is being sought by the Council.

8915.—Dangerous Corners at Ballaghmurray, etc.: In reply to Clr. Sirr's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer reported that:—

(a) no provision has been made in the Road Works Scheme

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for removal of the dangerous corners at Ballaghmurray: that it may be possible to do this work as maintenance during the current year;

(b) that provision for the improvement of the dangerous corner, known as Keffe's corner, Creggs, is included in the Main Road Improvement Works Scheme for the current year, and that the work will be carried out before 31st March, 1953; that, however, the work is being held up by the fact that an old ruin at the corner is still occupied;

(c) no money has been provided in the current year's Estimates for road widening at Gortnadieve.

8916.—Dangerous Corner at Glenamaddy: Clr. Carty requested that a danger sign would be erected at the dangerous corner at Keaveney's, Glenamaddy.

8917.—Cornamona Water Supply: In reply to Clr. O'Toole's Notice of Motion, the County Medical Officer's report was submitted stating that there was no case of Typhoid Fever notified from the Cornamona area within the last five years, and Clr. O'Toole was informed by the Secretary that a Consulting Engineer has, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, been appointed to prepare the documents for the water supply scheme for Cornamona.

8918.—Costello Water Supply Scheme: In reply to Clr. O'Donnell's inquiry, the County Manager explained that proceedings were taken by the Council for acquisition of the necessary water rights for Costello Water Supply Scheme; that at one stage all concerned had agreed to the Council's proposals; that subsequently the property owned by Mr. Ismay was purchased by Mr. O'Loughlin who objected; that this objection was the cause of the long delay in the acquisition of the water rights—the proposal for which is still awaiting confirmation by the Minister for Local Government.

Clr. Higgins requested that a statement in writing to this effect be sent by the County Manager to Clr. O'Donnell, as Clr. Higgins had seen a letter from a member of the Government which stated that the delay in proceeding with the Costello Water Supply Scheme is attributable to the Galway County Council.

8919.—Cleaning of Rivers at Lerhin and Gurteen: In reply to Clr. Flaherty, the County Engineer reported that sufficient money was not allocated under the Local Authorities (Works) Acts, Schemes, Grant for the current year to enable him to clean the rivers at Lerhin and Gurteen; that these schemes will be included again in the list of L.A.W. Schemes for the coming year.

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr and seconded by Clr. Flaherty that the Council ask the Government to provide a larger amount of money next year for the carrying out of such works as the cleaning of drains under the L.A.W. Act, 1949.

**8920.—New Roads :** After discussion on Clr. Carty's proposal regarding the road from Carra Bridge, Bullaun, it was eventually decided that the County Manager be requested to examine and report on all the proposals on the Agenda relating to the taking over of roads by the Council, viz :—

3(e) (1) Road from Carra Bridge, Bullaun to Nogginstown, Kilrickle—approximate distance—3 Statute Miles.

3(f) Road at Cloonkeen Eighter, Clonberne—distance ½ mile.

3(k) (1) Road from Behan's house on the Caltra-Ahascragh road through Castlegar Village to the Eglis Road.

3(L) (1) Road at Shanbally, Currandulla—recently repaired under Rural Improvement Scheme.

3(p) Kilsallagh-Kilmacrickard from the main road at Tobberroe to the main road at Corry's Shop, Kilsallagh.

Clr. J. Glynn.

Councillor Carty now took the Chair.

**8921.—Dunkellin Drainage District :** In reply to Clr. Carty's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted stating that £600 had been provided for maintenance of this district in the current year and that this amount had already been expended; that a L.A.W. Scheme amounting to £100 has been approved for the portion of the district at Lackafinna and that this work is about to be put in hands.

**8922.—Pump Repairs :** In connection with his Notice of Motion, Clr. Carty stated that he will send in particulars of the cases he has in mind where unequal rates of pay are being paid to men engaged by the Council on repair of pumps.

**8923.—Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme :** The County Manager referred to a previous decision by the Council to allow a rate of 1/10d. per hour to the labourers employed on the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme and stated that the workers concerned, who were demanding 2/5d. an hour, have now gone on strike. Clr. Collins stated that a deputation from these men had visited his

house and claimed that due to cuts in their wages for wet and broken time, they were not, in fact, receiving a wage equivalent to that of the Council's road workers. It was decided that the County Manager be authorised to deal with this claim and to settle it in whatever manner he would consider proper.

**8924.—National Anthem :** It was proposed by Clr. Joyce, seconded by Clr. Ruane and unanimously Resolved: "That the Council protest to the Irish Rugby Football Union against the failure to play the Irish National Anthem at the International Rugby Match at Raven Hill, Belfast, on 24th January, 1953.

Clr. Ruane said that the thanks of the Council should be conveyed to the Proprietors of the *Connacht Sentinel* for their leading article in connection with this matter. This suggestion was supported by Clr. Joyce.

**8925.—Cartymore Well :** Clr. Newell stated that the work referred to in his Notice of Motion had since been carried out.

**8926.—Carna Dispensary Residence :** The County Manager explained that the tenders received for Carna Dispensary Residence were considered unduly high; that a slight alteration in the plans was necessary and since the doctor had left the district, the erection of the residence was not a matter of urgency; it was, therefore, decided to re-advertise the contract and tenders are at present being awaited.

Clr. Geoghegan suggested that if a satisfactory tender is not received on this occasion, the Council should consider the erection of the residence by direct labour.

**8927.—Flannery Bridge :** In reply to Clr. Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that it is expected that work on the reconstruction of Flannery Bridge will be commenced very soon. Clr. Geoghegan stated that, due to low tides, the present is the most suitable time to commence this work.

**8928.—Oughterard Cottages :** In reply to Clr. Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that the Department's sanction to the contract documents for this scheme has now been received and that the advertisements inviting tenders will be published next week.

**8929.—Derelict Sites—Loughrea :** In reply to Clr. Carty's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that the County Engineer has already been requested to carry out a survey of all derelict sites in the County Health District with a view to having the sites cleaned up or, where necessary, acquired by the Council.

**8930.—Fences on New Road at Cappaghmoyle :** Clr. Collins requested that the fences on the new road through Patrick Curran's land, Cappaghmoyle, Newcastle, be put into proper repair. The County Engineer stated that there are three families concerned in this case and they are requesting that a stone wall be provided. The County Manager explained that at most the Council would only be responsible for maintenance of the post and wire fence which was provided originally; that the Council would not undertake the provision of a wall in lieu of the original fence; that the damage to these road-side fences is invariably caused by cattle owned by the persons whose lands are so fenced and that it is not unreasonable to expect that these persons would themselves keep the fences in repair.

**8931.—Cloon Well, Castledaly :** In reply to Clr. Kitt's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that pending the preparation of a re-sale scheme for the division of the Potter Estate, the Land Commission are not in a position to make a decision in regard to our proposal for Cloon Well.

**8932.—Headford Waterworks Extension :** In connection with Clr. King's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that the cost of a pump might be taken as £800 while the cost of a water main extension would be £1 a yard. The County Manager pointed out that a big scheme of waterworks extensions had already been proposed by the Council and that the Department of Local Government had directed that this scheme be restricted to the six proposals which would be most urgent from a public health point of view; that the County Medical Officer is being asked to place the proposals in order of urgency.

**8933.—Burial Grounds :** Clr. Glynn proposed that Caretakers of Rural Graveyards be dispensed with and that the Council's road workers be employed in these areas to repair the boundary walls and to clean the burial grounds from May to October. After a discussion, Clr. Glynn withdrew his proposal and stated that he would send in particulars of two burial grounds which he had in mind.

Councillor Quinn now took the Chair.

**8934.—Improvement of Spring Wells :** In reply to Deputy Killilea's Notice of Motion, the County Manager explained that each proposal for the taking over of an existing spring well has to be examined so as to ascertain the number of families served and the quality of the water in the well; that it is also necessary to obtain the consent of the landowner which sometimes is not forthcoming readily.

Deputy Killilea, Clr. Nestor and Clr. Houlihan recommended

that work be expedited in all cases for which application has been made for such improvements.

**8935.—Wells at Roscahill :** Clr. Joyce recommended that a pump be erected over the well at Roscahill and that a well at Killola, Roscahill, be cleaned and that a protection wall be built round it.

Clr. Joyce stated that he had been recommending these works or years and on various occasions had been promised by the County Engineer that they would be carried out promptly.

**8936.—Clonbur Sewerage Scheme :** In reply to Clr. Geoghegan, the Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer was on the 12th June, 1952, requested to proceed with the preliminary report for this scheme; that the report had not been received up to the present, but an assurance had been given that it would be furnished to the Council by the Consulting Engineer on the 14th instant.

**8937.—Kilkerrin and Moylough Water Supplies :** In reply to Clr. Cunningham's Notice of Motion the County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government stating that there is no objection in principle to proceeding with the planning of the scheme as proposed for Kilkerrin; that the Consultant should investigate the quality and quantity of the water at the proposed source in Springlawn and that he should submit a detailed estimate for a separate scheme for Moylough.

**8938.—Cottages at Aughrim :** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that Mr. Harney had only now signed the Agreement Form for acquisition of the land for the cottages at Aughrim.

**8939.—Pumps at Garrymore and Redmount Hill :** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd, Mr. Tracy, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the delay in the completion of these pumps was due to the fact that part of the equipment had jammed in the bore of one of them and that the Contractor is awaiting a supply of suitable explosives to clear this jam; that work is now in progress on the Redmount Hill Pump.

**8940.—Eyrecourt Water Supply Extension :** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that in view of the difficulty in getting residents to connect to the existing water main, he would not be prepared to recommend the extension of the Eyrecourt Water Supply as the scheme was completed only recently.

**8941.—Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees :** It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty seconded by Deputy Killilea and Resolved : "That Rev. Fr. Malachy Concannon, P.P. Milltown, be appointed a member of the Milltown Old Age Pension Sub-Committee."

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea seconded by Clr. Flaherty and Resolved : "That Mr. Thomas Fleming, Gortaganney, Moylough, be appointed a member of the Mountbellew O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Mr. Thomas Kitt, Cooloo."

**8942.—Oughterard Sewerage Scheme :** In reply to Clr. Joyce, the County Manager stated that the intention was to make the appropriate refund in these cases on the basis of what it would cost the Council to do similar work ; that the final account for the scheme has been sent to the Department of Local Government for sanction and that the Council would be in a position to deal with the matter mentioned by Clr. Joyce when this account will be returned to us by the Department of Local Government.

**8943.—An Tostal :** Clr. Ruane stated that as he had ascertained, in the meantime, that the Galway County Council is not empowered to make any contribution towards the expenses of An Tostal, he was withdrawing his proposal, but he protested against such a regulation which deprives small towns of the concession granted to the larger towns.

**8944.—Athenry Public Lighting :** Clr. Ruane stated that he would furnish particulars of his recommendations in regard to the extension of the Athenry Public Lighting to the County Engineer.

**8945.—Dunmore Dispensary :** The County Manager stated that he had inspected the existing dispensary at Dunmore which is unsuitable in many respects and, therefore, he proposed, subject to the Council's approval, that a new dispensary be provided at Dunmore.

On the proposal of Clr. Nestor, the Council unanimously approved the provision of a new dispensary at Dunmore.

**8946.—Water Supplies—Fountains :** It was proposed by Clr. Kitt that when water supply piped schemes are being provided to town and villages in the County, that suitable fountains be erected at the extremities to serve adjoining localities.

The County Manager suggested that this should not be proposed as a general resolution, but that the matter should be considered in each particular case where the number of houses would justify the provision of a fountain.

Eventually, Clr. Kitt requested that the County Manager would consider his recommendations that :—

- (a) the water supply scheme at Ahascragh be extended along the Ahascragh-Ballinasloe road to the County Council cottages and that a fountain be erected there to serve the people of Killupan ;
- (b) that the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme be extended down the Cloonacannon Road for a short distance and that a fountain be erected at the end of the extension which would serve the residents of Cloonacannon, Cornamuckla and Runnymede ; and
- (c) that a fountain be erected at Ballinahattina, Mountbellew.

**8947.—Gaedhilge :** Chuir an Runai os comhair na Comhairle litir o Connradh na Gaedhilge ag iarraidh ar an gComhairle comh-obriú leo leis an Gaedhilge a chur chun cinn, agus, fe seach :—

- (1) Run an gComhairle fein ag moladh do Chumainn, Siopai, deantoiri agus an pobal i gcoitinne cuideamh leis an sceim, i.e., Gaeilge a chur ar phostaeirí, filltean, earraí, fograí i nGaeilge le linn imeachtaí aca &rl. ;
- (2) Fograí poiblí on gComhairle go bhfuilid fein sasta comh-obriú leis an gConnradh ins an nge seo da chuid oibre go speisialta ;
- (3) Na moltain sin do mholadh go gach Ughdaras Poiblí eile in Eirinn agus don Rialtas.

Mhol Clr. O Cloth, cuidigh Clr. O Domhnaill agus glach an Comhairle iomlán le run go raibh an Comhairle sasta cuidiu le Connradh na Gaedhilge sa gcuipoir seo.

Rinne an Clr. O Domhnaill gearan go raibh fograí 'san Gaedhealtacht i mBearla mar "ROAD UP" &rl., agus go raibh clar mor i Halla an Aruis gan fochail Gaedhilge ann.

Dubhairt an Cathaoirleach gur ceart go mbeidh leagan Gaedhilge ar Seala na Comhairle.

**8948.—Loan for Oranmore Water Supply Scheme :** It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. O'Dowd and Resolved "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948 and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1951.

**8949.—Loan for Salthill Shelters :** The Secretary reported that the estimated cost of providing three shelters at Salthill is £4,000 while the amount available is ony £2,850, viz. :—

Loan already raised .....	£2,550
Contribution to be received from Coras Iompar Eireann .....	£300
	£2,850

It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. J. O'Dowd, and unanimously Resolved : "That the Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £1,150 from the National Bank, Ltd., to meet the balance of the expenditure to be incurred on the provision of three shelters at Salthill, Galway. This loan to be repayable by instalment over a period of 10 years with interest at such rate as shall be approved by the National Bank, Limited."

**8950.—Shruffaun Pier :** Letter S.W. 1/10/137 of 2nd February, 1953, from the Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted relating to the proposal to carry out improvements at Shruffaun Pier at a total estimated cost of £1,110 ; the work to be carried out by the Office of Public Works subject to a contribution of £287 10s. 0d. from the Galway County Council together with an undertaking that the Council will accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works when completed. On the proposition of Clr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Council unanimously approved the making of a contribution of £287 10s. 0d. towards the cost of the improvement works at Shruffaun Pier, and the Council approved the acceptance of responsibility for the future maintenance of these works when completed.

**8951.—Aughrismore Pier :** Letter S.W.1/10/119 of 2/1/53 from the Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted stating that the previous estimate for the improvement works at Aughrismore Pier, viz., £1,240 was not sufficient, and that the revised estimate for these works is £1,640. The Council had already agreed to contribute £310 and agreement is now being sought to the making by the Council of a total contribution of £410 in lieu of £310. It was proposed by Clr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. J. Geoghegan and unanimously Resolved : "That the Council hereby approve payment of 25% of the revised cost of the improvement works at Aughrismore Pier ; it being noted that the amount of the Council's contribution is now estimated to be £410 instead of £310 as previously approved."

**8952.—Library Conference :** On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Quinn, the Council approved the proposed attendance of the County Librarian at the Annual Conference of the Library Association which will be held in Llandudno from 28th April, to 1st May, 1953.

**8953.—Improvement of Health Services :** Letter from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organization Conference which was received on the 19th January, 1953, relating to the proposed improvement of health services, was submitted. It was ordered that copies of this communication be circulated to the members of the Council.

**8954.—Deputy and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, 1953 :** The Minutes of Meeting of the Education Committee, held on the 26th January, 1953, having been circulated to the Council were submitted and approved.

**8955.—Dental Services :** Correspondence in connection with the proposal to appoint a second wholetime Dental Surgeon under the Galway County Council was submitted. It was proposed by Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Deputy Killilea and unanimously Resolved : "That the Council hereby approve the appointment of a second wholetime Dental Surgeon under the Galway County Council, with salary scale £900 x £30 to £1,080 per annum, inclusive of temporary bonus of 20% together with travelling expenses and subsistence allowance at the usual approved rates."

**8956.—Control of Dogs :** Letter 23rd January, 1953, from the Department of Agriculture requesting that the Council would again this year adopt measures for directing the attention of dog owners in its area to the regulations governing the control of dogs, was submitted and approved.

**8957.—Mr. James Haverty, Springlawn, Mountbellew :** Letter 12th January, 1953, from Mr. James Haverty, Springlawn, Mountbellew, was submitted requesting that the Council would hold inquiry into the allegation that a certain resolution was adopted by the Galway County Council in 1920 or 1921—this matter being the subject of an article in the Connacht Tribune on 27th December, 1952. Deputy Killilea stated that this matter was made the subject of much propaganda by the British Press at the time and proposed that some sort of inquiry be held to clear up the matter. The County Manager suggested that Dr. Thomas Walsh, St. Mary's Road, Galway, and Mr. James Haverty, be notified to attend a meeting of the Council when such records, as are available, will be produced. It was decided that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council and that Dr. Walsh and Mr. Haverty be invited to the meeting.

**8958.—Visiting Committee :** Minutes of Meetings of the Visiting Committee held at the Tuam Home on 5/1/53 and at the Central Hospital on 24/1/53 were submitted.

In connection with the reference to quarterly report in the Minutes of the Meeting at the Central Hospital, Clr. Kitt stated that the Visiting Committee desired that a quarterly report should be furnished to each member of the Visiting Committee stating, in regard to the Galway Central Hospital, the number of patients in the hospital at the date of the report ; the number of staff employed, showing the various grades, and giving particulars of any untoward occurrence since the date of the previous report. It was also requested by the Council that the recommendation of

the Visiting Committee in regard to the entrance gate to the Regional Hospital receive consideration.

89th - Sympathy: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:—  
The Lenihan family, Eyre Square, Galway, on the death of their father;  
Mr. John Lyons, Laurencetown, on the death of his wife;  
Mr. John Hanley, Ballygar, on the death of his mother;  
The family and relatives of the late Mrs. Mary Hussey, Belclare Galway.

*Submitted, approved and  
Confirmed this 28th February 1953.*

*Máireamh O'Cuinn. Chairman.*

*14th March 1953*

COMAIRLE CONNDÁE NA GALWAY.

OIFIS AN RUNAI,  
BÓCAR MÓR,  
GALWAY.

Súán:  
Galway 55.

19th Feabhra, 1953.

Óigs sae bairle do'n Comairle.

COMAIRLE CONNDÁE NA GALWAY - CRUINNÍ MEASTAÓIN.

A CARA,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 28th February, 1953, at 12.30 p.m. when the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1954 will be considered.

The Council will be required to adopt, with or without amendment, the Estimate of Rates for County Charges, Separate Charges and Town Charges and to make the statutory demands on the Borough Council of Galway and on the Urban District Council of Ballinasloe.

A copy of the Estimate of Expenses is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

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COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIŃE.

Suíón:  
Saillín 55.

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍ,  
BÓCAR MÓR,  
SAILLÍN.

19<sup>th</sup> Feabhra, 1953.

Cúis zac b'áil de'n Comairle.

A ÓARA,

TARRAR ORT leis seo beic i léará az Cruinnú de  
Comairle Connadae na Saillínne a mhóipar i Seomra na  
Comairle ins na Foirgníche Connadae, Dia Saillín, 28<sup>th</sup> Feabhra, 1953,  
nuair a b'as beire leis an zCruinnú Measacán.

Mise, le meas,

Uam Ó Tuathais.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of Vacancy on the Council - Galway Electoral area.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £22,200 for Flannery Bridge.
4. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £4,200 for provision of Dispensaries.
5. Correspondence in connection with the cost of providing a new dispensary at Spiddal.
6. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Supplementary Loan for Improvement of Private Roads in Galway city.
7. Excess expenditure in year ending 31st March, 1953.
8. Retirement of Rate Collector for No: 23 District.
9. County Manager's report on roads for which members had submitted notices of motion at meeting 7/2/53 recommending that the Roads be taken over by the Council.
10. Letter from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organisation Conference in regard to the proposals for Improvement of Health Services.
11. Water Supply Extension at Knocknacarra, Galway - Notice of Motion by Clr. M. Ua h-Uigin, viz:-  
"That the piped water supply be extended from Knocknacarra Cross to Earner's House, an approximate distance of 500 yards, to serve fourteen families."
12. Pumping Plant at Tullycross and Derryinver Waterworks - Notice of Motion by Clr. Laurence O'Toole, viz:-

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"I or another Councillor on my behalf will propose at next meeting that the County Engineer be directed to instal the pumping plant procured for above Waterworks without further delay".

13. Auditor's reports on accounts for Y.E. 31st March, 1952:-  
River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.
14. Resolutions.
15. Other Business.

Comhairle Connbhae na Sailleithe.

Suídh:  
Sailleith 55.

Oifis An Rúnaí  
Dóthar Mór,  
Sailleith,  
5ú Márta, 1953.

Cuiz sac dáil de'n Comhairle:

A ÓARA, IARRCAR ORC leis seo beic i léadar ag Cruinnú de Comhairle  
Connbhae na Sailleithe a tionsólfar i Seomra na Comhairle ihs na  
Foirgneite Connbhae, Oia Saéar, 14ú Márta, 1953, ar 12.30.p.m. a éirí.

Mise, Le Meas,  
 Liam O'Luanaigh.  
 RÚNAÍ.

500.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of Vacancy on the Council - Galway Electoral Area.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £22,200 for Flannery Bridge.
4. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £4,200 for provision of Dispensaries.
5. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £14,250 for Ahascragh Water Supply.
6. Correspondence in connection with the cost of providing a new dispensary at Spiddal.
7. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Supplementary Loan for Improvement of Private Roads in Galway City.
8. Excess expenditure in year ending 31st March, 1953.
9. Retirement of Rate Collector for No.23. District.
10. County Manager's report on roads for which members had submitted notices of motion at meeting 7/2/53 recommending that the Roads be taken over by the Council.
11. Letter from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organization Conference in regard to the proposals for Improvement of Health Services.
12. Overdraft arrangements for Quarter ending 30/6/1953.
13. Tourist Road Grant Proposals.
14. Letter from Mr. James Haverty, Springlawn, Mountbellew, regarding press article on the affairs of the Council for the years 1920/21.
15. Auditor's report on accounts for y.e. 31/3/1952:-
  - (a) River Suok Joint Drainage Committee;
  - (b) County Committee of Agriculture.
16. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. M. Ua h-Uigin: "that the piped water supply be extended from Knocknacarra Cross to Earner's House, an approximate distance of 500 yards, to serve fourteen families."
  - (b) Clr. L. O'Toole: "I or another Councillor on my behalf will propose at next meeting that the County Engineer be directed to instal the pumping plant procured for above Waterworks without further delay."

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- (c) Clr. J.J. Nestor:
  - (1) that the County Manager may institute inquiries into the condition of Addergoole Cemetery with a view to extending or procuring additional space for interment purposes.
  - (2) that before repairing the boundary walls of Dunmore Cemetery an extension to same be provided.
- (d) Clr. J.P. Joyce:
  - (1) that 'Rubbish Dump' be provided at Cloosh for town of Oughterard,
  - (2) that new Dispensary for Oughterard be built at rear of Courthouse on site of old Bridewell.

17. Letter 5/3/53 from County Council's General Council requesting notice of matters for inclusion on Agenda for next Meeting.
18. Appointment of Nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
19. Resolutions.
20. Other Business.

## COMAIRLE CONDAE NA GALWAY

DÍPIS AN RÚNAÍOIR,

NA FOIRNÍOIRÍ CONDAE,

AN BÓCAR MÓR, GALWAY.

6ARÓ MARCHA, 1953

A CARA,

CUIRIM CHUIG, LEIS SEO, CÓIP DE MION-CHUAIRSÍ CRUINNÍOIRÍ  
MEASTACÁIN (UIMHÍR 8960-8963) A TIONÓLAÓ AR AN 28AR FÉABRA, 1953

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó LUANAIŞ,

Rúnaíóir.

Cun na ndaoine seo leanas:—

Şac Dall de Chomairle Condae na Galway,

An Contae Damhisteoir.

An Contae Innealltoir.

An Cisteoir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teo., Galway.

An Ullseadóir Condae.

An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Sóisialais.

An Doctúir Oifigiúil an Condae.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES  
MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATUR-  
DAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1953.

In the Chair: Councillor M. Quinn.

Present: Cirs. M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Cirs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, Deputy J. Mannion, Cirs. M. Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8960.—Estimate of Expenses for Year ending 31st March 1954:** The Chairman stated that the Galway County Executive of Macra na Feirme had asked permission to send a deputation to the Estimates Meeting and that, on his direction, the Secretary to the Council had informed the Secretary to the County Executive of Macra na Feirme that the Galway County Council would receive a deputation, not exceeding 10 in number, and that the time allotted to hear the deputation would be half an hour. Mr. Ian O'Kelly, a member of the deputation, then addressed the Council stating that 70% of the farms in County Galway are less than 30 acres in area and that such small farmers do not share in the prosperity attributed to agriculture at present. Mr. O'Kelly requested that the Council would confine expenditure to productive schemes and that the amount of the rate be limited as otherwise the majority of the farming community will not be able to meet it.

Mr. Joseph Leonard, another member of the deputation, suggested that the Council might economise by introducing the contract system for maintenance of county roads; that the distance for transport of gravel should be restricted; that expensive road diversions and road widening schemes are being carried out by the Council which require the acquisition of fairly considerable areas of land, while it is possible that less expensive schemes would be sufficient; that it appears as if the proportion of engineers and gangers employed is too great in relation to the number of labourers.

Mr. J. Casey, Chairman of the County Executive of Macra na Feirme, said that since he had started farming his rates had been increased from £28 a year to £60 a year and that he was not satisfied that he was receiving any services which would justify the payment of this amount of rates.

Mr. Duane, County Organiser of Macra na Feirme, stated that the objects of his Organisation are not social only—that they advocate increased production and the improvement of agriculture. He requested that the Council would ease the burden of the farmers and in return the farmers would be prepared to co-operate wholeheartedly with the Council.

Clr. P. Sirr stated that while he agreed with most of what had been said by the deputation, he pointed out that the great cause of the increase in expenditure is attributable to the rising costs resulting from the 1952 Budget.

The Chairman read a leading article in the Farmers' Journal of 21st February, 1953, stating that the increase in rates is becoming an important item in the farmers' burden and charging local authorities with gross inefficiency in their administration. The Chairman stated that County Councils have many duties and responsibilities which they discharge conscientiously and that, in fact, the Galway County Council had taken on voluntarily many services which are solely for the benefit of the farming community. The Chairman pointed out that the total amount of the rate warrants for the year ending 31st March, 1953, is £466,458 which is equivalent to only 28.4% of the total revenue expenditure; that if capital expenditure for the current year is also included the amount contributed by the rates is equivalent to only 21.7% of the total expenditure; that the amount of Government grants being received for revenue purposes during the current year is £1,010,365 which is equivalent to 61.5% of the total revenue expenditure; that the number of holdings in the County with a P.L.V. exceeding £20 on land is 4,310 and that, therefore, all other rated occupiers, totalling approximately 20,000, receive the full abatement, equivalent to 3/5ths of the rate on land; that in addition to the revenue and capital expenditure of the Council totalling £2,148,187 for the current year, approximately £859,000 is paid into County Galway by the Government by way of Old Age Pensions, Widows' & Orphans' Pensions, Housing Grants, Bog Development Grants and Rural Improvement Grants. In addition to this, County Roscommon contributes approximately 1/3rd of the expenses of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital and the other counties in the region contribute to the expenses of the Merlin Park Sanatorium. The Chairman stated that he was satisfied that the expenditure of all this money in the County Galway cannot fail to have a favourable effect on the farming community in the County.

Clr. Carty enumerated the services provided by the Council and stated that in so far as payment of rates is concerned, his sympathy is more with the people of the small towns than with the farmers as the former do not obtain relief from any source. Clr. Carty asked if it was suggested that economies should be effected by, for instance, reducing the number of nurses in the Central Hospital or in the Sanatorium or by curtailment of drainage works or housing grants.

Clr. Collins stated that it is not so much a question of the amount which is spent as of the amount which is mis-spent—and that many services which formerly were provided by the Central Authority are now being borne by the local authority.

Cirs. Cunningham, Houlihan, Kitt, O'Dowd, Galvin, Nicholson, Ruane, Sirr, Wall, Nestor and King congratulated the members of the deputation on the manner in which they had stated their case and trusted that, after having heard the Chairman's statement, the deputation would have a clearer idea of the situation.

Mr. O'Kelly of the deputation thanked the Council for hearing them and stressed again that the farmers income is limited and that eventually the time will arrive when he will be unable to meet any further burdens.

The County Manager stated that lest the deputation should depart thinking that a reduction could easily be effected in the Estimate, he would point out that so far no provision had been made for an increase in road workers wages for which a demand had been served on the Council nor for the necessary funds to meet the cost of supplementary housing reconstruction grants.

The deputation then left the meeting.

The Chairman suggested that since a loan would have to be raised for the supplementary reconstruction grants and the repayment in the coming year will not be very much, financial provision for this purpose need not be made in the Estimate for 1953/54.

In reply to Clr. Sirr, the County Engineer stated that an increase of 5/- a week in the wages of road workers would require an additional £15,000 a year.

It was proposed by Clr. Glynn and seconded by Clr. Higgins that the Estimate, as submitted, be adopted.

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Clr. King, that the amount provided for main road improvements (i.e. in Maintenance) be deleted from the Estimate.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt that the General (Roads) Estimate be reduced by £15,000 so as to provide for an increase of 5/- a week in wages of road workers.

It was proposed by Clr. Furey and seconded by Clr. Nestor that no increase in road workers wages be granted.

Cirs. King and Higgins supported Clr. Furey's proposal as they stated that the road workers would prefer constant employment to an increase in wages with broken employment.

Clr. O'Flaherty proposed that the Estimate be reduced so as to provide that the increase in the rate this year shall not exceed 5/- in the £.

After a discussion the County Manager suggested that the estimated balances might be reduced by the equivalent of 1½d. in the £. All other proposals were then withdrawn and it was proposed by Clr. Glynn seconded by Clr. Higgins and Resolved: "That the estimated balances against at 31st March, 1953, be reduced by an amount equivalent to a 1½d. in £. and that the Estimate of Expenses as so amended, as set forth in Tables A, B, C, D and E be adopted and that the rates set forth in Tables C, D and E be the rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1954."

It was proposed by Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Higgins, and Resolved: "That the demands on the Galway Borough Council and on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council be signed by the Chairman and Secretary and sealed with the Seal of the Council."

**8961.—Tourist Roads Grant Scheme:** Clr. Higgins complained that the County Engineer's list of proposals under the



Tourist Roads Grant Scheme do not serve any of the three main arteries from Galway to the West, e.g., that there is no proposal for work on the Barna-Spiddal road nor on the Galway-Maam Cross Road. The County Engineer explained that the work on the Barna-Spiddal road will be carried out through the Main Road Reconstruction Grant and that he had put up certain proposals for the Galway-Maam Cross road, but these had been struck out by the Local Government Inspector.

Clr. O'Donnell also complained that the greater portion of the grant will be spent in non-Gaeltacht areas.

Crs. Geoghegan and Mannion recommended that steps be taken as quickly as possible to improve conditions on the dangerous hill at Maumeenagowna on the Clonbur-Maam road.

**8962.—Road Transport:** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Higgins, and Resolved: "That the Council request the Coras Iompair Eireann Authorities to arrange that some new buses will be supplied for the Galway District as it has, apparently, been the practice to send old buses to Galway and to put the new buses into service elsewhere.

**8963.—Sympathy:** Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:

The Joyce Family, Caherlea, Claregalway, on the death of their father;

The Joyce Family, Forster Street, Galway, on the death of their father;

Mrs. J. Kyne, Renmore, on the death of her husband;

Mr. W. Gardiner, Prospect Hill, on the death of his mother;

Clr. R. Lahiff on the death of his sister.

Consideration of the items on the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting was adjourned until Saturday, 14th March, 1953.

*Submitted, Approved and Confirmed  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1953:*

*Maurice O'Curran*  
Chairman

O'GORMAN LTD GALWAY

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
GAILLIMH 55.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

9adh Aibreain, 1953.

Chuig gao Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Conndae, Dia Sathairn, 19adh Aibreain, 1953, ag 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

Liam O Luanaigh.

Runai.

GNO.

TO CONSIDER,

- (1) Minutes.
- (2) Application to the Minister for Local Government under Section 1 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, for an order constituting the Galway County Council as a Market Authority for the town of Loughrea.
- (3) Application to the Minister for Local Government under Section 1 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, for an order constituting the Galway County Council as a Market Authority for the town of Portumna.
- (4) The desirability of raising of a further loan for the issue of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - the original loan of £100,000 being absorbed by applications already allocated.
- (5) The desirability of providing further funds for issue of Supplementary Housing grants (Housing (Amendment) Acts 1950 and 1952) - the amount £200,000 originally provided being absorbed by applications received.
- (6) The proposed scheme for issue of supplementary housing reconstruction grants and supplementary grants for installing in a dwelling-house a private water supply and sewerage facilities - (Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952).
- (7) Visiting Committee Minutes of Meetings:-
  - St. Brendan's Home ....19/3/1953
  - Clifden Hospital .....4/4/1953.
- (8) Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. John O'Dowd: (1) At the next meeting of the Council, I will ask the County Manager if he is aware of the unsatisfactory service that radios are giving in Male 2 of the Central Hospital and if he would state the cost of the service.
  - (2) At the next meeting of the County Council, I will as the County Manager the cause of the delay in paying cottage tenants for installing light, etc. as agreed.
  - (3) At the next meeting of the Galway County Council, I will propose that cottages be built in groups except where sites are given voluntarily.
  - (4) At the next meeting of the Council, I will ask the County Engineer that the pump to be erected at Crossconnel-Ga rryduff be put midway between the two villages.
  - (5) "I will ask the County Engineer at the next Council meeting to have work arranged so as to have the same amount of work in Winter as Summer and that no overtime be given during the Summer months."

- (b) Clr. Mark Wall: "Take notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Council that the roadway leading from the Church Square, Ballygar, to Farrell's house be taken over and maintained."
- (c) Clr. J.J. Cunningham: "That the Council request the Secretary (or County Manager) to inform them what progress has been made in implementation of the Kilkerrin-Mcylough piped-water supply, unanimously provided by a resolution of the Council several months ago."
- (d) Clr. J.J. Nestor: (i) "That I or some member on my behalf will move at next meeting of County Council that the Hill at Kildaree opposite Michael Quinn's house be lessened."  
 (ii) "That I or some member on my behalf will move at next meeting of Galway County Council that the spring well on Thomas Mullen's land at Quinaltagh be protected."  
 (iii) "That I or some member on my behalf will move at next meeting of the County Council that 19 yards of footpath opposite Miss Naughton's house be put into repair."
- (e) Clr. John Flaherty: (1) Newbridge-Windfield Pump: "I will ask the County Council to consider the taking over of the pump on the Fallon Estate for maintenance which is believed to be the property of the Irish Land Commission."  
 (2) "I will ask the County Engineer what steps, if any, has been taken to acquire the rights from the owner to enter on lands, on which the supply source of water is on that is expected to supply the Kilkerrin and Moylough piped water scheme."  
 (3) "I will ask the County Engineer to give reasons for delay in providing pump at Killooney, Dunmore, also pump at Ballinlass, Dunmore."

9. Resolutions.

10. Other Business.

8(f): Clr. J.J. Ruane:

- (1) "That the derelict sites in Athenry Town be compulsorily or otherwise acquired and a scheme prepared to erect houses thereon."
- (2) "That immediate steps be taken to acquire compulsorily or otherwise a site for the new Athenry Public Latrine and that the plan for the latter be altered to include a ladies toilet as well as Gents."
- (3) "That the Oranmore Water Scheme be extended to a point at Gurrane Lodge to supply Messrs. Fahy's, Joyces, Marlens and Burkes Houses."
- (4) "That the Oranmore Lighting Scheme be extended to Gurrane Lodge to supply the above-named houses - the latter to also include adequate public lighting."



COMAIRLE CONDAE NA SAILLIME

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍOIR

NA FOIRNIGÍOIR CONDAE,

AN DÚCAR MÓR,

SAILLIM,

16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 1953

A CARA,

CUIRIM CUSAT, LEIS SEO, CÓIP DE MION-TUAIRSÍ CRUINNÍOIRTE

COMAIRLE CONDAE (UIMH 8964-8994) A TIONÓLAÓIR AN 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 1953.

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó LUAINÍOIR.

RÚNAÍOIR.

CUN NA NDAOIME SEO LEANAS :-

SAC DALL DE COMAIRLE CONDAE NA SAILLIME.  
AN SUIRÉAR CONDAE.  
AN CISTEOIR, AN DANC NAISÍONTA TEO., SAILLIM  
AN UIRGEADÓIR CONDAE.  
AN U-ÁIRE, AN ROINN LEASA SOISIALAÍOIR.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 14th MARCH, 1953, at 12.30 p.m.

In the Chair : Clr. M. Quinn.

Present : Clrs. M. A. Ashe, J. O Dowd, M. Carty, P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, Deputy J. Mannion, Clr. M. Mylotte, J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

8964.—Minutes : Clr. Flaherty pointed out that in Minute No. 8916 it is stated that Clr. Carty requested that a danger sign would be erected at Keaveney's Corner, Glenamaddy, and stated that this proposal was made by him.

Subject to the amendment of Minute No. 8916 so as to show that the request was made by Cl. Flaherty, the Minutes to No. 8959 having been circulated to the Council were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

8965.—Vacancy : It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt that Mr. John McDonogh, 1, Lenaboy Avenue, Salthill, Galway, be co-opted a member of the Galway County Council to fill the vacancy created by the disqualification of Clr. John McElibiney.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Clr. Sirr that Mr. John O'Connell, St. Bridget's Terrace, Galway be co-opted to fill this vacancy.

A vote taken resulted as follows :-

For Mr. McDonogh : Clrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Killilea, Kitt, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane ..... 13

For Mr. O'Connell : Clrs. Collins, Flaherty, Furey, Galvin, Mannion Mylotte, Nestor, Shields and Sirr ..... 9

Mr. John McDonogh having obtained a majority of the votes was declared co-opted by the Chairman.

8966.—Flannery Bridge Loan : It was proposed by Clr. Michael F. Kitt, seconded by Clr. John O'Dowd and Resolved : "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand, Two Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, S.22 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, the Local Government Acts 1925 to 1946 and the Local Loans Fund Acts 1935 to 1951."

**8967.—Loan for New Dispensaries :** It was proposed by Clr. Michael F. Kitt seconded by Clr. John O'Dowd and Resolved : "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Four Thousand, Two Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939."

**8968.—Loan for Ahascragh Water Supply :** It was proposed by Clr. Michael F. Kitt seconded by Clr. John O'Dowd and Resolved : "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Fourteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948."

**8969.—Loan for Private Roads in Galway City :** It was proposed by Clr. Michael F. Kitt seconded by Clr. John O'Dowd and Resolved : "That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 29th day of January 1953 the sum of £1975/0/0 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of defraying additional expenditure on the reconstruction of former private roads in Galway City the said sum to be repaid within Ten years with the original loan of £13000 sanctioned by the Minister's letter dated 27th March, 1951 with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances at present 5% per annum as in said Letter of Sanctions provided, the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

**8970.—Loan for New Fire Appliance :** It was proposed by Clr. Michael F. Kitt seconded by Clr. John O'Dowd and Resolved : "That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 10th day of October, 1952, the sum of £5,800 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a dual purpose Fire Appliance to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided, that said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates AND that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

**8971.—Spiddal Dispensary :** The Secretary reported that when the question of providing new dispensaries was considered previously by the Council, it was estimated that the cost of each dispensary would be £1200 towards which a Government grant of £600 would be available. The County Engineer's report was now submitted showing that the total cost of the new dispensary at Spiddal is £2039/3/6 of which £456/15/0 is the cost of developing the site ; £41 for rock excavation and £60/5/6 for furniture and lino.

The County Manager pointed out that the site in this case was an unusually difficult one and that while the cost of each other dispensary is likely to exceed £1200, it is unlikely that the cost of any other dispensary will be as high as that of Spiddal.

The County Engineer's report was noted by the Council.

**8972.—Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme :** Clr. Kitt stated that he had been approached by the workers at the Ahascragh Water Supply Scheme who have gone on Strike and they have pointed out that while their nominal rate of pay was 1/10d. per hour, the average weekly wage received by each labourer was only £3 and that sometimes the weekly wage was as low as £2 due to the fact that the men did not receive any payment for wet time. The County Manager explained that the Contractor's tender was based on a wage of 1/8d. per hour and a demand was made for 2/5 per hour which would be the rate for builders' labourers ; that it was not admitted that the work in question is building work, but that eventually the Council and the Manager authorised a rate of 1/10d. per hour, on the understanding that, as regards wet time, the men employed on this scheme would be treated in the same manner as the Council's road workers. In reply to an inquiry by Clr. Kitt, the County Manager stated that any settlement on this basis could not be made retrospective. Clrs. Carty and Nestor suggested that this matter should be left to the County Manager to deal with.

Clr. Glynn requested that the completion of the Williams-town Water Supply Scheme be expedited.

**8973.—Spiddal Dispensary Residence :** Clr. Mylotte asked if it is proposed to provide a dispensary residence at Spiddal. The County Manager stated that the acquiring of a site for this purpose is under consideration and that the matter will be brought before the Council again.

**8974.—Oughterard Dispensary :** In connection with a

Notice of Motion by Clr. Joyce, the County Manager stated that the provision of a new dispensary for Oughterard in the Bridewell had been considered already, but the proposal was rejected on the grounds of unsuitability ; that the acquisition of a site at Camp Street is being considered now. Clr. Joyce said a dispensary at Camp Street would not be favoured by the people in view of its proximity to the sewage disposal tank. The Council approved of the County Manager's recommendation that the proposal to provide a dispensary in the Bridewell be abandoned.

**8975.—Excess Expenditure :** On the proposition of Clr. Glynn seconded by Clr. Higgins, the Council unanimously approved the following additional expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1953, in excess of the amounts already authorised :

	£
<b>Roads Account :</b>	
Government Grants .....	1600
<b>Public Assistance :</b>	
District Institutions .....	41900
Home Assistance .....	1500
Medical Assistance .....	2900
Extern Institutions .....	2500
Other Expenses .....	1000
<b>Health :</b> .....	39100
<b>Housing :</b>	
Labourers' Acts .....	3200
<b>General Purposes :</b>	
Scholarships .....	600
	£9430

**8976.—Rate Collector No. 23 District :** The Secretary reported that Mr. Thomas Flanagan, Rate Collector for District No. 23 reached the age of 65 years on the 21st January, 1953, and that, therefore, he will cease to hold office at the closing of the warrant for the current year. On the proposition of Clr. Kitt seconded by Clr. O'Dowd, the Council directed that the usual arrangements be made for the filling of the vacancy.

**8977.—Roads Proposals :** The County Manager's report—17/2/53—on the following roads for which Notices of Motion had been furnished by members of the Council was submitted and noted :—

- (1) Road from Carra Bridge, Bullaun, to Nogginstown, Kilrickle ;
- (2) Road in the Townland of Cloonkeen Eighter, Clonberne ;
- (3) Road from Behan's house on Caltra-Ahascragh road through Castlebar East to the Eglis Road ;
- (4) Road at Shanbally, Currandulla ;
- (5) Killsallagh-Kilmacrickard Road ;
- (6) Road from Dooley's house, Clonberne Park to Ballyedmond.

Clr. Carty asked if in the event of the Council's making available a sum of money for the maintenance and gradual improvement of these roads, would the County Manager be willing to take over the roads. The County Manager pointed out that there is in the County already a very considerable mileage of County roads which are in poor condition and that these roads should be brought up to a proper standard before the Council would consider burdening itself with any new roads ; that having regard to the limited financial resources available, he would not recommend the taking over of any further roads of this type at present. Clr. Carty then suggested that the Council would recommend to the Minister that a section be provided in the new Bill which would authorise the provision of funds by the local authority for limited maintenance of these minor roads.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that the matter would be left over pending the coming into operation of the new Act relating to minor roads.

**8978.—Health Services :** Letter from the Catholic Societies Vocational Organization Conference in regard to the proposals for improvement of health services having been circulated to the members was submitted and noted.

**8979.—Overdraft :** It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Nicholson and Resolved : "That the Council hereby approve the provision of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £200,000 on the Council's General Account for the quarter ending 30/6/53."

**8980.—Tourist Road Grant Proposals :** The County Engineer's proposal for the expenditure of the grant for improvement of Tourist Roads during the year 1953/54 having been circulated to the members was submitted and approved.

Clrs. O'Toole and O'Donnell objected to the lack of provision for expenditure of portion of this grant in certain areas in Connemara.

In reply to Clr. Carty, the County Engineer stated that the expenditure of the grant is restricted to important tourist routes and that, therefore, the Terryland Road would not come within the scope of the scheme.

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**8981.—"Peace Resolution"** : By permission of the Chairman, Mr. James Haverty, Springlawn, Mountbellew, addressed the meeting in regard to a "Peace Resolution" which in Press reports in 1920 was alleged to have been adopted by the Galway County Council. Mr. Haverty read a Notice which had been sent to him at the time calling a Special Meeting of the Council for Friday, the 3rd December, 1920, at 11 a.m. to consider whether the accounts of the Council should be submitted to the British Local Government Board for Audit. Mr. Haverty stated that for lack of a quorum, the meeting was not held and that, therefore, the resolution was never adopted by the Council; that he had brought the Notice of Motion to the meeting with the intention of proposing it so as to upset certain negotiations which he knew were in progress at the time, but, that since there was no meeting he had no opportunity to make the proposal. Mr. Haverty stated further that Minute No. 147A of the Finance Committee of 27th November, 1920, is a forgery; that at a meeting of the Council on 16/2/21 a number of members rose to propose that the "peace resolution" be rescinded and that they were informed by the Secretary that there was no such resolution in the Minute Book; that in the notices calling the Special Meeting for 3rd December, 1920, it was not stated that the period for which the books were to be submitted for Audit would be the period prior to the election of the new Council in June 1920.

Clr. Flaherty asked if Mr. Haverty could explain how the Connacht Tribune obtained the words of his Notice of Motion. Mr. Haverty, in reply, stated that at one time Mr. Kenny, Editor, of the Connacht Tribune had suggested to him that the Reporter got the text of the proposal from the Secretary to the Council.

**8982.—Auditor's Reports** : The Auditor's reports on his Audit of the accounts of the under-mentioned Bodies for the year ending 31/3/52 were submitted and noted :—

- (1) Ballinasloe Joint Mental Hospital Board;
- (2) Galway County Committee of Agriculture;
- (3) River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

**8983.—Knocknacarra Water Supply** : Clr. Higgins recommended that the piped water supply to be extended from Knocknacarra Cross to Earner's house—an approximate distance of 500 yards—to serve 14 families. The county Manager drew attention to the difficulty of sewage disposal in this area and the fact that an extension of the water main would enhance the value of sites and property there. After a discussion the County Manager agreed that he would obtain an estimate for this work.

**8984.—Housing Grants** : In reply to an inquiry by Clr. Sirr, the Secretary explained that the application already received are sufficient to absorb the full amount of the £200,000 which the Council had agreed to provide for supplementary housing grants.

It was ordered that consideration of this matter be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**8985.—Tullycross & Derryniver Water Supplies** : Clr. O'Toole requested that the pumping plant obtained for each of these water supplies would be installed immediately. The County Engineer explained that he is endeavouring to obtain a site for the pump house at Derryniver and stated that he will do everything possible to expedite the installation of these engines.

**8986.—Cemeteries at Addergoole & Dunmore** : In response to Clr. Nestor's Notice of Motion the County Manager stated that he will investigate the question of providing additional burial ground accommodation at Addergoole and at Dunmore.

**8987.—Oughterard Rubbish Dump** : In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that a site for a rubbish dump is being sought; that a site previously selected at Claremount was abandoned as a number of objections to it were received by the Council; that a site is now being considered on the southern side of the Oughterard-Clifden road.

**8988.—Killeaney Harbour** : In reply to Notice of Motion by Clr. Ashe, the County Engineer stated that the repair and lime-washing of the beacons at Killeaney Harbour is not the responsibility of the Galway County Council.

**8989.—County Councils' General Council** : Letter 5/3/53 from the County Councils' General Council requesting notice of matters for inclusion in the next Agenda was submitted and noted.

**8990.—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.** : On the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Council appointed Mr. Martin Quinn, Co.C., as its representative on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. Co.

**8991.—Turf Production** : Letter 24th January, 1953, from the Department of Local Government requesting particulars of the Council's intentions in regard to turf production in 1953/54 was submitted together with the County Engineer's report of 9th March, 1953, recommending that the Council

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should use up the turf stock still on hand from previous seasons and that all further requirements of the Council should be obtained by contract. This suggestion was approved by the Council, on the propositions of Clrs. Collins and Ruane.

**8992.—Main & County Road Reconstruction Grants 1953/54.** The County Engineer's report of 10th March, 1953, giving particulars of his proposals for expenditure of the above grants was submitted. It was ordered that copies of the report be circulated to the members of the Council.

**8993.—Anti-Partition Association** : Letter dated February 1953 from the Anti-Partition Association stating that a Parade would be held in Dublin on Easter Monday and inviting the Council to be present was submitted and noted.

**8994.—Athenry Water Supply Extension** : Clr. Ruane requested that the carrying out of this work would be expedited.

*Submitted, Approved and  
Confirmed this 25th day  
of April 1953*

*Muiris O'Curran* CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY - 18th APRIL, 1953.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

PRESENT: Ctrs. Miss M.A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, Ctrs. P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Furey, J. Geoghagan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, Deputy M. Killilea, Ctrs. T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Ctrs. J. McDonogh, M. Mylotte, J.J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V.P. Shields and P. Sirr.

8995: ADJOURNMENT: The Chairman paid tribute to the great work done by His Lordship, the late Most Reverend Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, and proposed that as a mark of respect to his memory, the meeting be adjourned. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Killilea and supported by various members of the Council, and it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned until Saturday - the 25th-April, 1953 - at 12.30.p.m.

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Submitted, approved and confirmed

this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1953.

Mairéin O'Curran. CHAIRMAN.

COMAIRLE CONNDAC NA SAILLIŃE.

Súgáirim 55.

O'F13 AN RÚNAÍ,  
DOEAR MÓR,  
SAILLIŃE.

20AB Aibreáin, 1953.

Cuiris saé Dáil be'n Comairle:

A CARA,  
AR 18AB Aibreáin, 1953, cuirteab an Cruinnú ar dt-16 go dtí 25AB Aibreáin, 1953.

TARREAR ORC ANOIS, leab' toir, beic i léadar as Cruinnú be Comairle Conndac na Saillíne a tionsólfar i Seomra na Comairle i ns na Foiregníde Conndac, Dta Sathairn 25AB Aibreáin, 1953, as 12.30.p.m. a élos, nuair a béanfar an gnó a cuirteab ar dt-16.

Mise, le meas,

Liam Ó Luadháig.

Rúnaí.

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## COMAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍOIR

NA FOIRNIGHÍOIR CONDAE,

AN DÓCAR MÓR,

GAILLIMH,

30<sup>AO</sup> Aibreán, 1953

A CÁRA,

CUIRIM CUSAC, LEIS SEO, CÓIP DE MION-CUAIRSÍOIR CRUINNIGHÍOIR  
COMAIRLE CONDAE (UIMHÍR 8996—9030) A TIONÓLAÍOIR AN 25<sup>AO</sup>  
Aibreán, 1953.

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó LUANAI, S.

RÚNAÍOIR.

Cun na ndaoime seo leanas :—

SAC DALL DE COMAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
AN SUIRÉAR CONDAE.  
AN CISTEOIR, AN DANC NAISÍOINTA TEO., GAILLIMH.  
AN OLIGEADÓIR CONDAE.  
AN U-ÁIRE, AN ROINN LEASA SOISIALAIS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, THE 25<sup>th</sup>  
APRIL, 1953, AT 12.30 p.m.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Quinn.

Present: Clrs. Miss M. A. Ashe, John O'Dowd, Ml. Carty,  
Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, J.  
Flaherty, P. Furey, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. J. Higgins,  
J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Clrs. M. F. Kitt,  
L. O'Toole, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. J. McDonogh, M.  
Mylotte, J. J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. J.  
Ruane, V. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**8996.—Minutes:** The Minutes of the Council to No. 8995,  
having been circulated to the members, were taken as read  
and were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. John McDonogh—who was  
recently co-opted a member of the Council. Mr. McDonogh  
expressed his thanks and stated that since he is a member of the  
Galway Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers'  
Union, of which Mr. McElihinney was Secretary, he considered  
that he is eligible and well qualified to fill the vacancy resulting  
from Mr. McElihinney's departure.

**8997.—Loughrea Fairgreen:** It was proposed by Clr. Carty  
and seconded by Clr. Ruane that application be made to the  
Minister for Local Government for an Order under Section 1  
of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, constituting the  
Galway County Council as a Market Authority for the Town  
of Loughrea. Clr. King considered that the proposal was  
premature as the proposal to purchase the Loughrea Fairgreen,  
Tools and Customs has not yet been sanctioned. Clr. Nestor  
agreed with Clr. King and stated that in Dunmore there is  
strong opposition to the payment of tolls. Clr. Ruane stated  
that farmers do not object to paying tolls if some reasonable  
accommodation is provided in return for such payments. After  
further discussion, Clr. Carty's proposal was put to the meeting  
and approved.

**8998.—Portumna Fairgreen:** It was proposed by Clr. Carty,  
seconded by Clr. Shields, and Resolved: "that application  
be made to the Minister for Local Government for an Order  
under Section 1 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896,  
constituting the Council as a Market Authority for the town  
of Portumna."

**8999.—Housing Loans:** The Secretary reported that the  
sum of £100,000 which had been provided by the Council  
for making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition  
Acts had been absorbed by loans already allocated, and that

it would be necessary to provide further funds if the housing  
loan scheme was to be continued. It was proposed by Clr.  
Higgins seconded by Clr. Carty and Resolved: "that the  
Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £50,000  
from the Commissioners of Public Works for the making of  
advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts; the  
loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 35 years  
with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the  
loan to the Council."

The Chairman, Clr. Carty and Clr. Miss Ashe stated that  
there is altogether too great a delay in payment of the final  
instalment of housing loans; that in some case years elapse  
between the payment of the first instalment and the final  
instalment. The County Manager stated that, sometimes  
there is great difficulty in obtaining proof of the title of the  
borrower and that there is also delay in registration of the  
documents in the Land Registry Office; that, he believed,  
however, that the County Solicitor could do much to expedite  
the completion of the legal formalities in connection with  
these loans.

**9000.—Supplementary Housing Grants:** The Secretary ex-  
plained that the sum of £200,000 which was provided by the  
Council has been absorbed by grants already allocated and  
that further applications had been received which, if allocated,  
would amount to approximately £11,000. The County Manager  
suggested that the scheme for the issue of supplementary grants  
should not be continued by the Council as a Government  
Grant will still be available together with rates remission  
for seven years and that he believed the majority of the  
houses would be built whether a supplementary grant would or  
would not be made available. It was proposed by Clr. Carty  
seconded by Clr. Sirr and Resolved: "that the scheme for  
issue of supplementary grants be continued so as to enable  
the Council to issue supplementary grants to qualified persons  
who will be allocated Government grants up to 31st March,  
1954, inclusive, and that the Council approve the provision  
of a further sum of £50,000 for this purpose in addition to  
the sum of £200,000 already approved."

As the amount of the loans which had been actually  
obtained up to date for the issue of supplementary housing  
grants was £130,000 and it is now necessary to borrow the  
remaining £70,000 plus the additional £50,000 approved  
to-day, it was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Sirr,  
and Resolved: "that the Council hereby approve the raising  
of a loan of £120,000 from the Commissioners of Public  
Works for the issue of supplementary housing grants under  
Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act,  
1952—the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of

25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of  
issue of the loan to the Council."

**9001.—Housing Grants—Miscellaneous:** Clr. Glynn stated  
that he wrote to the Secretary of the Council in connection  
with the allocation of a supplementary housing grant in a  
case where an 80% grant was allocated and he considered  
the applicant was entitled to receive a 100% grant—and that  
he had not received any reply to his letter.

**9002.—Supplementary Housing Reconstruction Grants, Etc.**  
The draft scheme for issue of supplementary housing recon-  
struction grants and supplementary grants for installing in a  
dwelling-house a private water supply and sewerage facilities,  
which was circulated to the Council, was submitted. The  
Secretary pointed out that at a previous meeting, the Council  
Resolved: "that the scheme would be confined to applications  
received during the year ending 31st March, 1954." The draft  
scheme submitted provided that a grant under the scheme  
may be made only in respect of a house for which the Minister  
for Local Government or the Minister for Lands allocates a  
relevant grant within the year ending 31st March, 1954—the  
date of allocation being taken to be the date on the certificate  
of approval or notification of allocation of the grant. This  
amendment was approved unanimously, and it was also re-  
commended that if there should be a difference between the  
date on the certificate of approval and the date on the notifica-  
tion of allocation of the grant, the applicant should be given  
the benefit of the doubt. The draft scheme, as submitted, was  
approved on the proposition of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr.  
Ashe.

**9003.—Traffic Regulations—Galway City:** Clr. Carty stated  
that the traffic regulations in Galway City are causing much  
inconveniences to visitors to the city and on his proposal,  
seconded by Clr. Higgins, it was agreed to request the Garda  
Authorities to modify the regulations so as to enable country  
people to park for a short while within a reasonable distance  
of the shopping centres.

**9004.—Sympathy:** The Council unanimously adopted a  
vote of sympathy with the mother, brothers and sisters of the  
late Fr. Canavan of Headford whose death in Korea has  
been confirmed recently.

**9005.—Loughrea Pound:** In reply to a question by Clr.  
Carty, the Secretary explained that the Council cannot transfer  
the Pound in Loughrea to the County Vocational Education  
Committee until a suitable alternative Pound has been made  
available; that the alternative Pound was provided and the

County Registrar was requested to certify it as suitable; that the County Registrar had requested the provision of some further facilities in the alternative Pound and that the carrying out of these works had been referred to the County Engineer who now reports that they will be completed within a short time.

**9006.—Deputy Rate Collector No. 27 District:** Correspondence, including medical certificate, was submitted and on the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. O'Dowd, the Council approved the appointment of Miss Mary Kyne, Clonbur, to act as Deputy for Mr. M. J. Kyne, Rate Collector in No. 27 District, for a period of six months from 1st May to 31st October, 1953, inclusive.

**9007.—Landing Place at Inishturbot:** Letter SW.1/10/4 of 8th April, 1953, from the Director, Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council approved the contribution of £182/10/0 towards the cost of carrying out of improvement works at Inishturbot Islands landing place and to undertake responsibility for the future maintenance of the works when completed—the estimated cost of the improvement scheme being £730.

**9008.—Cinema Licences:** On the proposition of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Ashe, the Council approved the issue of Cinema Licences to:

(a) Mr. Henry O'Shaughnessy, The Square, Gort, for Cinema at Gort.

(b) Mr. Fred McCormick for travelling cinema.

**9009.—Auditor's Report:** The Auditor's Report on his Audit of the accounts of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee for year ended 31st March, 1952, was submitted and noted.

**9010.—Spiddal Dispensary Residence:** The Secretary reported that so far the Council had not succeeded in securing the offer of a site for the dispensary residence at Spiddal and requested that the Council would consider the giving of approval to the proposal to provide a dispensary residence in this district. The proposal to provide a dispensary residence at Spiddal was approved by the Council on the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Ashe.

**9011.—Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board:** Letter 16/4/53 from the Chief Clerk, Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, was submitted stating that Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Co.C. has become disqualified as a member of the Hospital Board due to non-attendance during the past six months. On the proposition of Clr. Ruane seconded by Clr. Ashe, Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Co.C., Carraroe South, Carraroe, was re-appointed a member of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board.

**9012.—Galway Harbour Commissioners:** It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Quinn and Resolved: "that the Council hereby guarantee an overdraft of £5,000 on the Galway Harbour Commissioner's account for the purpose of repairing the Dun Aengus Dock Gates."

**9013.—Carna Dispensary Residence:** The Secretary reported the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Kelly & Sons, Ltd., Westport, for provision of a dispensary and residence at Carna at a cost of £6,297 was recommended by the County Engineer. On the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ashe, the County Council approved the provision of the dispensary and residence at Carna and noted that the tender for this work is £6,297.

**9014.—Visiting Committee:** The Minutes of Meeting of the Visiting Committee held at St. Brendan's Home on 19/3/1953 and Clifden Hospital on 4/4/1953 were submitted and noted.

Clrs. Ashe, Carty and Cawley paid tribute to the excellent manner in which Clifden Hospital and St. Brendan's Home are kept.

**9015.—Galway Central Hospital—Radio Service:** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the report of 12/3/1953 from the Resident Medical Superintendent was submitted stating that the cost of the radio installation was approximately £250; that apart from licence fees, the maintenance cost is negligible; that the volume is controlled from the receiving set but cannot be controlled for each individual loud speaker although each loud speaker can be turned off or on as required. Clr. O'Dowd stated that he noted that there was some improvement in the operation of this radio service recently.

**9016.—Cottages:** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that at 16th instant 83 tenants had been paid the Council's contribution for the wiring of their cottages and that it was expected that most of the remaining 126 applicants would be paid by the end of this month.

In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of 9/3/53 was submitted and the Chairman, Deputy Killilea and other members expressed the opinion that it was most undesirable to build cottages in groups in rural areas.

**9017.—Pump at Crossconnell—Garryduff:** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Medical Officer's report of the 25/3/1953 was submitted stating that he agreed that this pump should be put between the villages of Crossconnell and Garryduff—preferably nearer to Garryduff than to Crossconnell.

**9018.—Employment of Road Workers:** In reply to Clr. O'Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that much of the work of the Council is connected with the use of tar and bitumen and that this work must be done in fine weather; that drainage work could also be carried out only during the fine weather period; that since it is necessary to get as much surface dressing as possible done during the Summer, the employment of workers on overtime for surface dressing only is authorised.

**9019.—Roadway at Ballygar:** Clr. Wall recommended that the Council take over and maintain the roadway leading from the Church Square, Ballygar to Farrell's house. The County Engineer stated that he would consider the obtaining of contributions from the persons concerned to cover the cost of repairing this roadway.

**9020.—Kilkerrin—Moylough Water Supply:** At Clr. Cunningham's request, consideration of his Notice of Motion—No. 3 (c)—was adjourned.

**9021.—Hill at Kildaree, Glenamaddy:** In reply to Clr. Nestor's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer reported that the cost of levelling this Hill would be £542/10/0 and since there has been no financial provision made for this work, it cannot be carried out by him. Clr. Nestor suggested that the County Engineer would consider the carrying out of an improvement to this hill at a lower cost.

**9022.—Improvement of Wells:** Clr. Nestor recommended and the Council approved that a spring well on Thomas Mullin's land at Quinaltagh be protected.

Deputy Killilea stated that a number of wells in that area had been submitted by him for improvement up to two years ago and that nothing has been done since. Deputy Killilea requested an explanation.

Clr. Nestor stated that a year ago he had recommended that a well at Lisheenahelta be improved and that the work had not been done so far.

**9023.—Footpath at Dunmore:** In reply to Clr. Nestor's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that he was arranging to have the footpath opposite Miss Naughton's house, Dunmore, repaired.

Deputy Cawley drew attention to the dangerous condition of the road near Headford where there is a diversion causing a double road with no warning sign.

**9024.—New Bridge—Windfield Pump:** On the proposition of Clr. Flaherty, the Council recommended that the pump on the Fallon Estate be taken over by the County Council—if suitable; the County Engineer's estimate for repairing this pump and putting it in order being £55.

**9025.—Pump at Killooney and Ballinlass:** In reply to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of 17/4/1953 was submitted stating that this pump is No. 34 on the priority list and that it will not be provided during the current year, but that it probably will be commenced during the next financial year.

**9026.—Athenry Derelict Sites:** Clr. Ruane proposed and Clr. Ashe seconded and it was unanimously recommended that the derelict sites at Athenry be acquired by the Council and cleaned up.

**9027.—Athenry Latrine:** In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 17/4/53 was submitted stating that Messrs. Garvey & Solan are willing to discuss the sale of a suitable site which is owned by them near Cross Street, Athenry, and that the County Engineer is arranging to discuss this matter with the owners as soon as possible.

**9028.—Oranmore Water Supply and Public Lighting:** On the proposition of Clr. Ruane seconded by Clr. Ashe, it was recommended that the Oranmore Water Supply Scheme be extended to a point at Gurrane Lodge to supply Messrs. Fahy's, Joyce's, Martin's and Burke's houses, and that the public lighting system be extended to the same point. Clr. Ashe also recommended that the water scheme be extended as far as the village of Cartron.

**9029.—Control of Dogs:** On the proposal of Clr. O'Dowd, the Council decided that the Authorities concerned be again requested to enforce the Regulations governing the control of dogs during the lambing season.

**9030.—Pump at Kylemore Abbey, Loughrea:** Clr. Houlihan stated that this pump is out of order for a long time and requested that it be repaired.

Submitted, approved and signed  
this 17th day of May, 1953:  
Maurice O'Connell CHAIRMAN.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan;  
GAILLIMH 55.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

Sadh Meithimh, 1953.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Housing Committee which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, on THURSDAY - 11th June, 1953 - at 3.0.p.m.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Lunaigh.

Runai.

To: Each Member of Housing Committee:

AGENDA.

TO CONSIDER Reports from the officers concerned in regard to:-

- (1) the housing needs in the County Health District and the progress made with acquisition of sites and erection of cottages;
- (2) the position in regard to issue of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts;
- (3) Supplementary Housing Grants:
  - (a) for New Houses;
  - (b) for Reconstruction and for Sanitary facilities.
- (4) Other Business.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Suáan;  
GAILLIMH 55.

Oifig an Runaí,  
Bóthar Mór,  
GAILLIMH.

Sadh Meitheamh, 1953.

Cúis SAC BAILL do'n Comhairle:

A CARA,

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Mise, le meas,

Liam Ó Luanaigh.

Runaí.

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TO CONSIDER;

1. Minutes.
2. To make the Rates and to sign and seal the Rate Books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1954.
3. Appointment of Rate Collector for No.23 Collection District.
4. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan of £4,550 for Kiltormer Dispensary and Residence.
5. Overdraft arrangements for quarter ending 30th September, 1953.
6. Raising a loan for provision of a dispensary and residence at Carna.
7. Raising a loan for provision of Bridges at Carrigalegan and Trachta Beg (Lettermore).
8. Raising a loan for provision of Fairgreen at Portumna including purchase of tolls and old fairgreen.
9. Raising of Supplementary Loans for Loughrea Town Commissioners Housing Schemes.
10. Proposal to provide a dispensary residence at Eyrecourt.
11. Revision of wages of Council's Road Workers in Galway Borough Area.
12. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding revision of agricultural grant.
13. Scheme for Supplementary Reconstruction Grants and Supplementary Grants for sanitary facilities in houses.
14. Approval to:
  - (a) Five-year plan for reconstruction of County Roads;
  - (b) Proposals for Main and County Road Reconstruction Grant works for current year.
15. Extension of employment of Mr. David Egan as Temporary Clerk to the County Old Age Pensions Committee.
16. Proposal to alter the name of Clifden District Hospital.
17. Correspondence in connection with attendance of students from outside Galway Borough at Galway Technical School.



18. Letter 15/4/53 from the Hon. Secretary, Macra na Feirme, in regard to Estimate 1953/54.
19. Letter 13/5/1953 from the County Councils' General Council regarding salary increases.
20. Letter 13/5/1953 from the County Councils' General Council requesting the views of this Council in the proposal to introduce the Metric System.
21. Minutes of Meetings of the County Councils' General Council.
22. Auditor's Reports for y/e. 31/3/1953:-
- (a) Shrule Joint Drainage Committee;
  - (b) Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee.
23. Councillors' Notices of Motion;
- (a) Clr. J.J. Cunningham: "That the Council request the Secretary (or County Manager) to inform them what progress has been made in implementation of the Kilkerrin-Moylough piped-water supply, unanimously provided by a resolution of the Council several months ago."
  - (b) Clr. P. Collins: (1) "That street lighting be provided in Menlough" (2) "That road from Garbally School to Horseleap be included in the five-year plan."
  - (c) Clr. J. Houlihan: (1) "To have Pump at Kylemore Abbey, Loughrea, cleaned up and sunk if necessary as 14 families are without water at present time, as there is nothing coming out of pump but sludge." (2) "To have proposed sewerage for Town of Eyrecourt expedited and that the rule of Council not to extend sewerage where there are not 75% acceptors be overlooked in this case."
  - (d) Clr. J.J. Nestor: "That I or some member on my behalf will ask the County Manager what is the position regarding labourers cottages in Dunmore area."
  - (e) Clr. J. O'Dowd: (1) "At the next meeting of the Council, I will ask the County Engineer for further information regarding the Esker Bog road and if at any time this road has been maintained by the Galway County Council." (2) "At the next meeting, I will ask the County Manager what progress, if any, has been made in the Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme passed by the Council."
  - (f) Clr. J.J. Cunningham: Kindly publish in your Agenda for next meeting "necessity for pump for townlands of Coillmore and Clooncill, Moylough."
24. Resolutions.
25. Other business.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, on THURSDAY, 11/6/1953.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Miss M.A. Ashe, P. Collins, J. Geoghegan, T. King, M. Kitt, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, J.J. Nestor, and J. Ruane, Mr. L.E. O'Dea, County Solicitor.

1. LABOURERS' ACTS: The Secretary submitted a statement giving particulars of the progress made with the provision of new cottages, viz:-

Sites Acquired for		Urban	Rural
(a)	Houses Built	44	109
(b)	" in course of erection	10	16
(c)	" for which tenders accepted and not commenced	22	8
(d)	Houses for which plans being prepared:	80	33
Further Sites to be Acquired:			
(a)	Mapped and being inspected	-	59 (50 + Kinvara)
(b)	Negotiations proceeding with Landowners:	20	-
(c)	Further Sites required:	39	110
		215	335

Clr. Ashe asked why the County Manager did not consult with the members for the Galway area in regard to the allocation of the tenancies in the Ballybrit Cottage Scheme. Clr. King pointed out that so far this consultation with the local members had been arranged only for the cottage schemes at Athenry and Headford - to each of which the differential rent applied.

Clr. King recommended that the differential rent arrangements should not apply to cottages built in groups near small towns as the tenants are unable to afford to pay even the minimum rent fixed, and suggested that not more than five cottages should be built in one group and that there should be some scheme in operation whereby the person appointed as tenant would be able to become the owner of the cottage eventually; that if this were done it would avoid the frequent changes in tenancy which occur at present.

In reply to his inquiry, Clr. Lahiff was informed that the Department's approval had been requested to the provision of a scheme of rural cottages on a site near the church in Kinvara and that demolition orders had been served a week ago on the owners of the unfit houses in Crowe Street, Gort; that it is intended to transfer the people in Crowe Street to other cottages in Gort so as to give the Council an opportunity of demolishing the present houses in Crowe Street and providing a scheme of cottages there. Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, in reply to an inquiry by Clr. Lahiff, stated that the Council is at present endeavouring to obtain a site at Oranmore. Clr. Lahiff stated that a year ago he had got an assurance from the County Engineer that the cottages at Oranmore would be completed within twelve months from that time.

In reply to his inquiry, Deputy Mannion was informed by Mr. Doyle, Staff Officer, that there are 22 applicants for cottages in Clifden, but these applicants are not all prepared to pay the rent which would be chargeable under the differential rent scheme. The Committee noted that there are 28 old cottages in Athenry town together with 20 recently provided making a total of 48 which appears to be a fair provision for that town. Clr. Ruane stated that there is a definite need for at least 20 further cottages and that even when these will be provided there will still be 18 further applicants requiring cottages.

Clr. Nestor stated that the Land Commission is dividing land at present in the vicinity of Dunmore and that sites could be obtained thereon for 4 cottages which are urgently needed. Clr. Nestor handed to Mr. Doyle, Staff Officer, particulars of the names and addresses of these 4 persons. Clr. Nestor stated that one of the applicants, a Mr. Barrett, has been seeking a cottage for a couple of years past and that he and his family of five reside in one room.

Clr. Ashe requested that a cottage be provided for a Mr. Conannon who failed to qualify for the tenancy of one of the Ballybrit cottages and is at present residing at Knocknacarra, Galway.

The Chairman requested that the acquisition of the site at Aughrim would be completed quickly so that the Council could enter the land to provide the necessary cottages.

Clr. Collins requested that the provision of a cottage for Mr. McDonagh, Esker, Castleblakeney, would be expedited as the site is available.

Clr. Ruane requested that a cottage would be provided quickly for Mr. Heavey who is residing in a shack at Ardry.

On the proposition of Clr. Ashe the Committee eventually decided unanimously to recommend to the Council that the first scheme of cottages should be completed with all possible speed and that in the meantime the Council should proceed with the provision of cottages for all eligible applicants in addition to those included in the first scheme.

Clr. King suggested that applications for cottages should be brought before a meeting of the Committee so that the latter would decide if and where the cottages would be provided. This suggestion was supported by Clr. Kitt.

2. SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS; The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to applications for advances under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:-

Total Number of Applications Received:	253
" " " Loans allocated:	210
No. of Loans - the allocation of which has been deferred pending receipt of sanction and the provision of additional funds:	43

The position in regard to the 210 loans allocated is as follows:-

Paid in full.....	38
Part-payment made.....	102
No payment made.....	70

The Secretary stated that the delay in payment of the final instalment of loans for which part-payment had been made is due to the fact that the documents in connection with these loans have not been registered in the Land Registry Office. The County Solicitor stated that there is some improvement lately in the registration of these documents but that generally there has been along delay in securing registration of them due to the large amount of work in hands in latter years by the Land Registry officials.

Clr. Lahiff requested that he be given an explanation of the delay in payment of the final instalment of loan No.102.

3. HOUSING GRANTS FOR ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES; The Secretary submitted the following particulars in regard to the progress made with the issue of supplementary grants for erection of new houses;

Total Number of applications received to date.....1,245

Amounts Allocated:

(a) 1950 Act - persons who qualify for the tenancy of local authority houses.....	119.....	£27,825.0.0.
(b) 1950 Act - persons who do not qualify for the tenancy of a local authority house.....	511.....	£94,650.0.0.
(c) 1952 Act.....	202.....	£39,950.0.0.
Total.....	832	£162,425.0.0.

Total Amount of Grants paid to date....£81,980.  
Being paid this week..... 5,933

Total..... £87,913

4. SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND FOR SANITARY FACILITIES; The Secretary reported that this scheme had been prepared and applications had been invited by advertisement. Seventy requests had been made for application forms and the number of application forms completed and returned to the Council up to the present was 7.

The Secretary explained and it was noted by the Committee that after taking into account the amount of the Government grant and the contribution of one-third of the total cost to be made by the applicant, the proportion of the balance of the cost cost to be met by the Council's supplementary grant would be determined in accordance with Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, so as to ensure that supplementary grant will be paid to applicants in accordance with their means.

5. MISCELLANEOUS; Clr. Ruane stated that it is his intention to give a Notice of Motion for the next meeting proposing that the Council will acquire sites for the provision of houses for white collar workers.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
GAILLIMH 55.

Oifig an Runai,  
Na Foirgnithe Conndae,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

19adh Meitheamh, 1953.

Chug gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniu Eilantuil de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Conndae, Dia Sathairn, 27adh Meitheamh, 1953, ag 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

Liam O Luanaigh.

Runai.

GNO.

1. Election of Chairman for Year 1953/54
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for Year 1953/54
3. Appointment of representatives on:-
  - (a) Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board;
  - (b) County Councils General Council;
  - (c) Irish Tourist Association.
4. Appointment of Committees, viz:-
  - (a) County Libraries Committee;
  - (b) National Monuments Advisory Committee;
  - (c) Visiting Committee for District Institutions;
  - (d) Education Committee;
  - (e) Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees.
5. Filling of Vacancy on the Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee resulting from resignation of Mr. Thomas King, Co.C.
6. Galway Harbour Commissioners Overdraft - confirmation of Minute-No. 9012 of 25th April, 1953.
7. Minutes of Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 11th June, 1953.
8. Other Business.

## COMAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE

OIFIS AN RÚNARÓI.

NA FOIRNÍSCHE CONDAE,

AN BÓCAR MÓR,

GAILLIMH,

20<sup>ú</sup> Meitheamh, 1953

A CARA,

Cuirim cuṡac, leis seo, cóip de Mion-Cuaircŕí Crúinnŕicte  
Comairle Condae (Uimŕir 9031—9065) a tŕionólaṡar an 13<sup>ú</sup>  
Meitheamh, 1953.

Mŕae, le meas,

L. Ó LUANAIS,

Rúnaróe.

Cun na ndaoine seo leanas :—

Ṣac Dall de Chomairle Condae na Gaillimhe.  
An Suirbŕear Condae.  
An Cisteóir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teó., Gaillimh.  
An Duŕgeadóir Condae.  
An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Sóisialais.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, on SATURDAY, the 13th JUNE,  
1953.

In the chair : Clr. M. Quinn.

**Present :** Clrs. Miss M. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. J. McDonagh, J. Nestor, M. Newell, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, J. Ruane, V. P. Shields, P. Sirr and M. Wall.

**9031—Adjournment :** A vote of sympathy was un-  
animously adopted with the relatives of the late Mr. John J. Shiel, Woodford, former member of the Council, and the Chairman proposed that as a mark of respect to Mr. Shiel's memory, the meeting be adjourned for one hour. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and unanimously approved. Votes of sympathy were also adopted with Mr. Brannick, New Inn, on the death of his wife ; with the wife and family of the late Mr. Joseph Lydon, Spiddal and with Mr. William Harney, Ballinasloe, on the death of his mother. The meeting was then adjourned until 1.30 p.m.

**9032—Minutes :** On the resumption of the meeting, the Minutes of the Council to No. 9030 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

**9033—Road Transport :** In connection with Minute No. 8962 and letter of 11th March, 1953, from the District Superintendent, Coras Iompair Eireann, it was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. O'Toole and Resolved : "that the Council send a protest to Coras Iompair Eireann in regard to their failure to deliver any new buses to the Galway area up to the present although the Tourist season is well advanced."

Clr. Geoghegan stated that while a considerable number of the new buses had been delivered to Ballina and Clonmel, the vehicles being used for the Connemara tours are most unsuitable.

On the proposition of Clr. Sirr, the Council also agreed to request Coras Iompair Eireann to arrange that the train which leaves Westport for Dublin at 9.20 a.m. daily will leave at an earlier time so that travellers would have extra time in Dublin. Clr. Sirr explained that many people from North Galway avail of this train service.

Clr. Ashe recommended and it was agreed that Coras Iompair Eireann would also be requested to improve the bus service to Merlin Park, Galway.

**9034—Rates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1954 :** It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and unanimously Resolved : "that the Council do hereby allow and make the rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1954, as assessed in the Rate Books."

It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and unanimously Resolved : "that the Rate Books for the year ending 31st March, 1954, be signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council."

The rate books were then signed and sealed.

The Secretary submitted the following statement in regard to rate collection for the year ending 31st March, 1953 :—

Lodged to 31/3/1953 :	97.278%
Cash on hands :	.327%
Discount :	.104%
Arrears Struck off :	.884%
Arrears Carried Forward :	1.407%

The Arrears Lists for year ending 31st March, 1953, were submitted and noted by the Council.

**9035—Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 23 District :**

The list of candidates for the vacant position of Rate Collector No. 23 District was submitted and the Secretary stated that since the list was circulated to the members, candidate No. 3 had withdrawn her application. It was proposed by Clr. King seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved : "that having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for No. 23 District, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties and the qualifications for that office, the Council consider that the person to be appointed cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and decide, therefore, that the Council consider the qualifications of the applicants and make the appointment after consideration of such qualifications."

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Geoghegan "that Mr. Gerard M. Carty, Hotel Como, Portishead, Bristol, Candidate No. 1 be appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No. 23 District in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position."

The appointment of Mr. John J. Horgan, Town Hall, Galway, Candidate No. 4 was proposed by Clr. Shields and seconded by Deputy Cawley.

A vote taken resulted as follows :—

**For Mr. Carty :** Clrs. Ashe, O'Dowd, Carty, Cunningham, Geoghegan, Glynn, Higgins, Houlihan, King, Kitt, O'Toole, Lahiff, McDonagh, Newell, Nicholson, O'Donnell, Quinn and Ruane ..... **18.**

**For Mr. Horgan :** Clrs. Cawley, Collins, Flaherty, Galvin, Mannion, Nestor, Shields, Sirr and Wall ..... **9.**

Mr. Gerard M. Carty having obtained a majority of the votes cast was declared by the Chairman to be appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No. 23 Collection District.

**9036—Loan for Kiltormer Dispensary & Residence :** It was proposed by Clr. John Houlihan seconded by Clr. Patrick Galvin and Resolved :

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Four thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Assistance Act, 1939."

**9037—Overdraft :** It was proposed by Clr. Miss Ashe seconded by Clr. R. Lahiff and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £270,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 30th September, 1953."

**9038—Waterworks Extensions :** It was proposed by Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan for such amount as may be necessary to meet the cost of providing the extensions to existing water supplies which have been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government ; the loan to be repayable by instalment over a period of 25 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government ; with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

It was proposed by Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on Capital Account equivalent to the amount of the loan for waterworks extensions ; the raising of which has been authorised by the Council to-day—until such time as the loan raised will become available."

**9039—Water Supplies—General :** Clr. O'Toole requested that steps should be taken to put existing water supplies into order, e.g., Tully water supply for which a pump is available but cannot be installed pending the re-laying of the water mains.

Deputy Cawley recommended that the extension at Oranmore which had been approved recently by the Council should be carried out while the main scheme is in progress there. In reply to Clr. Ashe the County Manager stated that having regard to the high cost, he could not recommend to the Council the further extension of the Oranmore water supply to Cartron Village.

Clr. O'Donnell stated that the pipes at Lettercallow waterworks are defective and discolour the water, and he requested that this matter would be put right.

Clr. Ruane requested that the completion of the waterworks extension and improvement at Athenry would be completed.

Clr. Glynn drew attention to the long delay in completing the Williamstown water supply scheme and requested that it be completed as quickly as possible.

**9040—Carna Dispensary and Residence :** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £6,150 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a dispensary and dispensary residence at Carna ; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**9041—Carrigalegaun and Trachta Beg Bridges :** The Secretary stated that the total estimated cost of the above new bridges is £35,000 towards which a grant of £13,600 is being made available by the Department of Local Government.

It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £21,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of new bridges at Carrigalegaun and Trachta Beg ; the loan to be repayable by instalment over a period of 25 years or such other period as may be sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**9042—Portumna Fairgreen :** It was proposed by Clr. Houlihan seconded by Clr. Galvin and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a new Fairgreen at Portumna including the purchase of the tolls and the old fairgreen at Portumna ; the loan to be repayable by instalment over a period of 10 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council." and the Council also approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation amounting to £4,600 on Capital Account until such time as this loan will be available."

**9043—Loughrea Town Commissioners Housing Loans :** It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £6,540 to enable the Council to advance this amount to the Loughrea Town Commissioners to meet the balance of the cost of the Commissioners 16-house housing scheme ; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 50 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved : "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £1,460 to enable the Council to advance this amount to the Loughrea Town Commissioners to meet the balance of the cost of the Commissioner's 19-house housing scheme ; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 50 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

**9044—Eyrecourt Dispensary Residence :** The proposal to provide a dispensary residence at Eyrecourt was, on the proposition of Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman, seconded by Clr. Miss Ashe, approved by the Council.

Clr. King stated that it would be desirable to have a survey of the county to determine the number of dispensary residences required. The Chairman pointed out that even in one district the conditions vary as a doctor having his own residence may retire and be replaced by a doctor who would be seeking a residence. Clr. Nestor considered that the residences being provided are too elaborate and that it would be better for the doctor and the Council to provide smaller dispensary residences.

**9045—Wages of Road Workers :** It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Clr. McDonagh and Resolved : "that the Council approve the proposal to increase the wages of the Council's road workers in the Galway Borough area by 10/- a week from 1st January, 1953, inclusive, and the Council further approve the provision of additional funds for this purpose, estimated to be £561 after making allowance for the road maintenance grant."

**9046—Agricultural Grant :** Circular Letter 3/53 of 20th May, 1953, from the Department of Local Government was submitted setting out particulars of the revised system of distribution of the agricultural grant which is to apply in the current year. The Secretary stated that in the year ending 31st March, 1953, the amount of the agricultural grant was as set out hereunder :—

	£
Primary Allowance	297,703
Supplementary Allowance	28,427
Employment Allowance	14,520

and explained that in accordance with the new system the supplementary allowance will cease entirely and the employment allowance will be doubled so that there will be a loss of approximately £14,000 in the total amount of the agricultural grant for the current year.

Clr. Collins proposed that the Council oppose and protest against the new system of distribution of this grant as it results in a definite loss to the ratepayers since an additional allowance of £6/10/0 a year will not induce any farmer to employ an extra workman.

The County Manager explained that the Department's circular was not received by the Council until 21st May, 1953, when the work on the applotment and on the writing of the demand notes was well advanced. It was necessary to cancel the demand notes already written and to revise much of the work on the ratebooks.

Clr. King considered that the principle in the revised system is good, but that the increased allowance is not by any means sufficient to achieve its object.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and Resolved : "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to make good the loss sustained by the Council as a result of the late notification of the change in the system of distribution of the agricultural grant for the current year."

**9047—Housing Grants :** As item No. 13 on the Agenda had been considered at a meeting of the Housing Committee on 11th instant, it was decided to defer further consideration of this matter until 27th June, 1953, when the Minutes of the Housing Committee will be available.

**9048—County Roads Improvement and Five-year Plan :** On the proposition of Clr. Collins seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council approved the five-year plan for improvement of County roads as set out in the County Engineer's report of 11th June, 1952—Clr. Wall dissenting.

The Chairman stated that the road from Athenry to Newcastle is a road which should have been included in the five-year plan as it serves a Bog which has been apportioned among 600 people.

**9049—Main and County Roads. Y.E. 31st March, 1954 :** On the proposition of Clr. Collins seconded by Clr. Sirr, the

Council approved the programme of works to be carried out under the Main and County Roads Reconstruction Grant and as Main and County Road Improvement in the current year as set out in the County Engineer's report of 10th March, 1953.

**9050—County Old Age Pensions Committee :** It was proposed by Clr. Collins seconded by Clr. Sirr and Resolved : "that the employment of Mr. David Egan as temporary Clerk to the County Galway Local Old Age Pensions Committee be continued for a further six months from 1st June to 30th November, 1953, with salary at the rate of £19/2/0 a year subject to sanction by the Minister for Social Welfare."

**9051—Clifden District Hospital :** On the proposition of Clr. Ashe seconded by Deputy Mannion, the Council approved the changing of the name of the Clifden District Hospital to "Our Lady of Fatima" Hospital.

**9052—Galway Technical School :** Letter 11/5/53 from the County Vocational Education Committee was submitted stating that the decision of the Committee in regard to the application by the City Vocational Education Committee is that matters should be left as they have been since the implementation of the 1930 Act. Clr. Collins proposed, Clr. Nestor seconded and it was Resolved : "that the Council approve the decision of the County Vocational Education Committee."

Clrs. King and Ashe considered that the request for this contribution was reasonable ; that it would enable the city committee to cater for still more students including more from outside the Borough area.

Clr. Higgins stated that the requisite percentage of rural students had not been reached which would justify the making of a special contribution by the Council.

**9053—Estimate, 1953/54 :** Letter 15/4/53 from the Hon. Secretary, County Galway Executive of Macra na Feirme, having been circulated to the members was submitted and noted.

**9054—County Councils' General Council :** Letter 13/5/53 from the General Council was submitted requesting the decision of the Council on a motion which is on the Agenda of the General Council, viz. :—

"that the practice of universal flat all-round increases to all clerical and professional workers for Local Authorities is wrong in principle, and leads to social unrest amongst the lowly paid and manual workers, and that it should be

abandoned, and in its place each case should be approached on its merits with a "no increase" ceiling for the higher salaries.

On the proposition of Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman, seconded by Clr. King, the Council rejected the motion.

Letter 13/5/53 from the General Council requesting the views of the Galway County Council in regard to the proposal to introduce the Metric System in Ireland was submitted. On the proposition of Clr. Houlihan seconded by Clr. Higgins, it was decided to inform the General Council that this Council does not approve the introduction of the Metric System.

Minutes of meetings of the General Council held 11/12/52 and 12/2/53 having been circulated to the Council were submitted and noted.

Letter 5/6/53 from the General Council requesting notice of matters to be included in the Agenda for August was submitted.

9055—Auditor's Reports : Auditor's reports on the accounts of the Shrule Joint Drainage Committee and the Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee for the year ending 31st March, 1953, were submitted and noted.

9056—Kilkerrin and Moylough Water Supply : In reply to Clr. Cunningham's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government have requested reports on the quality and quantity of water available at the source and an estimate of the cost of the Moylough scheme. This information had been sent to the Department and their decision is being awaited; that, in the meantime, Mr. O'Connor is proceeding with the preparation of the documents for the Kilkerrin scheme.

Cls. Flaherty and Cunningham requested that the existing pump at Kilkerrin would be repaired immediately as no water can be obtained from it at present.

Clr. Kitt requested to be informed of the name and address of the contractor for maintenance of pumps in the Mountbellew area.

9057—Menlough Public Lighting : It was proposed by Clr. Collins seconded by Clr. Kitt and Resolved: "that the Council approve the provision of public lighting in Menlough Village."

9058—Caltra-Castleblakenny Public Lighting : It was proposed by Clr. Kitt seconded by Clr. Collins and Resolved: "that the Council approve the provision of public lighting in the villages of Caltra and Castleblakenny."

Clr. Wall stated that the switching arrangements for public lighting in rural electrification areas are bad as at the present time the lights come on at 9 o'clock when they are not needed and are switched off entirely at 11 p.m.

9059—Garbally-Horseleap Road : It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. Kitt: "that the Council recommend that the road from Garbally School to Horseleap be included in the five-year plan." The County Engineer's report was submitted stating that he would like to wait until the end of the present year before making any recommendation to increase the programme of roads included in the five-year plan; that good progress is being made and that it may be possible to increase the programme. This report was noted and approved.

9060—Kylemore Pump : Clr. Houlihan requested that the pump at Kylemore, Abbey, Loughrea, would be put in order. The County Engineer's report of 12th instant was submitted from which it appears that the well is only 18' deep and that it will be necessary to sink the pump further to improve this supply. The carrying out of this work was recommended by the Council.

9061—Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme : Cls. Houlihan and O'Dowd requested that the provision of a sewerage scheme in Eyrecourt be expedited. The Secretary reported that only 27 out of a possible 52 houses had agreed to connect with the main sewer when provided; that the estimated cost of the scheme in January 1952 was £14,700 which would be approximately £545 per house for 27 houses. Clr. Houlihan stated that he considers the estimate very high and that a less costly scheme might suffice. The County Manager stated that he would examine the estimate again.

9062—Labourers' Cottages, Dunmore : As Clr. Nestor's Notice of Motion (23(d)) had been considered by the Housing Committee on 11th instant, consideration of it was deferred by the Council until the 27th idem.

9063—Esker Bog Road : In reply to his Notice of Motion, Clr. O'Dowd was informed by the Secretary that the Esker Bog road has never been maintained by the Council and that any repairs carried out to it have been done under a Bog Development Grant. It was suggested that the persons concerned would make an application to the Special Employment Schemes Office to repair this road.

9064—Pump for Townlands of Kylemore and Clooncoill, Moylough : In connection with Clr. Cunningham's Notice of Motion, the Secretary reported that a form of Petition was sent to Clr. Cunningham for completion by the householders concerned.

9065—Athenry Dispensary and Nurse's Residence : The Secretary reported that the lowest tender received for this work amounts to £2,899/11/6 and the County Manager is prepared to accept this tender subject to the Council's approval. On the proposition of Clr. J. Ruane seconded by Clr. M. Ashe, the Council approve the provision of the dispensary and nurse's residence at Athenry having noted that the amount of the tender to be accepted is £2,899/11/6.

COMAIRTE CONDAE NA SAILLIME

Oifis an Rúnairde.

na Poirgniste Condae,

An Dócar Mór,

Sailtim,

1ad 10d, 1953

A CARA,

Cuirim cùsac, leis seo, coip de Mion-Tuairisc Crumhiste

Comairle Condae (Uirthir 9066-9093) a tionóládar an 27ad

Meitheamh, 1953.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANÁIS.

Rúnairde.

Cun na ndaoime seo leanas :-

Sac Dall de Chomairle Condae na Sailleime.

An Suirbhear Condae.

An Cisteóir, An Dano Náisiúnta Teó., Sailleim.

An Uligeadóir Condae.

An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Soisialais.

Cun.....

Le Mion-Tuairisc Uirthir a..... o'feisimec.

Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 5AD day of Sam M. 1953.

Muiris O'Connell Chairman

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 27th  
JUNE, 1953.

**Present :** Clrs. Miss M. A. Ashe, J. O'Dowd, M. Carty, Deputy P. Cawley, Clrs. P. Collins, J. Cunningham, J. Flaherty, P. Galvin, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, M. Higgins, J. Houlihan, J. P. Joyce, T. King, M. Kitt, L. O'Toole, R. Lahiff, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mylotte, J. Nestor, M. Nicholson, M. O'Donnell, M. Quinn, J. Ruane, P. Sarr and M. Wall.

**9066.—Chairman :** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Kitt and unanimously Resolved : "that Clr. Martin Quinn, Cloonacallis, Killaan, Woodlawn, be elected Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1953/54." The Chairman thanked the Council and the officials for their co-operation with him during the past year.

**9067.—Vice-Chairman :** It was proposed by Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. O'Donnell : "that Clr. Michael Carty, Abbey Street, Loughrea, be elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1953/54."

The appointment of Mr. Patk. Collins, Moneen, Castleblakeney, as Vice-Chairman was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Deputy Cawley.

At the request of Clr. King and other members, Clr. Flaherty, withdrew his proposition and there being no other proposition Clr. Michael Carty of Abbey Street, Loughrea, was declared elected Vice-Chairman. Clr. Carty thanked the Council and the officials for their co-operation during the past year.

**9068.—Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board :** Letter 11th June, 1953, from the Chief Clerk, Ballinasloe Hospital Board, was submitted stating that the number of members to be elected by the Galway County Council for the coming year is 16. It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Carty and Resolved : "that the existing representatives of the Galway County Council on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board be re-appointed for the year 1953/54."

**9069.—County Councils General Council :** It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and Resolved : "that the present representatives of the Galway County Council on the County Councils' General Council be re-appointed, viz., Clrs. Quinn, Killilea and Kitt."

**9070.—Irish Tourist Association :** It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Higgins and Resolved : "that Clr. Sean Glynn, Corralough, Williamstown, be re-appointed to represent the Council on the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1953/54."

**9071.—Western Health Institutions Committee :** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and Resolved : "that Clr. M. Quinn, Cloonacallis, Killaan, Woodlawn, be appointed to represent the Council on the Western Health Institutions Committee."

It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. O'Donnell that Clr. M. Carty, Abbey Street, Loughrea, be appointed as the second representative of the Council on the Western Health Institutions Committee.

At Clr. Carty's request this latter proposition was withdrawn, and the appointment of Miss M. A. Ashe, Cross Street, Galway, as the second representative of the Council on the Western Health Institutions Committee, was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Kitt and unanimously approved.

**9072.—County Libraries Committee :** It was proposed by Clr. Higgins seconded by Clr. Nicholson and Resolved : "that all the existing members of the County Libraries Committee be re-appointed for the year 1953/54." It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Clr. O'Dowd and Resolved : "that Clr. M. Higgins be appointed as an additional member on the County Libraries Committee." It was proposed by Deputy Mannion seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved : "that Mr. Richard Joyce, The Square, Clifden, be also appointed an additional member of the County Libraries Committee."

The Chairman stated that the appointment of these additional members was being made subject to the proviso that there would not be any legal objection to increasing the number of members on the Committee. The County Manager stated that there was no legal objection to this increase.

**9073.—National Monuments Advisory Committee :** It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Kitt and Resolved : "that Mr. John O'Dowd, Roaghan, Laurencetown, be appointed an honorary member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee on the understanding that an honorary member would not be entitled to vote at meetings and would not be entitled to payment of travelling expenses."

It was proposed by Clr. Ruane seconded by Deputy Cawley and Resolved : "that Mr. J. M. G. Sweeney, Solicitor, Athenry, be appointed an honorary member of the Committee on the same terms as apply to Clr. O'Dowd."

It was proposed by Clr. Quinn seconded by Clr. Carty and Resolved : "that all the existing members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee be re-appointed for the year 1953/54 and that particulars of the attendance of members of the Committee be made available to the members of the Council at next meeting so that it may be decided which five members shall form the Committee proper."

**9074.—Visiting Committee for District Institutions :** It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Kitt and Resolved : "that the existing members of the Visiting Committee for the Council's District Institutions be re-appointed for the year 1953/54."

**9075.—Education Committee :** It was proposed by Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Nicholson and Resolved : "that the existing members of the Education Committee be re-appointed for the year 1953/54."

**9076.—Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee :** It was proposed by Clr. Quinn seconded by Clr. Carty and Resolved : "that the existing members of the various Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees be re-appointed for the year 1953/54."

**9077.—Lough Corrib, Mask & Carra Joint Drainage Committee :** Letter 9th June, 1953, from the Acting Secretary to the above Committee was submitted stating that Clr. T. King resigned from the Committee and had expressed the wish that he should not be again appointed.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Ashe and Resolved : "that Clr. T. King be re-appointed a member of the Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra Joint Drainage Committee."

**9078.—Gaedhilge :** Mol Clr. T. Mac an Riogh, chuidigh Clr. Michael Ua h-Uigin agus glach an Comhairle d'aon guth leis an run seo leanas :—"go ndeanfar an gno iomlan tre Gaedhilge ag an gcead Cruinniú eile d'en Comhairle seo, agus go gcuirfar amach an clar i nGaedhilge agus i mBearla."

**9079.—Dunmore Water Supply :** Clr. Nestor drew attention to the lack of water in the greater part of Dunmore town during the past few weeks and the serious inconvenience which is being caused to the residents as a result ; that a chlorinator was obtained by the Council so that water could be taken from the river and purified, but that this appliance has been lying in a store in Dunmore for 8 months past. The County Engineer undertook to have the matter examined immediately with a view to seeing what could be done to improve the supply quickly. The County Manager stated that the Consulting Engineer had been directed to submit a proposal for the improvement of this water supply.

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**9080.—Kilkerrin & Moylough Water Supplies :** In reply to Clr. Cunningham, the County Manager explained the position in regard to the proposals for water supply schemes at Kilkerrin and Moylough and stated that nothing useful could be achieved by his receiving a deputation.

**9081.—Costello Water Supply :** In reply to Clr. O'Donnell, the County Manager explained the steps taken for the acquisition of the water rights at Costello, the objections raised by the Department of Local Government and the present position.

**9082.—Galway Harbour Commissioners :** It was proposed by Clr. M. Quinn seconded by Clr. T. King and unanimously Resolved : "that the Galway County Council hereby confirm the resolution adopted by the Council as set out in Minute No. 9012 of 25th April, 1953, guaranteeing an overdraft of £5,000 on the Galway Harbour Commissioners account for the purpose of repairing the Dun Aengus Gates."

**9083.—Housing Committee :** On the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Minutes of a Meeting of the Housing Committee which was held on 11th June, 1953, were submitted and approved.

Clr. Kitt drew attention to a cottage which is available for letting to a Mr. Cosgrove on whose lands the site is located ; that the prospective tenant cannot obtain sureties and Clr. Kitt requested that the tenant's holding of land, viz., 12 acres be accepted as security. After discussion, Clrs. Wall and Nicholson agreed to act as sureties for Mr. Cosgrove.

**9084.—Rate Collector No. 23 District :** The Chairman stated that he wished to protest against an editorial which appeared in the Galway Observer following the appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 23 District. The Chairman stated that it had always been the practice in this county and in all counties that the majority on the Council appointed one of their own associates to the position of Rate Collector ; that the satisfactory state of the rate collection at 31st March, 1953, would go to show that applicants appointed by the Council were very well qualified to perform their duties.

**9085.—Kylmore Pump :** Clr. Houlihan again drew attention to the state of this pump and requested that it would be put in working order.

**9086.—Local Elections :** Circular Letter 5/53 of 19th June, 1953, from the Department of Local Government was submitted and noted.

**9087.—Rate Collector No. 4 District :** The Secretary submitted medical certificate dated 24th June, 1953, stating that Miss Nora Lee, Rate Collector for No. 4 district, would be unfit for duty for at least two months from that date. It was proposed by Clr. Ashe seconded by Clr. O'Donnell that the Council hereby grant Miss Nora Lee, Rate Collector for No. 4 district, sick leave for the period 24th June to 23rd August, 1953, inclusive, and that her sister, Miss Margaret Lee, Clifden, be appointed as Deputy Rate Collector for No. 4 district during that period.

**9088.—Anti-Partition Protest :** Letter 22nd June, 1953, from the Anti-Partition Committee inviting the Council to attend a meeting in Eyre Square on Saturday, the 28th instant, to protest against the visit of the British Queen to Ireland, was submitted and noted.

**9089.—Boarded-Out Children :** The Chairman recommended that the request made by Mr. Delaney, Newbridge, that a boarded-out child, formerly boarded-out in his home, would be transferred to the house of a Mr. Hughes, Ballinamore Bridge, receive consideration.

Clr. King recommended that some alteration be made in the regulations so as to permit of the retention of a boarded-out child in the house even though the foster-mother dies, in cases where the child has been boarded-out in that house for a long period.

**9090.—Local Authorities Works Act, Schemes :** Clr. Kitt proposed that there should be co-operation between the Council, the Department of Local Government and the Department of Agriculture in regard to the carrying out of Local Authorities (Works) Act, Schemes in areas where land project schemes are also being carried out.

The Chairman stated that he could not agree to restricting the County Engineer to proposals for particular schemes or schemes of a particular type and suggested that in such cases as Clr. Kitt had in mind, the work might be carried out as a Rural Improvement Scheme on payment of a contribution by the persons benefiting.

Deputy Mannion suggested that of the amount available for L.A.W. schemes for this year approximately £300 could be devoted to each Councillor's area.

The County Engineer stated that the sum available will only be sufficient to complete schemes which already have been started.

Eventually, on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. O'Dowd, it was recommended that any additional schemes to be carried out in the current year be selected from the lists submitted for last year.

**9091.—Water Supplies :** Clr. Ruane requested that the scheme for the improvement of the Athenry Water Supply be expedited, as there is a serious shortage of water in the town.

Clr. O'Dowd drew attention to the lack of water at Lismany and Coolcarty Pumps.

Clr. Geoghegan requested that a statement be made available for the next meeting giving particulars of the position in regard to the provision of a water supply scheme for Barna.

Clr. Sarr requested that similar particulars be made available at the next meeting in regard to the Ballymoe Water Supply Scheme.

**9092.—Labourers Cottages :** Clr. Ashe recommended that further cottages be provided at Spiddal.

**9093.—Sympathy :** Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the widow and family on the death of Mr. Frank Bailey ; with the Jordan Family, Shop Street, on the death of Miss Jordan.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1953.*

*Máireín Ó'Cuinn Chairman.*

## COMH AIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan;  
GAILLIMH 55.Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.  
20adh Lunasa, 1953.

Chug gac Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Comhairle  
Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionsolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Feirgnithe Connadae,  
Dia Sathairn, 29adh Lughnasa, 1953, ag 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

Liam O'Lunaigh.

Runai.

GNO.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £50,000 for making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan of £120,000 for making of grants under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.
4. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan of £9,600 for County Clinic.
5. Raising of Loan of £32,500 for provision of a Fire Station at Galway.
6. Loan for Portunra Fairgreen &c. - letter L.7/46/1 of 7/7/53 from Department of Local Government.
7. Loughrea Fairgreen &c. - letter L.7/46/2 of 22/6/53 from Department of Local Government.
8. Cost of Schemes for Issue of Housing Grants.
9. Purchase of a Water Tender for the County Fire Service.
10. Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools:-
  - (a) Scheme for 1954.
  - (b) Letter of 14/8/1953 from Department of Education.
11. University Scholarships Scheme, 1954.
12. National Monuments Advisory Committee - Attendance of Members.
13. Aughrismore Pier Improvements - letter of 10/7/1953 from the Director, Special Employment Schemes Office.
14. Provision of a new Burial Ground at Kilconnell.
15. The adoption of Bye-laws regulating the use of temporary dwellings under Section 30 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, and to consider also the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government for an Order putting Section 34 of that Act, in relation to camping, into operation.
16. Provision of a Sewerage Scheme for Carraroe.
17. Deputy Rate Collector for No.4. District.
18. Galway Central Hospital - Receipts for year ended 31/3/1953.
19. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. J.J. Cunningham: "That a pump be provided at Cloonocill and Coilmore, Moylough."

- (b) Clr. S. Mac Ghloinn: "fiafruigh me eclas mar gheall ar an mhoill i dtaogh solathair uisce i mBaile-Liam"
  - (c) Clr. R. Lahiffe: "Please note that at next meeting of the Co. Council I will propose that no further moneys be provided for the maintenance of the footbridge leading to townland of Derreen, Gort, and that instead the Co. Council join with local ratepayers as one contributor towards having a permanent bridge erected to replace the old wooden footbridge. This work would be carried out by the Board of Works under Rural Improvements Scheme."
  - (d) Clr. J.J. Nestor: (1) "That a pump be sunk in the vicinity of Gortnaleam School, Dummore, for the accommodation of between twenty and thirty families, and that in the meantime, the well which supplied those families in the past be cleaned and protected."  
(1i) "That a supply of water be provided for the townland of Graigahillaire, Browns Grove, Tuam."
  - (e) Clr. J. O'Dowd: (1) "At the next meeting of the Council, I will ask the County Manager if it is proposed to build a new dispensary at Laureotown or take over one built there already but not finished. I will propose the taking over of the latter."  
(2) "At the next meeting of the Council I will ask the Council to take over the pump at Redmount Hill, Eyrecourt, the property of the Irish Land Commission."  
(3) "At the next meeting of the Council, I will ask the County Engineer to have pump N.2. at Abbeylands, Eyrecourt, deepened as its not giving near the amount of water required."  
(4) "At the next meeting of the County Council, I will propose that the Council continue Irish Land Commission road at Redmount Hill to Doon Cemetery."
  - (f) Clr. M. Ua. h-Uigin: (1) go n-iarrfaigh me ar an mBainisteoir Conndae cunntas beacht iomlan do thabhairt ar Soeim an t-Uisce do solathair don Bhearna."  
(2) go n-iarrfaidh me ar Chomhairle an Chonndae fad an sgoilreacht do bronnadh ar Riobard Mac Murchadha, Bothar na Tragha Ioctar, do fhoirleathnu go ceann bliana eile.  
(3) go solarochar fíor uisce glan don t-Sraidbhaile gar do Chnoc an Gha rraf (Bhí se seo ar Chlar do cruinniu eile den Comhairle agus níor tugadh breith air).
20. Appointment of Delegates to the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland - 21st - 25th September, 1953.
  21. Visiting Committee Minutes.
  22. Minutes of Meeting of the County Councils' General Council 7/5/1953.
  23. Gaedhlighe - letter 7/7/53 from the Secretary, Gaelic League, Dublin.
  24. Resolutions.
  25. Other Business.

COMHARLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIUME.

Suíteán:  
Saillimh 55.

Oifis an Rúnai,  
Bóthar Mór,  
Saillimh.

21<sup>o</sup> Luignasa, 1953.

Cúis saé baill do'n Comhairle:

A ÓARA, IARRTAR ORT leis seo beic i láthair ag Cruinniu de Comhairle Conndae na Saillimhe a tionsólfar i Seomra na Comhairle ihs na Foirgníte Conndae, Uia Sáthairn, 29<sup>o</sup> Luignasa, 1953, ag 12.30.p.m. a ólos.

Mise, le meas,  
Liam O'Luanaigh,  
Rúnai.

SNÓ.

Na h-ábúair seo leanas a b'rochtú:-

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Tasaóit £50,000 chun críóda na h-áccá um éice beaga Cónaité b'páil - cairc morzáiste a sáilú.
3. Tasaóit £120,000 chun doóntais a éabairt pé ácc na b'cúite (leasú), 1952 - cairc morzáiste a sáilú.
4. Tasaóit £9,600 i gcóir na h-ótarlaine conndae - cairc morzáiste a sáilú.
5. £32,500 a páil ar tásaóit chun árus úrúgáibe tóiteáin a soláthair i gcúite na Saillimhe.
6. Páirc aonáig 7rl i bPortomna - lictir 1.7/46/1 de 7/7/1953 o'n Roinn Rialtais Aiteúil.
7. Páirc aonáig 7rl i mDáile loá Ríabac - lictir 1.7/46/2 de 22/6/1953 o'n Roinn Rialtais Aiteúil.
8. Costas scéimeanna um doóntais a éabairt pé h-ácc na b'cúite (leasú), 1950 - 1952.
9. Úrúgáil freastáil uisce le h-ácc na Seirbísí tóiteáin a éabairt.
10. Scéim scoláireáccá i meán-scoila agus i h-áirín scoila:-  
(a) Scéim 1954;  
(b) lictir de 14/8/1953 o'n Roinn Oideáccáis.
11. Scéim scoláireáccá iolscoile, 1954.
12. Coisce Comhairleáccá na Séadcomhaircáí Náisiúnta - tinnreáccá na mDáil.
13. Cúit Auáris Mór - lictir de 10/7/1953 o'n Seúireccáir, Oifis na Scéimeanna Postúiocca Speisialta.
14. Roilís nua i gcúil Conaill a soláthar.
15. Pó-úilite maibir le teáccáis seálabaáca b'úsáib a béanná agus iarraccá a béanná chun ácc 34 de'n ácc Rialtais Aiteúil (Seirbísí sláinccáccá so), 1948, a áur i b'péibh sa éabairt sláinccáccá so.
16. Cúras séarácc a soláthar i gcúiteána Ruácc.
17. leas-úiliteáccá Ráccá - Ceáccar 4.
18. Priccá-Ospidéáil na Saillimhe - teáccá istéacc i gcóir na b'liáccá 30 de' 31/3/1953.
19. Mólta Comhairleáccá:-  
(a) S.S. O Cuinnceáccáin, Uas:-  
"Cúiteáil uisce a soláthar i gcúiláin-coille agus i gcúil Mór."  
(b) S. Mac Élóinn, Uas:- "eoláccá leáccá ar an mhoill i beáccá soláthair uisce i mDáile liam."



- (c) R. Ó Flaitéim, Uas: "So n-foéfaid an Comhairle cuid be costas Droicéid buairn a solástar i ndoirín, sort inse suaire - an obair a beid béanta as Oifis na n-Oibreac Públí."
- (d) S.S. Mac an Aodasair, Uas: (1) Caibéal uisge a solástar i nSorc-na-léime; (2) Caibéal uisge a solástar i nSraibhúllair; (e) S. O'Dubda, Uas: (1) íolainn i mbaile Mór Síle Anmáca; (2) Caibéal uisge as Onoc Arb Dearg a glacad ó'n sCoimisiún Talman; (3) Caibéal uisge i bFearann na Mainistirgeab a beisiú; (4) An bótar as Arb Dearg a leanúint go dtí an Roilís i ndún. (f) M. Ua h-Uigín, Uas: (1) cunnas beac iomlán a faigáil o'n mDainistear maibir le scéim uisge i mDearna; (2) as iarraid ar an s-Comhairle an scoilairgeab a bronhad ar Riobárd Mac Murcháda, bótar na trága foétar, a foirleatnú go ceann bliana eile. (3) go solárochar pfor-uisge glan do'n t-Sraibhúille gar do Onoc an Sarráí.

- 20. Comrád Bliahtúil de Compánatáit Teabarlanna na n-Éireann - teabair a éapad.
- 21. Miontuairisí an Óiste Quairfoéta.
- 22. Arb Comhairle na s-Conbaete - miontuairisí 7/5/1953.
- 23. Saebhúge - litor 7/7/1953 ó Conrad na Saebhúge, baile Áca Cliaic.
- 24. Molta.
- 25. Snó eile.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1953.

CHAIRMAN.

MIONTUAIRISÍ ORUINNÍSCÉ DE COMHARLE CONNDAC NA SAHLLIHE A TIONÓLAD AR AN 29AD IUGHASA, 1953.

Caóairleac: M. Mac Cárcáig, Uas.

Dí na Comhairleoirí seo leanas i lárair:-

Clrf Nic Ágas, Ó Dubda, Mac Amhaoib, Ó Cuileán, O'Flacarcáig, Ó Fioabdra, Ó Salbáin, Mac Soéagáin, Mac Flóinn, Ua h-Uigín, Ó h-Uallabáin, Seóig, Mac Siollaléit, Mac an Ríog, Ó Ceit, Ó Tuacáil, Ó Mainnín, Mac Donnéada, Míolóid, Mac an Aodasair, Mac Anóil, Ó Dáinnáil, Ó Ruaidín, Ó Soir.

Ní raib an Caóairleac M. Ó Cuinn, Uas., i lárair nuair a dí an oruinnú as cosnú aó éáiníz sé isead ar ball agus friéad telegrám uaid as ráb go scuircad moill air.

9094 Mol an Clr. Ua h-Uigín rún combróin le gaolta Séamus Uí Cuinnéagáin, Comhairleoir a fuair bás i ríe na seacéhaíne, agus mar comarca omóis, mol sé freisín go scuircí an oruinnú ar ac-ló go dtí Saóairn Eab Meabon Pógháir, 1953.

Cuidig Clr. Mac Soéagáin agus glacad leis an rún.

Lárair na Comhairleoirí seo 'na éaob freisín: Clrf Ó Salbáin, Ó Ceit, Nic Ágas, Ó Dóinnáil, Míolóid, agus Ó Soir, agus dubair an Dainistear gur maic leis beic páirceac 'san rún combróin.

Síac an Comhairle uilíz le rún combróin ar bás:

PROINSIAS Uí Fácáig, Uas., C.D., An Ac. Ro-uinn. P. Ó Sráinne, S.P., Onoc Breac; Séáin Uí Úrúadair, baile Áca an Ríog; Sean D. Ní Dubháig, baile loéa Riabac.

Ansin cuircad an oruinnú ar ac-ló go dtí Saóairn Eab Meabon Pógháir, 1953, ar 12.30.p.m. a élog.

Signed, Approved and Confirmed

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1953.

Máireín Ó Cúinn CHAIRMAN.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIME.

Suáin:

SAILLIM 55.

Oifis an Rúnaí,
na Foirgníste, Conndae,
SAILLIM

31.08.1953

A CARA,
DIA SAÉAIRN SEO CAITCE cuirtead an Cruinniu ar
de-10 go dtí SAÉAIRN 5AD Meádhon Fómhair, 1953, ar 12.00.p.m.
A ÉIÓG.
IARRTAR ORT ANOIS, le b'coil, beic i SAÉAIRN 53
an zoruinniu an SAÉAIRN seo éuzairn.

Nil aon aérú ar an zolár.

Mise, le meas,

Liam Ó Luanaig.

RÚNAÍ.

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Oifis an Rúnaí.

na Foirgníste Conndae.

An Dochar Mór.

SAILLIM.

11.08.1953

A CARA,

Cuirim cuas, leis seo, cóip de Mion-Cuairsci Cruinníste
Comairle Conndae (Uimhir 9095-9131) a tionólad ar an 5ad
Meádhon Fómhair, 1953.

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó Luanaig.

Rúnaí.

Cyn na n-áoine seo leanas :-

Sao Dail de Comairle Conndae na Saillime.
An Suidéar Conndae.
An Cisteoir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teo., Saillim.
An Uilgeadóir Conndae.
An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Sóisialais.

Cun.....

MIONCUAIRISÍ CRUINNÍSTE DE COMAIRLE CONNDAE
NA SAILLIME A TIONÓLAD INS NA FOIRGNÍSTE CONNDAE,
SAILLIM AR AN 5AD MEADHON FÓMHAIR, 1953.

Cataoirleac (1) M. O Cunn, Uas.
(2) M. Mac Cárait, Uas.

Uí na Comairleoirí seo leanas i lácair freism: Clr. Nic
Ágas, O Dubda, Mac Amraib, O Coileán, O Flacartais, O
Fiodabna, O Galbám, Mac Eocágam, Mac Fioinn, Ua n-Uigin,
Seóige, Mac Siollatáic, Mac an Ríog, O Ceit, O Tuatáil, O
Flaicim, O Mannin, Mac Donncaoda, Mac an Adascáir, Mac
Thocóil, O Dóimnail, O Ruairin, O Soir agus De Bál.

9095.-Mioncuairisí: Slac an Comairle leis na Mioncuairisí
go n-uimhir 9094 agus sígnis an Cataoirleac iad.

9096.-Iasact £30,000-na n-Acta um Cite Deasa Cónaité
o'Fáil: Mól an Clr. M. O Ceit, curóis Clr. M. O Dóimnail
agus slac an Comairle leis an rún so leanas o'aon fut :-
So scuirfead séala na Comairle ar an scairt mórgháiste

9099.-Iasact £1,150-Poisce i mDótar na Craí: Mól
an Clr. M. O Ceit, curóis Clr. S. Mac Eocágam, agus slac an
Comairle leis an rún so leanas o'aon fut :-
" So scuirfead séala na Comairle ar an scairt mórgháiste
de'n dáca seo as cabairt unraoias vo Comairle na n-Oibreaca
pointi so n-aisiofpar leo an méir céad agus sé céad púnt
(£120,000) acta na Comairle ar incim a cabairt o'áim faoi n
na vclte (leas), 1952.
9098.-Iasact £9,600-Ocailann Conndae. Mól an Clr.
m. O Ceit, curóis Clr. S. Mac Eocágam, agus slac an Comairle
leis an rún so leanas o'aon fut :-
" So scuirfead séala na Comairle ar an scairt mórgháiste
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pointi so n-aisiofpar leo an méir céad agus sé céad púnt
(£9,600) acta na Comairle ar incim a cabairt o'áim faoi n
act Blaince, 1947.
9097.-Iasact £120,000-Dehcais Cite: Mól an Clr. M.
O Ceit, curóis Clr. S. Mac Eocágam, agus slac an Comairle leis
an rún so leanas o'aon fut :-
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