

9699.—SEEKING, RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION OF TENDERS : Section 15 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was considered regarding the procedure to be followed in regard to the seeking, reception and examination of tenders. The procedure heretofore followed having been reviewed, the Council, on the proposal of Clr. Carty and seconded by Senator Mannion resolved : "That the arrangements heretofore in operation regarding the seeking, reception and examination of tenders be continued and that no regulations under Section 15 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 be made."

9700.—LETTERCALLOW WATER WORKS : In reply to Clr. O'Donnell's Notice of Motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that application was being made for a loan of £2,410 to carry out the repairs already sanctioned to Lettercallow Waterworks.

9701.—SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS : It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Flaherty and resolved : "That the Galway County Council continue the Supplementary Grant Schemes for the building of new houses, for the reconstruction of houses and for the provision of water and sewerage facilities to the 31st March, 1956."

It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Clr. Galvin and resolved : "That the limitations on income for eligibility to Supplementary Grants as provided for in the Housing Act, 1952, are too low and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to raise them."

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Sirr and resolved : "That the Housing Act, 1952, be amended so as to provide that wages earned outside Ireland be disregarded in determining the income of an applicant for a Supplementary Grant."

9702.—COUNTY COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES : In connection with his notice of motion, Clr. Kelly proposed and Deputy Coogan seconded, that the Secretary supply to the press and the members of the Council the amount of expenses paid to each Councillor from 1st March, 1954, to 31st March, 1955, together with particulars of how same were incurred.

The Chairman proposed and Clr. King seconded that the amounts be not published.

A vote taken on the Chairman's amendment resulted as follows :

FOR : Clrs. Ashe, Donnellan John, Greene, King, Kitt, Hanley, Mannion M., Quinn and Ruane J. (9).

AGAINST : Clrs. Burke, Carty, Canning, Collins, Coogan, Flaherty, Donnellan James, Galvin, Geoghegan, Killilea, Lahiff, Mannion John, Joyce, Kelly, Lambert, Ruane P., O'Donnell, Ridge, Sirr and Wall (20).

The Chairman declared Clr. Kelly's proposal carried and accordingly it was directed that the amounts and details be supplied to the members and to the Press.

9703.—RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE : In connection with Clr. Kelly's notice of motion regarding publication of poundages paid to each rate collector for period from 1st March, 1954 to 31st March, 1955, the Chairman stated that the County Manager fixed their remuneration. Clr. Kelly stated that no useful purpose would then be served by pursuing his notice of motion.

9704.—NEXT APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR : In connection with Clr. Kelly's notice of motion that the next appointment of rate collector be made on a salary basis by competitive examination with Leaving Certificate Standard, it was pointed out that the salary and conditions of employment of the next appointment to be made had already been settled and advertised. Clr. Kelly accordingly said that he would adjourn his notice of motion to the next succeeding one.

9705.—CHAIR OF AGRICULTURE—UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY : In connection with Clr. Kelly's notice of motion, it was proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved : "That the Galway County Council take immediate steps to support University College, Galway, in its request to have a chair of Agriculture established there."

It was directed that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr. Dillon, Minister for Agriculture.

Clr. J. J. Ruane said that a similar request was made by the Galway County Committee of Agriculture over two years ago.

9706.—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT ROUNDSTONE : On the proposal of Senator Mannion, seconded by Clr. Ashe, the Council approved of the County Engineer's report regarding the provision of eight public lights in Roundstone.

9707.—PUBLIC LATRINE, ROUNDSTONE : Regarding Senator Mannion's Notice of Motion, the Council directed that the County Engineer investigate with a view to the location of a suitable site for a public latrine at Roundstone.

9708.—PUMP NEAR NEW SCHOOL, BALLYTURN, GORT : Consideration of Deputy Lahiff's notice of motion re erection of a pump near the new school at Ballyturn, Gort, was adjourned pending completion of an application form by the residents and receipt of the report of the County Medical Officer of Health thereon.

9709.—ROAD FROM MAREE CROSS ROADS TO TAWIN : In connection with Deputy Lahiff's Notice of Motion that the road from Maree Cross to Tawin be rolled, the County Engineer said that this road was low on the priority list but he promised to review it when the list was being considered again.

9710.—ROAD FROM MAIN TRUNK ROAD AT BALLYTURN TO GORT—SCARRIFF TRUNK ROAD AT INCHABOY : On the proposal of Deputy Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Lambert the Council requested the County Engineer to include in the five year plan for rolling the road from the main trunk road at Ballyturn leading to the Gort—Scarriff trunk road at Inchaboy.

9711.—LISMANY AND KYLEMORE BRIDGES : Clr. O'Dowd stated that the Minister for Local Government told the deputation that a grant would be available for the Clonfert Bridge and that grants would be available for the Lismany and Kylemore Bridges provided that they were taken over by the Council and he suggested that application be made to the Irish Land Commission also for grants. The County Engineer was directed to prepare a scheme for the lowering of the bridges and to submit it to the Department of Local Government to ascertain what grants would be forthcoming and the Council decided to defer further consideration until then.

The Council, on the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Lahiff, confirmed that Clr. O'Dowd was appointed on the deputation to the Minister for Local Government in addition to those mentioned in Minute No. 9450.

9712.—DERELICT SITES AT EYRECOURT AND LAURENCE-TOWN : Clr. O'Dowd was asked by the Chairman, in connection with his notice of motion, to supply to the County Secretary a list of all derelict sites at Eyrecourt and Laurencetown so that the Council could consider taking them over.

9713.—ERECTION OF PUMP AT TAWIN, MAREE, ORAN-MORE : County Engineer's report of the 5th August, 1955, was considered in which it was stated that this pump was not yet on the priority list. The Council agreed to the County Engineer's recommendation that the services of a Water Diviner be availed of.

9714.—ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT BALLYEIGHTER, AUGHTRIM : Clr. O'Dowd was informed that work on the erection of ten new cottages at Ballyeighter, Aughtrim would begin very shortly.

9715.—PUMP AT GARRYMORE, KILCONNELL : County Engineer's report dated the 2nd August, 1955, regarding the delay in finishing the new pump at Garrymore, Kilconnell was considered. The report was approved, and the Council agreed to the County Engineer's recommendations.

9716.—PUBLIC LIGHTING, LAURENCE-TOWN : Clr. O'Dowd was advised that the Electricity Supply Board had been requested to provide 4 light at Laurencetown.

9717.—HOSPITAL BILLS : On the proposal of Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. Galvin the Council requested the County Manager to make arrangements so as to ensure that Councillors would be notified in future whether or not their recommendations regarding hospital bills were accepted.

9718.—KILLIMOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME : Clr. Carty proposed and Deputy Lahiff seconded that "Our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Book of Reference in connection with the Killimor Water Supply Scheme."

9719.—EXTENSION TO KNOCKNACARRA WATER SUPPLY : County Engineer's report was submitted stating that the estimated cost of this work was £2,300. The Council directed that provision be made for this Scheme in the Estimate of Expenses, year ending 31st March, 1957.

9720.—BARNA WATER SUPPLY : The Council were informed that it was hoped to have received tenders for this work within the next two months.

9721.—SPIDDAL WATERWORKS EXTENSION : The County Engineer's report dated 6th August, 1955, regarding the extension of the Spiddal Water Supply Scheme to serve 10 Council cottages was considered and his recommendation agreed to. The Council decided to make provision for this work in the Estimate of Expenses, year ending 31st March, 1957.

9722.—MOYCULLEN WATERWORKS EXTENSION : Regarding the extension of Moycullen Water Supply Scheme to serve a further two houses, the Council was informed that no provision had been made for this work in the current year's estimate of expenses.

9723.—CLOONFUSH PUMP : Clr. James Donnellan asked what was the delay in the completion of Cloonfush Pump.

9724.—COTTAGES AT CROW STREET, GORT : Deputy Lahiff enquired when compensation of £225 would be paid to Mr. Patrick Glynn for removal of his carpentry shop from Crow Street.

9725.—INISHTURBOT WATER SUPPLY : Clr. Joyce was advised that work was proceeding on the completion of the new well at Inishturbot.

9726.—TRAFFIC SIGNS AT ISLANDS IN GALWAY AND SALTHILL : Clr. Greene regretted that traffic signs at the islands in Galway and Salthill were in the English language only. The County Engineer explained that these were only temporary and

that new bollards were on order which he assured the Council would be in both Irish and English.

9727.—TOGHERMORE REABLEMENT CENTRE : On the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt, the Council approved the appointment of Clr. James Donnellan on the Board of Governors of the Toghermore Reablement and Training Centre, Toghermore, Tuam, in place of Mr. Michael Nicholson, Dangan, Dereen.

9728.—EYRECOURT DISPENSARY AND DISPENSARY RESIDENCE : It was proposed by Clr. O'Dowd, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved : "That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £5,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the provision of a Dispensary and Dispensary Residence at Eyrecourt ; 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."

9729.—SYMPATHY. : Votes of sympathy were unanimously passed with the following :—

The relatives of the late Mrs. L. E. O'Dea, Fort Lorenzo, Taylor's Hill, Galway.

The Folan family, Doogheer, Carna, on the death of their mother.
Mr. Michael Walsh, Old Church Street, Athenry, on the death of his brother.

Mr. Martin Treacy, Glasshouse Overseer, Spiddal, on the death of his mother.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Máiream Ó Cuirrim Chairman.

Date: 24th Mean Fomhair '55.

COMHAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMH.

Oifig an Runaí,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

16adh Mean Fomhair, 1955.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Chuig gac Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ar Cruinniú de Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Dia Sathairn, 24adh Mean Fomhair, 1955, at 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Rúnaí.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 16 District. (List of candidates will be supplied later).
3. Overdraft arrangements for quarter to 31st December, 1955.
4. Loan of £15,000 for Tuam Fire Station - completion of Mortgage Deed.
5. Raising of a loan of £4,300 for provision of a Dispensary Residence at Clifden.
6. Raising of a loan of £1050 for provision of a watermain to serve Town Commissioners' houses at St. Bridget's, St. Paul's and McHale Terraces, Tuam.
7. Raising of a loan for purchase and improvement of Loughrea Fairgreen, etc.
8. Galway Harbour Commissioners letter of 11. 8. 1955 in connection with overdraft guarantee.
9. Improvement of pier at Keeraun, Cashla - estimated cost £1500 of which the Council is requested to contribute £375 and maintain the work when completed.
10. Remuneration of Orthopaedic Surgeon, Mr. M. G. Little - proposed increase of £200 a year in lieu of income from private beds.
11. Creation of the Office of Paediatrician.
12. Scholarships Schemes for 1956:
 - (a) University.
 - (b) Secondary and Vocational.
13. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 - Schemes for current year.
14. Main Road Improvement Grant - County Engineer's letter of 13. 9. 1955.
15. Agreement with Bord Failte Eireann to carry out works financed by grants from the Bord.

16. Visiting Committee Minutes.
17. Library Association Council Conference - appointment of delegates.
18. County Councils General Council - Minutes of meeting 5/5/55.
19. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
- (a) Clr. T. Hanley - "Take notice that I intend to ask the Co. Manager to extend the Woodford Waterworks to accommodate 21 householders at Coot Hill and Knockauncarra."
- (b) Clr. T. Ridge:-
- (1) I propose to move at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that the Waterworks in Lettermore will be extended to Annaghvane.
 - (2) I propose to move at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the County Engineer will be asked to reconsider the Grant from the Tourist Board and the Local Government Grant amounting to £148,000 until such time as South Connemara will get its fair share of the grants."
- (c) Deputy J. Geophegan:
- (1) That an Engine be supplied immediately for Callowfeenish Waterworks to replace the Windmill which hasn't been functioning properly.
 - (2) That a Sewerage Scheme be provided for Carna.
 - (3) That a hand-pump be supplied at John Green's house, Mynish, Carna - to supply water to Mynish.
 - (4) That a doctor's residence and Dispensary be erected at Oughterard as soon as possible.
 - (5) That Co. Engineer take steps immediately to prevent destruction of graves by rabbits at Mynish Cemetery."
- (d) Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that four public lightes be provided for in Kilkerrin."
- (e) Clr. M. Mannion:
- (1) "At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose to have a pump sunk, and put No. 1 on the priority list to replace the abandoned one at Guilka, Skehenagh.
 - (2) I will propose to have the following road-side spring wells protected by means of a wall and gate, (a) Lower Killasolan, (b) Kilcoust, Tomard."
- (f) Clr. M. O'Donnell:
- (1) "I propose that the lights already agreed be placed on Rossaveel Pier. The pier at the moment is very dangerous to boatmen.
 - (2) That a water supply be made available to Inverin Area."
- (g) Clr. M. Carty and Deputy R. Lahiff: "We or some other member acting on our behalf shall move the following - that this Council make application to An Bord Failte for a grant to widen, improve and tar the road leading off the main Galway-Limerick road to Traught Strand near Kinvara and to provide the necessary amenities including a promenade and seats at the Traught Strand."
- (h) Clr. James Donnellan:
- (1) "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting that people in the rural areas get a supply of water for drinking and other use the water they have is not fit for human consumption in all these villages inc. Cloontua Tuam, Weirs, Tuam, Mylane, Tuam, Toghermore, Tuam, Cloonmore, Tuam, Ballinpark, Caherlistrane, Imonaghmore, Barnaderg.
 - (2) I will also move at the next meeting that a wall in Tuindaly Rd., Tuam, be removed and road widened as it is dangerous corner.
 - (3) I will also move that wall that is down or fall between Paddy Farrinton house and Lee's shop be repaired as it is very dangerous in winter time there is nothing to stop people or children from falling in to deep water.
 - (4) There are also houses in Killanoneagh village that should be demolished for a long time and they give a bad scent as you pass the way."
- (i) Clr. P. Kelly: "I or someone on my behalf shall move at the next meeting of the Council that a pump be erected as near as possible to the girls national school at Corofin, Tuam."

- (j) Clr. M. O'Donnell: "I will request the Co. Council at next meeting to extend Carraroe Waterworks as far as Toureen Cross Road."
- (k) Clr. P.D. Joyce: "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the County Council cottages be built at Clifden without further delay."
- (l) Deputy R. Lahiff: "Please note that at the next meeting of Co. Council I will propose that in the proposed water scheme for Clarinbridge that the original scheme be adhered to that is, extension to serve The Weir, Kilcolgan."
- (m) Clr. J.J. Ruane: "Take notice that I, or someone acting on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the Sewerage and Water Supply be extended for an approx. distance of 55 yards, from Prospect, Athery, to enable 3 houses which are to be built there to be connected with both supplies, the sites of which have already been sold, and transferred to the owners in question."
- (n) Clr. T. King: "I will ask why Dispensary at Cahermorris (Headford District) has been closed and I will move that same be reopened or new Dispensary erected."
- (o) Clr. J. Dowd:
- (1) "I will ask the County Engineer to have the No. 2 pump at Abbylands, Eyrecourt deepened and protected.
 - (2) I will propose at our next meeting that the Council make money available to make about 150 yds. of new road to the Fahy Eyrecourt cemetery."
- (p) Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman: "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council that the Minister for Local Government be asked to reconsider his decision in the case of Michael Kelly, Caretaker, Waterworks, Athery, as to allow him to be paid from April to August."
20. Replies to Questions already submitted by Members.
21. Headford O.A.P. sub-committee - letter 11/9/55 from Clr. P. Kelly.
22. Other business.

COMAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifis an Rúnairé,

na Foinsníste Condae,

An Dócar Mór, Gaillimh.

28ú Fómhair, 1955

A CARA,

Cuirim súgáil leis seo, cóip de Mion-Tuairisc Crumhíste
Comhairle Condae (Uimhir 9730-9782) a tionsóladh ar an 24ú
Meán Fómhair, 1955

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó LUANAIGH.

Rúnairé.

Cuid na n-ádhomh seo leanas :—

Súil Dall de Chomhairle Condae na Gaillimhe.
An Contae Innealltóir.
An Ciseóir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teó., Gaillimh.
An Uilseadóir Condae.
An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Soisialais.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1955.

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

Also Present : Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan (James), Donnellan (John), Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Senator Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, M. O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane (James), Ruane (Patrick), SIRR and Wall.

9730—Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting to 9729 inclusive were submitted.

Clr. P. Kelly referred to Minute No. 9702 and stated that the return of members' travelling expenses furnished did not give particulars of expenses for some committees, e.g., Agricultural and Vocational Education Committees, nor for the Mental Hospital Board.

The Chairman explained that particulars of the expenses paid to members of the Mental Hospital Board or the Agricultural and Vocational Education Committees are not available in the offices of the Council, and that the Council has no authority to demand this information.

Clr. Kelly proposed and Deputy Coogan seconded that a request for this information be sent to the other Bodies concerned, but the matter was not pursued further.

Deputy Killilea asked why it is proposed by the County Manager to remunerate the Rate Collector for No. 16 District on a salary basis, while the Council's resolution expressly stated that the Collector should be remunerated on a poundage basis. The Secretary explained that particulars of the Council's resolution and the Manager's personal recommendation were conveyed to the Minister for Local Government, and that the Minister had sanctioned remuneration for this Rate Collector on a salary basis.

Deputy Killilea proposed that the Rate Collector for No. 16 District be appointed on a poundage basis.

In reply to Clr. Kelly's enquiry as to why this alteration in the remuneration basis had not been made earlier, the Secretary explained that the increase in rates in recent years made it more necessary to stabilise the remuneration of Rate Collectors.

Clr. King pointed out that he had submitted a question on this point for that meeting and that from the information supplied in regard to the proposed remuneration for the new Collector and the

actual remuneration of the former Collector, it was not apparent that any economy would result from the alteration to a salary basis of remuneration.

The Chairman stated that he expected that the County Manager would have regard to the Council's resolution on this matter, and the Chairman and Deputy Killilea stated that if the Rate Collector for No. 16 District is appointed on a salary basis, he is likely to be the only Collector in the county who will be so remunerated.

Deputy Lahiff was informed that a Compulsory Purchase Order was being sealed on the day of the meeting in respect of a plot at Gort, with a view to simplifying the question of title, so that compensation might be paid quickly.

Deputy Geoghegan asked why the earnings of people who went to England and returned to erect a house were taken into account for application for a supplementary housing grant.

On the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Lahiff the minutes to No. 9729 inclusive were approved.

9731—Rate Collector for No. 16 District: The list of twelve eligible applicants for the post of Rate Collector in No. 16 District was submitted.

Deputy Killilea and Clr. Flaherty stated that a candidate who was graded as competent in Irish on a previous occasion failed to reach the competent standard on the present occasion.

Clr. Carty suggested that there be three Irish examiners instead of one in examining candidates for the position of Rate Collector.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt,

"That having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for No. 16 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."

Clr. Flaherty proposed that the appointment be adjourned for one week to have the candidates re-examined in Irish. This proposal was not seconded.

Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. Burke, proposed a direct negative to Clr. Carty's proposal.

Clr. Wall requested that Clr. Kelly would withdraw his proposal and submit a Notice of Motion in regard to it as the Council should retain this important function which is theirs.

Senator Mannion stated that he was not in favour of Clr. Kelly's proposal; that the Council should be entitled to appoint to the position of Rate Collector a qualified candidate who would be in need of the position rather than a higher qualified candidate who did not need the appointment.

A vote taken on Clr. Kelly's amendment resulted as follows :

For : Clrs. Burke, Coogan, Donnellan (James), Galvin, Kelly, Lambert and Ridge (7)

Against : Clrs. Ashe, Canning Carty, Collins, Donnellan (John), Dowd, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion, J., Mannion, M., O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane (J.) Ruane (P.) and SIRR (23).

Clr. Wall did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. Kelly's amendment defeated and as the vote on Clr. Carty's proposal was taken as 23 for and 7 against, Clr. Carty's proposal was declared carried.

The following candidates were proposed :—

Mr. Patrick M. Neary (No. 10)—Proposed by Clr. SIRR and seconded by Clr. Wall.

Mr. Michael Mannion (No. 9)—Proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Lahiff

Mr. Norman Farragher (No. 4)—Proposed by Clr. Ridge, seconded by Clr. Galvin.

Mr. Michael Donnellan (No. 3.)—Proposed by Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. Collins.

Mr. Patrick G. M. Heaney, (No. 7)—Proposed by Clr. Burke, seconded by Clr. Kelly.

Miss Margaret Geraghty (No. 5)—Proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. Burke.

The full list of candidates, viz., 1 to 12 inclusive—proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. SIRR.

Clr. Flaherty stated that in deference to Clr. SIRR, he was now withdrawing his proposal of Michael Donnellan (No. 3).

A vote taken resulted as follows :—

For Mr. Michael Donnellan—Clrs. Donnellan (James) and Flaherty (2).

For Mr. N. Farragher—Clrs. Galvin and Ridge (2).

For Miss M. Geraghty—Clrs. Kelly and Ruane, Patk. (2).

For Mr. Patrick Heaney—Clrs. Burke and Coogan (2).

For Mr. Michael Mannion—Clrs. Ashe, Carty, Donnellan (John)

Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion (M), O'Donnell, Quinn, and Ruane (James)

—17.

For Mr. Patk. M. Neary—Clrs. Canning, Collins, Lambert, Mannion (John), SIRR and Wall (6).

Mr. Michael Mannion, Laught, Moylough, (Candidate No. 9), having obtained a majority of the votes cast was declared by the Chairman appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No. 16 district, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the Conditions of Appointment for that position.

9732—Overdraft :—It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by

Clr. Flaherty and resolved :

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on the Council's Revenue Account not exceeding £100,000 for the Quarter Ending 31st December, 1955."

9733—*Rates:—Discount*: In connection with the proposal for obtaining overdraft accommodation, Clr. Flaherty suggested that a discount be given to the ratepayers who would pay full rates earlier in the year, i.e., by the month of August. The County Manager explained that it would require fresh legislation to enable the Council to do this, and that since the first moiety of the rates is due on service of the demand note and the second moiety on the 1st October, he considered that the law should provide for a penalty for the persons who delay payment rather than for a discount for those who pay early.

9734—*Tuam Fire Station*: It was proposed by Clr. M. Carty, seconded by Clr. Michael 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 Fifteen Thousand Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952 and the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."

9735—*Loughrea Vocational School*: It was proposed by Clr. Michael Carty, seconded by Clr. Michael 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 Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Acts, 1930 to 1947."

Clr. Carty now took the Chair :

9736—*Clifden Dispensary Residence*: It was proposed by Clr. Joyce, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved :

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,300 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a Dispensary Residence at Clifden; 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."

9737—*Tuam Water Supply*: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan and resolved :

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1050 from the Treasurer for extension of the Watermain to the Town Commissioners' houses at St. Bridget's Terrace, St. Paul's Terrace, McHale Terrace, Tuam; the loan to be repayable by instalments

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over a period of five years with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

Deputy Killilea requested that information be available for him at the next meeting as to provision being made for extension of the watermain to Ballygaddy Road and to Maloney's house at Ballymote, Tuam.

9738—*Loughrea Fairgreen*: The County Manager asked the Council to decide if the existing Fairgreen should be improved or whether an alternative site for a Fairgreen be sought elsewhere.

Clr. Carty stated that the Town Commissioners had consulted the local farming interests, and at two meetings of the Town Commissioners, it was unanimously recommended that the Council improve the existing Fairgreen.

The County Engineer's Estimates of the 10th September, 1954, and 31st August, 1955, were submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Clr. M. Carty and resolved :

"That the Council approve the raising of a loan of £17,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works for improvement of the existing Fairgreen at Loughrea, and for the provision of a Weighbridge; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of twenty-five years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

9739—*Galway Harbour Commissioners*: Letter, 11th August, 1955, from the Galway Harbour Commissioners was submitted, explaining that while the County Council had guaranteed an additional overdraft of £9,500 on the Harbour Commissioners' Account for repairs to the Dun Aengus Dock Gates, in fact only 50% approximately of that sum is required for that purpose, the remaining 50% being sought to ensure a working margin for current expenses which will have to be met from the Commissioners' General Maintenance Account pending receipt of instalments of State Grants being allocated.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved :

"That the Council hereby approve the utilisation of the Overdraft Accommodation for the purposes described in Galway Harbour Commissioners' letter of the 11th August, 1955."

9740.—*PIER AT KEERAUN, CASHLA*: It was proposed by Clr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and unanimously resolved :

"That subject to the County Engineer's recommendation that the Council accede to the request of the Special Employment Schemes Office, the Council hereby approve the making of a contribution not exceeding £375 towards the cost of improvements to

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the pier at Keeraun, Cashla, as described in letter S.W.1/10/142 of the 10th September, 1955, from the Director, Special Employment Schemes, Office, Dublin, and that the Council further agree to maintain this improvement work when it will be completed.

9741.—*ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON'S SALARY*: The County Manager explained that according to Surgeon M. G. Little's Conditions of Appointment, he is entitled to the use of four private beds; that he did not seek those beds and as he was devoting his entire time to his official duties, the Council's approval is requested to pay Surgeon Little an allowance at the rate of £200 a year for the period from 11th August, 1950, to 30th September, 1955, as compensation for his loss of income from private beds; that private beds will be made available for Surgeon Little from 1st October, 1955, and that the additional payment now recommended will be borne by Counties Mayo, Roscommon and Galway in proportion to their valuation.

On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Senator J. Mannion, the Council approved the making of the payment of £200 a year to Surgeon Little for the period from 11th August, 1950, to 30th September, 1955, as compensation for his loss of income for private beds.

The County Manager informed Clr. P. Kelly that Surgeon Little is employed by the Galway County Council, but he is required by his Conditions of Appointment to give services to the Western Health Institutions Board and to the Western Health Region.

9742.—*CHILDREN IN WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL*: Deputy Geoghegan requested that provision of education for children in Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital be expedited.

The County Manager explained that the Department's approval has been sought to the utilisation of a chalet as a schoolroom; that accommodation is the only obstacle to the starting of teaching arrangements.

9743.—*PAEDIATRICIAN*: It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Kelly, and resolved :

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of the office of Paediatrician to the Galway County Council, with salary of £800 per annum inclusive of all temporary bonus at present payable, and the use of not more than two beds in the Children's Unit of the Hospital for treatment of the Appointee's private patients, and in accordance with the other Conditions of Appointment for this position prescribed by the Minister for Health."

9744.—*STUDENT TECHNICIANS*: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kelly and resolved :

"That the Council's approval to the creation of two further whole-time, temporary and non-pensionable offices of Student Technician in the Pathological and Bacteriological Departments at the Galway Central Hospital, with remuneration on the scale already approved for Student Technicians."

9745.—*SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES, 1956*: It was proposed by Clr. P. Kelly, seconded by Clr. James Ruane and resolved :

"That the Council hereby formulate a Scheme for University Scholarships (ordinary and agricultural) for the year 1956 similar to that for the year 1955, with the exception of an amendment in the Clause IV (2) (i), providing for an allowance of £50 for each child who will be under sixteen years of age on 1st April, 1956, instead of for each child after the first child."

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. James Ruane and resolved :

"That the Council hereby formulate a Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational and other approved schools for the year 1956 similar to that for the year 1955, with the exception of an amendment in Clause IV (1) providing for an allowance of £50 for each child who would be under sixteen years of age on 1st January, 1956, and the alteration of the title and the incorporation of the additional Clause suggested in Department of Education Circular letter of the 20th July, 1955."

9746.—*LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS ACT), 1949*:

The County Engineer's list of twelve schemes as furnished with his letter of the 25th August, 1955, plus two additional schemes submitted on 24th September, 1955, were placed before the Council and approved on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell.

Clr. Carty drew attention to the bad condition of the Walks River, Loughrea, and the County Engineer stated that it would receive early attention.

9747.—*MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT*: The County Engineer's report of the 13th September, 1955, was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the transfer of £3,850 from Scheme No. 11, Maam-Cross—Oughterard road diversion at Bunakill to improvement of Bealadangan-Screeb road.

9748.—*BORD FAILTE*: The County Manager explained that if the Council completes an Agreement with any other Local Authority or with a Statutory Body under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, the officers of the Council will be obliged to carry out the works to which such Agreements would relate; that an Agreement of this nature would cover the carrying out of works

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on behalf of An Bord Failte, the cost of which would be defrayed by a grant from Bord Failte Eireann. It was decided that the Council is in favour of the completion of such Agreement with Bord Failte Eireann.

Clr. O'Donnell stated that in his opinion, it is more desirable that Bord Failte grants should be spent on such works as improvement of roads to strands rather than on the preservation of ancient monuments.

9749.—VISITING COMMITTEE : The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee, having already been circulated to the members of the Council, were submitted, viz:—

Central Hospital, Galway: 23rd July, 1955.
Clifden Hospital: 18th August, 1955.
Children's Home, Tuam: 1st September, 1955.

Clr. King requested that the capitation grant for children in Tuam Home would be increased as soon as possible.

Clr. Carty pressed for the provision of danger signs on the road at Clifden Hospital.

The County Manager stated that he has considered the Visiting Committee's recommendation for the granting of a rent allowance to the porter at Clifden Hospital and had refused such allowance.

9750.—ROAD SIGNS : Clr. Carty requested that the County Engineer provide signs in Loughrea which would indicate clearly the roads to be taken to places north of that Town.

9751.—LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE : On the proposition of Clr. James Ruane, seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council approved the attendance of the following delegates at the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland, which was held in Cork from 12th to 16th September, 1955.

Crs. M. Carty and M. F. Kitt, and Mr. P. J. White, Acting County Librarian.

9752.—COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL : Minutes of meeting of the County Council's General Council of 5th May, 1955, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted.

9753.—RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE : Letter 15th September, 1955, from the Secretary to the above Committee, was submitted, stating that it was proposed to carry out additional work on the district, which could most suitably be carried out during the present year at an additional total cost of £400, of which the Galway County Council's contribution would be £144 12s. 4d.

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Dowd,

the Council approved the making of a contribution of £144 12s. 4d. to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee in addition to the amount for which provision had been made in the current year's estimate.

9754.—CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE : Minutes of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee which was held on 27th August, 1955, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and approved.

9755.—WOODFORD WATERWORKS : In reply to Clr. Hanly's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that the extension of Woodford Water Supply to Cuthill and Knockauncarra, was included in a list of schemes which was submitted for approval by the Department of Local Government; that the Department approved the carrying out of only six of these schemes initially, and that the extension at Woodford would have a high priority on the second list of these schemes which will be carried out.

9756.—LETTERMORE WATERWORKS : In reply to his N.O.M. Clr. Ridge was informed that the County Medical Officer's report had been sought on the recommendation that the Lettermore Water Supply be extended to Annaghvane; that in the meantime the County Engineer's report had been obtained stating that the cost would be approximately £1,000.

9757.—ROAD GRANT WORKS : In reply to Clr. Ridge's N.O.M. the County Engineer explained that County Road Improvement Grant Works are carried out in accordance with the Five-Year Plan which has been approved by the Council; that in the current year approximately £20,000 is being spent on road improvement works in the south Connemara area, and that £1,500 is being allocated for the provision of a suitable bridge in lieu of the existing Kiggeal swing bridge.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

9758.—CALLOWFEENISH WATERWORKS : In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's N.O.M. the County Engineer's report of the 30th August, 1955, was submitted, recommending that provision of an engine, together with necessary pumphouse and other equipment be made in the estimate for the year 1956/57.

The County Manager considered that it would be more appropriate to include this work in the next loan schemes for extension, etc., of existing water supplies.

9759.—CARNA SEWERAGE : In reply to Deputy Geogh-

agan's N.O.M. the County Medical Officer's report of 1st September was submitted, and the County Manager stated that he is not prepared to approve provision of a sewerage scheme for the small village of Carna.

9760.—MYNISH WATER SUPPLY : In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's N.O.M. County Engineer's report was submitted stating that the estimated cost of the work is £250 and recommending that the County Medical Officer's report be obtained on the necessity for the work, before any further action be taken.

It was decided that the County Medical Officer's report be obtained.

9761.—OUGHTERARD DISPENSARY RESIDENCE : In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's N.O.M. the County Manager stated that he had been informed very recently that the District Medical Officer in Oughterard does not require and does not desire that an official residence should be provided for him; that the position in regard to the Oughterard Dispensary is still being investigated.

9762.—MYNISH BURIAL GROUND : In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, it was explained that it is not feasible to take action to prevent the entrance of rabbits into the cemetery while it might be possible to destroy the rabbits already there.

9763.—KILKERRIN PUBLIC LIGHTING : In reply to his N.O.M. Clr. Flaherty was informed that the question of providing public lighting in Kilkerrin was being investigated, but that funds will not be available for provision of lighting there during the current financial year.

9764.—WATER SUPPLY AT GUILKAGH, SKEHENAGH : Clr. Mannion was, in reply to his N.O.M. informed by the County Manager that the pump at Guilkagh was abandoned as the people objected to the taste of the water, and furthermore, the pumphead was damaged maliciously on several occasions; that the possibility of improving a well situated on the lands of William Glynn, Guilka, Menlough, is being investigated.

9765.—WELLS AT LOWER KILLASOLAN AND KILCUST, TOOMARD : Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that he was unable to trace the wells to which Clr. Mannion's N.O.M. 19 (d) (2) referred. Clr. Mannion stated that he would give further information to Mr. Cullinan on this point.

9766.—ROSSAVEAL PIER—LIGHTS : It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That provision be made in the Council's estimate for the next financial year for erecting guiding lights at Rossaveal Pier at a cost of £453 in accordance with the County Engineer's Estimate."

The County Engineer undertook to enquire into the possibility of meeting the cost of the work from any balance available from Piers and Harbours in the current year's estimate.

9767.—INVERIN WATER SUPPLY : Consideration of Clr. O'Donnell's N.O.M. 19 (f) (2) was at his request adjourned until next meeting.

9768.—ROAD TO TRAUGHT STRAND, KINVARA : Deputy Lahiff proposed and Clr. Carty seconded that the Council seek a Bord Failte grant for improvement of the road to Traught Strand at Kinvara.

The County Engineer pointed out that Bord Failte will not give a grant for improvement of a road for the maintenance of which the Council is responsible.

Clr. Carty who stated that the road is in very bad condition, requested that a grant be sought from An Bord Failte to develop the beach and that the improvement of the road be included in next year's estimate.

The County Engineer stated that he will enquire into the possibility of obtaining a special road grant from the Department of Local Government for this purpose, seeing that the place in question is part of the fíor-Gaeltacht.

9769.—PUMPS FOR CLOONTUA, TUAM, Etc. : In connection with Clr. Donnellan's N.O.M. 19 (h), Mr. Cullinan, Chief A.C.E., stated that no information is available in regard to Cloontua, and Imonaghmore, and requested that Clr. Donnellan would give further particulars; that a petition form which was sent out for the Weir, Tuam, was not completed and returned; that a pump was provided in 1949 in the Townland of Beaghmore, Caheristrane, and if a further pump is required it will be necessary to have a petition form completed; that the question of providing pumps for Sylau, Toghermore and Cloonmore is being investigated, but these pumps, if approved, will not be on any priority list.

9770.—ROADSIDE WALLS : Clr. Donnellan was informed of the County Engineer's report that the removal of the wall at Tullinadaly Road would be a costly job; that, however, the major portion of this wall on the top of the hill has already been removed, by the contractor who is erecting the cottages there.

The County Engineer's report was submitted stating that the wall between Paddy Farrington's house and Lee's shop is being repaired.

9771.—DERELICT HOUSES AT KILLANONEEGH: In connection with Clr. Donnellan's N.O.M. the County Engineer stated that the houses in this village were rendered derelict by the fact that the Land Commission transferred the families to other parts of the country.

It was recommended that the matter be taken up with the Land Commission.

9772.—PUMP AT COROFIN SCHOOL: Clr. Kelly was informed in reply to his N.O.M. that a pump is about to be provided in the near future at the Boys' School, and this pump, which will be within 500 yards of the Girls' School will be sufficient for the area.

9773.—CARRAROE WATER SUPPLY: Clr. O'Donnell was informed that the County Engineer's report on his N.O.M. that the Carraroe Water Supply be extended to Tooreen Cross-Roads has been sought and is still being awaited.

9774.—CLIFDEN COTTAGES: In reply to his N.O.M. Clr. Joyce was informed that a tender which had been accepted for the erection of cottages at Clifden had been sent for sanction by the Department of Local Government.

Clr. Mannion complained of the long delay in proceeding with the erection of these cottages.

9775.—CLARENBRIDGE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy Lahiff, and seconded by Clr. Ruane that the Clarenbridge Water Supply Scheme be extended to include The Weir, Kilcolgan.

The County Manager explained that it is not feasible to do this now as the Council had already approved the scheme which is proceeding, i.e., by deleting Kilcolgan and the Weir village in view of the excessive cost that would be involved; that since The Weir village was to be served by the water tower at Kilcolgan, it cannot be supplied now that Kilcolgan is omitted from the Scheme; that erection of a fountain at the road junction would be considered.

9776.—ATHENRY WATER AND SEWERAGE: Clr. Ruane proposed that the Water and Sewerage services be extended for approximately 55 yds from Prospect, Athenry, so that three houses to be built there may be connected with these supplies.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer's report would be obtained on this proposal, but that if it is decided to carry out the work, the persons concerned will certainly be required to contribute in advance towards its cost.

9777.—CAHERMORRIS AND CURRANDULLA DIS-

PENSARIES: In reply to Clr. King's N.O.M. the Secretary stated that the old Dispensaries at both Currandulla and Cahermorris were in very bad order and when the question of replacing them arose, the County Engineer suggested that it might be feasible to have one dispensary at Currandulla to serve both areas; that this arrangement was approved by the two District Medical Officers concerned, by the County Medical Officer and by the Department of Health.

Clr. King stated that the Currandulla Dispensary is very remote from Feeragh and other places in that vicinity and requested that the County Manager would reconsider replacing Cahermorris Dispensary.

9778.—ABBEYLANDS PUMP: In connection with Clr. Dowd's N.O.M. the County Engineer's report was submitted stating that further deepening of this well was not recommended, by him, but protection of the well and provision of a new pumphead are being carried out at a cost of £38.

9779.—ROAD TO FAHY BURIAL GROUND, EYRE-COURT: The County Engineer's report was submitted stating that the estimated cost of providing a road to Fahy Cemetery is £123 5s. 0d.; that this work was abandoned previously owing to the fact that the owner of the land adjoining was not agreeable to the making of the road; that there are only about six burials in the cemetery in each year.

It was recommended that the County Engineer would again take up with the land owner in regard to the obtaining of his consent to the making of this road.

9780.—WATERWORKS CARETAKER, ATHENRY: It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Ruane and resolved: "That the Council recommend to the County Manager that the Minister for Local Government be requested to reconsider his decision in the case of Mr. Michael Kelly, late Caretaker of Athenry Waterworks, so as to permit payment of salary to Mr. Kelly for the period from 15th April to 15th August, 1955."

9781.—COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS: It was directed that the replies to questions submitted by members will be sent direct to the members concerned.

9782.—HOUSING GRANTS: Deputy Coogan requested that payment of Supplementary Housing Grants by the Council would be expedited.

Consideration of Item No. 21 on the Agenda was adjourned until next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE COMNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

21adh Deire Fomhair, 1955.

Chuir gao B'naill de'n Comhairle:

A Chara,
Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Comhairle Comndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Comndae, Dia Sathairn, 29adh Deire Fomhair, 1955, at 12. 30.p.m. a chlog.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Rate Collector for No: 35 District (Mr. M. Higgins) reaching Age Limit on 1st November, 1955.
3. Raising of loan for purchase and improvement of Loughrea Fairgreen.
4. Provision of a bridge at Rugealltown, Milltown.
5. Keeraun Pier - County Engineer's letter of 5. 10. 1955.
6. Adoption of a scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational and other Approved Schools for 1956.
7. Granting permission to a Galway City student to avail of a scholarship in St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe.
8. Creation of the position of Staff Officer in the Superintendent's Office at Galway Central Hospital.
9. Creation of the position of Clerk-Typist in the Radiography Department at Galway Central Hospital.
10. Revised salary for position of third Dental Surgeon for County Galway.
11. Visiting Committee Minutes.
12. Headford O.A.P. Sub-Committee - Letter 11. 9. 55 from Clr. P. Kelly re appointment of additional members.
13. Letter 3. 10. 1955 from the County Councils General Council requesting Notice of items for agenda.
14. Letter 3. 10. 55 from the Secretary, Feis Ceoil an Iarthair requesting the Council's support.
15. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
 - (a) Clr. M. O'Donnell: "That a Water Supply be made available to Inverin Area."

Submitted, approved and Confirmed

Muirín O'Connell

Date: 29th Oct. 1955

15. Councillors' Notices of Motion: (continued):

- (b) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting of Co. Council I will ask the Co. Engineer to widen, deepen and maintain the drain leading off Athenny Road, Loughrea, at Mr. Quine's land through Mr. P. Hanney's lands for a distance of 100 paces into the Cosmona River at Dempsey's Bridge."
- (c) Deputy M. Killilea: "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a scheme for the vesting of Labourers' Cottages in new tenants be prepared immediately."
- (d) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
 (1) "That the Council at the next meeting consider the payment of travelling allowance to County Council Supervisors.
 (2) That the County Council co-operate with the marine section of the Board of Works to repair the Pier known as Allindounaige Loughconneera."
- (e) Clr. M. Mannion:
 (1) "At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that an increase in wages be given to Co. Council road workers.
 (2) At the next meeting I will ask the Co. Manager what reply he has got from the Minister as regards the allocation of the present Housing Grant system discussed at our second last meeting.
 (3) I will ask the Co. Engineer to have roadside grass and clay removed opposite priest's house at Moylough and same sheeted and rolled to match that each side of it."
- (f) Clr. P. Ruane: "That water pumps should be erected as near as possible to country schools."
- (g) Clr. J. Ridge:
 (1) "I propose to move at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that the roads leading into the cemeteries of Barraderra Carraroe Myrus Bantragh and Knock Spiddal be immediately repaired and maintained by the Co. Council.
 (2) I also propose that Cogael Bridge will be widened so that the C.I.E. bus will be able to travel to Lettermullen."
- (h) Clr. J. Lambert:
 (1) "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting that work on the Ballyglass pump be started.
 (2) I or someone on my behalf will move that all Council workers get a break at 10 a.m. for fifteen minutes for tea for the winter months."
- (i) Clr. J. Glynn:
 (1) "That a protection wall be provided round well at Tubberally Farm Williamstown and a footpath be laid down to well.
 (2) That a protection wall be provided round well at Ballyroe Williamstown and entrance from road to well."
- (j) Clr. P.D. Joyce: "I or someone on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that:
 (1) The repair and improvement of Coolecloy Quay and Renvyle Quay for which monies were allocated by the County Council some years ago be carried out immediately as they are urgently necessary.
 (2) A loading bank for livestock be provided at Leenane.
 (3) A sheep dipping pond be provided at Galla, Roundstone."

16. Councillors' Questions.

17. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH
 COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON
 SATURDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, 1955.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. King, Carty, Wall, Senator J. Mannion, Doctors, MacCon, Brennan and O'Driscoll.

MINUTES: Minutes of previous meeting which was held on the 27th August, 1955, having been circulated to the members were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE: The Secretary stated that the total number of applications for General Medical Service Cards received was 6448, viz:-

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| Cards issued: | 5902. |
| Applications refused: | 329. |
| Applications still being considered: | 217. |
| | <hr/> 6448. |

The Chairman suggested that the District Medical Officers should exhort eligible patients who have not already done so, to make application for G.M.S. cards.

Clr. Carty stated that Martin Coy, Galway Road, Loughrea, who has only approximately £6 a week income and whose wife who had been invalided for two years, died recently, was refused a card and requested that his case be reconsidered.

It was also stated that when an application form includes persons who are too old to be regarded as dependents, fresh application forms should be issued to such persons.

The Secretary stated that this had been arranged already and that he would make sure that the arrangement is being operated.

MATERNITY SERVICE: It was noted that 57 doctors had completed the Maternity Service Agreement Forms of whom 37 are District Medical Officers (including two temporaries), the remaining 20 being private practitioners.

Dr. O'Driscoll recommended that laboratory tests which are necessary in connection with maternity cases be given free of charge, e.g., haemoglobin blood grouping and blood grouping necessary in connection with transfusions - and that where a blood transfusion is required by maternity case that it also be given free of charge. This recommendation was approved by the Committee.

Clr. Carty referred to the delay in delivery of supplies of drugs by the official contractors.

Dr. Brennan stated that frequently drugs such as auromycin are required and cannot be obtained without too much delay; that in such a case the doctor has no option but to send the patient to hospital, while if the drug was available, it might often be possible to treat the patient at home.

It was decided that the possibility of making a supply of such drugs available to District Medical Officers from the Galway Central Hospital would be considered.

MATERNITY GRANTS: It was noted that since 1st January, 1954, 2363 maternity grants had been approved and 697 applications for such grants had been refused.

DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following particulars of applications for disablement allowances received up to date of the meeting:-

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| Number Approved: | 657. |
| Number Refused: | 808. |
| Number still under consideration: | 258. |
| | <hr/> 1723. |

The Chairman was informed that not less than half of

the recipients are receiving the maximum allowance.

Clr. King considered that the means test is too severe.

Clr. Carty stated that in his opinion the means test was reasonable but that the medical test is too rigid, and mentioned the case of Martin Keane, "unkellin Street, Loughrea, who, in Mr. Carty's opinion, should have been granted a disablement allowance.

Senator Mannion mentioned the case of a man with an artificial limb who is unable to do labouring work which is the only type of work available for such a man in the area in question.

Dr. MacCon stated that in this case an artificial limb should not prevent the man from working and that when he was required to attend for provision of an artificial limb this man refused to do so.

Clr. Mannion stated that in his opinion the allowance should be given in a case where the type of work for which the applicant might be fit is not available for him.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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na Foréiríste Conroae,

An Bótar Mór, Galway.

6ao Samhain, 1955

A CARA,

Cuirim éisac, leis seo, cóip de Mion-Cuairseí Crúinníste

Meastóir (Uimhir 9783-9822) a tionscail ar an 29ao Deire

Foghair, 1955

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L. O LUANAIÉ,

Rúnairé

Cum na ndaoine seo leanas:—

Éac Dall de Chomhairle Conroae na Galway.

An Contae Innealltóir.

An Cisteóir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teo., Galway

An Uileadóir Conroae.

An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Sóisialaí.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 1955.

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

Also Present: Cirs. Burke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cirs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cirs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Cirs. King, Kitt, Deputy R. Lahiffe, Cirs. Lambert, Mannion M., Senator J. Mannion, Cirs. O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane, J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.

9783.—ADJOURNMENT: On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of sympathy with Most Rev. Doctor Rodgers and the clergy of the diocese of Killaloe on the death of Most Rev. Doctor Fogarty, Archbishop-Bishop was adopted unanimously and it was also resolved that as a mark of respect the meeting be adjourned to 1 p.m.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:—

Mr. V. P. Shields, Loughrea, on the death of his son.

The relatives of the late Father Geraghty, Maynooth Mission to China.

Mrs. Frank Healy, Rockmore, Athenry on the death of her husband.

The meeting was then adjourned until 1 p.m.

9784.—MINUTES: On resumption of the meeting, minutes of proceedings of previous meeting to 9782, having been circulated to the members, were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes, Clr. King pointed out that the premises formerly used as a dispensary at Cahermorris were not in bad order as was stated in Minute No. 9777.

The Secretary agreed that Clr. King's statement was correct, and that in fact Cahermorris Dipensary was abolished due to the fact that it was feasible to include it in the new dispensary at Currandulla.

9785.—RATE COLLECTOR No. 35 DISTRICT: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Glynn and resolved:

"That the employment of Mr. Martin Higgins, Rate Collector for No. 35 District, who will reach the age of 65 years on 1st November, 1955, be continued in a temporary capacity to 30th April, 1956."

Clr. Sirr pointed out that since the Rate Collector recently appointed for No. 46 District did not take up duty before 1st October, 1955, the ratepayers in that area will be obliged to pay both moieties of the rates within one half-year and he requested that the ratepayers be given an extension of time up to, say, the end of November, 1955, to pay the first moiety.

The County Manager pointed out that the date on which rates are due is fixed by law, and that neither the Council nor he can do anything to alter those dates.

The Chairman stated that the Collector will be aware of any case in which pressure for immediate payment will cause hardship and that at the end of the financial year the County Manager will have regard to the Collector's efforts to obtain payment of the rates.

9786.—LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN, Etc.: It was proposed by Clr. M. Carty, seconded by Deputy R. Lahiff, and resolved: "That the Council approve the raising of a loan of £22,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for purchase of the Fairgreen, Tolls and Market Rights at Loughrea, for improvement of the Fairgreen and for provision of a weighbridge; 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."

Clr. Carty referred to a letter which appeared in the Press recently in regard to the proposal to develop the existing fairgreen and stated that since the last meeting of the Council the Town Commissioners had again approved the Council's proposal to develop the existing fairgreen. Clr. Carty requested that when the plans for this development work will be available that they be sent to the Town Clerk, Loughrea, so that they may be examined by the farmers and other interested persons in the area.

9787.—FAIRS—GENERAL: In reply to Clr. Hanley's request, it was stated by the County Manager that he would consider making the loading bank at Portumna Fairgreen available to the public every day.

Senator Mannion intimated that he would later be seeking the Council's approval to provision of a fairgreen at Clifden and to the acquisition of the tolls and market rights there.

Clr. Lambert asked if the Council would purchase toll and market rights at Gort.

The Manager stated that the acquisition of tolls and market rights and the provision of fairgreens is a matter of policy to be decided by the Council.

9788.—RUSSELLTOWN BRIDGE: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Burke, the Council approved the work of providing a new bridge at Russelltown, Milltown, to replace the existing bridge damaged by floods and noted that the estimated cost of the work is £7,000.

9789.—CASTLEMOYLE BRIDGE: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Burke, the Council approved the work of providing a new bridge at Castlemoyle, to replace the existing bridge damaged by floods, and noted that the estimated cost of the work is £5,000.

9790.—KEERAUN PIER: The County Engineer's letters of the 5th and 28th October, 1955, were submitted explaining that there is a good pier at Rossaveel which is only three-quarters of a mile by sea and half a mile by land from the pier at Keeraun which the Special Employment Schemes Office proposes improving.

On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council confirmed the resolution adopted in Minute No. 9740 of the 24th September, 1955.

9791.—SCHOLARSHIPS: Letter 18th October, 1955, from the Department of Education, Primary Branch, was submitted, and it was directed that the Secretary would again communicate with the Department of Education in regard to the alteration in the means clause set out in the scheme for scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools, as formulated by the Council, and it was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Lahiffe and resolved: "That subject to the inclusion of the amendments approved by the Department of Education, the scheme for scholarships in secondary, vocational and other approved schools for 1956 be adopted."

It was proposed by Clr. Greene, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council grant permission to Mr. Augustine M. O'Gorman, Lower Salthill, Galway, to avail of a secondary scholarship awarded in 1955, in St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe, on the understanding that the amount of the scholarship would be the same as if this student attended a school in Galway city."

9792.—ADDITIONAL STAFF OFFICER: In connection with Item No. 8 on the Agenda, the County Manager explained that the Galway Central Hospital is the largest County Hospital in the State and that the work to be performed there by the clerical staff involves many matters other than the collection of amounts due for maintenance and treatment of patients; that the Lay Superintendent has been unable to keep this work up-to-date and that a recent report from a Checking Officer indicated the urgent necessity of providing a responsible senior Administrative Officer in the hospital in addition to the officers already provided there.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Wall that the position of Staff Officer in the Superintendent's Office at Central Hospital be not created.

It was proposed by Clr. Galvin and seconded by Clr. Kelly that the Council approve the creation of the position of Staff Officer in the Superintendent's Office at the Galway Central Hospital.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Deputy Coogan that consideration of this matter be adjourned for six months and that in the meantime a member of the existing clerical staff of the County Council be seconded to perform the duties necessary at the Central Hospital and that the person seconded be granted extra

remuneration for that work. In the course of a long discussion the following members opposed the creation of the position of Staff Officer, viz: Clrs. Collins, Sirr, Deputy Geoghegan, Senator Mannion, Clrs. Dowd, Carty, Flaherty, Joyce, Donnellan James, Deputy Killilea.

The following members spoke in favour of the creation of the position of Staff Officer, viz: Clrs. Kelly, Donnellan John, and Glynn.

A vote taken on Mr. Galvin's proposal that the position of Staff Officer in the Superintendent's Office at Galway Central Hospital be created, resulted as follows:

For: Clrs. Donnellan John, Galvin, Glynn, Greene, Kelly, Killilea, Lahiff, Mannion M., Quinn, Ruane P., and Wall.—(11).

Against: Clrs. Burke, Carty, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan (James), Dowd, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Lambert, Mannion John, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, and Sirr (18).

The Chairman declared Mr. Galvin's proposal lost and since the voting on Clr. Carty's proposal was taken as 18 for and 11 against, Clr. Carty's proposal was declared carried.

A vote taken on Clr. King's proposal resulted as follows:—
For: Clrs. Burke, Coogan, Dowd, Joyce, Kelly, King, Kitt, Mannion M., and Ridge.—(9).

Against: Clrs. Carty, Collins, Donnellan James, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Killilea, Lahiffe, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.—(15).

Clrs. John Donnellan and P. T. Galvin did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. King's proposal defeated.

Clrs. J. Glynn and John Donnellan stated that at the next meeting they would propose that the resolution refusing consent to the creation of this position of Staff Officer be rescinded and that the office be created.

9793.—CLERICAL STAFF, CENTRAL HOSPITAL: On the proposition of Clr. Glynn seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council unanimously approved the creation of the position of clerk-typist in the Radiology Department of the Central Hospital.

9794.—DENTAL SERVICES: On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council approved a revised salary scale of £975x£30 to £1,245 inclusive per annum for the position of third Dental Surgeon in the service of the Galway County Council.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

9795.—VISITING COMMITTEE: Minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee held at St. Brendan's Home on the 29th September, 1955, and at the Central Hospital on the 8th October, 1955, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted.

9796.—O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEES: It was proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved: "That the following additional members be appointed to the Tuam O.A.P. Sub-committee, viz:—

Mr. John Divilly, Headford.
Mr. Thomas Monaghan, Headford.
Mr. Arthur Curran, Headford.

It was proposed by Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved: "That the following additional members be appointed to the Portumna O.A.P. Sub-committee: viz:—

Mr. James Kirwan, Merchant, Killimor.
Mr. Ambrose Gormley, Killimor.
Mr. Thomas Meara, Killimor.

9797.—COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter of the 3rd instant from the County Councils' General Council requesting notice of matters for inclusion in the Agenda for December meeting was submitted and noted.

9798.—LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949: County Engineer's letter of the 27th October, 1955, and the list of schemes attached thereto which had already been circulated to the Councillors, viz., Schemes Nos. 15 to 105 inclusive, were submitted, and approved on the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd.

9799.—FEIS CEOIL AN IARTHAR: Letter of the 3rd October, 1955, from the Secretary, Feis Ceoil an Iarthar, copies of which were already circulated to the Councillors, was submitted. The Chairman explained that while the Council has no legal authority to contribute to the funds of this Body, he requested earnestly that the members individually give the Feis their full support.

9800.—INVERIN WATER SUPPLY: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved: "That the Council request the County Engineer to investigate the possibility of using Loch Carra as a source for supply of water to Inverin village and that if this is feasible, the Council approve the work on the understanding that a substantial Government contribution will be available towards repayment of the loan charges."

9801.—DRAIN AT ATHENRY ROAD, LOUGHREA: In connection with Clr. Carty's N.O.M. 15 (b), it was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved: "That where the County Council is responsible for causing the flooding of a person's land, steps should be taken by the Council to remedy the flooding and Clr. Carty stated that he would produce evidence to show that the flooding in the case mentioned in his N.O.M. 15 (b) was caused by the Council."

9802.—VESTING OF COTTAGES : In reply to Deputy Killilea's N.O.M. 15 (c) the Secretary explained that the preparation of a Vesting Scheme for cottages not included in the original schemes was deferred, as it was thought that it might be possible to include all new cottages erected in recent years in such scheme; that since there is such a long delay in erecting all the cottages required it will now be necessary to prepare the new Vesting Scheme and that it is intended that this work will be undertaken early in 1956.

9803.—TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD SUPERVISORS : It was directed that consideration of Deputy Geoghegan's N.O.M. 15 (d) (1) would be deferred to the roads meeting in December, 1955.

9804.—PIER AT ALLINDOURNAIG, LOUGHCON-EERA : Deputy Geoghegan requested that the Council would co-operate with the Office of Public Works in repair of this pier.

The County Engineer explained that a scheme for this work had not yet been submitted, but he presumed that the Council would consider such scheme favourably when it will be submitted.

9805.—WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS : Consideration of Clr. Mannion's N.O.M. 15 (e) (1) was adjourned to the roads meeting in December, on the result of a show of hands.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

9806.—HOUSING GRANTS : In reply to Clr. Mannion's N.O.M. letter 20th September, 1955, from the Department of Local Government was submitted, and the secretary explained that this did not alter the position previously existing, i.e., that the Council must take into account the income of the applicant himself no matter where it is earned.

Deputy Geoghegan and Clrs. Kitt and Wall expressed dissatisfaction with the refusal of the County Manager to make grants in certain cases, and on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Glynn, it was decided that a meeting of the Housing Committee would be held soon at which the County Solicitor would be present, and that in the meantime within the next week, the members would submit to the Secretary particulars of cases in which grants had been refused although the members considered that the applications in question should not have been refused.

9807.—ROAD AT MOYLOUGH : In reply to Clr. Mannion's N.O.M. 15 (e) (3), the County Engineer stated that the margin in question was 67 yards long by 4 yards wide by 1 yard high, and that since the road is 25 feet wide at this place, the removal of the roadside bank is not necessary; that the estimated cost of the work would be £154.

The Chairman considered that this work should be carried out by the parishoners and eventually it was decided to defer consideration of this proposal to the roads meeting in December.

9808.—PUMPS : In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's N.O.M. 15 (f), the Secretary explained that the Council's attitude hitherto has been that the Office of Public Works should provide new schools at places where a water supply would be available instead of erecting the school and later requiring the Council to provide the water supply.

On the proposal of Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Carty, the Council decided that the pump which is to be provided at Bullaun (near the school) shall be placed at the top of the priority list.

9809.—ROADS TO CEMETERIES : In response to Clr. Ridge's N.O.M. 15 (g) (1), it was directed that the County Engineer consider whether reasonable improvement of these roads can be carried out from the funds provided for burial grounds in the current year's estimate, since the roads leading to these burial grounds are not public roads and the estimated cost of reconstructing them is very high.

9810.—KIGGAUL BRIDGE : Clr. Ridge was informed that a scheme is being prepared for provision of a fixed concrete bridge to replace the existing swing bridge at Kiggaul, subject to the approval of the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

9811.—BALLYGLASS PUMP : Clr. Lambert was informed that a tender had been accepted for the sinking of a well and erection of a pump at Ballyglass, Ardrahan, but that the surety bond for this work had not been completed; that final notice had been issued to the Contractors to have the bond completed within ten days.

9812.—ROAD WORKERS : Clr. Lambert recommended that the Council's road workers get a break at 10 a.m. for fifteen minutes for tea during the winter months. This recommendation was supported by Senator Mannion and Clr. Carty.

Clr. Hanley, however, stated that he had made enquiries from some of the men and had learned that they would prefer a break at 3 p.m. for this purpose.

Eventually it was left to the County Engineer to deal with this matter at his discretion by allowing a break where necessary for men who travel a long distance to work and who are employed in gangs.

It was considered that the break suggested is not necessary in the normal case of workers and would not be feasible for those working singly or in small gangs.

9813.—WELLS IN WILLIAMSTOWN AREA : It was directed that Clr. Glynn's N.O.M. 15 (1) in regard to wells at Tubberally, Farm, and Ballyroe, Williamstown, be referred to the County Medical Officer for his report.

9814.—COOLACLOY AND RENVYLE QUAYS : In reply to Clr. Joyce's N.O.M. 15 (j) (1), the Secretary explained that up to the present the Office of Public Works had not submitted a scheme for repair and improvement of these quays and that when the scheme would come to hand it will be put before the Council.

9815.—LEENANE LOADING BANK : In connection with Clr. Joyce's N.O.M., the Chairman pointed out that the Council has no legal authority to provide a loading bank at Leenane and suggested that this matter might be referred to the C.I.E. to consider provision of the bank.

9816.—SHEEP DIPPING POND AT CARRA, ROUNDSTONE : Clr. Joyce stated that a site is available for a sheep dipping pond which is much needed at Carra, Roundstone, and the Secretary stated that the Veterinary Inspector's report on the proposal has been sought.

9817.—CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 : The County Manager's letter of the 28th October, 1955, was submitted notifying the Council that he had delegated to the Superintendent Assistance Officer his functions relating to the renewal or reduction of home assistance allowances, and in relation to the renewal or reduction of allowances under the Council's Blind Welfare Scheme and the following functions under Section 50 (5) of the Health Act, 1933, viz., the renewal of allowances granted under the Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) Regulations, 1954, subject to medical certification by the Galway County Medical Officer or his authorised deputy, of each recipient's entitlement to the allowance in consequence of his continued disability and to the Superintendent Assistance Officer being satisfied as to the continued eligibility of the recipient on means grounds.

The delegation of these functions by the County Manager was noted by the Council.

9818.—COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS : Replies to Councillors' questions were furnished.

9819.—BURIAL GROUNDS : Clr. King stated that the present arrangements for caretaking of Cregg Burial Ground are most unsatisfactory, and he requested that a Caretaker be appointed who will be living near the burial ground so that he may be obtained readily when required by persons requiring to inter remains in the burial ground.

Clr. Mannion stated that the salary of £3 a year being paid to the Caretaker of Eskerstephens burial ground is entirely inadequate and requested that it be increased.

9820.—NATIONAL TEACHERS : On the proposition of Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Kitt, the Council unanimously protested strongly against an anonymous letter published in the Western People referring to the national teachers' claim of parity in salaries with the teachers in secondary schools.

9821.—MISCELLANEOUS : On the proposition of Clr. P. Ruane, seconded by Clr. Burke, the Council unanimously adopted a resolution protesting strongly against the harsh sentences imposed recently on three young Irishmen in connection with the raid on Arborfield Barracks.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Council would be conducted through the medium of the Irish language.

9822.—CONGRATULATIONS : On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Quinn, the Council unanimously adopted a resolution congratulating Very Rev. M. Canon Brennan, Ahascragh on his elevation to the rank of Archdeacon for Elphin diocese.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Signed: *Muirín O'Connell*

Date: *26.5.55*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:
Galway 55.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

15th November, 1955.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, 21st November, 1955, to consider recommending to the County Manager the withdrawal of all Civil Bills issued for Central Hospital accounts pending a thorough investigation of the Home Assistance Officers' reports and of the manner in which information submitted in those reports was ascertained and verified.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Cifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMHE

17adh Samhain, 1955.

Chuig gao Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ar Cruinniú de Chomhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Connadae, Dia Sathairn, 26adh Samhain, 1955, ag 12.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Appointment of a representative on the Governing Body of University College, Galway.
3. Overdraft on General Account for quarter ending 31st March, 1956.
4. Estimated excess expenditure on cottage repairs in year ending 31st March, 1956.
5. Loan £3,500 for Water Tender for Fire Service to be raised from Treasurer.
6. Rate Collectors retiring under the Local Government (Officers Age Limit) Order, 1951:

| <u>District.</u> | <u>Name.</u> | <u>Date.</u> |
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| 15. | J. Garvey. | 31. 5. 1956. |
| 24. | J. Walsh. | 24. 6. 1956. |
| 35. | M. Higgins | 30/4. 1956. |

7. Increase in remuneration of Caretakers of Dispensaries at Ardrahan and Roundstone.
8. Creation of position of Staff Officer at Galway Central Hospital - Notice of Motion by Clr. J. Glynn:-
"I will move at next meeting of the Galway County Council that the resolution adopted by the Council at meeting held on the 29th October, 1955 - 'that the position of Staff Officer in the Superintendent's Office at Galway Central Hospital be not created' - be rescinded and that the Council reconsider the creation of that office."
9. Minutes of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee held on 5/11/55.
10. Adoption of University Scholarship Scheme for 1956.
11. Temporary Clerk to Galway County Old Age Pensions sub-committee - extension of employment.
12. Inishturk Landing Place - letter 15/11/55 from the Office of Public Works.
13. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

- (a) Clr. M. Wall: "That Public Lighting be provided in Newbridge and Ballinamore Bridge."
- (b) Clr. M. O'Donnell: "That the County Engineer discontinue the practice of hauling chips etc. for repairing of roads in Connemara from East Galway in future."
- (c) Clr. P.D. Joyce: "I or someone on my behalf will propose the County Council undertake the restoration of the lock gates at Cleggan docks and that the Government be asked to make a grant available for this purpose."
- (d) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting I or some other member acting on my behalf shall ask the Co. Manager to state if and when it is proposed to carry out extensions of sewerage to Cosmona, Galway Road and The Hill, Loughrea, before the end of the current financial year, provision for same having been effected in the Estimates."
- (e) Clr. T. Hanley: "Take notice that I intend to move at the next Co. Council meeting that a pump be erected at Cragavillage immediately."
- (f) Clr. R. Lahiff, T.D.: "Please note that at next meeting of Co. Council I will move that early consideration be given to the revision of Polling Booths areas."
- (g) Clr. J. Lambert:
 - (1) "That a branch library be provided at Craughwell for which financial provision has been made according to press reports.
 - (2) That four or five E.S.B. public lights be put at Ballinderreen village."

14. Other business.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIUME.

Suíón:
Saillim 55.

Oifis an Rúnaí,
Bóthar Mór,
Saillim.

17th Samhain, 1955.

Óuis zac óaill de'n Comairle:

A ÓARA,

TARRTAR ORC leis seo beic i léadar ag Cruinniú de Comairle Conndae na Saillime a tionsólfaid i Seomra na Comairle ihus na Fóirgnithe Conndae, Oia Saillim, 26th Samhain, 1955 ag 12.30.p.m. a óig.

Mise, le meas,

UAM Ó LUATHAÍS.

Ranaí.

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na háobair seo leanas a breathnú:-

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Dáil ar buidéal rialtaíochta, Coláiste na h-Iolseoile, Saillim a ceapad.
3. Tasaíocht seilidh a gcoir na ráite go 31st Márta, 1956.
4. Dreis-costasí sa bliain go 31st Márta, 1956 - beisiúchán cigte £3,000.
5. Tasaíocht £3,500 b'fáil ó'n Oisteoire - Trucail freastail uisce le h-ádh na Seirbísí tóiteáin.
6. Dailiúcháin Rátaí ag dul as oifis fé'n Ordú Rialtais Áiciúil (Ceora Aoise Oifigeáil) 1951:-

| <u>Geannear</u> | <u>Ainm</u> | <u>Dáta.</u> |
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| 15. | S. Ó Uairbít | 31. 5. 1956. |
| 24. | S. Ureathac. | 24. 6. 1956. |
| 35. | M. Ó h-Uigín. | 30. 4. 1956. |
7. Ardú tuarastail aobairí íolanna in árd Rátaí agus Cloc na Rón.
8. Príomh-Oifigeáil i bPríomh Oibistéil na Saillime - Molaíocht ó Clr. S. Mág Sliogh an rún i miontuairisg Uim. 9792 de 29. 10. 1955 a cur as neithníb.
9. Miontuairisgí Cruinnithe Coiste Comairleáil Sliogte de 5. 11. 1955.
10. Scáim Scoilreáil íolseoile 1956 a molaíocht.
11. Cláiríocht seilidh de Coiste na b-pínean saah aoise, Conndae na Saillime - Foscáiocht a leanú.
12. Céad ag inis tuirc - Uicir 15. 11. 55 ó Oifis na h-Oibreáil Poiblí.

13. Moltá Comhairleóirí:

- (a) Clr. M. De Bál: SOLUS SRÁIDE A SOLÁICÉIR - DROICHEAD NUA AGUS DROICHEAD BÉIR AN ÁCA MÓIR.
- (b) Clr. M. Ó Donnagáil: SAIRBÉAL IRL. AS CEADÓC Ó SAILLIM-ÉOIR 30 CONAMARA.
- (c) Clr. P. Ó Seóise: SEADÁI NA HÓUGANNA SA ÓLÓISEANR A AITHNEÁD.
- (d) Clr. M. Mac Cárthaigh: CAMRAÍ I COSMONA, BAILE IOGA RÍAC.
- (e) Clr. T. Ó h-Ainle: OIBÉAL UISGE I SUILEADH UATH.
- (f) Clr. R. Ó Flaitéim, C.D.: SCÉIM CEANHTAIR BÓCAFOCTA AGUS ÁITEANNA BÓCAFOCTA A LEASÚ.
- (g) Clr. S. Lambearé:
 - (1) LEADARLANN A BUIR AR BUI I SUILEADH UATH.
 - (2) SOLUS SRÁIDE A SOLÁICÉIR I MDAILE AN DOIRÍN.

14. Snó eile.

COMAIRLE CONDAE NA SAILLIME

Oifis an Rúnair, NA FOIRNISTE CONDAE, AN DOGAR MÓR, SAILLIM, 23RD SAMHAIN, 1955

A CARA,

Cuirim cuíac, leis seo, cóip de Mion-Chairseí Crúinnige Specialto Chonairle Condae (Uimhir 9823) a tionsóló ar an 21st Samhain, 1955

Mise, Le meas,

L. Ó LUATHAÍS,

Rúnair

Cun na ndaoime seo leanas :-

Sac Ball de Chonairle Condae na Saillime, An Condae Innealltóir, An Cisteóir, An Banc Náisiúnta Teó., Saillim, An Ollseadóir Condae, An t-Aire, An Roinn Leasa Sóisialais.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1955.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Quinn.

Also Present: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. James Donnellan, John Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Deputy R. Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Senator John Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, Patrick Ruane, James J. Ruane, Sirr and Wall.

9823.—GALWAY CENTRAL HOSPITAL—PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS: Clr. Carty stated that in the Loughrea area twenty-seven Civil Bills have been issued in respect of Central Hospital Patients' accounts, for hearing at the next Court in Loughrea; that the normal practice of sending a letter from the County Solicitor to each of the persons concerned was not observed; that in some cases proceedings were taken on the report of an Assistance Officer who had since left the Council's service. Clr. Carty stated that in assessment of ability to pay the Assistance Officers observe different standards in different districts; that he sees little use in the making of representations regarding these accounts by members of the Council if these representations are ignored. Clr. Carty asked if pressure was being brought to bear by the Auditor or by the Department of Health in regard to the collection of these accounts now that half any deficit has to be met out of Health Grant, while no such pressure was exerted when the Health Grant was not involved.

Deputy Coogan stated that he agreed with most of what Clr. Carty had said and that he was aware that Civil Bills are being issued against people who cannot provide sufficient food for themselves and their families; that in one case the Civil Bill was issued on the morning of a funeral in the house concerned.

Clr. Flaherty asked by whom the requisition for this meeting was signed, and in reply Clr. Carty explained that at a meeting of the Vocational Education Committee sufficient members were available to sign the requisition for a meeting and as the time available was short the requisition was signed by these members and by Deputy Coogan.

Clr. John Donnellan referred to a case in which two letters were issued to the patient, each contradicting the other. Also that in one case of which he was aware, a Civil Bill was issued while a General Medical Service card had also been issued to the same person.

Deputy Lahiff asked what procedure is laid down for Assistance Officers to enable them to assess means, and referred to a com-

munication from an Assistance Officer addressed to a patient who, a few weeks ago, was discharged from the Central Hospital incurable, and who was dead on the date on which the communication from the Assistance Officer was delivered at her house.

Deputy Geoghegan asked what is the lowest amount for which a Civil Bill is issued, and stated that he considered the issue of Civil Bills for small amounts waste of money.

Clr. Kelly stated that the Assistance Officer to whom Deputy Laffey referred resides in his area and is, Mr. Kelly stated, a very conscientious official.

Clr. Kelly asked if the Council had any power to interfere with the authorities who issue the Civil Bills in question and stated that he believes that there are in the Central Hospital some well-paid officials who are taking fees from patients in addition to receiving their salaries.

Clr. Serr stated that in his recommendations he always recommended that a well-off person should pay and that a poor person should be given hospital treatment free of charge; that while admitting that the Assistance Officers do their duties to the best of their ability, he considered that the recommendation of a member of the Council should be taken in preference to that of an Assistance Officer in any case in which these recommendations did not agree.

Clr. King stated that he was again recommending what he had recommended many times previously, i.e., that free treatment should be provided for all in the Central Hospital as the amount of revenue derived from the collection of accounts from paying patients is so small that it does not justify the trouble involved to all concerned.

Clr. Dowd considered that nothing less than the full implementation of the Health Act would remedy the trouble.

The Chairman pointed out that one of the doctors in the Central Hospital is, according to his conditions of appointment, entitled to collect fees from patients in addition to his salary.

Clr. Flaherty referred to a case in which on his recommendation £10 was offered in settlement of a bill for £16 8s. 0d. and the reply received stated that the County Manager would not accept less than the full amount. Clr. Flaherty stated that he did not consider that the County Manager saw this or many of the several cases for which Civil Bills are issued, and that the decisions were given by officials subordinate to the County Manager.

Clr. Collins referred to a case in which bills were issued to the patient at different times, each stating a different amount, and that Civil Bill issued eventually was for a still different figure; that he would like to trace this confusion to its source as it was a cause of ridicule to members of the Council.

Senator John Mannion stated that he did not agree with Clr. Carty's statement, which implied that the present Minister is respon-

sible for the intensive drive for collection of Central Hospital accounts now.

Clr. Carty in reply stated that he did not mean to imply this. Clr. J. Mannion stated that he is aware of a person with £4 per week who has received a Civil Bill for the amount of £21.

Clr. Ridge asked what was the cost of postage for sending out hospital bills to persons who have no means.

Deputy Coogan stated if the position is that a patient who is sent in by a doctor other than the District Medical Officer is held liable for the full cost of medical treatment, and asked what is the position when an emergency occurs, and the District Medical Officer is not available. Clr. Coogan did not consider that councillors' reports should be taken in preference to those of Assistance Officers.

The County Manager in reply stated that by now people should be well aware that except in cases of emergency they must have some authority for their admission to the Central Hospital; that special forms are provided to District Medical Officers in which the doctor sending the patient to the Central Hospital can state whether that patient has presented to him a General Medical Service card or a red ticket. The County Manager explained the procedure whereby bills for the full amount are in the first instance issued to persons recorded as paying patients, the bill being accompanied by a form which, if the patient concerned cannot afford to pay the amount demanded, should be taken by him to the Assistance Officer for completion. The County Manager pointed out that the average cost of maintaining a patient in the Galway Central Hospital is £7 per week, while under the Paying Patients' Regulations the charge for maintenance and treatment is 8/- a day with some additional charges for theatre fees, etc.; that the Assistance Officers' function is to give details of the means and dependants of the patients or those liable to pay for them, and that the decision in regard to the amount which the patient should pay is one for the County Manager. The County Manager explained that frequently allegation are made that bills have been issued for different amounts, but on investigation it has been found that the bills in question referred to different periods in hospital—since in recent times demands have been issued for accounts going back for a number of years; that several demands are issued before legal proceedings are instituted; that the Auditor had commented most unfavourably on the state of the collection of patients' accounts at the Galway Central Hospital and the County Manager considered that the Council should co-operate in any efforts being made to improve that collection; that the issue of a Civil Bill for, say, 8/- is not wasteful expenditure as eventually the 8/- plus costs will be collected, and it will remove the impression that accounts for such small amounts can be ignored entirely.

The County Manager explained that three categories of persons

are entitled to free institutional treatment at present and that no others are entitled to free treatment, but persons outside of these classes may be afforded the treatment and charged therefor the full amount in accordance with the Paying Patients' Regulations or such reduced amount as their circumstances will enable them to pay. The County Manager pointed out that before proceedings are instituted copies of the lists of items concerned are circulated to the councillors, and an interval is allowed to elapse before these lists are referred to the County Solicitor; that if representations had been made at the proper time, the necessity for this special meeting would not have arisen. The County Manager stated that he took responsibility for any decisions in regard to paying patients' accounts and that legal proceedings were not instituted in any case except on his authority; that since the number of cases involved is very large it may happen that occasionally the Assistance Officer's report is not very complete.

The County Manager stated that he would not make a general order to withhold proceedings, but will consider representations in any individual case; that the percentage collected is so small that it did not support any allegations that hardship is being imposed on the community by the collection of these accounts.

In reply to Clr. Kelly, the County Manager explained that there are no set qualifications for entitlement to a General Medical Service card; that each application has to be considered on its own merits and that in fact the test is that the applicant cannot afford to provide the cost of medical treatment (domiciliary or institutional) for himself or for his dependants.

Clr. Donnellan asked for an explanation of a case in which a G.M.S.R. card was issued in April while a Civil Bill was issued to the same person in the following November.

The County Manager explained that the account for which the Civil Bill was issued was probably incurred some years ago; that lists of all G.M.S.R. cards are supplied to the Superintendents at the Galway Central Hospital; that in this case if the person concerned produces the G.M.S. card now issued, the account will be struck off.

Clr. Carty explained that this meeting was not intended as one to requisition that a particular thing be done; that it was called solely to recommend to the County Manager that Civil Bills issued be withdrawn pending further investigation. Clr. Carty now requested that the County Manager would withhold the Civil Bill issued for the November courts for one month, so that any representations made in the meantime might be considered fully.

The Chairman asked the County Manager to consider acceding to the request made by Clr. Carty.

Clr. King stated that in any case which was brought to his notice where demands were being issued for hospital accounts and where General Medical Service Cards had been issued, the demands

were withdrawn promptly when he drew attention to these matters; that people are not inclined to apply for cards except when they need medical treatment and that since he considered the Assistance Officer's report could not give a full picture of the ability to pay, the accounts should be examined by the members for the electoral area before legal proceedings would be instituted.

Clr. Dowd stated that sometimes persons holding General Medical Service Cards are obliged to go to the local chemist to purchase drugs which the District Medical Officer does not stock, and asked if these persons should receive recoupment of such expenditure. The Secretary stated that at a recent meeting of the Consultative Health Committee, it was recommended that the possibility of making available from the Galway Central Hospital drugs such as auriomycin which could not be kept in stock by the District Medical Officer, as they would go out of date rapidly, be considered.

In the course of a discussion regarding General Medical Service Cards, Clr. Wall suggested that a farmer with P.L.V. of £10 and four young children should not be considered better off financially than a person with a wage of £7 or £8 a week.

Clr. Kelly pointed out that if a General Medical Service Card is issued to a person who can afford to pay a doctor, the District Medical Officer is entitled to appeal against such issue and if his appeal was successful the card would be cancelled.

The County Manager requested that Clr. Burke would furnish particulars of a case to which he referred, i.e., that of a road worker who applied for a medical card some time ago and has not received it yet, and has in the meantime been charged £2 by a doctor.

In reply to Clr. Wall, the County Manager stated that unless patients are sent into Portiuncula Hospital by the doctors as County Council patients, they will be classified by Portiuncula as private patients and charged accordingly; that in the case of County Council patients, the Council pays the amount due to Portiuncula and collects from the patient according to the patient's ability to pay, if any.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Michael Carty Chairman

Date: 7th January, 1956.

Sáirdeál ar bhéim...
míle ó Cathair na Saitlime...
Dúbaire Clr. O. Donnait...
Mar freagra do'n Clr. Mac an Iomaire...

9840.—**DUSANNA SA CLOISEANN**:
Maidir le fógra
rún ó Clr. Seóis...
Mol Clr. Mac Boeagáin...
tuis an Comairle iarraid ar Oifis na n-Oibreaca...

9841.—**CAMRAÍ I SCOSMÓNA**:
Mar freagra do Clr. Mac
Cártaig...
Mol Clr. M. Mac Cártaig...
Slac an Comairle leis an rún so leanas:—

"So bfuair fear £17,000...
Poblaíle h-uisce-soláta...
i mBaile Locha Riad, de Cinn agus Forc Inse Tuair...
par an méid sin i dtéimse 25 bliana..."

9842.—**CAIDÉAL UISGE, CLUAN-UAMH**:
Sochruigead iarr-
aid ar Clr. Mac Con-
leis an tOibríocht...
seo.

Ar molad ó Clr. Mac an Ríog...
cumhnu speisialta...
a déanam ar na pumpaí...
cuigamh.

9843.—**SEÉIM, CEANNCAR, BÓDÁIÓCCA**:
Maidir le
fógra rún ó Clr. O. Flaitim...
Comhairleóir...
Slac an Comairle le molad ó Clr. Mac an Ríog...
45 curoíú leis, ag iarraid ar an Rialtas:

- (a) Ceo bótála a tabairt do daoine atá 20 bl. o'aois agus
os a cionn.
- (b) Na h-uaire bótála a beir: 8.10 a.m. go 10.0 p.m.

9844.—**LEABARLANN I SCREACMAOIL**:
Mar reagra
do Clr. Liambeart...
bun ann.

9845.—**SOLUS SRÁIDE—BAILE AN DOIRÍN**:
Cuiréad an
mír seo ar ac-ló.

9846.—**SNÓ EILE**:
Mol Clr. Mac Cártaig...
C. I. Ua Flamm, Uas., ar bás a úriofúir céite.
M. Ó Lócaín, Uas., ar bás a h-inse.
Faoilaid Seán Uí Dairéid, Uair Ard, Casla.
Dean Tomás Mhic an Iomaire, Casla, ar bás a mácair.

CUIRÉAD DEIRE LEIS AN SCRINNÍÚ ANNSIN.

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Date: 7th January, 1956.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

1st December, 1955.

Phone:
Galway 55.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

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Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

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Sambát ar dtíocht coactóirí...
Cuirtear an t-ábair seo...
míle ó Cahir na Gaillimhe...
45 obair ar 1 bharr...
Dúbaire Clr. O'Donnall...
Mar freagra do'n Clr. Mac an Iomaire...
sa 10.00 sa 10.15...
agus Clr. Seán Ó Donnalláin...
toisí san áit...
9840.—DUSANNA SA CLOISEANN: Maidir le fógra...
Rún ó Clr. Seóis...
Mol Clr. Mac Eóigáin...
9841.—CAMRAÍ I SCOSMÓNA: Mar freagra do Clr. Mac...
Cártaís...
9842.—CAIDÉAL UISSE, CLUAN-UAMH: Soberigead...
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| 7. | Quinn. | Road from Fahy's sandpit to Dr. Murphy's turf bank, Killaan. |
| 8. | Sirr. | Road from T. Moloney's house to trunk road at Gortnadieve between Moat, Creggs and Gortnadieve, Creggs. |
| 9. | Collins | Road which joins Branch Rd. 431 at Doonaun to Co. Rd. 425 at Derrybane Bridge. |
| 10. | Mannion, M. | Road through Abbert Demesne which connects the two existing County Roads - 196 and 210B. |
| 11. | Donnellan Jas. | Road from Castle, Dunmore to Ballyhaunis Road. |
| 12. | Flaherty | Road from Lavally Mount Salke to Lavally P.O. |
| 13. | Burke | Road from Cloondroom to County Boundary. |
| 14. | Glynn | Road from Carraneeny to Leitra between Co. Rd. Carraneeny and Co. Rd. Leitra. |
| 15. | Killilea | Road between Cloonfane and Main Rd. at Nestor's Garrafrauns. |
| 16. | Killilea | Road from Addergoole Cemetery through Derrary to Main Rd. 240 at Garrafrauns. |
| 17. | Flaherty. | Road from Curragh West to Kiltvna. |
| 18. | Kelly | Road from Ballyglass to Ballybrone. |
| 19. | Hanley) Shields) | Road from Cooleeny to Hollyhill. |
| 20. | Canning | Road from Brackery North to Pallas |
| 21. | O'Dowd | Road from Belview Gate to Ballymore. |
| 22. | Carty | Road from Hearnbrook to Cloncona. |
| 23. | Ruane P. | Road through village of Carrowtober West (River Village) |
| 24. | Lahiffe | Road leading from Gort-Galway trunk road to Roveagh Church. |
| 25. | Lambert | ditto. |
| 26. | Lahiffe | Road leading to the Co. Council Housing Scheme at Carrabeg Gort. |
| 27. | Donnellan Jn. | Road from Knock Bridge, Spiddal to Killa West. |
| 28. | Donnellan Jn. | Road from Old Golf Links to Ballavonnen, Barna. |
| 29. | Coogan. | Road from Boithrin an Chamain around through Menlo village to New Road and back up to the corner of Boithrin an Chamain. |
| 30. | Donnellan Jn. | Road from Doon, Roscahill to Killaquile between Corner House Junction and Gortacarnaun. |
| 31. | Geoghegan. | Road from Camus Eigher to Camus Oughter, joining the west terminal points of Co. Rd. 66 in Camus Eigher & Camus Oughter. |
| 32. | Mannion J. | Road from Ballinboy through Lower Errislaman to Upper Errislaman, joining Main Road L102, Sec 160 and Co. Rd. No. 15. |
| 33. | Mannion J. | Road from Fahy to Kingstown, between Clifden and Kingston, joining Co. Rd. No. 5 and 14. |

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| 34. | Joyce | Road from Aughrismore to Aughrishbeg. |
| 35. | Mannion, M. | (1) Road from Lower Killasolan leading through Tycooley village to Co. Rd. Caltra, Castlefrench. (2) Road leading through village of Kildalough from Co. Rd. Creggs, Ballygar to Co. Rd. Kilkerrin, Creggs, (3) Road leading through Mountbellew demesne connecting two main roads Menlough, Mountbellew and Moylough. Mountbellew Roads. |

5. (a) Clr. J.M. Glynn: "I or some one on my behalf will move that the County Surveyor make provision in his 1956 Estimate for -

1. To remove Hill and fill hollows at Kildaree on the Williamstown-Clonfad road.
2. To remove fence and widen corner at Connor's Cross Polshask on Williamstown-Glenamaddy road.
3. To provide five year plan for Rolling the Road at Farm through to Ballymoe - from main Williamstown-Castleree Road at Farm to Main Ballymoe - Castleree road at Cloonnee, near village of Ballymoe.
4. To raise Roadway on Ballymoe-Castleree road 12 to 20 inches to prevent flooding near village of Ballymoe.
5. To raise roadway on Glenamaddy-Creggs road 24 inches to prevent Flooding near village of Glenamaddy at Barna.
6. To widen three corners at Ballyheigue and Brackla on main Williamstown-Ballymoe road.
7. To finish Footpaths and widen road on West End at Williamstown.
8. To remove Hill at Kildaree on Galway Roscommon Boundary on Main Road Williamstown Clonfad road. (this must be in conjunction with Roscommon Co. Council).
9. To provide Sign posts at Williamstown. Connors Cross, Blig's Cross near Williamstown."

(b) Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will ask the Co. Engineer to consider the steamrolling of the public road from the Tuam Dunmore main road on to the Cortoon Church, distance 1 mile."

(c) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "That some of the Tourist Road Grant at present being spent in Kildaree area be transferred to Salruok-Tullycross road."

(d) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will ask the County Engineer to make money available to put the road leading from Oughterard to Sheanafestain in proper order."

(e) Clr. P. Ruane: "That the road from Claren church to Greenfield Pier be rolled and tarred as soon as possible."

(f) Clr. J. Ridge: "I propose that the Co. Manager raises a loan of £30,000 for the road from Costello to Oughterard and also to ask the Government for equal amount of a grant."

This road would be one of the most important roads in Connemara for tourists and more important still in the turf industry moreover now as the E.S.B. at Sreebe is willing to buy all they can supply."

(g) Deputy M. Killilea: "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Cl. that the footpaths on the Ballygaddy Road and Galway Road, Tuam, receive immediate attention as they are in a deplorable and dangerous condition."

5. (h) Clr. James Donnellan: "A road starting at Connoll's forge 400 yds. west of Horseleap Cross and leading south and then east to Brierfield, Windfield road now being repaired, this road is in a bad condition mostly due to briars and furze and growing out on the road."
- (i) Deputy R. Lahiff:
- "The Co. Road from Maree Cross by the church at Maree on to Clarenbridge be steamrolled, to cater for the heavy traffic including bus traffic thereon."
 - "That the road from the main trunk road at Newtown Cross, Gort by Tiernevin Church to Kilmacduagh Cemetery be steamrolled."
- (j) Clr. M. Mannion: "I will ask the Co. Engineer to have roadside grass and clay removed opposite priest's house at Moylough and same sheeted and rolled to match that each side of it."
- (k) Clr. P. Ruane: "To continue wall on road from Kiltroque Bridge to Gortaleva 500 to 600 yds."
- (l) Clr. J. Ridge: "I propose to move at the meeting of the 10th Dec. of the Co. Council that the Co. Engineer steamroll the remainder of the Glann Road at least as far as the R.C. Church."
6. Other business.

COMAIRLE CONROAE NA SAILLIHE

OIRIS AN RÚNAÍO.

NA FOIRNIGHTE CONROAE,

AN BÓCAR MÓR, SAILLÍH.

15ú NÓDLAIS, 1955

A CARA,

Cuirim cugat, leis seo, cóip de Mion-Cuairseí Crumhige,

Doire Comairle Conroae (Uimhir 9847-9857) a tionsóláid ar

an 10ú NÓDLAIS, 1955

Mise, le meas,

L. Ó LUAMHAIS,

RÚNAÍO.

Cun na n-áoine seo leanas :-

SAC DAIL DE COMAIRLE CONROAE NA SAILLIHE.

AN CONROE INNEALLTOIR.

AN CISTEOIR, AN DANC NAISIUNTA TEO., SAILLÍH.

AN OLIGEARÓIR CONROAE.

AN T-ÁIRE, AN ROINN LEASA SOISIALAIS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ROADS MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1955.

In the Chair : Clr. M. Quinn.

Also Present : Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clr. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Deputy R. Lahiff, Clr. Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, Ridge, Ruane James J., Ruane Patrick, Sirr and Wall.

9847.—*Road Works Supplementary Grant :* On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the list of proposals submitted by the County Engineer for expenditure of supplementary road grant of £25,000 for the current year.

9848.—*Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 :* On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the County Engineer's list of proposals for the expenditure of the supplementary grant of £5,000 for current year's schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

9849.—*Road Workers' Wages :* Clr. Carty stated the road workers are entitled to an increase in wages, but that any increase which may be granted will involve a substantial increase in the rate which is already very high. Clr. Carty considered that preference in employment should be given to workers whose names are entered in the superannuation register.

Clr. Collins considered that it would be better to leave the wages unaltered rather than to curtail work.

Clr. Sirr stated that County Roscommon workers are being paid £5 a week while County Galway road labourers in the same area are being paid only £4/10/0 a week for the same work, that some means should be devised whereby an increase in wages would be given without curtailing work.

Clr. P. Ruane stated that the cost of living is not lower in County Galway than in Roscommon and Mayo, where the workers' wages are already higher and he proposed that the wages of road workers be increased by 10/- a week making the revised rate for labourers £5 a week. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Burke, who stated that a wage of £5 a week for labourers could be paid without involving an increase in the rates if the Council dispensed with the employment of railway lorries to haul road material in several areas where pits are available locally.

Clr. Flaherty supported Clr. Burke's suggestion that the local quarries should be opened and that road material should not be hauled over long distances while pits are available.

Clr. Collins suggested that there should be a proper survey of this matter and that a special meeting should be called to consider it, at which meeting the County Engineer and his assistants would be present.

Clr. Galvin stated that the question of the increase in wages should be considered on its own merits.

Clr. Carty stated that the question of the cost of the supply of road material has already been considered very fully, and that no doubt the County Engineer could produce figures to show that supply of material from a central pit is the most economical manner in which the material can be supplied; that a wage increase if given will undoubtedly affect the rates, and that if an increase of 10/- is given, Clr. Carty suggested that the County Engineer's estimate be cut so that the result would be that not more than 5d. in the £ of the increase would fall on the rates.

Clr. Kitt supported the proposal for an increase in road worker's wages and stated that the question of this increase should be considered without any provisos.

Clr. Sirr stated that he did not agree that the work should be curtailed and considered that an increase of 5/- a week with regular work would be better than an increase of 10/- a week with curtailed work; that genuine labourers should be given steady employment and that such labourers should not be laid off for a month or two at the end of every year.

Clr. Carty stated that it is difficult for the Council to consider the roads estimate without having an idea of the general position in regard to the rate estimate for the coming year.

Clr. Galvin also stated that the proposal should be considered on its own merits.

The Chairman stated that it is necessary for the Council to consider this proposal in relation to other matters, e.g., its effect on the amount of the rate and its effect on the rate of wages for labourers in other employment in the county.

Clr. Ridge suggested that labourers' wages be increased to £5 a week and that to help to meet this increase the wages of all workers receiving £7 a week or more be cut by 10%.

Clr. King stated that while in his opinion an increase of 10/- a week for labourers is not even sufficient, the proposal to grant an increase cannot be considered without at the same time considering its effect on the rate; that in his view the Council should be unanimous in supporting the suggestion made by Clr. Sirr that an increase of 5/- be granted.

Clr. Flaherty stated that workers prefer steady employment to an increase in wages.

Clr. Sirr stated that he did not wish to see work curtailed and therefore he proposed that an increase of 5/- a week be given to road workers and that regular work be given to genuine labourers. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Collins and Clr. Ruane stated that he would withdraw his proposal in favour of that made by Clr. Sirr.

Clr. Carty stated that although he did not consider an increase of 5/- a week sufficient, he also supported Clr. Sirr's proposal as in the circumstances no alternative was possible.

The County Manager in reply to Deputy Geoghegan stated that while no definite information in regard to the rate estimate for the current year could be given yet, it was anticipated that there will be a substantial increase; that the Galway Regional Hospital and the institution in Castlerea will be in operation and that the Unions have demanded increases for various grades. The County Manager considered that workers should be paid a reasonable wage and stated that the proposal for an increase of 5/- a week is reasonable.

Clr. M. Mannion stated that in his view an increase of 6/- a week should be given; that agricultural workers receive some emoluments which a road worker does not receive.

Clr. Joyce stated that while the workers in Connemara will be disappointed if an increase of 10/- a week which they expected was not given, he, having considered the over-all position, supported the proposal for an increase of 5/- a week.

Deputy Coogan recommended that an increase in wages be given also to the Council's workers in the Galway Borough Area.

Clr. King, in supporting the proposal for an increase of 5/- a week, stated that he trusted that the rate of wages applying to Corporation workers would be given to Council workers in Galway city.

The County Manager explained that the wages of Corporation workers are approximately 5/- a week more than those of County Council workers as they attend to various works including, occasionally, building work.

Clr. King requested that the differential between the rate of wages for Council workers in Galway city and that of Galway Corporation employees would not be allowed to increase, and also suggested that instead of working overtime for long periods in the summer, employment should be spread evenly over the year.

The County Engineer explained that overtime is worked almost entirely on surface-dressing for which dry weather is essential immediately before and after the surface-dressing is done.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that he does not agree that an increase of 5/- a week is sufficient.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion and seconded by Clr. J. Glynn that an increase of 6/- a week be given to the Council's road

workers.

It was proposed by Senator J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. Ridge that the wages of road labourers be increased to £5 a week as there is no reason why the wages of these workers should not be as high as those of the corresponding workers in the counties of Roscommon and Mayo.

The Chairman pointed out that this matter had been considered already by the Council for a long period and that having regard to all the circumstances he considered that the proposal that an increase of 6/- a week be granted is reasonable.

Deputy Lahiff stated that if an increase is given it can only be given by increasing the rate and since the rate is already very high he did not support an increase of more than 5/- a week.

Clr. Dowd requested that the Council be unanimous on one figure and the Chairman again recommended the proposal for an increase of 6/- a week.

Clr. Sirr stated that he would withdraw his proposal in favour of that of Clr. M. Mannion, i.e., for an increase of 6/- a week.

Clr. James Donnellan also supported the proposal for an increase of 6/- a week.

A vote taken on the proposal of Clr. M. Mannion for an increase of 6/- and that of Senator J. Mannion for an increase of 10/- a week resulted as follows:

For an increase of 6/- a week: Clrs. Burke, Carty, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, Mannion M., Quinn, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr (22).

For an increase of 10/- a week: Clrs. Canning, Geoghegan, Mannion J., Ridge and Wall (5).

It was therefore resolved that the rate of wages for road workers would be increased by 6/- a week and on the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt, it was resolved that the increase of 6/- a week will apply only to the Council's workers in the Galway County Health District and that it shall be made applicable from 1st January, 1956, inclusive, and that the Council approves the provision of the additional funds necessary to enable payment of this increase to be made for period from 1st January to 31st March, 1956, the amount involved for that period being approximately £3,000.

The County Manager, in reply to Clr. Carty, stated that he was at present considering the granting of an increase to the Council's workers in the Galway Borough Area similar to the increase which was being given to general labourers in yards etc. in Galway city; that the rate of wages for the Council's workers in Ballinasloe Urban District would also be revised in relation to the increase granted in the County Health District.

9850.—*Road to Kilmacduagh School:* Deputy Lahiff introduced a deputation requesting the Council to take over the maintenance of the road leading to Kilmacduagh School. Right Rev. Dean Fallon and two other members of the deputation addressed the meeting, stating that this road is in very bad condition and appealing to the Council to take it over.

This request was supported by Clrs. Lambert, James Ruane, Collins and Dowd, and by Deputy Lahiff, who stated that he has been asking the County Engineer for three years to take over this road.

The County Engineer stated that he had already informed Deputy Lahiff that the proper procedure in this case would be that the people concerned should get a rural improvement scheme to put the road in order and that when it would be put in order they could request the Council to take over its maintenance; that the road should be up to the standard which requires 25 ft. width between the fences and 16 ft. carriageaway.

Clr. Kitt stated that he had been informed by Department of Local Government officials that there is no such legal requirements that a road should be 25 ft. wide between the fences before the Council could take over its maintenance.

Clr. Carty stated that the estimate given for the reconstruction of roads which the Council recommend for taking over is grossly inflated.

The County Manager explained that while the width of 25 ft. is not set out in any enactment, it is embodied in the road standards which have been issued by the Department of Local Government; that while the declaration of a road to be a public road is a function of the Council, it would also be a matter for the Council to satisfy the Auditor that the road being taken over was one of general public utility.

Clr. Wall referred to the estimate submitted by the County Engineer for the reconstruction of the roads proposed by Councillors for taking over and stated that the Councillors did not require such elaborate work to be carried out at all; that in many cases little more than the ordinary maintenance of the road would be required.

Senator Mannion asked why some of the Councillors in the area did not include the Kilmacduagh Road in their list of proposals.

Clr. Ridge suggested that each Councillor be entitled to submit three roads for consideration in each year.

Clr. King considered that deputations to meetings should not be encouraged; that the attendance of such deputations makes it difficult for the Council to proceed with the business of the meeting.

In reply to Deputy Lahiff's enquiry as to whether the County Engineer would recommend the Kilmacduagh road for taking over if the people in that area put the road in order in the first instance, the County Engineer stated that he would make that recommendation.

9851.—Road from Carraneeny to Leitra (No. 4114 on the Agenda): A deputation also attended the meeting in connection with this road and appealed to the Council to take it over. Clr. Surr requested that the County Engineer would take particular note of this road.

At this stage, on the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Senator Mannion, it was resolved that the Council would go into committee for the remainder of the meeting.

9852.—Supervising Gangers—Expenses: In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that the question of granting expenses to supervising gangers had been considered by the Council on more than one occasion and that on at least one occasion the proposal had been sent to the Department of Local Government, by whom sanction was refused; that such expenses are not being paid in any other county so far as the County Engineer was aware.

The Chairman stated that he was opposed to the proposal for payment of travelling expenses and that in fact he did not consider the employment of supervising gangers necessary.

Clr. Galvin stated that he also could not see any need for the employment of supervising gangers.

Senator Mannion stated that if the gangers are not needed they should not be employed; that if they are needed they are entitled to travelling expenses.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan that a travelling allowance of 10/- a week be given to supervising gangers.

Clr. Ridge proposed that any worker receiving over £6 a week should not get the 6/- a week increase in wages.

Eventually Clrs. Carty and Geoghegan withdrew their proposal in lieu of a proposal that the supervising gangers be given a wage of 26/- a day from 1st January, 1956—without any expenses or travelling allowances.

The Council agreed to recommend this proposal to the County Manager for favourable consideration.

9853.—Loughrea Dispensary Residence: Clr. Carty stated that several visits had been made by the Engineers to the District Medical Officer's house in Loughrea, in connection with a small wiring job which did not cost more than 8/6d.

Senator Mannion requested that particulars of expenses incurred by Engineers in travelling to Loughrea Dispensary Residence for this purpose be made available to the Council at the next meeting.

9854.—New Roads: The Chairman requested that the Council would first decide whether money will be provided for the taking over of additional roads during the coming financial year.

Clr. Kitt referred to Road No. 5 (from Kingstown pump on Ahascragh—Ballinamore Bridge Road through the townlands of

Eskermore and Gowla to Castlefrench and Ballymoe roads) and stated that although this road is in quite good order and only needs to be taken over by the Council for maintenance, the County Engineer has, however, included a sum of £2,295 for its improvement in the estimate furnished to the Councillors.

It was proposed by Clr. Wall, seconded by Clr. Carty, that a sum of £31,000 be provided in the coming year's estimate for the taking over of all roads proposed by Councillors. This proposal was opposed by Senator Mannion.

The Chairman suggested that the figure proposed be reduced to £20,000.

Clr. Carty then withdrew his previous proposal and instead proposed the provision of £20,000 for this purpose—the Councillors to agree among themselves as to its allocation.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. Surr.

Clr. Dowd stated that it is time that the Council should make a definite effort to improve these backward roads and stated further that he will recommend at the next meeting of the Council that a long-term loan be raised for this work.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that in his opinion the County Engineer and his Assistants gave a genuine estimate of what they considered necessary to spend to put the roads listed in proper order for taking over for future maintenance.

Eventually the Council approved a proposal made by Clr. Wall, seconded by Clr. Carty, viz:

"That the Council will at the next estimates meeting consider the provision of the sum of £20,000 for the taking over of roads proposed by members."

9855.—Road Improvements: No action was taken by the Council in connection with Item No. 5 on the Agenda.

9856.—Meetings: It was proposed by the Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That with effect from 1st January, 1956, a meeting of the Council shall be held on the fourth Saturday of each month commencing at 1.30 p.m."

It was noted, however, that the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on the last Saturday of this month, viz., on 31st December, 1955, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

The Chairman wished the members and staff a happy Christmas.

9857.—Sympathy: Votes of sympathy were adopted unanimously with the following:—

Mr. Malachy Donnellan, Maree, Oranmore, on the death of his mother.

The relatives of Michael Burke, Moyglass, Loughrea.

Mrs. Cunniffe and family on the late J. Cunniffe, Killimor.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Michael Carty Chairman Date: 7th January, 1956.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan;
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

21adh Nollaig, 1955.

Chuir gac Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

A Chara,

Iarrtar 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, 31adh Nollaig, 1955, at 1. 30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of Vacancy on the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £219,000 for Housing Grants.
4. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £20,000 for Pumps.
5. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £2410 for Improvement and Extension of Lettercallow Water Supply.
6. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £1,000 for improvement of wells in Aran Islands.
7. Raising of Loan of £1,650 for extension of Roundstone Sewerage Scheme.
8. Making of proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942, in connection with provision of a Water Supply Scheme at Barna.
9. Sale of Premises at Tuam to the Presentation Community of Nuns.
10. Sale of Derelict Sites Nos: 87, 88 and 89 at Tuam.
11. Late Collectors retiring under the Local Government (Officers Age Limit) Order, 1951:-

| District. | Name. | Date. |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 15. | J. Garvey. | 31. 5. 1956. |
| 24. | J. Walsh. | 24. 6. 1956. |
| 35. | M. Higgins. | 30. 4. 1956. |

12. Acquisition of Land for provision of Car Parks at Salthill, Galway.
13. Derrywee Bridge - Application for a Bridge Order under Section 44 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

14. Creation of the following offices at the Galway Central Hospital:-
- (a) Whole-time Surgeon (1)
 - (b) Wholetime Obstetrician-Gynaecologist (1)
 - (c) Part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (1).
15. Booklet on Powers Vested by law in the Elected Members of Local Authorities.
16. Acquisition of Fair Rights at Abbey, Maam, Oughterard, Roundstone and Kilkerrin.
17. Acquisition of Fair Rights, Markets and Tolls at Eyrecourt.
18. Main Road Improvement Grant - County Engineer's letter of 30. 11. 1955.
19. Delegation of executive functions.
20. Landing facilities at Inishere - letters of 4. 11. 55. from the Office of Public Works and of 30. 11. 55. from the County Engineer.
21. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - Funds available.
22. Galway Harbour Commissioners - Overdraft £9,500.
23. Polling Scheme Amendments.
24. County Councils' General Council - Minutes of meeting 4. 8. 1955.
25. Auditor's Report on accounts of the Galway County Committee of Agriculture - Y.E. 31. 3. 1955.
26. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
- (a) Deputy M. Killilea: "I or somebody on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that the County Council consider the advisability and take the necessary steps to appoint an Assistant Co. Manager."
 - (b) Clr. James J. Ruane: "Please take notice that I, or some other Councillor, on my behalf, will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the Fairs and Market Tolls, be acquired, and an up-to-date Fairs Market be provided for the Town of Athenry."
 - (c) Clr. J. Dowd: " I will propose that a fountain be erected at end of watermain at Coates Lane, Eyrecourt."
 - (d) Clr. Jas. J. Ruane: "Take notice that I, or some other member of the Council, on my behalf, will move that the Athenry-Larah road be steamrolled, from the point at Summerhill, Lady's Well, through Gloves and Carnakelly to connect with Attymon/Kiltulla steamrolled road at Larah."
 - (e) Clr. P. Kelly:
 - (1) "That the University Governing Body be requested to revert to the scale of entrance fees charged last year and that the Galway County Council, as contributors to the finances of the University, be informed of the actions of said Governing Body.
 - (2) That the Council be informed of the salaries paid to doctors at the Central Hospital and the name or names of doctors that are entitled to charge fees (b) the names of doctors entitled to private beds. "
 - (f) Clr. J. Glynn:
 - (1) "I will move that Martin McLoughlin, Derrreen, Kilkerrin be appointed a Member on the Glenamaddy O.A.P. Committee.
 - (2) That a sum of money be provided under the 1953 Roads Act to repair roads in the county."
27. Replies to questions already submitted by Councillors.
28. Fixing of a day for Committee Meeting to consider Estimates for 1956/57
29. Other business.

30. CREATION OF STAFF OFFICER AT GALWAY CENTRAL HOSPITAL:- Notice of Motion by Clr. J. Glynn:

"I will move at next meeting of the Galway County Council that the resolution adopted by the Council at meeting held on the 29th October, 1955 - 'that the position of Staff Officer in the Superintendent's Office at Galway Central Hospital be not created' - be rescinded and that the Council reconsider the creation of that office."

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning Collins, Deputy Geoghegan, Deputy Coogan,
Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Hanley, Joyce,
Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Senator J. Mannion,
Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, James J. Ruane, Patrick Ruane and Sirr.

9858 - ADJOURNMENT: It was proposed by Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Clr. T. King and
resolved:

"That the Council express their deep sympathy with Mr. Martin Quinn,
Chairman, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary Kenty, Kilconpell, and that as a
mark of respect the meeting be adjourned for a week."

This resolution was also supported by all other members present,
and the County Secretary joined in the expression of sympathy.

Clr. Ruane requested that the Council would dispose of the item
on the Agenda relating to the acquisition of the fair rights at Athenry, as this
matter would be too late if adjourned for a week.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with:

- The relatives of the late Mr. Joseph, Department of Social Welfare, Galway.
- The relatives of Mr. McMenamin, 45, New Road, Galway.
- Mrs. Peter Houlihan, Athenry, on the death of her husband.
- Mrs. Joseph Egan, Abbey Row, Athenry, on the death of her husband.
- Mrs. Padraig Folan, Dooneyher, Carna, on the death of her husband.
- Mrs. Finnegan, Fiddans, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, on the death of her husband.

9859 - ATHENRY FAIRS: It was proposed by Clr. James J. Ruane, seconded by
Clr. John Donnellan, and resolved:

"That the fairs and market tolls at Athenry
be acquired, and that an up-to-date fairs market be provided for the town of Athenry."

The Chairman thanked the Council for their expression of sympathy and the
meeting was then adjourned until Saturday, 7th January, 1956, at 1.30 p.m.

L. O. Luanaigh

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirín O'Leary Chairman

Date: 28th January 1956

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:
Galway 55.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

2nd January, 1956.

To:
Each Member of the 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,
7th January, 1956, at 1.30 p.m. to consider the business of the agenda
for the meeting on the 31st December, 1955, which was adjourned.

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L. O. LUANAIGH.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Clr. M. Carty.
(2) Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. W. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Deputy R. Lahiffe, Clr. Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ruane James J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

9860 - MINUTES: Minutes of previous meetings to No: 9857, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

Deputy Coogan referred to Minute No: 9849, and stated that in the division taken in regard to the increase in road workers' wages, he voted for the increase of 10/- a week as proposed by Senator John Mannion. Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved by the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

9861 - COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Letter 9. 12. 1955 from the C.E.O. of above Committee was submitted, stating that Mr. P.J. Treacy, a member of the Committee had resigned, and requesting that the vacancy be filled.

It was proposed by Senator J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. P. Kelly that Clr. Peter Sirr, be appointed a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee to fill the existing vacancy.

The appointment of Mr. Patrick Glynn to fill this vacancy was proposed by Clr. Glynn and seconded by Clr. M. Mannion.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR CLR. SIRR: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Lambert, Mannion J., Ruane P., and Sirr (12).

FOR MR. GLYNN: Clrs. Carty, Donnellan John, Geoghegan, Glynn, Joyce, Killilea, King, Lahiffe, Mannion M., O'Donnell and Quinn (11).

The Chairman declared Clr. Peter Sirr, Ballincurry, Ballymoe, elected a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. P.J. Treacy.

9862 - HOUSING GRANTS - LOAN £219,000: It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Deputy R. Lahiffe 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 Two hundred and nineteen thousand pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952."

9863 - HOUSING GRANTS SCHEMES: The County Manager informed the Council that the total commitments of the Council in respect of housing grant applications received up to the present is £621,000 and asked the Council to consider whether the schemes should be terminated entirely at 31st March, 1956.

It was suggested by Deputy Geoghegan, Senator Mannion and Clr. John Donnellan, that should the schemes be terminated, an extension of the schemes for gaeltacht applicants should be granted for a further period of one year.

Clr. Carty suggested that the grants should be reduced by 50% for the half-year ending 30th September, 1956, and that all schemes should be terminated at the 30th September, 1956.

It was eventually decided that further consideration of this matter would be deferred until next meeting of the Council.

9864 - LOAN £20,000 FOR PUMPS: It was proposed by Deputy R. Lahiffe, 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 Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

9865 - LOAN £2,410 - LETTERCALLOW WATER SUPPLY: It was proposed by Deputy R. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That Pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 20th September, 1955, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £2,410 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement and extension of Lettercallow Water Supply to be repaid within five 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, 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."

9866 - LOAN £1,000 - WELLS IN ARAN ISLANDS: It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Deputy R. Lahiffe and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 12th October, 1955, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of One thousand Pounds be borrowed from The National Bank Limited Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement of wells on Inishmaan and Inisheer (Aran) to be repaid within five 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, 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."

9867 - LOAN £1650 - ROUNDSTONE SEWERAGE SCHEME: It was proposed by Senator J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Council approve the raising of a loan of £1650 from the National Bank Ltd., for extension of the Roundstone Sewerage Scheme; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of five years with interest at the rate approved by the bank from time to time."

9868 - BARNAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy Fintan Coogan, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan and resolved:

"That this Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health district of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from Lough Inch lake for the purpose of providing a supply of water for the inhabitants of the town of Barna and the townlands of Forramoyle East, Forramoyle West, Knocknagreena, Furboghgarve, Cushmaigmore, Knockanavoddy, Stripe, Ballynahown, New Village, Lacklea, Trusky West, Hagluggar, Seapoint, Freeport, Lenaravagh, Knockaunnacarragh and Barna under the Local Government Sanitary Services Acts 1878 to 1948 under a scheme to be called and known as "The Barna Water Supply Scheme" hereby make this proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such supply of water from the said Lough Inch lake sufficient for the requirements of the said inhabitants of the said town of Barna and of the aforesaid Townlands. The said supply is to be taken from the said Lough Inch lake at a point marked "A" on the map prepared for the purpose of the said scheme by Patrick J. Sheahan "sq.", which point shall extend not more than 100 ft. into the said lake.

Ancillary operations to be carried out for the purpose of the said scheme shall include the construction of a concrete and rock filled bed within Lough Inch between lake edge and aforesaid point of supply, the laying of supply pipe thereon and the supporting and protection of such pipe with stone pitching to a height extending over water level in the lake. Said supply pipe shall be extended to a concrete intake chamber to be constructed adjacent to the existing outlet stream from Lough Inch and not more than 100 lin. yds. downstream from the point of exit of such stream from said lake. A concrete weir structure shall also be constructed across the aforesaid outlet stream at a point not more than 100 lin. yds. downstream from the point of exit of such stream from said lake, as before and such weir structure shall maintain a minimum top water level in aforesaid lake of 183 o.d. or a minimum of one foot under adjacent ground level of adjoining land. Said weir structure shall be fitted with overflow cill and low level draw off arrangement.

Only part of water in said lake is to be taken. The Maximum rate at which the water is to be taken shall not exceed 50,000 gallons per day and the estimated minimum quantity flowing from the lake through the outlet stream during the Summer months and for a period not exceeding one day varied from 46,500 gallons to 4,460,000 gallons."

9869 - SALE OF PREMISES AT TUAM: The notice dated 19th December, 1955, in regard to sale of premises at Tuam as sent to each member of the Council, was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. M. Carty and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the sale to the Presentation Community of Nuns of a plot of ground area 3 acres, 2 roods, 30 perches or thereabouts, statute measure, in the townland of Domesno, Tuam, together with the Palace building thereon, for £2,500 plus cost of conveyance of this property to the purchasers."

Deputy Killilea requested that the additional land required by the nuns at this place would be sold to them at a price less than that being demanded by the County Manager, which was £200 an acre, as it is not very good land and an additional area is required by the nuns for a playing pitch for their school.

The County Manager stated that this land was purchased originally with the intention that it should be retained for use for public purposes.

Deputy Killilea and Clr. Glynn suggested that the difference between the amount offered by the nuns and that sought by the County Manager should be divided.

Clrs. Galvin, Carty, Donnellan James and Ruane J., considered that the County Manager's attitude in this matter was correct, and the discussion ended.

9870 - DERELICT SITES NOS: 87, 88 and 89, TUAM: It was proposed by Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Clr. W. Burke and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the sale of three plots of ground at Sun Street, Tuam, area 7 perches, 7½ perches and 3 perches and known as Derelict Sites Nos: 87, 88 and 89 respectively, to Mr. William O'Connor, Bishop Street, Tuam, for £92 plus costs of conveyance of these plots to the purchaser.

9871 - RATE COLLECTORS - NOS: 15, 24 and 35 DISTRICTS: On the suggestion of Clr. Carty, it was unanimously agreed that particulars of the present and proposed remuneration for each of the Rate Collection Districts Nos: 15, 24 and 35, would be circulated to the members, and that further consideration of the filling of these vacancies would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

9872 - CAR PARKS AT SALTHILL: On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the taking of all steps necessary for compulsory acquisition of three plots of ground at Attithomas-Ravagh, ^{Polmarcama West} for provision of car parks, viz.,

From Miss Hynes, plot area 0 acres, 3 roods, 36 perches.
From Mr. Anderson, plot area 1 acre, 3 roods, 1 perch.
From Irish Shell Ltd., plot area 0 acres, 3 roods, 27 perches.

The County Manager explained that Bord Fáilte would consider giving a grant for the development of the car parks, but that the Board would not make a grant for acquisition of land for that purpose.

Deputy Coogan requested that steps would be taken to ensure that the car parks would not be unsightly.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. John Donnellan requested that a grant would be sought for improvement of the parking place at the Silver Strand, Barna. This recommendation was supported by Clr. John Glynn.

9873 - DERRYWEE BRIDGE: It was proposed by Deputy R. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. M. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the form of application for a Bridge Order under Section 44 of the Local Government Act, 1946, in connection with the proposed reconstruction of a bridge at Derrywee West in the County of Galway, and that the Council hereby make application for the said Bridge Order."

9874 - GALWAY CENTRAL HOSPITAL - MEDICAL STAFF: Correspondence in connection with the request to the Council for approval to the creation of the three offices of Wholetime Surgeon, etc., at Galway Central Hospital was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and unanimously approved, that a special Committee Meeting of the entire Council to consider this matter be held at the County Buildings on Monday, 16th January, 1956, at 4 p.m. and that the following be requested to attend that meeting, viz., The President, University College, Galway, a representative of the Irish Medical Association, and a representative of the Department of Health.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Clr. Collins, that a summary of the proposed conditions of appointment for each of these positions be supplied to each member of the Council in the meantime.

9875 - COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACTS: It was noted that a copy of the booklet supplied by the Department of Local Government, giving particulars of the powers of elected members of Local Authorities, had been supplied to each member of the Council.

9876 - FAIRGREENS AT ABBEY, MAAM, OUGHTERARD, ROUNDSTONE AND KILKERRIN: Correspondence with the Department of Local Government and Irish Land Commission in regard to the fairgreens at each of the above five places, and the fair rights at Abbey and Maam, was submitted, and on the proposition of Senator Mannion, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved purchase of these properties at a cost of £1 in each case.

The Chairman suggested that Deputy Killilea should submit a Notice of Motion for the next meeting in regard to provision of public lighting at Abbey.

9877 - FAIR RIGHTS ETC. AT EYRECOURT: Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted and it was proposed by Clr. Dowd that the Council approve the acquisition of the fair rights at Eyrecourt, and that steps be taken to remove the fairs from the streets there.

The County Manager asked why the owner of these rights had not sold them to some person.

It was decided to leave this matter to the County Manager to deal with it, as he would see fit.

9878 - ROAD GRANTS: The County Engineer's letter of the 30th November, 1955, was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved the transfer of £3,281 from Work No: 6 A. to Work No: 6 in the list of schemes to be carried out under the Main Road Improvement Grant for the current year. Deputy Killilea requested that before the next meeting of the Council particulars of all tenders received for hire of lorries and for supply of gravel and stone be made available to the members.

Senator Mannion requested that members be also informed at the same time of the cost per day for operation of the Council's lorries as compared with lorries hired from C.I.E. and from others.

Clr. Kitt requested that at the same time information be also made available to members as to the cost of surfacing 1 mile of county road with tarmacadam as compared with the cost of surfacing 1 mile of the same road with ordinary gravel; also that the Council be informed of the cost of repayment of a loan of £250,000 so that the members might consider whether a loan of this amount should be raised for improvement of existing county roads.

9879 - DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS: The meeting noted that the County Manager had delegated certain functions in accordance with his Orders Nos: 33948 of the 28th October, 1955, and 34393 of 13th December, 1955, viz., delegation to the Lay Superintendent of the Central Hospital of certain functions in relation to the collection of patients' accounts; and to the County Secretary the function of witnessing the affixing of the Seal of the Council to documents.

On the request of Senator Mannion, the County Manager agreed that all concerned would again be directed to reply to any representations made by Councillors informing the member concerned whether the representation had been accepted or otherwise.

Clr. Joyce requested that the Council would give public notice of the fact that possession of a General Medical Service Card entitles the holder and his dependents to medical treatment free of charge.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that stronger action should be taken against any doctor charging a fee to the holder of a Medical Service Card; that requiring the doctor concerned to refund the fee so charged was not sufficient.

9880 - ADDITIONAL STAFF OFFICER: Clr. Glynn proposed in accordance with his Notice of Motion that the resolution adopted by the Council at the meeting held on the 29th October, "That the position of Staff Officer in the Superintendent's Office at Galway Central Hospital be not created" be rescinded, and that the Council reconsider the creation of that office.

Clr. Carty drew attention to a recommendation of the Visiting Committee to the hospital that Mr. Michael Kyne, Staff Officer, be transferred to the Galway Central Hospital for this purpose, and that no extra position of Staff Officer be created at present. This recommendation was supported by Deputies Coogan and Geoghegan, the latter requesting that the Staff Officer at the Central Hospital should be responsible direct to the County Manager.

Clrs. Collins and King also supported Clr. Carty's recommendation.

The County Manager stated that he did not agree with the recommendation for the transfer to the Central Hospital of Mr. Kyne,

who is required in his present position and is due to retire under the Age Limit Order in July, 1956.

Clr. Galvin seconded Clr. Glynn's proposal.

The County Manager pointed out that the question before the Council is to consider the creation of the position of Staff Officer at the Central Hospital.

At this stage Clr. Glynn stated that he was withdrawing his motion.

Clr. Kitt suggested that the recommendation of the Visiting Committee be accepted as an experiment for a period of six months.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Collins that the Council recommend to the County Manager that Mr. Kyne be transferred to the Central Hospital.

It was recommended by Deputy Lahiffe that consideration of the matter be left over until after the special meeting which will be held on Monday, 16th instant in connection with the creation of certain additional medical posts at the Central Hospital. This suggestion was supported by Clr. King.

It was eventually decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until some time subsequent to the special meeting on the 16th instant.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that information be made available to members of the dates of appointment of the R.M.S. and of the Lay Superintendent, along with particulars of the absences of each of these officers on sick leave since they first took up duty.

The County Manager agreed that this information would be made available.

9881 - INISHERE LANDING FACILITIES: Letter F.87.299/1/55 of the 4th November, 1955, from the Office of Public Works, and the County Engineer's report of the 30th November, 1955, was submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved:

"That the Council agree to take over when completed and to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works which will be carried out by the Office of Public Works at the pier and at An Chorr Ait, Inishere, Aran Islands, at a cost of £11,000 and £2,000 respectively.

9882 - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The Secretary stated that the funds obtained for issue of housing loans amount to £250,000, while the amount absorbed by loans already allocated is £216,500, and requested that the Council would consider whether further funds should be obtained. It was decided unanimously that the matter should be referred to the Council again when all the funds available are exhausted.

9883 - GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - OVERDRAFT £9,500: The Secretary referred to Minute No. 9739 of the 24th September, 1955, and stated that it would be necessary for the Council to comply with all the formalities in order to obtain the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the utilisation of the overdraft in the manner required by the Galway Harbour Commissioners.

It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved: "That the Council hereby guarantee an overdraft of £9,500 on the Galway Harbour Commissioners' Account to be utilised to the extent of £4,750 for repair of the Dun Aengus Dock Gates, and to the extent of £4,750 for current expenses of the Galway Harbour Commissioners - this guarantee being in substitution for that given by the Galway County Council in Minute No. 9581 of 5th March, 1955.

9884 - POLLING SCHEME: The Council directed that particulars of the proposed amendments of the polling scheme be circulated to each member of the Council and that consideration of this matter be placed on the Agenda for a future meeting.

9885 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Minutes of meeting of the General Council held on 4th August, 1955, having been circulated to the Councillors were submitted and noted.

9886 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: Auditor's report on the accounts of the Galway County Committee of Agriculture for Year Ended 31st March, 1955, was submitted and noted.

9887 - ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER: Deputy Killilea proposed, in accordance with his N.O.M. 26 (a), that the position of Assistant County Manager for the County Galway be created.

Clr. Sarr stated that he did not agree with this proposal.

Clr. Carty pointed out that in the County Cork there are a County Manager, a City Manager and two Assistant County Managers, and stated that in view of this one Assistant should surely be required in County Galway which, in addition to being a large county, has unusually large institutions under the control of the County Manager, e.g., Regional Hospital, Regional Sanatorium, Ballinasloe and Castlereagh Mental Hospitals.

The proposal was opposed by Senator Mannion and Deputy Coogan.

In reply to Clr. Galvin, the County Manager stated that the Assistant County Manager, if appointed, will be primarily responsible for the functions allotted to him. The County Manager stated that he had for some time been pointing out to the Department the necessity for the appointment of an Assistant County Manager in this county. Senator Mannion on hearing this stated that he was withdrawing his opposition to the proposal.

Deputy Killilea's proposal was then seconded by Clr. Carty and approved unanimously.

Deputy Killilea requested that when an Assistant County Manager would be appointed, either the County Manager or the Assistant Manager should be made responsible for the control of institutions.

9888 - EYRECOURT WATER SUPPLY: It was proposed by Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council recommend the provision of a fountain at Coates Lane, Eyrecourt which, according to the County Engineer's report of the 15. 12. 1955 is estimated to cost £28.

9889 - ROAD WORKS: It was directed by the Council that consideration of Clr. Ruane's N.O.M. 26 (d) (Athenry-Larha Road) and of Clr. Glynn's N.O.M. 26(f)(2) (funds for repair of stop-end roads) would be deferred until the next road works meeting.

9890 - UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY: Clr. Kelly proposed, in accordance with his N.O.M. that the University Governing Body be requested to revert to the scale of entrance fees charged last year, and that the Galway County Council as contributors to the finances of the University be informed of the actions of the said Governing Body.

Deputy Coogan stated that he would support this proposal.

Clr. Carty suggested that the proposal might be altered to a request to the Governing Body to explain why the fees had been increased so considerably, and pointed out that the Chairman of the Council is a member of the Governing Body and that any information in regard to the operations of the Governing Body could be obtained from the Chairman.

It was eventually decided to defer further consideration of this matter until Mr. Quinn, Chairman, would be present.

9891 - MEDICAL STAFF, CENTRAL HOSPITAL: In reply to Clr. Kelly's N.O.M. the Secretary gave particulars of the remuneration of members of the medical staff at the Galway Central Hospital, and in accordance with Clr. Kelly's request agreed that a copy of the statement would be supplied to Clr. Kelly.

9892 - COUNTY BUILDINGS: Clr. Kelly requested that some steps be taken to improve the acoustics in the Council Chamber, and Clr. McNellan requested that some soap and towels be made available for the members on meeting days.

9893 - GLENAMADDY O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Glynn, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:

"That Martin McLoughlin, Derreen, Kilkerrin, be appointed a member of the Glenamaddy O.A.P. sub-committee."

9894 - COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS: It was noted that replies had already been sent to the questions submitted by Councillors.

9895 - ESTIMATES 1956/57: It was decided unanimously that a Committee Meeting of the entire Council to consider the estimate for the coming year would be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 4th February, 1956, commencing at 12 noon.

9896 - NEW DISPENSARIES: It was proposed by Clr. M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £15,000 during the quarter ending 31st March, 1956, pending the obtaining of the loan for provision of new dispensaries."

9897 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION: On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved certain increases in remuneration for:

- (a) Foreman James McCormack, Tuam, increase from 3/11d. to 4/2d. per hour from 9th September, 1955, inclusive.
- (b) Ganger Joseph Linnane, Kinvara, increase from 2/9d. to 3/6d. per hour from 31st October, 1955, inclusive.
- (c) Building and Civil Engineering workers employed by the County Council in the towns of Galway, Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Tuam, increase of 3d. per hour from 9th September, 1955, inclusive, and for such workers in the remainder of the county an increase of 1d. per hour from 2nd January, 1956.
- (d) Foreman Tim Sullivan, Galway, increase of 6d. per hour from 9th September, 1955, inclusive.
- (e) Water and Sewerage Caretakers, an increase of 20% of their existing remuneration, from 1st January, 1956, inclusive, provided that the maximum increase to be allowed in any case shall be 16/- per week or £41. 12. 0. a year.
- (f) Patrick Casey, Waste Water Detection Inspector, increase from £8. 8. 0. to £9. 12. 0. per week from 2nd January, 1956, inclusive.
- (g) County Council workers in the Galway Borough Area - an increase of 12/6d. per week from and including week ending 5th October, 1955.

On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the provision of the necessary funds in the current year to enable payment of the above increases to be made.

9898 - NEW WORKS: The Council approved the carrying out of the following new works:

- (a) Work at Galway County Library as described in the County Engineer's letter of the 21st December, 1955, at a cost of £108.
- (b) Work at Galway Courthouse as described in County Engineer's letter of the 30th December, 1955, at a cost of £200. + £30. 10. 0
- (c) Provision of additional rooms to two new cottages, viz., 113 Skycour and 151 Tristane, at a cost of £150 and £320 respectively.

9899 - BRIDGE AT BUNNAHOW: On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Council approved the making of a contribution of £250 to Clare County Council, being half the estimated cost of reconstruction of the bridge at Bunnahow on the Galway-Clare border.

9900 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted unanimously with the following:

Drs. Anna and Sean McMahon, Devon Place, Galway, on the death of his mother.
Mr. Owen Kenny, Consulting Engineer, Dublin, on the death of his father.
Mrs. O'Malley, Prospect Hill, Galway, on the death of her brother, Mr. Patrick Curran, Headford.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Muirín O'Curran - Ruairi

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirín O'Curran Chairman.

Date: 28th January 1956

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GALILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

10th January, 1956.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Committee Meeting of the entire Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 16th January, 1956, commencing at 4.p.m. to consider the application made to the Galway County Council for consent to the creation of the following offices under the Council:-

- (a) Whole-time Surgeon (1).
(b) Whole-time Obstetrician-Gynaecologist (1).
(c) Part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (1).

Brief particulars of each of these offices are enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

LIAM O LUANAIGH.

Ruairi.

WHOLE-TIME SURGEON TO THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Salary: £1,775 per annum. (If appointed to a University teaching appointment for which he receives payment the salary above will be reduced by 50% of the University payment or by such lesser amount as the Minister for Health may determine).

The office is whole-time save that the officer -

- (a) may undertake the duties of a University teaching appointment - the time to be devoted to such duties not to exceed one-quarter of the time normally devoted by the officer to his duties as Surgeon to the Galway County Council.
- (b) may be allowed the use at any one time of not more than 4 beds in the Central Hospital, Galway for treatment of private patients.
- (c) may act in a private capacity as consultant to medical practitioners, or in respect of patients to such extent as will not interfere with his official duties. Consultant practice may not be conducted in a local authority institution.

WHOLE-TIME OBSTETRICIAN-GYNAECOLOGIST TO GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Salary: £1,775 per annum. (If appointed to a University teaching appointment for which he receives payment the salary above will be reduced by 50% of the University payment or by such lesser amount as the Minister for Health may determine).

The office is whole-time save that the officer:

- (a) may undertake the duties of a University teaching appointment - the time to be devoted to such duties not to exceed one-quarter of the time normally devoted by the officer to his duties of Obstetrician-Gynaecologist to the Galway County Council.
- (b) may be allowed the use at any one time of not more than four beds in the Maternity Department of the Central Hospital for the treatment of private patients.
- (c) may act in a private capacity as consultant to medical practitioners, or in respect of patients, to such extent as will not interfere with his official duties. Consultant practice may not be conducted in a local authority institution.

PART-TIME EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST TO THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Salary: £800 per annum.

The office is part-time.

The Officer may be allowed the use of not more than two beds in the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the Hospital for treatment of his private patients.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA AILLIMHE?

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

12th January, 1956.

A Chara,

Medical Staff.

Further to my letter of the 10th instant, I now wish to inform you that, since the County Manager is required to attend a conference in Dublin on Monday next, the Committee Meeting arranged for that date to consider the application for consent to the creation of certain Surgical and Medical posts will now be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Thursday 19th January, 1956 commencing at 4 p.m.

You are requested to attend and any inconvenience caused by the alteration in date is regretted.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Green, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James J., Ruane Patrick, Sirr and Wall.

Right Rev. Monsignor P. Browne, President, University College, Galway, Professor S. Shea and Professor J. Donegan.

Dr. Jennings and Mr. Dowling from the Department of Health.

Doctors McDermott, O'Donnell and Dyar on behalf of the Irish Medical Association.

1. SYMPATHY: On the proposition of Clr. Carty, a resolution of sympathy with Mr. O'Lynn, County Manager, on his recent bereavement was adopted unanimously.

2. MEDICAL STAFF: The County Manager explained that the meeting was called as a result of the direction of the Galway County Council on 7th January, 1956, when adjourning consideration of the application for creation of the following offices under the Council:-

- (a) Whole-time Surgeon (1).
- (b) Whole-time Obstetrician-Gynaecologist (1).
- (c) Part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (1).

Clr. Carty asked by whom the conditions of service for these offices were determined.

The County Manager stated that these proposals had already been considered by a conference with the Department of Health, which was attended by the Chairman of the Council, the County Manager and representatives of University College, Galway; that the Minister had also discussed these proposals very fully with representatives of the Irish Medical Association; that while the Minister considers the proposals will provide sufficient medical staff at present, they are not, however, to be regarded as final if the necessity for further appointments should be established.

In reply to Clr. Kelly, the County Manager stated that under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Council's approval to the creation of an office is necessary, but that under the Local Government Act, 1941, the Minister has power to create an office.

Clr. Donnellan suggested that at the outset the members should hear the views of the representatives attending on behalf of the Irish Medical Association, University College, Galway, and the Department of Health. This proposal was supported by Clr. Glynn and approved.

THE IRISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Surgeon McDermott stated that the Irish Medical Association opposes the proposal for whole-time appointments on the grounds that a whole-time appointment would -

- (a) unduly restrict the Surgeon or Doctor's activity and would deprive citizens of the right to utilise the services of these specialists,
- (b) be unlikely to attract the best candidates,
- (c) be contrary to the custom which is that teaching posts are normally filled by men who are not confined wholly to hospital or university posts,
- (d) tend to build up full state service which would eliminate the private Consultant,
- (e) prevent the surgeon from operating anywhere except in the Local Authority Hospital, while Surgeon McDermott considers that the surgeon should be entitled to operate in any outside home or hospital.

Surgeon McDermott stated further that the abatement of salary by an amount equivalent to 50% of the salary for the university post would, in his opinion, be unreasonable, as there would not be any diminution of the duties to be performed by the surgeon in the hospital; that University College, Galway, should have the right to appoint a member of the teaching staff without being obliged to appoint the person appointed to the corresponding position in the hospital.

Professor O'Donnell stated that there are 200 medical beds in the hospital, and that in addition to attending to the patients in these beds, the Physician is

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frequently required to attend to medical problems in the surgical wards and in some other Departments of the hospital; that the standard accepted for many years is two Consultants for each 50 beds, i.e., a Chief Consultant and a Deputy; that he considers a staff of four Physicians would be required for the 200 beds in the hospital; that the introduction of the Paediatrician has not relieved matters as 40 further beds have been provided in the paediatric department; that a medical staff which would be sufficient 20 years ago could not be expected to cope with modern medical requirements even if the number of beds remained unchanged.

Dr. O'Donnell requested that the Council would give serious consideration to the appointment of two additional Physicians in the hospital.

Dr. Dyar stated that in his opinion a whole-time appointment would disrupt the relationship between the doctor and the patient; that a whole-time doctor would follow the requirements of his employer rather than those of his patient, and that whole-time appointments would result in a standard pattern of medical care and would involve extra cost for the Local Authority; that while the hospital was provided primarily for the sick poor, the Local Authority has obligations to other members of the community who do not fall within that class; that he could not see why the appointments, to satisfy the requirements of University College, Galway, must be whole-time.

In reply to Clr. Glynn, Dr. Dyar stated that in his opinion a part-time appointment would be in the best interests of the patient.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY.

Right Rev. Monsignor Browne, President, University College, stated that it is in the interest of the University College Medical School that the professor should be a person who will have the right of access to hospital beds; otherwise it would be impossible to avoid friction between the professor and the doctor in charge of the hospital beds; that the Governing Body of University College, Galway, had accepted completely the principle of whole-time appointments, and that the Governing Body are entirely satisfied that the freedom of the University in this matter is guarded by the fact that the Governing Body will have equal representation on the Selection Boards for the appointment of surgeons and doctors to these positions. The Rev. President stated that there have been constant complaints by the inspecting authorities in regard to the prolonged delay in filling the vacancy for an Obstetrician-Gynaecologist; that if a surgeon or doctor is permitted to engage extensively in private practice, it will not be possible for him to perform satisfactorily his duties in the hospital and in University College.

Professor Donegan stated that whole-time post as contemplated would, in his opinion, be ideal for the type of man sought by the University - if candidates are permitted to compete freely for the position. Professor Donegan asked how could any man cope satisfactorily with private practice, teaching and hospital work; that the suggestions for staffing the medical department appear rather meagre, but no doubt the staff of that department would be enlarged subsequently; that he recommended the appointment of a part-time cardiologist; that in his opinion the Galway Medical School cannot hold its own, let alone advance, except by whole-time appointments.

Professor Shea stated that there is little time left in which to get the medical school into condition which would be acceptable; that the Regional Hospital must have a higher standard of diagnosis and treatment than a county hospital; that long delays in filling vacant posts have left the medical school in a very awkward position; that graduates should not be left in the position that their medical degrees should not be accepted generally as proper medical qualifications.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Mr. Dowling of the Department of Health stated:

1. That the Minister's primary consideration is the welfare of the patients.
2. That both the present and previous Ministers for Health were convinced that whole-time appointments should be made to the positions of Surgeon and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist; that this matter had been discussed at length over a long period with the Irish Medical Association and in the meantime whole-time appointments had been made to the position of Surgeon in several county hospitals. Mr. Dowling asked, if whole-time position is necessary in a smaller county hospital, how it can be held that it is unnecessary in Galway.

3. That the whole-time appointee as contemplated will be permitted to engage in teaching duties in University College, will have private beds, and will have consultant practice to such extent as will not interfere with the performance of his ordinary duties. If the right to private practice were extended further, the Minister considers that the interests of the patients in the hospital must suffer as a result of such extension.

4. That the Minister for Health has not been convinced that there is a need for more physicians than have been approved; that, however, if the case for additional staff in the medical department is established, the Minister would be prepared to approve such additional staff.

Mr. Dowling stressed that all other consideration must be secondary to the patients' welfare.

In reply to Mr. Wall's enquiry as to how the appointment of a whole-time surgeon would improve conditions for the patients, Mr. Dowling pointed out that the surgeon or obstetrician would have to perform his hospital duties in this very large hospital, his teaching duties in University College, Galway, to attend to his consultant practice and engage to some extent in research, and asked how, in addition to all this, could he engage extensively in private practice.

Doctor Jennings agreed that as Mr. Dowling had stated, the question of staff for the medical department is not closed; that there is a changing pattern of patients, e.g., a decrease in the number of acute patients and an increase in the number of chronics; that this may establish the need for a specialist in the need of care of the aged; that when the hospital is completely filled, the final requirements of the medical department could be determined more accurately.

The Chairman stated that at the conference in the Custom House, he had stated what he then believed to be true, that the Council would support fully the principle of whole-time appointments.

Mr. Carty stated that the chief benefit which the hospital in the past derived from part-time appointments, was that such appointments attracted eminent men who would not accept whole-time appointments; that he considered that this foundation which was laid so solidly in the past should not be discarded because of any recommendation by the Department of Health.

Mr. Carty suggested that private beds should not be allowed in the hospital; that the surgeon should do his hospital work as before and be permitted to carry out private work outside as heretofore.

Mr. Glynn asked if it is a fact that University College, Galway, must appoint to the teaching position, the doctor appointed to the corresponding position in the hospital.

The Rev. President in reply stated that while the University is theoretically free to appoint any doctor, they would in fact appoint to the teaching post the doctor appointed to the corresponding position in the Central Hospital; that this arrangement is quite satisfactory since, as already stated, the University will have adequate representation on the selection board.

Mr. King asked if the position is that the Department will insist on whole-time appointments despite any decision to the contrary which would be made by the County Council.

Mr. Galvin asked why, in view of the compliments paid by the American Medical Inspectors, does Professor Shea state that the medical school is in jeopardy unless whole-time appointments will be made.

The Chairman in reply pointed out that Professor Shea had stressed the urgent need of making permanent appointments without stating what or these appointments should be whole-time or part-time.

Professor Donegan stated that the American Inspectors had regarded the Galway Medical School as the least bad rather than as the best, and had stressed the fact that unless permanent appointments to the teaching posts are made they would not be prepared to accept the Galway Medical School as satisfactory in future.

Professor Shea stated that unless appointments to the teaching posts are made which will satisfy the British and American Authorities, these authorities might well advise withdrawal of the registration of the Galway Medical School; that the permanent appointment to the chair of Obstetrics has been awaited for five years past.

In reply to Mr. Wall, Professor Shea stated that the inspectors had stressed the need for more permanent staff; that if the whole-time appointments are made as proposed it would meet their requirements.

Professor Donegan stated that Trinity College have made three whole-time appointments and if agreement with all concerned could be obtained, U.C.D. would do likewise.

Mr. King asked whether the patients' interests or the requirements of the University College Teaching School are of the greater importance to the Council as representatives of the ratepayers.

Deputy Killilea considered that the Council should defer its discussion of these matters until the various representatives would have left.

Mr. Kelly stated that he considered that if the dispensary doctors did their work many chronic cases should not be occupying hospital beds, and such beds would be available for acute cases.

Mr. Glynn asked what proof the Department Officials would need that further appointments to the medical department are necessary.

Dr. Dyar stated that there is a vast difference between a whole-time Professor (as in Britain) who is allowed the use of beds in the Local Authority Hospital, and a Local Authority doctor who gives 25% of his time to university work.

The Chairman, in response to an enquiry by the President of University College, Galway, agreed that having heard the views of the University College representatives, the latter should be permitted to leave the meeting.

Mr. Joyce asked if the University College and the Department of Health Authorities are satisfied with the operation of the hospital at present.

The Rev. President, University College, Galway, stated that it would be a mistake to think that the existence of the University College Medical School is not of importance to the hospital. In reply to Mr. Joyce, the Rev. President stated that he considered that the system proposed would certainly be very much better than the present one, and in reply to Mr. Carty, stated that the incoming whole-time doctors would be as good as their predecessors.

Dr. O'Donnell asked what further evidence the Department's officials required to prove the medical section is not staffed adequately.

The Chairman stated that the Council has not submitted to the Department of Health any request for sanction to the additional staff in the medical department.

Dr. Dyar stated that experienced men will not apply for whole-time posts.

Mr. Dowling stated that eight such posts had been filled satisfactorily in other counties.

Mr. John Donnellan asked why the surgeon would not be permitted to operate on a patient in a private hospital or home.

The County Manager explained that the surgeon would have four private beds in the Regional Hospital, to which his private patients could come, and that this concession was made at the request of the Irish Medical Association.

Mr. Carty stated that it would be ridiculous for the surgeon to act as Consultant in an outside hospital and after having done so be obliged to delegate to a junior the actual operation on the patient. He requested that private beds in the hospital be not allowed, and that the surgeon be permitted to operate outside.

The County Manager stated that if the surgeon were permitted to operate outside, he could well be engaged on an outside operation when required for an emergency operation in the Council's Hospital; that such an arrangement would make an impossible demand on the surgeon's physical capacity.

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE.

Surgeon McDermott requested that whatever may be done by the Council will be done quickly, especially the filling of the Obstetrical position. He objected to the condition of appointment regarding the giving of information regarding the patient; that surgeons should be allowed to operate outside, and that such an arrangement should not interfere with their work for the Local Authority or for the University; that if it does so interfere that the Council authorities and the University have a remedy. Surgeon McDermott stated that Trinity College "whole-time" appointees are entitled to engage in private practice.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Dowling stated that the conditions of appointment for the whole-time surgeons already appointed in other counties are the same as those proposed for Galway, with the exception of the provision for teaching.

Deputy Killilea considered that the system had been satisfactory so far, and stated that he could not see why part-time permanent appointments would not meet the requirements now.

The County Manager pointed out that it has been stated that the hospital is understaffed, and if this statement was correct, the appointment of a part-time in lieu of a whole-time officer will not improve matters.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Geoghegan, Mr. Dowling stated that in the course of fifteen years he had not seen any case in which a Minister compelled a Council to make an appointment.

Surgeon McDermott stated that part-time men have never so far neglected their obligations to the hospital.

Dr. Dyar stated that unlimited private practice is not being sought, and that it should be possible to arrange for restricted private practice.

Clr. King stated that the eminent medical staff did not suggest this arrangement if they did not consider it was best for the hospital.

Dr. O'Donnell stated that he had not accepted the offer of a whole-time appointment as he considered that it would be physically impossible for him to do all that would be expected of a whole-time appointee.

In reply to an enquiry by the County Manager, Dr. O'Donnell stated that if the staffing of the medical department was approved, he would consider accepting the whole-time appointment.

Mr. Dowling stated that the Minister has no proposals before him for increased staff in the medical department; that if the Council submits such proposals he would go so far as to say that the Minister would approve them.

Dr. Dyar stressed the evident need for appointment of a Cardiologist, and the Chairman stated that all sides agree with the need for early permanent appointments.

AT THIS STAGE THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIALS AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IRISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION LEFT THE MEETING.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Cr. John Donnellan, that the conditions of appointment for the office of Senior Surgeon be the same as those for the present holder of the office (Mr. M. O'Malley).

The County Manager stated that when the sworn enquiry was held at the hospital over ten years ago, he had urged strongly the need for a whole-time appointment to be deferred until it could be linked with the University appointment.

Clr. Hanley stated that the Council is concerned with the betterment of conditions at the hospital and the taxpayers' interests.

Senator Mannion stated that there is little difference between both sides and that it should be possible to come to terms.

Clr. Carty proposed that the salary and conditions of the new appointment be similar to those of Surgeon O'Malley.

Later in lieu of his previous proposals, Clr. Carty proposed that the position of Surgeon be part-time and that it be left to the County Manager to fix the salary and conditions including provision for restricted private practice. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Kitt.

Clr. Galvin proposed that the position be whole-time as laid out in the draft qualifications prepared by the Minister for Health. This proposal was not seconded and the Committee approved the proposal made by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt, and approved by the Committee, that the position of Obstetrician-Gynaecologist be part-time and that it be left to the County Manager to arrange the salary and conditions of appointment including the provision for restricted private practice.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt and approved by the Committee, that the Committee recommend to the Council the approval to the creation of the position of part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist as set out in the draft conditions of appointment set out by the Minister for Health.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Máireamh Ó Cúinn Chairman.

Date: 28th Eanáir 1956

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Óifig an Runai,
Bohar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

21 Eanáir, 1956.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Chomhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Connadae, Dia Sathairn, 28adh Eanáir, 1956, at 1. 30.p.m.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

Chuir gao Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

C. N. O.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Vacancy for Rate Collector in No: 12 District (Aran) and approval to appointment of late collector's widow as temporary collector to close the current year's collection.
3. Rate Collectors retiring under Local Government (Officers) (Age Limit) Order, 1951, in Districts Nos: 15, 24 and 35.
4. Termination of Housing Grant Schemes.
5. Notification of new works proposed per section 2 (7) of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.
6. Creation of position of Staff Officer at Galway Central Hospital.
7. Creation of the following offices at the Galway Central Hospital:-
 - (a) Whole-time Surgeon (1)
 - (b) Whole-time Obstetrician-Gynaecologist (1)
 - (c) Part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (1),
 and minutes of Committee Meeting at 19. 1. 1956.
8. Minute No: 9878 of 7. 1. 56 re:-
 - (a) Tenders for Hire of Lorries and Plant.
 - (b) Tender for supply of Gravel and Stone.
 - (c) Cost per day for operation of Council's lorries as compared with charge for lorries hired from C.I.E. and others.
 - (d) Cost of surfacing 1 mile of county road
 - (1) in tar-macadam.
 - (2) in gravel.
 - (e) Annual cost of repayment of loan of £250,000.
9. University College, Galway - student fees - Minute No: 9890 of 7. 1. 56.
10. Continuation of scheme for supply of Seeds and Fertilizers.
11. Auditor's reports on accounts.

12. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

- (a) Deputy M. Killilea: "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that public lighting facilities be provided in Abbeyknockmoy."
- (b) Clr. Jos. Lambert: "At the next meeting of the Council I will propose that provision be made for five E.S.B. public lights at Ballinderreen Village."
- (c) Clr. J. Flaherty:
- (1) I will ask that the pump at Ballinlass Dummore be sunk without further delay.
 - (2) I will also ask that a wall be erected around the well at Lisheenahelta without further delay."
- (d) Clr. P.D. Joyce: "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Government be asked to allow Mr. G. Lee, B.E., County Engineer to steamroll and tar the sand county roads in Connemara at existing widths instead of the specified 16' carriageway."

13. Replies to questions already submitted by members.

14. Other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
 HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clr. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Ctrs. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiff, Clr. Lambert, Senator Mannion J., Ctrs. Mannion M., O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

9901 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to 9900, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes, the Secretary in reply to Clr. John Donnellan, stated that the figures of minimum and maximum flow as stated in the proposal for acquisition of water rights for Barna Water Supply Scheme were correct.

9902 - LOAN £3,500 - FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1940: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Cr. W. Burke and resolved:-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Minister for Local Government dated the 3rd day of January 1956 the sum of £3,500 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a Fire Engine for rural areas in the County of Galway, 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, 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."

9903 - BARNA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman, seconded by Cr. John Donnellan, and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the Book of Reference relating to the proposal for acquisition of water rights in connection with the Barna Water Supply Scheme."

9904 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 12 DISTRICT: The Secretary reported that Mr. Colman McDonagh, Rate Collector for No: 12 District - Aran, died on the 13th January, 1956.

On the proposal of Cr. T. King, seconded by Clr. M. Carty, the Council approved the appointment of the Rate Collector's widow, as temporary collector for the period from 14th January, 1956 to 30th April, 1956, inclusive.

9905 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 27 DISTRICT: Medical Certificate dated 19th instant was submitted, stating that Mr. Michael J. Kyne, Rate Collector for No: 27 District, would be unfit for duty for some months.

On the proposition of Clr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved the granting of sick leave to Mr. Kyne for period from 19th January to 30th April, 1956, inclusive, and of the appointment of Mr. Patrick O'Malley as Deputy Rate Collector (or such other suitable Deputy as may be nominated by Mr. Kyne) for that period.

9906 - RATE COLLECTORS FOR DISTRICTS NOS: 15, 24 and 35: The particulars of the proposed revision of remuneration for each of these three Districts, which had already been circulated to the members, were submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Burke and seconded by Clr. Sirr

"That the remuneration for these positions be so fixed that the maximum remuneration for any of the three collectors shall not exceed £400 a year."

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Carty

"That the Council approve the proposed remuneration for each of these three districts, as set out in the form of particulars circulated to each of the members."

Clr. Burke amended his proposal to provide that the maximum remuneration to be paid to any of the three collectors would be £500 a year, and this amendment was seconded by Clr. Sirr.

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The Chairman directed that a vote be taken for or against the County Manager's proposals as circulated to the members.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR: Ctrs. Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion M, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane J., and Ruane P. (17)

AGAINST: Ctrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Lambert, Mannion J., Ridge and Sirr (12).

The Chairman declared Deputy Killilea's proposal carried, and the proposed revision of remuneration for the Rate Collectors in Districts Nos. 15, 24 and 35, as set out in the memorandum circulated to the members was therefore approved.

9907: HOUSING GRANT SCHEMES: The Secretary explained that the total amount required to meet the Council's commitments in respect of housing grant applications already received was £621,000, and requested the Council to consider whether the schemes should or should not be continued beyond 31st March, 1956.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. T. Hanley and resolved: "That the Council approve the continuation of all existing schemes for supplementary housing grants for a further year to 31st March, 1957."

It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved: "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to agree that the earnings of an applicant or of a member of his family which were earned outside the country or by such member who is not residing at home, be not taken into account in assessing the amount of income in connection with an application for a supplementary housing grant."

9908: - NEW WORKS: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the carrying out of the following new works:-

1. 23 new cottages in various parts of the County Health District.
2. Extension of Water and Sewerage Services at Prospect, Athenry at a cost of £319 - subject to a contribution of £90 for the sewerage extension.
3. Extension of Watermain in Loughre Road, Gort, at a cost of £100.
4. Provision of a new fire station at Ballinasloe.
5. Improvements in the County Engineer's stores in accordance with the County Engineer's report of the 20/1/56, at a cost of £304.
6. The carrying out of work at Spiddal Dispensary Residence at a cost of £384.7.3d in addition to the amount of the loan of £3,200 which had already been approved by the Council.
7. Improvement of Oranmore Dispensary at a cost of £750.
8. Improvement of Rosnuck Dispensary at a cost of £635.
9. Improvement of Kinvara Dispensary at a cost of £437.
10. Fencing Portumna Dumping Ground at a cost of £148.
11. Painting, shelving and Lino. - Oughterard Branch Library at a cost of £69.10.0d.

9909 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved an increase of 12/6d a week in the remuneration of Mr. Martin Connolly, Switchboard Operator, with effect from and including week ending 5th October, 1955.

9910 - TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE: The Secretary submitted for the Council's approval the County Manager's proposals for revision of the temporary allowance, viz:-

- (a) For staff with remuneration not exceeding £300 a year - 10% on the gross consolidated salary.
- (b) For staff with remuneration in excess of £300 - £30 on the first £300 of gross consolidated salary and 6% on the remainder.
- (c) In the case of officers on emoluments and rations - deduction to be made in respect of rations supplied, by the increased rate of 6d per day. Where money is supplied in lieu of rations, the annual allowance in lieu of rations to be increased by £9 per annum, and cash in lieu of rations for staff off duty to be increased by 6d per day subject to the same conditions as at present obtaining.

The above revision to take effect from 1st November, 1955, inclusive.

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It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Canning that the Council approve the revision in temporary allowance as recommended by the County Manager.

Clr. Glynn did not agree with a percentage revision, and considered that the revision should be by way of a fixed amount for each individual.

Clr. Ridge proposed that an increase of 10% be given on salaries up to £300 a year and no increase for those with remuneration in excess of £300 a year.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Clr. Ridge that the Council approve revision of the temporary allowance on the following basis:

Up to £400 a year: £50 minimum increase.
For Officers with salaries in excess of £400 and not exceeding £900 a year - An increase of 10% on the total gross salary - no increase in temporary allowance to be given to officers with salaries in excess of £900 a year.

Deputy Killilea stated that this matter had been considered fully by the County Manager and he suggested that the Council should agree with the Manager's proposals.

Clr. Ridge then proposed that a 10% increase be given on salaries up to £300 a year and that a graded increase be arranged for those in excess of £300.

Senator Mannion considered that the Council did not receive sufficient notice of this matter since it was not on the Agenda.

The Secretary explained that it was not possible for him to have this item on the Agenda as he did not receive the County Manager's proposals until subsequent to the issue of the Agenda.

The Chairman stated that at the outset he had indicated that he would adjourn consideration of this matter if anybody objected due to the fact that it was not included on the Agenda, and since there was such an objection, the Chairman ruled that consideration of this item be adjourned until next meeting.

9911 - ADDITIONAL STAFF OFFICER: This matter, which was adjourned at the meeting on the 7th instant, was again submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved: "That the Council adhere to the decision given in Minute No: 9792 that the office of Staff Officer at the Galway Central Hospital be not created and that the Council again recommend to the County Manager that Mr. Michael Kyne, Staff Officer in the County Buildings, be transferred to the Central Hospital for a trial period."

9912 - MEDICAL STAFF: The County Manager, who was absent on official business in Dublin, having requested that consideration of Item No: 7 on the Agenda be adjourned, it was decided by the Council that consideration of this item would be adjourned until the next meeting.

9913 - HIRE OF PLANT, ETC: The particulars circulated to the members were submitted. Deputy Killilea stated that he required the following

additional information:-

1. Particulars of those who, after tenders had been received, were requested to reduce their tenders.
2. Particulars of the number of days and hours worked by the crushing plants.
3. Output of each crushing machine working with its full complement of men.

The County Engineer stated that after tenders had been received and accepted, there still were two crushing plants which had been hired by the Council for a year or more, and had given every satisfaction; that the owners of these plants had failed to tender for the coming season, and since work was available for all plants including these two, the County Engineer had asked them if they were prepared to continue at the rate accepted for plants in response to the Council's advertisement.

9914 - QUARRIES: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. M. Mannion, the County Engineer stated that while the main supply of material will be from the Central Pit, material will still be taken from the local pits for such work as gill filling.

In reply to Clr. Galvin, the County Engineer explained the restriction in the hire of private lorries, and stated that where it is possible to hire private lorries, he would engage them in preference to C.I.E. lorries.

Clr. Burke referred to the long delay in loading C.I.E. lorries with gravel and suggested that local pits should be utilised and that material should be taken from these local pits by horse and cart, which could deliver for a distance of, say, up to six miles.

9915 - ROLLING OF COUNTY ROADS: Clr. Kitt referred to Items Nos: 8 (d) and (e) on the Agenda and considered that it would be more advisable for the County Council to raise a loan for steamrolling of existing county roads, and that the money be devoted entirely to soling and rolling of these roads, and that as little as possible of it be expended in widening or easing corners.

The County Engineer stated that in his opinion, if a further 500 miles of county roads were steamrolled, the problem of their maintenance would be eased considerably.

9916 - UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY: In regard to Item No: 9 on the Agenda, the Chairman stated that the Governing Body had, with great reluctance, increased the students' fees as revenue had to be obtained from somewhere; that the fees are still lower than those charged by the University Colleges in Dublin and Cork; that the grant to the Galway College is approximately £72,000 a year, while a grant of £100,000 a year is made to Trinity College.

Deputy Coogan considered that the Press should be admitted to meetings of the University Governing Body.

Clr. Kelly requested that the Chairman would, at the next meeting of the Governing Body, protest against the increase in the amount of students' fees. The Chairman stated that he would not do this.

9917 - KILRONAN WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan as to the reason why the Aran Waterworks is not being extended to Iar-Aran, the County Engineer stated that while it would be desirable to extend the supply to the places mentioned by Deputy Coogan, the Consulting Engineer considered that the source would not be adequate to supply these areas; that if eventually it is found that the source will be sufficient, the extension of the supply to Iar-Aran etc., could then be considered.

9918 - ROAD WORKERS: Deputy Coogan recommended that a five-day week be arranged for road workers in the Connemara area, as such an arrangement would leave the workers a full day free on Saturday to attend to their gardens etc.

9919 - SEEDS SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. Calvin, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council approve the adoption of a scheme for the supply of seeds and/or fertilisers on loan terms for the 1956 season similar to the scheme which was in operation in 1955.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AND THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

B. Linnain - Secretary.

Submitted, approved, and confirmed.

Máire Mí O'Cuinn Chairman.

Date: 25th Feb. 1956

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthán:
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

28adh Eanáir, 1956.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

Estimates for Year Ending 31st March, 1957.

A. Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Committee Meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 4th February, 1956, commencing at 12 o'clock noon.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE OF THE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON
SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Clr. T. King.
(2) Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Cartv, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glvnn, Hanley, Joyce Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiff, Clr. Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.

The proposed Estimate of Expenses for Year Ending 31st March, 1957, as circulated to the members, was submitted, showing total estimated expenditure £2,330,116 and total receipts £1,035,476, with Urban contributions £123,593, and net credit balance £63,000, leaving the amount to be levied £1,108,047 for county charges, which would be equivalent to a rate of 547³/₄d. in the £. i.e., increase of 36d. on the rate for the current year.

The Secretary submitted a letter of the 25th January, 1956, from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, stating that the increase of 6/- per week in the wages of workers in the County Health District had been rejected by their members, and that the Union had been requested to refer this matter to the Labour Court if the Council did not grant a further increase.

It was proposed by Senator Mannion and seconded by Deputy Coogan that the Estimates Committee recommend to the Council and to the County Manager that a further increase of 4/- per week be granted to road workers in the Galway County Health District with effect from 1st April, 1956, making the revised rate of wages from that date £5 a week.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. Hanley that the Committee recommend that the Council adhere to the decision made already granting an increase of 6/- a week only with effect from 2nd January, 1956.

Clr. O'Donnell proposed that if the increase of 4/- per week from 1st April, 1956, is given, the estimate should be increased proportionately.

After further discussion Clr. Collins withdrew his amendment and the Committee approved Senator Mannion's proposal.

ROADS: The Committee then proceeded to consider the Estimate for roads.

It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell and seconded by Clr. James Ruane that the Estimate be increased to provide for the increase of 4/- per week in road workers' wages from 1st April, 1956.

It was proposed by Senator Mannion and seconded by Clr. Collins that the Estimate be not increased and that the amount to be allowed for roads shall be equivalent only to the amount allowed for this service for the current year to 31st March, 1956.

CLR. QUINN NOW ARRIVED AND TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Dowd considered that the Estimate for roads should not be curtailed and Clr. King requested that Senator Mannion would withdraw his amendment, and that this matter could be considered generally in relation to the estimate for road works. Senator Mannion then withdrew his amendment.

It was agreed unanimously to make the following amendments in the Estimate, viz:-

Main Roads: Improvement reduced from £23,000 to £10,000, with a corresponding reduction in the grant.
Acquisition of Land reduced from £5,000 to £4,000.

The total expenditure for main roads was therefore reduced to £178,930, and it was decided that the increase of 4/- per week as recommended would be met by this amended figure.

County Roads: It was decided to make the following amendments in the estimate for county roads:

Improvement reduced from £12,000 to £6,000.
Councillors' Notices of Motion reduced from £20,000 to £15,500.

It was proposed by Senator Mannion and seconded by Clr. Joyce that the sum of £20,000 provided for Notices of Motion be deleted entirely and that consideration of this provision be adjourned for twelve months.

A vote taken for or against the provision of £15,500 for Notices of Motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Burke, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Hanley, Kelly, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, Mannion M., O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr. (22).

AGAINST: Clrs. Canning, Glvnn, Joyce, King and Mannion J. (5).

Clr. Wall did not vote.

It was therefore decided to recommend to the Council the inclusion of £15,500 in County Roads for Councillors' Notices of Motion.

The meeting was now adjourned for half-an-hour to 3.45 p.m.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: On resumption of the meeting the Estimate for Public Assistance was approved without alteration.

HEALTH: It was decided unanimously that the following alterations be made in the estimated expenditure for Health Services:-

Disabled Persons - Cash Grants: Reduction of £2,000 to £40,000.
Disabled Persons - Rehabilitation: Reduction of £1,000 to £1,000.

It was noted that there would be an increase in the estimated receipts from the Health Grant to the amount of £1,500 as a result of these two reductions in expenditure.

Deputy Coogan recommended:

- That the porters at the Galway Central Hospital get a revision of temporary allowance so as to make their remuneration equal to that of the Council's labourers in the Galway Borough Area.
- That a first-aid kit should be provided in each of the Council's ambulances, and that the nurse and driver of the ambulance should be competent to render first-aid.

SANITARY: The Estimate for Sanitary Services was approved without alteration.

HOUSING: The Estimate for Housing Services was approved without alteration.

Deputy Lahiff recommended that in cases in which the tenant of a cottage is anxious to have the cottage vested in him, the County Engineer should prepare an estimate of the cost of the repairs necessary, and that it then be left to the tenant of the cottage to have the repairs carried out to the County Engineer's satisfaction.

The County Engineer stated that in cases where it is possible to make such arrangements this is being done already.

The County Manager referred to the resolution of the Council at meeting on the 28th ultimo regarding the continuation of the supplementary housing grant schemes for a further year, and stated that he will not agree to continue these schemes unless the Council compels him to do so.

GENERAL PURPOSES: It was decided unanimously to make the following alterations in the Estimate for General Purposes:-

To reduce the provision for expenditure on the Bishop's Palace, Tuam, by £100 to £200.
To reduce provision for Blind Welfare Schemes by £400 to £7,500.
To increase the contribution to University College, Galway, by £1,500.

Deputy Coogan requested that the Council provide public lights on the roadway near the entrance to Merlin Park.

The County Manager in reply stated that the Council was prepared to do this provided that the Corporation would, in the first instance, extend the public lighting as far as the borough boundary on the Galway-Oranmore road.

Deputy Coogan also requested that the public lights be, in the summertime left on later in Spiddal than in other centres, since Spiddal is a tourist resort.

Clr. John Durnellan requested that some additional remuneration be granted to the porter and caretaker at the County Buildings, Galway, to compensate them for the additional time which these men are required to work on meeting days - particularly now that meetings are being held more frequently than hitherto.

The County Manager stated that this matter would receive consideration.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

B. Mearns Secretary

Submittal, approved and confirmed.

Maurice O'Brien Chairman

Date: 25th Feabhra, 1956.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

16adh Feabhra, 1956.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Chomhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Poirnithe Condae, Dia Sathairn, 26adh Feabhra, 1956, nuair a bheas deire leis an gcrúinniú Meastachan.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAICH.

Runai.

Chuir gao Bhaili de'n Chomhairle.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £28,400 for provision of new dispensaries.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £3,200 for Spiddal Dispensary Residence.
4. Appointment of Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.
5. Excess Expenditure in Y.E. 31. 3. 1956.
6. Overdraft for quarter to 30. 6. 1956.
7. Minutes of Visiting Committee for Institutions.
8. Amendments to Polling Scheme.
9. Creation of the following Offices at the Galway Central Hospital:-
 - (a) Whole-time Surgeon (1)
 - (b) Whole-time Obstetrician-Gynaecologist (1).
 - (c) Part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (1).
 and minutes of Committee Meeting on 19. 1. 1956.
10. Remuneration for the position of Rate Collector in No. 12 District.
11. Appointment of deputy for Rate Collector T. Flaherty, No. 11 District, who is absent owing to illness.
12. Sewerage Scheme proposed for Carraroe.
13. Appointment of deputy for Rate Collector J. Walsh No. 24 District, who is absent owing to illness.
14. Proposal to demolish the public latrine at Clifden.
15. Remuneration Variations.
16. Notification of New Works.

17. Revision of Temporary Allowance and Temporary Bonus - Minute No: 9910 of 28. 1. 1956 and notice of motion by Clr. James J. Ruane:-
"Please take note that I, or some other member of the Council, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the temporary allowance and temporary bonus for officials be increased by 10% on the existing gross remuneration for all grades."
18. Land Project "orks - Request by Department of Agriculture that the Council will carry out certain works, when necessary, in connection with the Land Project Scheme.
19. Auditor's report on accounts.
20. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
- (a) Deputy M. Killilea:
"I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that public lighting facilities be provided in Abbeyknockmoy."
- (b) Clr. Jcs. Lambert:
"At the next meeting of the Council I will propose that provision be made for five E.S.B. public lights at Ballinderreen Village."
- (c) Clr. J. Flaherty:
- (1) I will ask that the pump at Ballinlass, Dunmore, be sunk without further delay.
 - (2) I will also ask that a wall be erected around the well at Lisheenahelta without further delay."
- (d) Clr. P.D. Joyce:
"I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Government be asked to allow Mr. G. Lee, B.E., County Engineer, to steamroll and tar the sand county roads in Connemara at existing widths instead of the specified 16' carriageway."
- (e) Deputy M. Killilea:
"Dunmore C.A.P. Sub-Committee - add the following names:- J.D. Collins, Cortnabeyno, Dunmore, and Frank Finnan, Bolmcourt, Milltown."
- (f) Deputy J. Geoghegan & Clr. M. O'Donnell:
"I will propose that the County Council will co-operate with Special Employment Schemes Office in the building of a pier in the Townland of Knock, Lettermore."
- (g) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
"That the Council instruct the County Engineer to reduce the protection wall on the bridge at Cornamona so as to give a view to traffic on the dangerous turn."
- (h) Deputy M. Killilea:
- (a) "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a Committee be appointed to examine and report on the tenders for hire of plant, etc. (as circulated) with particular reference to the following:-
 - (1) Page 3 - "Crushers & Tractors" Tenders.
 - (2) Tenders accepted and time worked.
 - (3) Contracts given and not quoted for in time.
 - (4) Daily output of stonebreakers."
 - (b) I will move at the next meeting of the Co. C. that Public Lighting be provided at Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
 - (c) I will move at the next meeting of the Co.C. that the necessary improvements be carried out at Kilbarnet Burial Ground."
- (i) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
"I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that a survey be carried out of the following townlands - Louphoneers, Kylesalia and Kilkerrin with a view to giving the people of these townlands a piped water supply."
- (j) Clr. John Donnellan:
"At the next meeting of the of the Galway Co. Council I will propose that a sewerage scheme be provided for the village of Moycullen."
21. Replies to Questions already submitted by Councillors.
22. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Senator Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.

9920 - ESTIMATE 1956/57: The Estimate of Expenses as revised at the Estimates Committee Meeting on the 4th February, 1956, was submitted, showing a total expenditure of £2,303, 616, and total receipts £1,028, 776 for county charges, £40,835. 0. 11. expenditure for separate charges and £3,456 for town charges.

Clr. M. Carty suggested that having regard to the amount of the rate, the provision in Roads Account of £15,500 for Councillors' Notices of Motion for new roads should be deleted. This suggestion was supported by Senator Mannion, Clrs. Joyce, King, Galvin, and Deputy Coogan, and was opposed by Clrs. Kitt and Collins and Wall.

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt and seconded by Clr. Dowd that the provision of £15,500 in Roads Account for Councillors' Notices of Motion be retained. It was proposed by Senator J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. Joyce that the provision of £15,500 for Councillors' Notices of Motion be deleted from the Estimate. This proposal was supported by Clr. James Donnellan and J. Lambert, and was opposed by Clrs. J. Dowd and M. Mannion.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council already had over three thousand miles of county roads which could not be maintained in proper condition from the funds available, and stated that this mileage should not be increased until the roads for which the Council is already responsible would be put in proper order. The Chairman suggested that the provision for Notices of Motion be reduced by £7,000.

Clr. King suggested that the sum provided for Notices of Motion be transferred to Health Account to meet increases in expenditure which might be anticipated, although provision had not been made for them.

A vote taken for or against the provision of £15,500 in Roads Account for Councillors' Notices of Motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: CLRS. Burke, Collins, Coogan, Dowd, Galvin, Kelly, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion M., Quinn, Ridge Ruane J. and Sirr (14).

AGAINST: Clrs. Canning, Carty, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, King, Lambert, Mannion J., O'Donnell, Ruane P., and Wall (16).

It was therefore decided that the amount £15,500 for Councillors' notices of Motion in Roads Account be deleted.

Clr. Carty proposed that a further reduction of £10,000 be made in Roads Account. This proposal was not seconded.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. O'Donnell that the Roads Estimate as amended by the deletion of £15,500 be adopted. This proposal was adopted by the Council, Clr. Ridge dissenting.

It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell and seconded by Clr. Glynn that the remainder of the Estimate as revised at the Estimates Committee Meeting on 4th instant be adopted.

Clr. Wall referred to the advertisement inviting tenders for new Courthouses at Athenry, Ballygar, Gurteen and Mountbellew, and objected to the expenditure of approximately £45,000 on provision of these four new Courthouses.

The County Manager stated that before any tender would be accepted particulars of the tenders would be placed before the Council.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Kelly, as an amendment to Clr. O'Donnell's proposal, that the Council examine each item in the remainder of the Estimate.

A vote taken for or against adoption of the remainder of the estimate as proposed by Clr. O'Donnell resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Collins, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Lahiff, Mannion J., O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall (18).

AGAINST: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion M., and Ridge (11).

The Chairman declared Clr. O'Donnell's proposal carried, and it was then proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Estimate of Expenses as revised at the Estimates Committee Meeting on the 4th February, 1956, and as amended today, by the deletion of £15,500 from Roads Account, 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 purposes specified in the said Estimates for Year Ending 31st March, 1957."

It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Glynn 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."

THE ESTIMATES MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

R. Mannion - Secy.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirín O'Connell Chairman

Date: 24th MARCH 1956

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY 26th FEBRUARY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cirs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cirs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Cirs. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiff, Cirs. Lambert, Senator Mannion, Cirs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge Ruane James, Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.

9921 - MINUTES: Minutes of previous meetings to Minute No: 9919, having been circulated to the members, were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

9922 - CAR PARKS AT SALTHILL: It was proposed by Deputy Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Order for Compulsory Acquisition of land for car parks at Salthill from Miss Josephine Hynes - 3 roods, 26 perches, from Mr. Walter Anderson - 1 acre, 3 roods, 1 perch, from the Irish Shell Ltd. - 3 roods, 27 perches, be sealed with the Seal of the Council."

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Order which was signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

9923 - LOAN FOR NEW DISPENSARIES: It was proposed by Deputy Robert Lahiff, seconded by Clr. John 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-eight thousand four hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Health Acts, 1947 to 1954."

9924 - LOAN FOR SPIDDAL DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: It was proposed by Clr. Peter Sirr, seconded by Clr. Paddy 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 Three thousand two hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Health Acts, 1947 to 1954."

9925 - FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Kitt, the Council approved the appointment of the three existing Councillors on the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee, viz., Cirs. Martin Quinn, Miss M.A. Ashe and Clr. James J. Ruane.

On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council approved the appointment of Clr. P.D. Joyce as the fourth representative of the County Council on this Committee, and approved the nominations of the other Bodies to the Committee, viz:

Galway Corporation - Alderman M. O'Flaherty, Dominick Street, Galway.
Clr. J. Cox, "Thiroul", Lr. Merchant's Road, Galway.
Clr. F. Breathnach, Canal Road, Galway.

Ballinasloe Urban District Council - Clr. Charles Soden, Deerpark, Ballinasloe.
Martin J. Lynch, Society Street, Ballinasloe.

Tuam Town Commissioners - Jarlath A. O'Connell, Foster Place, Tuam.

Loughrea Town Commissioners - Joseph Kilboy, Bride Street, Loughrea.

9226 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE: On the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council approved expenditure in excess of the Estimate for the current year as set out hereunder and noted that on the entire Estimate a saving of £41,045 is anticipated:-

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| <u>ROADS:</u> | |
| Ordinary Road Works: | £4,440. |
| Government Grants: | £18,510. |
| <u>HEALTH:</u> | |
| General Medical Services: | £1,250. |
| Maintenance and Disabled Persons: | £7,000. |

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| <u>HEALTH:</u> | |
| Ambulance Services: | £500. |
| <u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:</u> | £1,980 |
| <u>GENERAL PURPOSES:</u> | |
| L.A.W. Act Schemes: | £9,950. |
| | <u>£43,630.</u> |

CLR. M. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of Overdraft Accommodation on General Account not exceeding £75,000 for Quarter Ending 30th June, 1956.

9928 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee as set out hereunder, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and approved:

Central Hospital - 22nd December, 1955.
 Tuam Home - 5th January, 1956.
 Central Hospital - 11th January, 1956.
 St. Brendan's Home - 18th January, 1956.

9929 - POLLING SCHEME: Clr. John Donnellan stated that he was withdrawing his recommendation for amendment of the Polling Scheme.

The list of suggested amendments to the Polling Scheme which had been circulated to each member of the Council was submitted, and was approved, on the proposition of Clr. Kelly, seconded by Deputy Coogan.

Senator Mannion stated that he wished to submit particulars of an amendment which was not already included in the list.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Kitt stated that although Curraghboy townland is shown in the Polling Scheme as voting at Ballinamore Bridge, the register requires adjustment as it is not laid out accordingly.

9930 - MEDICAL STAFF: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 19th January, 1956, in connection with the request for approval to creation of the offices of Whole-time Surgeon, whole-time Obstetrician-Gynaecologist, and part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist were submitted.

The County Manager pointed out that these appointments had been the subject of discussions over a long period between the Minister for Health and the Irish Medical Association, and requested that the Council would consider this matter broadly rather than in regard to the interests of any individual.

In reply to Clr. Carty, the County Manager stated that he had not taken any steps towards preparation of Conditions of Appointment for part-time positions of Surgeon and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist since the minutes of the committee meeting had not yet been approved by the Council.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane, that the Council confirm the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 19th January, 1956, and approve the decision taken therein refusing approval to the creation of the whole-time positions of Surgeon and of Obstetrician-Gynaecologist, and approving the creation of the office of part-time Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist as set out in the draft Conditions of Appointment received from the Secretary, Department of Health.

The Chairman stated that Galway city and county had benefited considerably by the long association with University College, and referred to the provision of a Regional Hospital and Regional Sanatorium in this county which are the finest in the State; that the question of the making of these appointments has dragged on for several years and that there is a danger that the Galway Medical School will not be recognised if the standard of teaching therein is not approved.

It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Galvin that the Council approve the creation of the whole-time positions of Surgeon and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist under the Galway County Council as described in the draft Conditions of

Appointment received with letter of 26th November, 1955, from the Department of Health. Clr. Wall stated that he did not agree that it is essential to the Medical School that these positions should be whole-time.

Clr. Galvin stated that he was convinced that it is in the interests of the county and of the University College that these positions should be whole-time.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that the Council had requested the views of the Irish Medical Association and that having obtained these views, they should consider them very carefully.

The County Manager stated that it would not be possible for a Surgeon or Obstetrician-Gynaecologist to attend to private practice without encroaching on the time which he would be required to give to the Galway Central Hospital and to the University College.

Clr. Collins stated that if the Council consider part-time appointments should be made, it should not accept dictation from Dublin in regard to the making of whole-time appointments.

Clr. Sirm stated that he believed that the welfare of the patients would be better served by the making of part-time appointments.

Clr. Kelly stated that for the slight difference in net cost to the Council, whole-time service as set out in the Conditions would be available. He, however, objected to the provision of private beds.

In reply to Deputy Geoghegan, the County Manager explained that the Minister had reluctantly agreed to the provision of private beds to meet the representations made by the Irish Medical Association.

Clr. King stated that the Council should take cognisance of general policy in these matters; that several whole-time appointments have been made to much smaller county hospitals; that both the Department of Health and the University authorities consider that whole-time appointments would be best and that therefore he concluded also that whole-time appointments should be made to these positions.

In reply to Clr. Glynn, who asked if the Conditions were being dictated by the British Medical Association, the County Manager stated that that Association is not concerned with what may be done in Galway, but that it is a matter of great concern to the Galway graduates to ensure that their degrees will be recognised by the British Medical Association.

Clr. Kitt stated that he still adhered to his views at the Committee Meeting in favour of part-time appointments.

A vote taken for or against Mr. Quinn's proposal that the Council approve the creation of the whole-time positions of Surgeon and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Coogan, Galvin, Geoghegan, Greene, Kelly, King, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane J., and Ruane P. (10).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Ridge, Sirm and Wall (20).

Clr. Quinn's proposal was therefore declared defeated, and as the voting in favour of Clr. Carty's proposal was taken as 20 for and 10 against, Clr. Carty's proposal was declared carried and it was now proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of part-time positions of Surgeon (1) and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist under the Galway County Council with restricted private practice but without any private beds."

9931 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 12 DISTRICT: It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved:

"That the Council approve the proposed remuneration for the vacant position of Rate Collector in No: 12 District (Inishmore, Aran), viz., Salary £100 a year, bonus up to a maximum of £100 a year with temporary allowance at the approved rate on salary and bonus, the present rate of temporary allowance being 30% and the bonus to be divided into five parts of £20 each, each part being payable on the fulfillment of the Conditions set out in the memorandum which was circulated to each member of the Council.

9932 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 11 DISTRICT: It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council approve the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Flaherty as Deputy Rate Collector for No: 11 District for the period from 3rd February to 3rd April, 1956, during the absence of the permanent collector on sick leave.

9933 - CARRAROE SEWERAGE: On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Carty, the Council approved the provision of a gravity sewerage scheme for Carraroe discharging into Costello Bay, at an estimated cost of £21,000.

9934 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 24 DISTRICT: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Quinn, the Council approved the appointment of the Rate Collector's son, Patrick Walsh as Deputy Rate Collector for No: 24 District for period from 7th February to 30th April, 1956, during the absence of Mr. Joseph Walsh, Rate Collector, on sick leave.

9935 - CLIFDEN LATRINE: The County Manager explained that it has not been possible to maintain the existing latrine in Clifden in good condition, and it was decided that it would be advisable to provide a latrine in another part of the town; that a site considered suitable had been obtained, but that he had now been informed by the Clifden Town Improvements Committee that very strong objections were made to the proposal to erect a latrine on this site. The Manager therefore requested the Council's approval to demolition of the existing latrine and stated that he does not propose erecting an alternative one until the local people will agree with the Council on a suitable site.

Senator Mannion stated that he did not object to this proposal.

Clr. Joyce stated that he opposed this recommendation strongly; that the existing latrine is built on a very suitable site, and that it is the Council's fault that it is not kept in proper condition by the Caretaker. After a discussion, it was recommended that the existing latrine should not be demolished, but that it should be improved, and that proper caretaking arrangements should be made for it.

9936 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved variations in remunerations set out hereunder:-

1. An increase of 4/- a week in the wages of road workers in the Galway County Health District with effect from 1st April, 1956, making the revised remuneration from that date £5 a week for labourers.
2. An increase of 12/6d. a week from 29. 9. 55 inclusive in the remuneration of certain grades whose wages or salary are normally revised in relation to the revision of wages for the Council's labourers in the Galway Borough Area, viz., Caretaker and Porter, County Buildings, Porter at County Library, two clerks in County Engineer's stores, Mr. J. Casserly, Weighbridge, and Mr. E. Hynes, County Buildings Yard, and porters and other grades at Galway Central Hospital whose remuneration is normally revised in relation to local wages rates.
3. Two cleaners in County Buildings, and one cleaner in Courthouse - increase of 6/3d. a week from 29. 9. 1955 inclusive.
4. Porter, County Buildings - an allowance of 10/- as compensation for overtime worked by him on the occasion of each meeting of the Council or its committees held at the County Buildings outside normal working hours.
5. Dispensary Caretakers:
 Currandulla - an increase of £12 a year to £27. a year.
 Williamstown - increase of £2. 10. 0. a year to £27. 10. 0.
 Mountbellew - increase from £15 to £26 a year.
 Aughrim - remuneration of £25 a year.
6. Travelling expenses for each of twenty-two Assistance Officers on the following basis:

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| Car | - | 6d. per mile subject to a maximum of £75 a year. |
| Motor Cycle | - | 2½d. per mile subject to a maximum of £27. 10. 0. a year. |
| Cycle | - | 1½d. a mile subject to a maximum of £10 a year. |

9936(a) NEW WORKS: On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Council approved the carrying out of new works as set out hereunder:-

Provision of new dispensaries at Ballymacward, Bullaun, Carraroe, Dalystown, Craughwell, Dunmore, Headford, Kiltesskill, Oughterard and Peterswell.

Improvement of dispensary at Attymon.

Renting of premises for a dispensary at Camus, painting and decoration and provision of furniture therein.

Provision of furniture at Letterfrack Dispensary.

Improvement of Oranmore Dispensary Residence at an estimated cost of £508.

9937 - ROAD WORKS, 1955/56: It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Ruane and resolved:

"That the Council approve the transfer of £1,500 from Scheme No: 13 to Scheme No: 1 on the Main Road Improvement Grant "chemes for the current year."

9938 - TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE AND TEMPORARY BONUS: The County Manager stated that he understood that the Irish Local Government Officials' Union were prepared to accept the bonus as recommended by him, viz., 10% on remuneration up to £300 a year, and 6½% on remuneration in excess of £300 a year.

Clr. Ruane stated that he would therefore amend his Notice of Motion accordingly and he proposed and Deputy Killilea seconded that the temporary allowance and temporary bonus for officials be increased by 10% on the first £300 per annum of gross remuneration for all grades and by 6½% on the gross remuneration in excess of £300 per annum for all grades.

CLR. KITT NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Clr. Ridge that the temporary allowance and temporary bonus for officials be increased by £50 a year for those with remuneration not exceeding £300 a year, and that in the case of officials with remuneration in excess of £300 a year the increase be 6½% on the total gross remuneration for such officials.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR MR. RUANE'S PROPOSAL: Clrs. Canning, Coogan, Donnellan John, Geoghegan, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiff, O'Donnell and Ruane James. (12)

FOR CLR. KELLY'S PROPOSAL: Clrs. Burke, Collins, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Calvin, Kelly, Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Ridge, Ruane P., and Wall (12).

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Kitt, directed that further consideration of this matter be adjourned until next meeting of the Council.

9939 - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD. On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the Council appointed Clr. Martin Quinn, Chairman, as their nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company Ltd.

9940 - LAND PROJECT WORKS: Letter RG.742 of 26/1/56 from the Department of Agriculture was submitted, and on the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Collins, the Council approved the entering into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, for the carrying out of works of this type, viz., lowering of gullies, etc.

9941 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: Auditor's report on the accounts of the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for Year Ended 31st March, 1955 was submitted and noted.

9942 - DENTAL ATTENDANT: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the creation of temporary whole-time position of second dental attendant with remuneration of £4 a week.

9943 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, ABBEYKNOCKMOY: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion, the Council recommended that public lighting be provided at Abbeyknockmoy.

9944 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - BALLINDERREEN: On the proposition of Clr. Lambert, seconded by Deputy Lahiff, the Council recommended that public lighting be provided at Ballinderreen.

9945 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, SPIDDAL: The County Manager, in response to Deputy Geoghegan, stated that if particulars of the dates of fairs be supplied, arrangements could be made for provision of extension of the public lighting in Spiddal on these dates.

9946 - COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS: It was noted that replies had already been furnished by letter to questions submitted by Councillors.

8947 - MEDICAL SERVICES: In response to a question by Deputy Geoghegan, the County Manager stated that he will take up with the Department of Health the question of charges being made by some Medical Officers for medical certificates issued for school children in support of their claims for the £5 grant.

8948 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Patrick Gardiner, Park West, Glonberno, on the death of his wife.
 Sean Nolan, Carraroo, on the death of his father.
 Mrs. Sganlon, N.T., Teoreen, Carraroo, on the death of her daughter.
 The relatives of the late Mrs. Mangan, Carna.
 The relatives of the late Mr. Conroy.
 The relatives of the late Mr. J.J. Russell, formerly of the Harbour Board.
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Consideration of Items Nos: 20 (c) to 20(j) inclusive was adjourned until next meeting, and the meeting then terminated.

B. O'Connell - Runai

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Mairín O'Connell - Chairman

Date: 24th MARCH 1956

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Oifig an Runai,
 Bothar Mor,
 GAILLIMH.

15adh Marta, 1956.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Comhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Connadae, Dia Sathairn, 24adh Marta, 1956, ag 1.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

Chuir gac Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Revision of temporary allowance and temporary bonus.
3. Galway Harbour Commissioners' Overdraft £9,500 - confirmation of resolution adopted on 7th January, 1956 - Minute No: 9883.
4. Scheme for scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools - restriction in total amount of scholarships.
5. The creation of the position of Children's Officer.
6. Tenders for provision of new Courthouses at Athenry, Ballygar, Gurteen and Mountbellew.
7. Cinema Licences.
8. Traffic Wardens' Regulations, 1955.
9. New Works.
10. Remuneration variations.
11. Valuation of rateable hereditaments - letter 27. 2. 56 from County Councils' General Council.
12. Loughrea Fair green.
13. Filling of two vacancies on Ballinasloe O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
14. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
 - (a) Clr. J. Flaherty:
 - (1) I will ask that the pump at Ballinlass, Dunmore, be sunk without further delay.
 - (2) I will also ask that a wall be erected around the well at Lisheenahelta without further delay."
 - (b) Clr. P.D. Joyce:

"I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Government be asked to allow Mr. G. Lee, B.E., County Engineer, to steamroll and tar the sand county roads in Connemara at existing widths

instead of the specified 16' carriageway."

- (c) Deputy M. Killilea: "Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee - add the following names:- J.B. Collins, Gortaboyne, Dunmore, and Frank Manning, Belmont, Milltown."
- (d) Deputy J. Geoghegan and Clr. M. O'Donnell: "I will propose that the County Council will co-operate with Special Employment Schemes Office in the building of a pier in the townland of Knock, Lettermore."
- (e) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "That the Council instruct the County Engineer to reduce the protection wall on the bridge at Cornamona so as to give a view to traffic on the dangerous turn."
- (f) Deputy M. Killilea:
 (a) "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a Committee be appointed to examine and report on the tenders for hire of plant, etc. (as circulated) with particular reference to the following:-
 1. Page 3 - "Crushers & Tractors" Tenders.
 2. Tenders accepted and time worked.
 3. Contracts given and not quoted for in time.
 4. Daily output of stonebreakers."
 (b) I will move at the next meeting of the Co.C. that Public Lighting be provided at Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
 (c) I will move at the next meeting of the Co.C. that the necessary improvements be carried out at Kilbannon Burial Ground."
- (g) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that a survey be carried out of the following townlands - Loughconeera, Kylesalia and Kilkerrin with a view to giving the people of these townlands a piped water supply."
- (h) Clr. John Donnellan: "At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I will propose that a sewerage scheme be provided for the village of Moycullen."
- (i) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that all stones for soling the roads in Connemara be quarried in all the local quarries."
- (j) Clr. W. Burke: "I will propose that our next meeting start at 12 o'clock".
- (k) Clr. J.J. Ruane: "Please take notice that I, or some other member of the Council, on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council, that John Burke, Gurrane, South, Oranmore, be co-opted on the Oranmore Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee, to replace Michael Cunniffe, Tawin, Oranmore, who has left the County."
- (l) Clr. J. Dowd:
 1. At our next meeting I will propose that the road from Kiltormer to Laurencetown through Belvue be tarred during the coming year.
 2. I will propose that County Road from Staunton's Cross to the Cathedral at Clonfert be included in our five-year plan.
 3. I will propose that cottages be erected at Laurencetown, Clonfert and Eyrecourt without delay as there are a lot of needy applicants.
 4. I will ask the County Engineer what progress has been made with the lowering of three dangerous bridges crossing the canal namely, Clonfert, Kylesmore and Lismancy."
- (m) Deputy M. Killilea: "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that no motion for increases or in any way tending to increase the rates be accepted nor allowed on the agenda during the present financial year."
- (n) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "That the road from James Laffey's house Cloughbrack, to Finney Bridge a distance of 3 miles - be repaired by the Co. Council."
- (o) Clr. T. Hanly: "I wish to notify you that I will move at the next Co. Council meeting that footpaths be provided and existing broken ones be repaired in Woodford. Also that a broken down protection wall at the northern end of the town be rebuilt."

- (p) Clr. P. Ruane:
 1. That the road from Crogmore School house to Lydican Cross on Oranmore-Claregalway main road be tarred and rolled as soon as possible.
 2. That something be done to relieve the dangerous situation at Carnmore Cross and also at Cussaune Cross."
- (q) Clr. M. Mannion:
 1. At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that a pump (applied for) be sunk at Windfield Road Monlough to replace one abandoned at Windfield-Guilka.
 2. To have the following existing pumps put in proper repair, Ballinruane, Ballygatta, Curragh Beg, Toomard, Rushestown.
 3. To have pump at Mullaghmore North re-lined to prevent surface water entering.
 4. To have well at Newcastle Toomard properly fenced in."
- (r) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting on my behalf shall propose the following resolution:
 This Council hereby directs the Co. Manager to carry out without further delay all sewerage extension schemes in Loughrea for which the Council has made the necessary financial provision."
- (s) Clrs. M. Carty and Thos. Hanley: "This Council hereby directs the Co. Manager to give effect without further delay to the decision taken by the Council to develop the existing Fair Green at Loughrea as covered by Minutes Nos: 9739 and 9786".
15. Replies to questions already submitted by Councillors.
16. Other business.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

16th March, 1956.

To each County Councillor:

A Chara,

Enclosed please find Supplementary Agenda for meeting of the Galway County Council to be held in the County Buildings, Galway on Saturday 24th March, 1956 at 1.30 p.m. o'clock.

Mise, le meas,

M. S. O'Maolruansidhe.

Ruair Seal.

To Consider:-

Councillors Notices of Motion.

Clr.
14(t) Miss M. A. Ashe:-

I or someone on my behalf will move that
"the decision of the Galway County Council as by Minute No. 9930 of proceedings of the Council at its meeting of the 25th February, 1956, in relation to the terms of appointment of (1) Surgeon and (2) Obstetrician Gynaecologist for the Galway Central Hospital be rescinded and that the matter be reconsidered at this meeting."

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS A MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 24th MARCH, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. James Donnellan, John Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Killilea, King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiffe, Clr. Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, J.J. Ruane, Patrick Ruane, Sarr and Wall.

9949 - MINUTES: Minutes of previous meetings to No: 9948, inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

9950 - TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE AND TEMPORARY BONUS: Previous correspondence, etc. in connection with the increase in the temporary allowance and temporary bonus for officials was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly that an increase in temporary allowance and temporary bonus be granted on the basis of -

A minimum increase of £50 for those in receipt of salaries of £300 a year or less, and
for those in receipt of salary in excess of £300 - an increase of 10% on the first £300 and 6½% on the amount of the salary in excess of £300 up to £1,000 a year, and
No increase in temporary allowance or temporary bonus for the amount of salary in excess of £1,000.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Ruane that with effect from 1st November, 1955, inclusive, the temporary allowance and temporary bonus already being paid to officials shall be increased by 10% on the first £300 per annum of gross remuneration for all grades and by 6½% on the gross remuneration in excess of £300 per annum for all grades.

It was proposed by Senator J. Mannion, that the temporary allowance and temporary bonus be increased as follows with effect from 1st November, 1955, inclusive:

A minimum increase of £40 a year for those in receipt of gross remuneration not exceeding £400 a year, and for officials with remuneration in excess of £400 a year, an increase of £40 on the first £400 of gross remuneration and 6½% on the remainder, subject to a maximum increase of £60 a year.

Clr. Kelly withdrew his own proposal and seconded that made by Clr. Mannion.

The Chairman directed that the question would be decided by taking a vote for or against Clr. Carty's proposal, and the vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Ashe, Canning, Carty, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion M., O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane J., Sarr and Wall (22).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Kelly, Lambert, Mannion J., Ridge and Ruane P. (8).

The Chairman declared Clr. Carty's proposal carried, and it was therefore decided that the Council approve an increase in temporary allowance and temporary bonus for officials by 10% on the first £300 per annum of gross remuneration for all grades already in receipt of temporary allowance or temporary bonus, and by 6½% on the gross remuneration in excess of £300 per annum for all such grades.

9951 - GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. I. Greene and resolved:-

"That the Galway County Council hereby confirm the resolution adopted by the Council as set out in Minute No: 9883 of meeting of the Council held on 7th January, 1956, guaranteeing an overdraft of £9,500 on the Galway Harbour Commissioners' account, to be utilised to the extent of £4,750 for repair of the Dun Aengus dock gates, and to the extent of £4,750 for current expenses of the Galway Harbour Commissioners - this guarantee being in substitution for that given by the Galway County Council in Minute No: 9581 of the 5th March, 1955.

9152 - SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby amend Clause 4 of Section II of the scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools, 1956, by substituting £95 and £45 for the figures £85 and £37. 10. 0. already appearing in that clause.

9953 - CHILDREN'S OFFICER: Previous correspondence in connection with the suggested appointment of a Children's Officer was submitted.

The Secretary explained that the reports resulting from the annual inspection of boarded-out children by the Department of Health Inspector, revealed many **defects** which, in the opinion of the County Manager, stressed the need for the appointment of a Children's Officer.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Sirr that consideration of the creation of the office of Children's Officer be adjourned for a year.

The Chairman requested that the Council would give serious consideration to this matter, and pointed out that the employment of a Children's Officer could possibly effect an increase in the number of adoptions of boarded-out children, and that if so, the Council's funds would be saved further expense in such cases.

It was proposed by Clr. Dowd and seconded by Clr. Joyce that the Council approve the creation of the office of Children's Officer. After further discussion, the Council eventually approved a proposal by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Canning, that further consideration of this matter be adjourned for three months, and that in the meantime, particulars be submitted to each member of the **defects** revealed by the report of the Department's Inspector and of the necessity for appointment of a Children's Officer.

9954 - NEW COURTHOUSES: The Secretary submitted particulars of the tenders received for provision of new Courthouses at Athenry, Ballygar, Gurteen and Mountbellew - as undertaken in Minute No: 9920.

Clr. Wall stated that he was not objecting to the provision of new courthouses at these places, but that he was objecting to the excessive cost of providing these buildings; that in County Roscommon a new courthouse is being provided at a cost of £2,600.

Deputy Coogan and Clrs. Dowd and Galvin, supported the statements made by Clr. Wall.

Clr. Carty congratulated Clr. Wall on drawing attention to this matter, and requested that the plans would be modified to reduce the cost.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Lambert, that consideration of this matter be adjourned until next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime, the County Engineer and the Architect consider what can be done to modify the plans so as to reduce the cost of these buildings, and also to consider to what uses they could be devoted in addition to the use for court purposes. This proposal was approved by the Council.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.45 p.m.

9955 - COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1956/57: The list of proposals for works to be carried out under the County Road Improvement Grant for Year Ending 31st March, 1957, as already circulated to the members, were submitted for approval.

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt and seconded by Clr. Sirr that the Council approve the list of proposals as submitted. Deputy Geoghegan and Senator Mannion objected to the proposals in view of the large amount allocated to East Galway as compared to West Galway.

After a discussion, Clr. Kitt's proposal was approved by the Council.

Clr. Kitt requested that in view of the altered arrangements for Easter ceremonies, the Council's workers would be given time off to attend Mass on Good Friday.

9956 - MEDICAL STAFF: It was proposed by Clr. Ashe and seconded by Deputy Coogan that the decision of the Galway County Council in Minute No: 9930 of meeting of the Council held on 25th February, 1956, in relation to the terms of appointment of a Surgeon and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist be rescinded, and that the matter be reconsidered at this meeting.

Senator Mannion asked if Miss Ashe would prefer the appointment of an eminent Surgeon in a part-time capacity rather than a whole-time appointment of a Surgeon less eminent.

Clr. Kelly pointed out that it is the Council's function to create or not create the positions - without regard to the question of the persons who may obtain them eventually.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt that the Council confirm the decision on this matter already taken in Minute No: 9930 of 25th February, 1956.

The Chairman stated that in his view each of these two positions should be considered separately on its own merits; that at a conference in the Custom House, Dublin, he had agreed to the proposal that whole-time appointments be created in these cases, and in fact, at that time he thought that the Council would insist on whole-time appointments.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the County Manager explained that the position of Surgeon which is under consideration would be in substitution for the post at present held in a temporary capacity by Surgeon M. O'Malley, and that the position of Obstetrician-Gynaecologist would be in substitution for the part-time position at present held by Dr. S. McLaverty in a temporary capacity.

The County Manager gave a review of the history of these proposed appointments, and stated that the Minister's view is that he cannot permit a situation in which the Surgeon or Obstetrician-Gynaecologist's private practice would interfere unduly with these officers' obligations to the Central Hospital and to the University.

The County Manager pointed out that although Professor O'Donnell was a member of the Irish Medical Association's delegation to the Committee Meeting of the Galway County Council, he, in his letter to the Press subsequently supported whole-time appointments.

The County Manager also stated that he had recently received a letter from the Irish Medical Association, stating that that Association supported whole-time appointments with limited consultative rights, and the right to operate outside Local Authority hospitals.

The County Manager requested that the Council would approve the creation of these positions which would meet the needs of the Galway University Medical School.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that the best applicants would not be attracted to the whole-time position. Clr. Donnellan stated further that the Council had not heard the views of the Senate of the National University on this question; that in Cork and in the College of Surgeons, the corresponding position of Surgeon is part-time with no restrictions; and that in Belfast the Surgeon is allowed to operate outside the Local Authority hospital.

Deputy Killilea stated that the Surgeons at Galway Central Hospital have always provided good service at reasonable cost; that the fact that these Surgeons can operate in outside hospitals and homes relieves the Central Hospital of patients to some extent; that if these positions were considered separately he might have different views in regard to the position of Obstetrician-Gynaecologist from those which he held with regard to the position of Surgeon.

Clr. Joyce stated that it has not been made clear that the Galway Medical School will not be recognised if these appointments are not made whole-time.

Clr. Wall and Deputy Geoghegan recommended that these appointments be made whole-time with limited rights for outside operations and consultations.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council is concerned only with the creation of the offices as submitted, and in reply to Clr. Carty, the County Manager stated that the Council cannot direct him to prepare conditions of appointment for any particular office. The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on Clr. Ashe's proposal, and the vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Ashe, Coogan, Galvin, Geoghegan, Greene, Kelly, King, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane J., and Ruane P. (11)

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Donnellan, James, Donnellan John., Dowd, Flaherty, Glynn, Joyce, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Ridge, Sirr and Wall (10).

The Chairman declared Clr. Ashe's proposal defeated, and Clr. Carty's proposal approved - the voting for the latter's proposal being taken as 19 for and 11 against.

9957 - CINEMA LICENCES: On the proposal of Clr. P. Galvin, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, the Council approved the issue of cinema licences to Mr. Henry O'Shaughnessy, Gort, and Mr. James Burgess, Maam.

9958 - TRAFFIC WARDENS' REGULATIONS, 1955: The Secretary submitted the Traffic Wardens' Regulations, 1955, and drew attention to the Council's power to appoint traffic wardens. It was decided unanimously that further consideration of this matter be adjourned.

9959 - NEW WORKS: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Carty, the Council approved the carrying out of the following proposed new works:

- (a) Bealadangan Dispensary extension at an estimated cost of £1625.
- (b) Provision of Nurse's cottage at Lettermullen.
- (c) Provision of shelving in the Library Headquarter Stores, at County Buildings, Galway, at a cost of £150.

9960 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: The following increases, etc., in remuneration were approved by the Council:-

- (a) On the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Quinn, a whole-time salary scale of £300 x £15 to £450 a year for Assistance Officers T. McLoughlin, Ballinasloe, and P. Naughton, Lettermore, and a revised scale of £280 x £15 to £430 a year for Assistance Officer T. McDonagh, Roundstone - with credit for previous service in each case.
- (b) On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Coogan - application of the recently approved salary scale for ~~domestics~~ ^{domestics} employed by the Council, viz., £975 x £30 to £1245 a year to the existing permanent whole-time domestics employed by the Council, viz., Miss Cunniffe and Mr. Moroney - with credit for previous permanent service in each case.
- (c) On the proposition of Clr. J.J. Ruane, seconded by Clr. Glynn - an increase of £1 a week for Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Caretaker, County Buildings, as compensation for additional duties to be assigned to him.
- (d) On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan - an increase of 3/6^{ad.} to 3/9^{ad.} per hour in the wages of tradesmen employed on building and cottage repairs in Galway County Health District, with effect from 9th September, 1955, inclusive.
- (e) On the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Carty - revision of wages of drivers of certain plant, viz:-
Drivers of Loader and Ashurst Tar Sprayer - increase to 23/- per day.
Excavator and Traxcavator Drivers - increase to 25/- per day.
Rural Lorry Drivers - increase to 21/6d. a day.
Urban Lorry Drivers - increase to 22/- a day.
- (f) On the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Carty - approval to remuneration of £40 a year for the position of Caretaker of Clonbur Sewerage Scheme.
Increase to £30 a year from 1st April, 1956, to Mr. L. Nee, Caretaker of Gurteenlough Waterworks.
Increase to £60 a year from 1st April, 1956, to Mr. C. Walsh, Caretaker of Tiernea Waterworks.

9961 - VALUATION: Letter 27/2/56 from the County Councils' General Council giving particulars of a resolution from Donegal County Council in regard to valuation and re-valuation, having been circulated to the members, was submitted and noted.

9962 - LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN: Clr. Carty stated that this matter had already been considered fully at meetings of the Town Commissioners, and of the Loughrea Development Committee, as well as at a meeting of the farmers and other interests, and that in all cases the development of the existing fairgreen had been approved.

Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. D'Alton, A.C.E., Loughrea, and had come to the conclusion that the Council's previous decision was made without full information, and consequently thought it desirable to place all the facts before the Council for reconsideration; that whatever Mr. D'Alton had done in this matter had been done with Mr. Cullinan's concurrence.

Clr. Carty proposed and Clr. Hanley seconded that the Council proceed with the development of the existing fairgreen.

The County Manager pointed out that the development of the alternative site would cost less than the development of the existing fairgreen; that Mr. D'Alton is to be congratulated on taking so much trouble on this matter and that it is the County Manager's view that the existing fairgreen should be preserved for future development as a park, etc.

Clr. King stated that the Council should confine itself to the provision of a fairgreen and should not encourage petitions from members of the public.

Clrs. Wall and Ruane stated that they supported Clr. Carty as the elected representative of the area concerned.

Clr. Ruane stated that great credit is due to Mr. D'Alton for the pains which he has taken in this matter.

Mr. D'Alton referred to some of the points already stressed in the report which he had submitted and made it clear that he was stressing the desirability of preserving the existing fairgreen, even though its development as a park or pleasure ground might not be possible for a considerable time, although, in fact, Mr. D'Alton considered that with the aid of the National Development Fund, this park or pleasure ground could be developed in the near future.

Mr. D'Alton, in reply to Clr. Galvin, explained that the approach road to the alternative site recommended by him is adequate; that on the exit side towards the railway station a bridge would be required which provision was made in his estimate.

Clr. Carty congratulated Mr. D'Alton on the plans made by him, but protested against the fact that these plans were not shown to him while they were placed before others in Loughrea town.

Clr. Dowd proposed that consideration of this matter be adjourned for a month. Mr. Cullinan stated that even if the existing fairgreen were a perfect site for a fairgreen, it would be in the interests of the town of Loughrea to preserve it.

Clr. Carty's proposal was approved, there being no counter proposal.

9963 - POLITICAL PRISONERS: On the proposition of Clr. P. Ruane, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council adopted a resolution protesting strongly against the treatment of five Irish political prisoners in British prisons, and directed that this resolution be conveyed to the County Councils' General Council.

9964 - MISCELLANEOUS: It was unanimously decided that the next meeting of the Council will commence at 11 a.m.

9965 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

Relatives of the late Mr. Alfred Byrne, former Lord Mayor of Dublin.

Mrs. Sheila Broderick, Athenry, on the death of her husband.

Dr. Sean O'Malley, Bealadangan, and Mr. P. O'Malley, Waterside, Galway, on the death of their father.

Mr. Michael McDonagh, Rossaveel, Ballinahown, on the death of his mother.

Mr. Patrick McDonagh (Terry), Rossaveel, Ballinahown, on the death of his mother.

Mr. C. Feeney, Lettercallow, on the death of his father.

Consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, from No. 13, inclusive, was adjourned until next meeting, and the meeting then terminated.

A. W. ... - Secretary

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Carb Chairman

Date: 4-5-'56.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY,
14th APRIL, 1956.

PRESENT: Mr. Martin Quinn, Co.C., Mr. Padraic D. Joyce, Co.C., Mr. James J. Ruane, Co. C., Mr. Fursa Breathnach, Mr. Charles Soden, Mr. Jarlath A. O'Connell and Mr. Joseph Kilboy.

1. Chairman: It was proposed by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Soden and resolved: "That Mr. Martin Quinn be appointed Chairman of the Committee".

Mr. Quinn then took the chair.

2. Report on Fire Services: The report of 12th April, 1956, from the Chief Fire Officer was submitted, in which it was recommended that new Fire Stations be provided at Athenry and Gort at a cost of £1100 each, that a towing vehicle be provided at Portumna at an estimated cost of £1100, and that a new Fire Engine be provided at Tuam at an estimated cost of £2,900.

Mr. Soden stated that improved type of fire appliance is required at Ballinasloe, and in reply Mr. Sugrue, Chief Fire Officer, stated that a new pump is being obtained for Ballinasloe, but that provision of a new fire engine there should be deferred at least until the new fire station will be provided.

Mr. O'Donnell referred to the fire in Murphy's factory at Tuam, and stated that it appeared that a better type of engine is required as the existing unit does not appear to be suitable for pumping from the hydrants. Mr. Sugrue stated that the engines are up to sixteen years old; that in this case there was a delay in notifying the Fire Brigade, and that the fire was aggravated further by the type of material involved in the conflagration; that to avoid delay in calling the brigade a siren has been installed, and a system of call-out bells is being arranged at present with the Post Office authorities; that replacement of the Tuam Fire Engine is recommended in Mr. Sugrue's report which was before the Committee; that the pressure of water is up to the average, but that the pumping capacity of any Fire Unit is limited.

Mr. O'Connell stated that sometimes, water pressure is low, and if there is a fire, there is at present no means of contacting the powerhouse to improve pressure.

Mr. Soden suggested that there be a phone connection if necessary, and recommended that this matter be investigated with a view to improving the system of communication with the person in charge of the waterworks, in the event of a fire, so that there may be a maximum pressure of water available at the conflagration.

3. Recommendations: The provision of new Fire Stations at Athenry and Gort, at an estimated cost of £1100 each was recommended by the Committee, on the proposal of Mr. Ruane, seconded by Mr. Joyce.

The provision of a new Fire Engine at Tuam, at an estimated cost of £2,900 was recommended by the Committee on the proposal of Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Ruane.

The provision of a Towing Vehicle at Portumna, at an estimated cost of £1100 was recommended by the Committee, on the proposal of Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Joyce.

Mr. Soden recommended that consideration be given to the provision of a new Fire Engine for Ballinasloe as early as possible.

4. Miscellaneous: In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Kilboy, Mr. Sugrue stated that the respirators are complicated in operation, and that it is not usual to issue them to part-time fire brigades, that he would not recommend such issue at least until such time as a less complicated type of apparatus becomes available.

Mr. Breathnach considered that the Galway Fire Station is taking an unduly long time to reach completion, and asked that something be done to expedite the completion of this building.

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Breathnach, the County Manager stated that great difficulty was experienced by the Corporation in getting any suitable person to transfer to a small house in the vicinity of the Fire Station, and that the County Manager considered that it was most desirable to let this house to a member of the fire brigade who has since married or is about to be married.

Mr. Breathnach congratulated Mr. Sugrue and the members of the Galway Fire Brigade on the prompt manner in which the members of the Galway Fire Brigade turn out for fires when required.

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In reply to Mr. Ruane, Mr. Sugrue stated that the Tuam Towing Vehicle would be transferred to Athenry when a new Unit is provided at Tuam. Mr. Ruane suggested that one new hose should always be available in each Fire Station as a stand-by.

Mr. O'Connell pointed out that the report indicated that the equipment is getting old and this stresses the need for proceeding with replacements.

Mr. Sugrue referred to the difficulty in getting suitable men to join most Fire Brigades, and stated that a Station Officer is required in Tuam, as the existing Station Officer wishes to resign. Mr. O'Connell requested that this matter be brought to the notice of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Mr. Breathnach suggested that Mr. Sugrue would contact the local councils in any case in which there is a difficulty in getting suitable men for the fire brigades.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that meetings of the Committee will be held at least once in each six months in future.

Mr. Soden complained that the Ballinasloe Urban Council does not know much about the working of the Fire service, and suggested that there should be more contact between the Urban Council, the Fire Chief and the staff of the Fire Brigade.

Mr. Ruane requested that some arrangements be made to enable the Fire Brigade to contact the Waterworks caretaker at Athenry.

It was directed that copies of the minutes would be sent to each member of the County Council.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Haman Secretary

Submitted and approved.

M. Carb Chairman

Date. 4/5/56.

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20adh Aibreain, 1956.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Dia Sathairn, 28adh Aibreain, 1956, ag 11.a.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

Chuíg gao Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan for Roundstone Sewerage Scheme.
3. Raising of Loan of £21,500 for Kilonan Water Supply Improvement Scheme.
4. Raising of Loan of £4,200 for provision of Fire Station at Clifden.
5. Making a Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for acquisition of water rights at Craughwell.
6. Appointment of Deputy Rate Collector for No. 21 District for period to 30/4/1956.
7. Landing Facilities at Aill na dTornog, Kilkeeran - Letter 12. 4. 56 from the Special Employment Schemes Office and notice of motion by Deputy Geoghegan, viz:-
"I will propose that the Galway Co. Council contribute the sum asked for by the Board of Works towards the reconstruction of the Quay at Ail-na-Dornog, Loughconneera, and maintain it thereafter."
8. Main Road Reconstruction Grant - proposed schemes for 1956/57.
9. Minutes of Fire Brigades Advisory Committee meeting 14. 4. 56.
10. Minutes of Visiting Committee Meeting - Our Lady of Fatima Hospital - 3/4/56.
11. Creation of offices at Galway Regional Hospital:-
 - (a) Cardiologist.
 - (b) Clerk-Typist for operation of Telephone Switchboard.
 - (c) Engineering Foreman.
12. Naming of Housing Scheme at Tullinadaly Road, Tuam.
13. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - Funds for advances exhausted.
14. Schemes for Supplementary Housing Grants.
15. Sewerage extension at Cosmona, Loughrea.
16. Extinguishing right-of-way over part of the square at Ballygar.

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17. New Works for approval.
18. Remuneration Variations for approval.
19. Auditor's report on accounts of the Galway Vocational Education Committee.
20. Filling of two vacancies on Ballinasloe O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
21. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (1) Clr. J. Flaherty:
 - (a) I will ask that the pump at Ballinlass, Dunmore, be sunk without further delay.
 - (b) I will also ask that a wall be erected around the well at Lisheenahelta without further delay".
 - (2) Clr. P.D. Joyce: "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Government be asked to allow Mr. G. Lee, B.E., County Engineer, to steamroll and tar the sand county roads in Connemara at existing widths instead of the specified 16' carriageway."
 - (3) Deputy M. Killilea: "Dunmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee - add the following names - J.B. Collins, Gortnaboy, e Dunmore, and Frank Manning, Belmont, Milltown."
 - (4) Deputy J. Geoghegan and Clr. M. O'Donnell: "I will propose that the County Council will co-operate with Special Employment Schemes Office in the building of a pier in the townland of Knock, Lettermore."
 - (5) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "That the Council instruct the County Engineer to reduce the protection wall on the bridge at Cornamona so as to give a view to traffic on the dangerous turn."
 - (6) Deputy M. Killilea:
 - (a) I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a Committee be appointed to examine and report on the tenders for hire of plant, etc. (as circulated) with particular reference to the following:-
 1. Page 3 - "Crushers and Tractors" Tenders.
 2. Tenders accepted and time worked.
 3. Contracts given and not quoted for in time.
 4. Daily output of stonebreakers."
 - (b) I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Co. that Public Lighting be provided at Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
 - (c) I will move at the next meeting of the Co. C. that the necessary improvements be carried out at Kilbannon Burial Ground."
 - (7) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that a survey be carried out of the following townlands - Loughconneera, Kylesalia and Kilkerrin with a view to giving the people of these townlands a piped water supply."
 - (8) Clr. John Donnellan: "At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I will propose that a sewerage scheme be provided for the village of Moycullen."
 - (9) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that all stones for soling the roads in Connemara be quarried in all the local quarries."
 - (10) Clr. W. Burke: "I will propose that our next meeting start at 12 o'clock."
 - (11) Clr. J.J. Ruane: "Please take notice that I, or some other member of the Council, on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council, that John Burke, Gurrane, South, Oranmore, be co-opted on the Oranmore Old-Age Pensions Sub-Committee, to replace Michael Cunniff, Tawin, Oranmore, who has left the County."

(12) Clr. J. Dowd:

- (a) At our next meeting I will propose that the road from Kiltormer to Laurencetown through Belvue be tarred during the coming year.
- (b) I will propose that County Road from Staunton's Cross to the Cathedral at Clonfert be included in our five-year plan.
- (c) I will propose that cottages be erected at Laurencetown, Clonfert and Eyrecourt without delay as there are a lot of needy applicants.
- (d) I will ask the County Engineer what progress has been made with the lowering of three dangerous bridges crossing the canal namely, Clonfert, Kylemore and Lismaney."

(13) Deputy M. Killilon: "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that no motion for increases or in any way tending to increase the rates be accepted nor allowed on the agenda during the present financial year."

(14) Deputy J. Geoghagan: "That the road from James Laffey's house Cloghbrack, to Finney Bridge a distance of 3 miles - be repaired by the Co. Council."

(15) Clr. T. Hanley: "I wish to notify you that I will move at the next Co. Council meeting that footpaths be provided and existing broken ones be repaired in Woodford. Also that a broken down protection wall at the northern end of the town be rebuilt."

(16) Clr. P. Ruane:

- (1) That the Road from Cregmore Schoolhouse to Lydican Cross on Oranmore-Claregalway main road be tarred and rolled as soon as possible.
- (2) That something be done to relieve the dangerous situation at Carnmore Cross and also at Cuscaun Cross."

(17) Clr. M. Mannion:

1. At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that a pump (applied for) be sunk at Windfield Road Menlough to replace one abandoned at Windfield-Guilka,
2. To have the following existing pumps put in proper repair, Ballinruane, Ballygatta, Curragh Bog, Woodard, Rushestown.
3. To have pump at Mullachmore North re-lined to prevent surface water entering.
4. To have well at Newcastle Woodard properly fenced in.

(18) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting on my behalf shall propose the following resolution: This Council hereby directs the Co. Manager to carry out with ut further delay all sewerage extension schemes in Loughrea for which the Council has made the necessary financial provision."

(19) Clr. P. Kelly:

1. I or someone on my behalf will ask the County Manager on what basis he allocates Health Cards. If he will inform the Council of the terms of appointment of Dispensary Doctors and if it is legal to collect fees from people who call on his services at the local dispensary.
2. Number of employees who will receive the benefit of the proposed cost of living bonus and the number, with names, who are in receipt of salaries of £800 and upwards.

(20) Clr. M. Carty:

"At the next meeting of Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall move - That this Council deplores the long delay in supplying surgical and other orthopaedic appliances to necessitous patients, and directs the Co. Manager to take all necessary steps to have this matter rectified."

(21) Clr. Ridge:

- (1) "I propose to move at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that the Co. Engineer will re-consider his decision regards to the 144,000 County Road Reconstruction Grant 1956/57 as he made no provision for Sheanafeisteen or Glann roads.
- (2) I also propose that the County Engineer will give some explanation with regards to the three cottages that the Council proposed to build six years ago in the Costelloe area:- Michael Heady John, Knockdoe, Bartly Conneely John, Derree, Coloman Conneely, Derrynod.

(22) Clr. James Donnellan:

"At the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will move that a drain from Cloonmoylan Cloonaglasha, Bedano, Trienbawn flowing into a basin at Killover Callow land and from there into series of swallow holes at Carcaun be cleaned."

(23) Clr. J. Dowd:

"I will move at our next meeting that the road from the four roads to the village of Clonfert over the grand canal be put on the five year plan."

(24) Clr. J. Dowd:

"I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that the road leading from Laurencetown to Kylemore over the grand canal be declared a public road".

(25) Clr. J. Dowd:

"I will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that the road leading from the main road at Gannaveer through the townland of Lismany over the grand canal to the Shannon be declared a county road."

(26) Clr. Padraic D. Joyce:

I or someone on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council -

- (a) That a dispensary be provided at Cleggan to serve the people of the area.
- (b) That county road No: 2 be extended to Rossadillisk Pier.
- (c) That a public latrine be provided at Clonbur."

(27) Clr. Mark Wall:

"In the opinion of this Council John Lohan (Brehony) Lissavruggy, Housing Amendment Act, 1952."

(28) Clr. John Flaherty:

"I will ask the Health Authority at the next meeting of the Co. Council to grant permission to the oldpeople who wish to preserve their burial rights in the old graveyard Boyounagh Glonmaddy."

(29) Clr. M.F. Kitt:

"At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I will propose that the road leading for a few hundred yards into the Cloon Well Castleblakeney which has been cleaned and protected by the Galway Co. Council for use of the general public be declared a public road and be maintained by the Galway Co. Council."

(30) Clr. T. Hanley:

"I intend at the next Co. Council meeting to propose a resolution of protest against the sale of Michael Davitt's cottage to a foreigner."

(31) Clr. T. King:

- (1) At the next Co. Council meeting I will move that this Council considers and decides on the location and number of pumps to be sunk and erected for the year ending 31/3/1957.
- (2) I will move that dangerous corners on Co. Road at Cuilloen Headford be removed."

(32) Clr. John Mannion:

"I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the road workers be allowed to complete the week in five days by working ten minutes earlier and 20 minutes later each day with a half hour for dinner from 1st May to 1st October."

22. Replies to questions already submitted by members.

23. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,
ON SATURDAY, 28th APRIL, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Millilea, Cllrs. Kitt, Deputy Lahiffe, Cllrs. Lambert, Lammion M., O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Sirr and Wall.

9966 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman stated that since the date of the previous meeting Cllrs. Lahiffe and Joyce had suffered bereavement by the loss of their mothers, and that also the wife of the Taoiseach had died in the meantime. The Chairman stated that he considered that the meeting should as a mark of respect, be adjourned.

It was proposed by Cllr. Harley, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved: "That as a mark of respect to the Taoiseach and to Deputy Lahiffe and to Cllr. Joyce, the meeting will be adjourned until 5th May, 1956, at 11.a.m.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the wife of the late Mr. Tom Flanagan, Abbeygate Street, Galway, and with Mr. Patrick D'Arcy, Staff Officer, on the death of his father, and with the Glynn family, Marless, Moylough, on the death of Mr. Thomas Glynn.

Deputy Lahiffe and Cllr. Joyce thanked the Chairman, the members, the County Manager and the staff of the Council on their expression of sympathy, and the meeting was then adjourned until Saturday, 5th May, 1956, at 11.a.m.

M. O. Quinn
Secretary

Submitted, approved, and confirmed.

M. O. Quinn
Chairman.

Date: 12th Oct 1956

CC HAIRLE COMDAE NA GAILLIMH.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

30adh Aibrean, 1956.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 5th May, 1956, commencing at 11.a.m.

The agenda will be the same as that for the meeting on the 28th April, 1956.

The attention of members is directed to the fact that the meeting will commence at 11.a.m.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 5th MAY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Clr. M. Carty.
(2) Clr. M. Quinn.
(3) Clr. T. King.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiffe, Clr. Lambert, Senator Mannion John, Clrs. Mannion M., O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.

9967 - MINUTES: Clr. King stated that he and Clr. P. Ruane were in the building at the time of the start of the meeting on 28th ultimo, but that the meeting was adjourned before they reached the Council chamber.

Clrs. John Donnellan and John Dowd stated that they wished to be associated with the expression of sympathy by the Council at the meeting on the 28th ultimo.

The minutes were then approved and signed.

9968 - LOAN FOR ROUNDSTONE SEWERAGE SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. P. Joyce, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 31st January, 1956, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1650 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Roundstone Sewerage Scheme extension to be repaid within five years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in the 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 Ltd."

9969 - KILRONAN WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £21,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works for improvement of Kilronan Water Supply Scheme; this loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

In reply to Deputy Coogan's request that the Council consider the extension of this water supply to Kilmurvy, the Secretary explained that the Consulting Engineer had advised that further extensions should not be undertaken until it would be ascertained definitely that the source available is adequate to supply such extensions.

9970 - SCHOOL MEALS: Deputy Geoghegan requested that the County Manager would make a statement on the discontinuance of supplies of bread, butter and jam for school meals, and that the Council would recommend continuation of this scheme pending full investigation of any complaints in regard to it, and consideration of the result of this investigation by the Council.

The County Manager stated that there had been complaints regarding waste of bread and the quality of the bread delivered, and also the unhygienic manner in which this food was prepared by the school children; that the County Medical Officer's report showed that the nutritional standard of children in Connemara is at least as good as that in the remainder of the county; that if a woman were to be employed at each school for preparation of the meals, the expense which is already high, would be increased; that the scheme costs the Council £13,000 a year, while the grant available is only £3,000 - this figure having remained unchanged for up to twenty-five years.

Clr. John Donnellan suggested that the scheme be continued up to the summer holidays and that whatever investigation may be necessary be made during the holiday period.

It was eventually proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Joyce that the Council recommend the continuation in full of the scheme for the period up to the summer holidays, 1956.

The County Manager had suggested that since the contract periods expired at the 30th April, 1956, the arrangement he had made might be continued as a trial to the summer holiday period.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the teachers had given full co-operation in preparing the school meals.

Clr. King stated that if the County Medical Officer considers that this scheme is a waste of money, he should have drawn attention to this fact long ago.

Deputy Coogan supported Deputy Geoghegan's proposal, and on a show of hands, it was eventually decided to recommend to the County Manager that the scheme be continued in full up to the summer holidays.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

9971 - CLIFDEN FIRE STATION - LOAN: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,200 from the National Bank Ltd., for provision of a fire station at Clifden, this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years with interest at the rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such loans.

9972 - CRAUGHWELL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy R. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. J. Canning and resolved:

"That this Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from Craughwell River at Craughwell, situate in the said County Health District, for the purpose of providing a supply of water for the inhabitants of the town of Craughwell under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948, under a scheme to be called and known as the "Craughwell Water Supply Scheme" hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such supply of water from the said Craughwell River, sufficient for the requirements of the said inhabitants of the said town of Craughwell. The said supply is to be taken from the said Craughwell River at a point marked "A" on the map prepared for the purpose of the said Scheme by Patrick J. Tobin, Esq., M.E., Consulting Engineer, which point is not more than 100 yards upstream of the bridge at Craughwell.

Only part of the water in the said river is to be taken. The maximum rate of water to be taken shall not exceed 14,000 gallons per day and the estimated minimum quantity of water flowing past the said point "A" as shown on said map during the summer months during a period not exceeding one day was 12,000,000 gallons.

The only ancillary operation to be carried out for the purpose of the said Scheme is the construction and erection of an Intake Chamber at the aforesaid point of Intake."

9973 - RATE COLLECTOR NO:21 DISTRICT: It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the employment of Mr. Michael Cahill, Canal Road, Galway, as Deputy Rate Collector for No: 21 District from 20th March to 30th April, 1956, inclusive, during the absence of the permanent Collector on sick leave."

9974 - LANDING FACILITIES AT AILLNADTORNOG: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce and resolved:

"that the Council approve the making of a contribution of 25% of the cost of the works to be carried out by the Special Employment Schemes Office at Aillnadtornog, Kilkieran, at a total cost of £2,500, and agree to maintain these works when completed."

9975 - MAIN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION GRANT: List of works proposed for 1956/57 as set out in the list attached to the County Engineer's letter of the 6th April, 1956, was, on the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan, approved by the County Council.

Clr. King objected to the expenditure of this grant on the same roads as on last year, and stated that the Galway-Headford road is much more in need of improvement than the roads on which it is proposed that the money will be spent in the current year.

The Chairman pointed out that it is known that main road reconstruction works cannot always be completed within the one year, and that the grant must be utilised in the subsequent year for completion of works started earlier.

Deputy Geoghegan considered the width taken in road widening jobs in west Galway excessive as between the road fences.

Deputy Coogan was informed that the work at Knockmacarra would be continuing westward the work which was carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1956, and that it was expected that the work under the Bord Fáilte Grant at Oughterard would commence within a week.

9976 - FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The minutes of meeting of the Fire

Brigades Advisory Committee held on the 14th April, 1956, having been circulated to the members were submitted and approved.

9977 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The Minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee held at the Galway Central Hospital on 11/2/56, and at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital on 3rd April, 1956, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and approved.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that the sign recommended by the Visiting Committee be provided outside the entrance to Clifden Hospital, or that if possible some small easing of the corners at this place would be carried out.

9978 - ROAD ISLANDS: Clr. John Donnellan recommended that trees be planted on the spare pieces of ground acquired by the Council in connection with road diversions. Mr. Cullinane, in reply, stated that this is being done as far as possible at present and that the scheme will be continued in any suitable place.

9979 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - CREATION OF OFFICES: The Council's approval was requested to the creation of the positions of Cardiologist (Part-time), Clerk-Typist and Engineering Foreman at Galway Regional Hospital.

Clr. Carty stated that he did not see much point in placing this matter before the Council since, whether the Council approves or not, the Minister will eventually make an Order requiring that the positions be filled. Clr. Carty stated that while at a meeting held at the County Buildings, a Department of Health official stated that he has never known the Minister to override the wishes of the Local Authority, the Minister's recent Order in connection with the three positions at the Galway Central Hospital (Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist) was in direct opposition to the wishes of two-thirds of the Council. Clr. Carty stated that on principle he would oppose the creation of the three offices described at No. 11, (a), (b) and (c) of the Agenda, and it was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. John Donnellan that these positions be not created.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, and seconded by Clr. Collins, that the Council consider the merits of each of these three positions before coming to a decision. Mr. Collins stated, however, that he agreed with what Clr. Carty had stated in regard to the action taken by the Minister in connection with the three positions for which a Minister's Order had been issued directing that the positions be filled.

Clr. King stated that the Minister had misled the Council in regard to the earlier appointments; that if the Minister's mind had been made up in advance he should have so informed the Council. Clr. King stated that as a protest he supported Clr. Carty's proposition.

Clr. Carty's proposal was also supported by Clrs. Dowd, Kitt and Joyce.

Mr. Joyce stated that he also protested against the fact that the Council was not notified officially of the Order made by the Minister for Health.

Deputy Killilea supported Clr. Carty's proposal and asked if financial provision for the positions of Surgeon, Physician, and Obstetrician-Gynaecologist, had been made.

Clr. Kelly asked for details of the position of Obstetrician-Gynaecologist recently advertised.

The Chairman stated that he had been notified by the County Manager of the making of the Minister's Order up to a month ago, and that he had told individual members of the making of this Order and would have informed the meeting today had this matter not been raised already; that the Minister acted under the powers given to him by the Oireachtas.

Clr. Wal stated that it was farcical that the Council should meet on three occasions to discuss this matter, and then find that their decision could be overruled, that at least the Council should be informed beforehand of the Minister's power to overrule the Council's decision.

The County Manager stated that the Order made by the Minister is not in conflict with the provisions of the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955; that the latter Act prohibited the Manager from creating a post without the Council's approval, but before the coming into operation of the 1955 Act, the Minister could send an Order requiring the Manager to create an office. The County Manager gave particulars of the necessity for each of the three offices for which the Council's approval was now being sought. He explained that Doctor O'Donnell's salary was revised in accordance with the conditions approved for the position of Whole-time Physician, and that the position of Obstetrician-Gynaecologist now advertised is in accordance with the conditions of appointment approved for that position, which are in effect similar to those for the whole-time Physician.

In reply to Clr. Coogan's enquiry as to how the new hospital could serve as a Regional Hospital, since it was not sufficient to accommodate County Galway patients.

The County Manager explained that the old hospital will not be demolished until the demand for beds is established definitely, and if necessary, the old hospital may be renovated, or Woodlands may be utilised for accommodation of long-stay

cases.

Deputy Coogan also requested that direction notices be provided at the Regional Hospital.

Clr. Carty stated that a communication from the Irish Medical Association stated that the appointment of whole-time or part-time Physicians, Surgeon, etc. would have no bearing on the continued recognition of the Galway Medical School; and he considered it extraordinary that responsible officials should make statements to the contrary, since the information given by the Irish Medical Association was obtained from the British and American Medical Authorities.

In reply to Clr. John Donnellan, the County Manager explained that the requirement that the candidate should have a knowledge of Irish or be appointed subject to the Irish Language Regulations is set out in the Particulars of Office which would be issued to each intending candidate.

Clr. Collins asked if in view of his proposal Clr. Carty considers that the offices to which the Council's approval is being sought are not necessary.

Clr. Carty amended his proposal to a proposal that consideration of the creation of the offices of Cardiologist, Clerk-Typist and Engineering Foreman be deferred for six months.

Clr. Sarr stated that the Council should not decide important questions in a vexatious spirit.

Clr. Kelly proposed that the Council approve the creation of the offices, mentioned at item 11 (a), (b) and (c) of the Agenda.

County Manager, in reply to Clr. Joyce's protest, stated that he had told the Chairman of the Council of the making of the Order by the Minister, and explained to the Chairman that if the latter considered it necessary, the matter could be put on the Agenda; that the Chairman had intended informing the Council of the making of this Order at this day's meeting.

Clr. Carty now withdrew his previous proposals and proposed that the Council approve the creation of the position of clerk-typist for operation of the telephone switchboard, and that the Council refuse approval to the creation of the positions of Cardiologist and Engineering Foreman.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. John Donnellan.

Clr. Galvin considered that the Council should decide on these three positions individually.

The Chairman directed that a show of hands be taken for or against Clr. Carty's proposal, and the result was fourteen for and twelve against.

It was therefore decided that the Council approve the creation of the position of clerk-typist for operation of the telephone switchboard at Galway Regional Hospital, and that consideration of the creation of the offices of Cardiologist and Engineering Foreman be deferred for six months.

It was at this stage proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved, that the meeting be adjourned for an hour to 2.30 p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING CLR. T. KING TOOK THE CHAIR

9980 - ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of the permanent position of third Assistant County Medical Officer."

9981 - TUAM HOUSING SCHEME: The Council unanimously approved the naming of the new Housing Scheme at Tullinadaly Road, Tuam - "St. Joseph's Park".

9982 - OUGHTERARD HOUSING SCHEME: Deputy Geoghegan stated that some time ago at a meeting he requested that a slab be created naming the new Housing Scheme at Oughterard "O Mhille Terrace" and since nothing had been done to effect this, Deputy Geoghegan requested that it be raised again and brought to a conclusion.

9983 - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for issue of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts; this 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."

9984 - LOUGHREA SEWERAGE: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Glynn, the Council approved the extension of the sewerage scheme for a distance of approximately 160 yards at Cosmona, Loughrea, to serve five new houses which are being built there, and on the understanding that the owners of these houses will contribute a total of £200 towards the cost of the extension.

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9985 - BALLYGAR SQUARE: It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, the Council hereby extinguish the right-of-way over a piece of ground in the Square at Ballygar, area 8 perches, and as described in the map attached to the County Engineer's letter, SOC/CH, of 27th April, 1956.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

9986 - NEW WORKS: On the proposition of Deputy Lahiffe, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the carrying out of the following new works, viz:-

- New Dispensary at Woodford.
- Turf Shed at Carna Dispensary Residence at a cost of £100.
- Oranmore Dispensary Residence Improvements, £52 (in addition to £508 already approved).
- Provision of amenities at Oughterard to be met by Bord Failte Grant in full, £1160.
- Erection of four new cottages.
- Provision of two new lights at Gort.

9987 - PUBLIC LIGHTING: Clr. Hanley stated that he had written some time ago regarding provision of lights at Abbey, and he requested that this matter be pursued. Clr. Carty stated that he had already commented on the fact that the lights at Craughwell are frequently on at 2 a.m. or 4 a.m.

9988 - COUNTY ROADS, FIVE-YEAR PLAN: On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Sarr, the Council approved the addition of roads to the five-year plan as set out in the County Engineer's letter of the 24th April, 1956.

9989 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: On the proposition of Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council approved variations in remuneration as follows:

1. Caretaker, Peterswell Dispensary - increase of £5 per annum from 1st July, 1955.
2. Caretaker, Glenamaddy Dispensary - increase of £5 per annum plus £5 for fuel from 1st April, 1956.
3. Council's labourers in Ballinasloe Urban District - increase of 6/- per week from 2nd January, 1956, and a further increase of 4/- a week from 2nd April, 1956.
4. Temporary Engineers - increase to the following remuneration from 1st January, 1956, inclusive:
 - Mr. C. Forde - £11 plus temporary allowance.
 - Mr. D. O'Maile and Mr. S. Brennan - each £12 plus temporary allowance.
5. Fitters, Welders and Apprentices - revised as from 1st April, 1956, in accordance with the particulars given in County Engineer's report of 9th April, 1956.
6. Cleaner, County Medical Officer's offices - increase to £65 a year with effect from the date on which the present temporary cleaner was appointed.
7. Rate Inspectors - salary scale of £400 x £20 to £550 per annum plus temporary allowance at the approved rate.
8. Mr. P.J. White, Assistant Librarian - allowance of £150 per annum during the period that he was performing the duties of County Librarian in addition to his own duties as Assistant Librarian.
9. Branch Librarians - increase from 2/6d. to 2/9d. per hour.
10. Coroners - temporary allowance 1953, and temporary allowance 1955 to be granted to each of the three Coroners with effect from 1st November, 1955, inclusive.

Clr. Galvin stated that the labourers in Ballinasloe are not being paid a rate of remuneration equivalent to that being paid to labourers in outside employment in the Ballinasloe Urban District.

Clr. M. Mannion stated that he had already drawn attention to the inadequate remuneration of the caretaker of Eskerstephens Burial Ground and requested that this matter would receive attention.

9990 - ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That in accordance with Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Council hereby approve the creation of the position of Assistant County Manager for the County Galway, and request that the consent of the Minister for Local Government to the creation of this office be sought under Section 12 of the Local Government Act, 1955."

9991 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: Auditor's Reports were submitted and approved as follows:

- County Galway Vocational Education Committee for Year Ended 31st March, 1955.
- River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for Year Ended 31st March, 1955.

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9992 - BALLINASLOE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That Very Rev. J. Kelly, Adm., be appointed a member of the above Committee."

9993 - PUMP FOR BALLINLASS, DUNMORE: Clr. Flaherty stated that this pump which is urgently needed was confused with a pump for Ballinliss, Glenamaddy, and he requested that it would be provided as soon as possible.

Mr. Cullinane, Engineer, stated that the Ballinlass-Dunmore pump is not on the current year's list, but he will have it put on next year's list.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

9994 - WELL AT LISHEENARELTA: Clr. Flaherty requested that a wall be erected around this well immediately and stated that if an Engineer or anybody calls on him, he will point out this well, which is situated on the roadside.

9995 - HOUSING GRANTS, SUPPLEMENTARY: The County Manager stated that the amount of the expenditure involved by the applications received for supplementary grants to 31st March, 1956, is £677,000, and having regard to this and to the fact that the Council's total indebtedness exceeds £2,000,000, the County Manager considered that the Council should not proceed further with schemes for supplementary housing grants.

Clr. Kitt stated that he considered the Council should continue the supplementary housing grants scheme for a further twelve months, even if it is necessary to proceed under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Clr. Kitt proposed that all the existing schemes for issue of supplementary housing grants be continued for the period to 31st March, 1957, on the basis of allocation of full grants. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Geoghegan.

Clr. Carty considered that six months notice of the Council's intention to terminate the supplementary housing grants scheme should be sufficient, and therefore he suggested the scheme should be continued to 30th September, 1956.

The County Manager stated that when the schemes were terminating a year ago the same case was being made by Councillors, i.e., that sufficient notice should be given to the public of the termination of the schemes, and that on that account the schemes were continued to 31st March, 1956.

Clr. Glynn stated that up to 50% of the people requiring houses in his district cannot avail of grants, as they are unable to meet the balance of the cost of providing a house, and he requested that the Council would provide for such people a cottage type of house on their lands, for which they would pay a rent.

Deputy Killilea was informed by the Secretary that the Council's indebtedness in respect of housing is at present approximately £1,300,000. Clrs. Donnellan and the Chairman, Clr. Quinn, considered that the scheme should be continued to the 31st March, 1956.

It was then proposed by Clr. Kitt and seconded by Clr. Sarr, that the Council approve continuing the schemes in full and the provision of the necessary funds for this purpose for the period to 31st March, 1957.

Clr. King stated that the Council should decide on a date when the schemes will end, and should give due notice of the termination of these schemes for supplementary housing grants.

Senator Mannion agreed with what was stated by Clr. King, and asked if a certificate of approval is issued, how long will it hold good.

Clr. Hanley supported the proposal to continue the schemes to 31st March, 1957.

The Chairman stated that it should be made clear that anybody who has not made application for the grant by 31st March, 1957, will not receive it.

Clr. Wall suggested that lest there be any difficulty in obtaining funds for this purpose, the grants should be allocated provisionally only, until this matter would be clear.

It was explained to Clr. James Donnellan that a grant under the Council's scheme could not be issued to a person who would receive payment of his local government grant before 1st August, 1950.

Clr. Kelly proposed that anybody who applies and is qualified before 31st March, 1957, will get the Council's supplementary grant.

Senator Mannion complained of the long delay in allocation of supplementary grants by this Council.

The County Manager asked the Council to consider the ability of the ratepayers to pay this burden over a long repayment period.

of a loan for this purpose, and asked that the Council would decide (a) whether the schemes would be continued and if so, (b) on what basis the schemes would be continued.

The Manager stated that if there is a two-third majority in favour of continuing the scheme, he will accept the Council's decision without requiring them to call a meeting under Section 4 of the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

It was then proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. M. Mammion and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council approve the continuation of all existing schemes for supplementary housing grants on the full basis to 31st March, 1957."

The County Manager stated that applications for which the certificate of approval had been issued on or before 31st March, 1957, will be regarded as coming within the terms of this resolution, but that if the certificate of approval is cancelled subsequently, then the application for a supplementary grant will be regarded as cancelled also, that applications received after 31st March, 1957, will not be considered.

9996 - LOANS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Clr. M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £190,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for issue of supplementary housing grants under Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952; this 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.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, and resolved, "That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £18,000 from the National Bank Ltd., for issue of supplementary housing grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954; this loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of ten years with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans.

CLR. M. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

9997 - WIDTH OF COUNTY ROADS: Clr. Joyce proposed in accordance with his notice of motion that the County Engineer be directed to steamroll and tar county roads in Connemara at existing widths instead of at 16 ft. carriageway.

Mr. Collins, Engineer, stated that sanction has to be obtained to the reconstruction of these roads on a width of less than 16 ft. but that he has applied for sanction to a 14 ft. width in some cases.

9998 - DUNMORE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Kelly and resolved:

"That Mr. J.B. Collins, Gortnaboy, Dunmore, and Mr. Frank Manning, Belmont, Milltown, be appointed members of the Dunmore O.A.P. sub-committee.

9999 - PIER AT KNOCK, LETTERMORE: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Council co-operate with the Special Employment Schemes Office in the building of a pier in the townland of Knock, Lettermore." Deputy Geoghegan stated that he understood there was correspondence about this pier within the last twelve months.

10000 - STAFF OFFICER AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Clr. Carty stated that as a result of the representations made by members of the Council, the County Manager had requested the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the continuation of the employment of Mr. Kyne, Staff Officer, for a period of two years subsequent to the date on which he will reach the age limit, and that as a result of this, the members indicated to the County Manager that approval would be given to the creation of the position of Staff Officer at the Galway Regional Hospital.

It was then proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved: "That the Council now approve the creation of the position of Staff Officer at Galway Regional Hospital."

10001 - CORNAMONA BRIDGE: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce and resolved:

"That the Council approve the provision of £80 for lowering the protection wall on the bridge at Cornamona so as to give a view to traffic at this dangerous turn."

10002 - HIRE OF PLANT: In accordance with his notice of motion, No: 21 (6), it was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the following Committee be appointed to examine and report on the tenders for hire of plant, etc., viz:-

Deputies Killilea and Geoghegan with Clrs. King, Collins, Kelly and the Chairman, Clr. Quinn.

It was directed that a meeting of this Committee be held at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 29th May, 1956.

10003 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT NEWBRIDGE: Deputy Killilea was informed that this matter has already been taken up with the E.S.B. and that when all the information is available it will be considered by the County Engineer and by the County Manager.

10004 - KILBANNON BURIAL GROUND: It was directed that the County Medical Officer's report on the necessity for the extension to Kilbannon Burial Ground would be obtained.

10005 - TEMPORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS: The County Manager explained to Clr. Ashe the system for appointment of temporary medical officers.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that in appointing such officers in certain areas priority would be given to Irish speakers.

10006 - WATER SUPPLY AT LOUGHCONERRA, KYLESALLIA AND KILMURRIN: In connection with Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, recommending the provision of wells instead of a piped water supply for this area. A report on the climate to be submitted to the Council showing the cost of the piped water supply as compared with the cost of the wells recommended by the County Engineer.

10007 - MOYCUILLLEN SEWERAGE SCHEME: In response to Clr. Donnellan's Notice of Motion, the County Medical Officer's report was submitted, stating that he agreed that a sewerage scheme should be provided for Moycuillen, and that it should be placed approximately fourth in the present priority list.

10008 - STONES FOR ROAD WORKS: Deputy Geoghegan proposed that all stones for soling of roads in Connemara be quarried in the local quarries. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Sirr, who stated that the same remarks apply to his vicinity. It was directed that this matter be referred to the Committee appointed today in connection with hire of plant for consideration by that Committee.

10009 - TIME OF MEETING: In the absence of Clr. Burke, it was proposed by Clr. Galvin, and unanimously agreed that the time of the ordinary meeting would henceforth be 12 o'clock noon.

10010 - KNOCKMACARRA WATER EXTENSION: In reply to Clr. Ashe, the County Manager stated that the Galway City Water Supply cannot cater for any further extensions pending the installation of the new plant which is to be provided at the city waterworks.

10011 - ORANMORE O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Ruane, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That Mr. John Burke, Gurrane South, Oranmore, be appointed a member of the Oranmore O.A.P. sub-committee."

10012 - ROAD FROM KILTORMER TO LAURENCETOWN: In connection with Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the road from Kiltormer to Bellevue gate will be rolled during the coming year, but that the road through Bellevue is not a county road. It was directed that this matter be referred to the roads meeting.

10013 - ROAD FROM STAUNTON'S CROSS TO CLONFERT CATHEDRAL: In reply to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, No: 21 (12), (b), Mr. Collins, Engineer, stated that this road will have a very low priority in the five-year plan.

10014 - COTTAGES AT LAURENCETOWN, ETC: In reply to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that it was considered that three or four cottages would meet the needs of Laurencetown village, but that so far applications have been received only for cottages becoming vacant in that area; that the County Engineer is being asked for a report on Derelict Sites in Laurencetown village which might be utilised as sites for cottages.

The Secretary requested that Clr. Dowd would give the names of the people requiring cottages in Clonfert and Eyrecourt, as very few applications have been received from those places.

10015 - BRIDGES AT CLONFERT, KYLEMORE AND LISMANY: Letter, 23/3/56, from the Department of Local Government was submitted, and it was directed that an estimate be obtained from the County Engineer of the cost of doing what is necessary in the case of the Clonfert Bridge, and that consideration of Clr. Dowd's recommendation regarding the bridges at Kylemore and Lismany be deferred until the next roads' meeting.

10016 - ANNUAL ESTIMATE: It was proposed by Deputy Millilea and seconded by Clr. Collins:

"that no motion for increases or in any way way tending to increase the rate be accepted nor allowed on the agenda during the present financial year."

On a show of hands this motion was declared lost.

10017 - MISCELLANEOUS: A vote of sympathy was adopted by Mr. Thomas Gurley, Dunmore, on the death of his brother.

Consideration of the remaining items from 21 (14) inclusive, was adjourned until the next meeting which it was arranged would be held on Saturday, 12th May, 1956, commencing at 12. noon.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Secretary

Submitted, approved, and confirmed.

Maurice O'Connell Chairman.

Date. 12th May, 1956.

COMHAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

7adh Bealtaine, 1956.

Chuig gac Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniu de Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Dia Sathairn, 12adh Bealtaine, 1956, ag 12 a chlog, mean lae.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "That the road from James Laffey's house Cloghbrack, to Finney Bridge a distance of 3 miles - be repaired by the Co. Council."
 - (b) Clr. T. Hanley: "I wish to notify you that I will move at the next Co. Council meeting that footpaths be provided and existing broken ones be repaired in Woodford. Also that a broken down protection wall at the northern end of the town be rebuilt."
 - (c) Clr. P. Ruane:
 - (1) That the road from Cregmore Schoolhouse to Lydican Cross on Oranmore-Claregalway main road be tarred and rolled as soon as possible.
 - (2) That something be done to relieve the dangerous situation at Carnmore Cross and also at Cussaun Cross."
 - (d) Clr. M. Mennion:
 1. At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that a pump (applied for) be sunk at Windfield Road, Menlough, to replace one abandoned at Windfield-Guilka.
 2. To have the following existing pumps put in proper repair, Ballinruane, Ballygatta, Curragh Beg, Toomard, Rushestown.
 3. To have pump at Mullaghmore North re-lined to prevent surface water entering.
 4. To have well at Newcastle Toomard properly fenced in.
 - (e) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting on my behalf shall propose the following resolution:
"This Council hereby directs the Co. Manager to carry out without further delay all sewerage extension schemes in Loughrea for which the Council has made the necessary financial provision."
 - (f) Clr. P. Kelly:
 1. I or someone on my behalf will ask the County Manager on what basis he

allocates Health Cards. If he will inform the Council of the terms of appointment of Dispensary Doctors and if it is legal to collect fees from people who call on his services at the local dispensary.

2. Number of employees who will receive the benefit of the proposed cost of living bonus and the number, with names, who are in receipt of salaries of £900 and upwards.
- (g) Clr. M. Carty: "At the next meeting of Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall move - That this Council deplores the long delay in supplying surgical and other orthopaedic appliances to necessitous patients, and directs the Co. Manager to take all necessary steps to have this matter rectified."
- (h) Clr. Ridge:
- (1) I propose to move at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that the Co. Engineer will re-consider his decision regards to the £144,000 County Road Reconstruction Grant 1956/57 as he made no provision for Sheanafeistean or Glann roads.
 - (2) I also propose that the County Engineer will give some explanation with regards to the three cottages that the Council proposed to build six years ago in the Costelloe area:- Michael Keady John, Knockdoe, Bartly Conneely John, Derroe, Coleman Conneely, Derrynea."
- (i) Clr. James Donnellan: "At the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will move that a drain from Cloonmoylan Cloonaglasha, Bodane, Brienbawn flowing into a basin at Killower Gallow land and from there into series of sallow holes at Caran be cleaned."
- (j) Clr. J. Dowd: "I will move at our next meeting that the road from the Four Roads to the village of Clonfert over the grand canal be put on the five year plan."
- (k) Clr. J. Dowd: "I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that the road leading from Laurencetown to Kylesmore over the grand canal be declared a public road."
- (l) Clr. J. Dowd: "I will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that the road leading from the main road at Gannaveer through the townland of Lismany over the grand canal to the Shannon be declared a county road."
- (m) Clr. Padraic D. Joyce: I or someone on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council -
- (a) That a dispensary be provided at Cleggan to serve the people of the area.
 - (b) That county road No: 2 be extended to Rossadillisk Pier.
 - (c) That a public latrine be provided at Clonbur."
- (n) Clr. Mark Wall: "In the opinion of this Council John Lohan (Brehony) Lissavruggy, Newbridge, is entitled to a Housing Grant of £225, under Section 9 of the Housing Amendment Act, 1952."
- (o) Clr. John Flaherty: "I will ask the Health Authority at the next meeting of the Co. Council to grant permission to the old people who wish to preserve their burial rights in the old graveyard Boyounagh Glenamaddy."
- (p) Clr. M.F. Kitt: "At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I will propose that the road leading for a few hundred yards into the Cloon Wall Castleblakeney which has been cleaned and protected by the Galway Co. Council for use of the general public be declared a public road and be maintained by the Galway Co. Council."
- (q) Clr. T. Hanley: "I intend at the next Co. Council meeting to propose a resolution of protest against the sale of Michael Davitt's cottage to a foreigner."
- (r) Clr. T. King:
1. At the next Co. Council meeting I will move that this Council considers and decides on the location and number of pumps to be sunk and erected for the year ending 31/3/1957.

2. I will move that dangerous corners on Co. Road at Quilleen Headford be removed."
 - (s) Clr. John McAnion: "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the road workers be allowed to complete the week in five days by working ten minutes earlier and 20 minutes later each day with a half hour for dinner from 1st May to 1st October."
 3. Transfer of plot of ground at "Luan" as described in Notice dated 21. 4. 56.
 4. Revision of salary of Bacteriologist.
 5. Letter 21. 4. 56. from Secretary, Department of Health relating to issue of medical certificates for school children.
 6. Replies to questions already submitted by members.
 7. Other business.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 12th MAY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Clr. M. Quinn.
(2) Clr. M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Lambert, Senator Mannion, Clrs. Martin Mannion, Ridre, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

1 - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, a vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted by Clr. William Burke, on the death of his brother and of his uncle-in-law, and it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect.

The other members present associated themselves with the expression of sympathy, and it was unanimously decided that the meeting be adjourned to 1. 15.p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING CLR. QUINN TOOK THE CHAIR.

2 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No. 10017 having been circulated to the members were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 - SCHOOL MEALS: Clr. Ridge was informed by the Secretary, that the County Manager had decided in accordance with the Council's recommendation, to continue the supply of school meals up to the summer holidays pending further investigation, and that the contractors whose contracts expired on the 30th April, 1956, were being asked to state if they were prepared to continue supplies on the terms obtaining to 30th April, 1956.

4 - ROAD FROM CLOGHERACK TO FINNEY BRIDGE: In connection with Deputy Geoghegan's notice of motion No. 2 (a), the County Engineer's report of 23/3/56 was submitted, stating that the road is 2 1/2 miles long and that there are only six houses thereon; that it has an 8 ft. carriageway and that the estimated cost of reconstruction would be about £7,000.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that all he was seeking was that the road be put in passable repair for cars, and he recommended that a Bord Fáilte grant be sought for this purpose.

5 - FOOTPATHS, ETC. AT WOODFORD: In reply to Clr. Hanley's Notice of Motion, No. 2 (b), which in his absence was moved by Clr. Carty, Mr. Collins, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that small repairs to the footpaths will be carried out during the current year, and that he will provide a sum in next year's estimate for reconstruction of the footpaths and for repair of the wall to which Clr. Hanley referred.

6 - ROAD FROM CREGMORE SCHOOLHOUSE TO LYDICAN CROSS: In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that eventually this road will be put on the five-year plan for reconstruction of county roads.

7 - CARNMORE AND CUSSAUN CROSS-ROADS: In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that it will be necessary to acquire lands to improve conditions at these dangerous cross-roads, and that he is considering the allocation of some of the county road reconstruction grant for this purpose.

8 - PUMP AT WINDFIELD ROAD, MENLOUGH: Clr. M. Mannion proposed that a pump be provided at Windfield Road, Menlough, to replace one which was abandoned at Windfield, Guilka.

It was decided at this stage to consider Clr. King's Notice of Motion No. 2 (r) and therefore further consideration of Mr. Mannion's Notice of Motion No. 2 (a) (1) was deferred.

9 - PROVISION OF PUMPS: It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Dowd, that the Council consider and decide on the location and number of pumps to be sunk and erected for the year ending 31st March, 1957. It was directed that this matter would be considered at the June meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime a list of all pumps sought, segregated into electoral areas, would be circulated to the Councillors.

10 - REPAIR OF PUMPS AT BALLINRUANE ETC: In connection with Clr. M. Mannion's Notice of

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Motion No. 2 (d) (2), the County Engineer's report of 24/3/56 was submitted.

Clr. Mannion stated that these pumps are still ~~out of order, and that since in most cases they are awaiting parts which the Council - not the contractor - is obliged to supply, the matter should receive early attention.~~

11 - PUMP AT MULLAGHMORE NORTH: Clr. Mannion requested that a concrete slab be provided around the top of this pump to prevent surface water from entering it, and the County Engineer agreed that this would be done.

12 - WELL AT NEWCASTLE, TOOMARD: The Secretary informed the Council in reply to Clr. M. Mannion's Notice of Motion No. 2 (d) (4) that applications have been received for protection of two wells, one at Newcastle, Newforest, which is on the land of Mr. James Hughes, and the other on the land of Mr. P. Noone, and that the owners of the land have been asked to give their consent to have the wells protected and devoted to public use.

13 - CARNA WATERWORKS: Deputy Geoghegan stated that the engine at Carna Pumphouse is not working satisfactorily and requested that the Engineer would attend to it. Deputy Geoghegan requested further that engines or parts of engines should not be taken away from Waterworks without proper replacement.

14 - ROSSAVEEL WATER SUPPLY: Clr. Ridge requested that he be informed if the pump at Rossaveel is working satisfactorily.

15 - LOUGHREA SEWERAGE EXTENSION: In reply to his Notice of Motion, Clr. Carty was informed by the Secretary that since the cost of the extension of the sewerage at Loughrea is being met by a loan, the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the work is required, and for this purpose, plans, specification and estimate have been sent to the Department of Local Government, and a reply from that Department is expected in the near future.

16 - HEALTH SERVICE: Clr. Kelly, in accordance with his Notice of Motion, asked the Manager on what basis he allocates Health Cards, and that he would inform the Council of the terms of appointment of dispensary doctors, and if it is legal for them to collect fees from people who call on the doctor's services at the local dispensary.

Clr. Kelly stated that in some cases he considers that the dispensary doctors are not sufficiently attentive to their duties to the poor people. Clr. John Donnellan expressed his disagreement with Mr. Kelly's aspersions on the medical profession.

The Chairman stated that Clr. Kelly had not said anything very wrong when making his statement regarding the performance of their duties by dispensary doctors.

Clr. Carty stated that if Clr. Kelly has a complaint to make about a particular doctor, it is his duty to notify the County Manager; that the dispensary doctor is entitled to a hobby as well as any other officer.

Clr. Collins stated that complaints are made by patients, but they are not prepared to put them in writing; that while he does not criticize the medical profession as a whole, breaches have occurred in certain areas.

Deputy Coogan recommended that an additional District Medical Officer be appointed in Galway City area.

Clr. Galvin drew attention to a press statement in that day's newspaper, giving particulars of the middle income group's entitlement to health services.

Clr. Joyce considered that it would be unreasonable to deprive doctors of any leisure - so long as they make it known where they can be located.

The County Manager gave particulars of the arrangement for issue of health cards and stated that should a person who does not hold a health card or a red ticket, and who is not entitled to free treatment, attend a doctor at the dispensary, there is nothing to prevent the District Medical Officer from charging a fee to such person; that doctors are entitled to be absent for short periods and to have their duties performed by a deputy during such absence; that he had received very few complaints in regard to performance of their duties by District Medical Officers.

17 - TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE AND TEMPORARY BONUS: In reply to Clr. Kelly's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that 550 officers would receive the benefit of the increase in temporary allowance and temporary bonus, and that of these the number of officers receiving salaries of £900 a year and upwards is thirty-four.

18 - SURGICAL APPLIANCES: Clr. Carty, in accordance with his Notice of Motion, complained of the long delay in providing surgical and other orthopaedic appliances and requested that all necessary steps be taken to expedite the supply of these appliances. Complaints regarding the delay were also made by Clrs. Dowd, Deputy Geoghegan and Senator Mannion, and by the Chairman.

The County Manager stated that the orthopaedic service is a new service, and when introduced, the demand on it was very large; that there are only three firms in this country supplying these appliances, and of these only one firm is prepared to provide a fitter service; that it would not be feasible for the Council to provide a fitting service. The County Manager stated, however, that he was surprised at the long delay in delivery of these appliances, as revealed by the complaints made at that meeting, and that he would do whatever can be done to expedite their delivery.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

19 - SHANAFEISTEEN AND GLANN ROADS: Clr. Ridge complained of the very bad condition of the Shanafeisteen and Glann roads, and requested that some of the reconstruction grant be devoted to these roads.

The County Engineer explained that the County Road Reconstruction Grant has already been allocated, and that the works are in progress, but that he intended that some of the roads rural grant should be devoted to the Shanafeisteen road in the next season.

Clr. Ridge considered that the Shanafeisteen road should obtain part of the grant made available for tourist roads.

Deputy Geoghegan also complained of the condition of these roads, and the County Manager stated that he would investigate the possibility of doing some widening to the banks on the side of the Glann Road.

20 - COTTAGES IN COSTELLO AREA: In reply to his Notice of Motion, Clr. Ridge was informed by the Secretary that tenders have now been invited for two of the cottages concerned, and that sanction to the purchase of a site for the third cottage has been sought.

Clr. King stated that in his area a site for three cottages has been purchased three years ago, and nothing has yet been done about provision of these cottages.

21 - DRAIN AT CLOONAGLOTTA: In reply to Clr. James Donnellan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer suggested that this work which is estimated to cost £450 should be submitted by Mr. Donnellan as a proposal under the Local Authorities (Works) Act for the next season.

Deputy Killilea said that he had sent in this as an L.A.W. proposal three years ago, and the Chairman directed the County Engineer to note it now as one of his L.A.W. proposals for the current year.

22 - ROAD FROM LAURENCETOWN TO KYLEMORE: Consideration of Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion No: 2 (k) was ordered to be adjourned until the next roads meeting.

23 - ROAD AT LISMANY: Consideration of Clr. Dowd's N.O.M. No: 2 (1) was ordered to be adjourned until the next roads meeting.

24 - CLADDAGHDUFF DISPENSARY: In response to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the County Medical Officer's report of the 10/4/56 was submitted, recommending that instead of providing a dispensary at Cleggan, one should be provided at Claddaghduff.

Clr. Joyce stated that he accepted the explanation given by the County Medical Officer and on his proposal the provision of a new dispensary at Claddaghduff was recommended.

25 - ROAD TO ROSSADILISK PIER: Consideration of Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion regarding the extension of County Road No: 2 to Rossadilisk Pier was directed to be adjourned until the next roads meeting.

26 - LATRINE AT CLONBUR: On the proposition of Clr. Joyce, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the provision of a latrine at Clonbur at an estimated cost of £600 was recommended.

27 - HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Clr. Wall, seconded by Clr. Mannion, and resolved:

"That in the opinion of the Council, John Lohan (Brehony), Lissavruggy, Newbridge, is entitled to a housing grant of £225 under Section 9 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952."

28 - BOYOUNAGH BURIAL GROUND: In reply to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that the Council had made application to the Minister for Local Government for a Closing Order for Boyounagh Old Burial Ground; that an enquiry into this application had been held but that the Minister had not up to the present made an Order approving the closing of this Burial Ground.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Council request the Minister for Local Government to postpone the closing of Boyounagh Burial Ground for a period of ten years."

29 - ROAD TO CLOON WELLS: On the proposition of Clr. Kitt, the Council unanimously approved the improvement of the road leading to Cloon Wells at a cost of approximately £75 and this expenditure to be charged to maintenance of wells and pumps.

30 - MICHAEL DAVITT'S COTTAGE: It was proposed by Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Flaherty and resolved:

"That the Council protest against the sale of Michael Davitt's cottage to a foreigner."

31 - CORNERS AT CUILLEEN, HEADFORD: Consideration of Clr. King's Notice of Motion No: 2 (r) (2) was adjourned until the next roads meeting.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

32 - ROAD WORKERS - FIVE DAY WEEK: Senator J. Mannion proposed in accordance with his Notice of Motion that road workers be allowed to complete their working week in five days by working ten minutes earlier and twenty minutes later each day, with a half an hour for dinner, from 1st May to 1st October. This proposal was supported by Deputy Coogan and opposed by Clr. Flaherty.

Clr. John Donnellan suggested that the views of the workers should be obtained.

The County Manager stated that he would not agree that the workers should determine their own conditions of employment.

The Chairman stated that in his view the proposal should not be adopted, and on a proposal by Clr. Burke, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion, it was resolved that the Council adhere to the present system of working hours for road workers.

33 - SUPERANNUATION OF ROAD WORKERS: Clr. M. Mannion was informed by the Secretary that men who had failed to opt in time for the superannuation scheme or who were too old to opt when Part 3 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948, came into operation, will now have their names entered in the superannuation register if they are still employed by the Council and are employed for at least 200 days in the last complete year.

Clr. Kitt recommended that arrears of contributions due in such cases should not be sought in one sum, but should be recovered in reasonable instalments.

34 - PLOT OF GROUND AT TUAM: It was proposed by Clr. M. Carty, seconded by Clr. P. Pirr and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the transfer to Dr. Thomas B. Costello, Bishop Street, Tuam, of a plot of ground at Bishop Street, Tuam, area 2 sq. perches and 10 sq. yards - Dr. Costello to give the Council in lieu a plot of ground area 1 sq. perch and 26 sq. yards, and the Council shall provide a boundary wall at a cost of approximately £50."

35 - BACTERIOLOGIST: On the proposition of Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Carty, the Council approved revised remuneration of £1900 a year for Dr. M.E. Folan, Bacteriologist, Galway Regional Hospital - his remuneration to be abated by 50% of Doctor Folan's remuneration from University College, Galway.

36 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Deputy Coogan asked if a local applicant for the position of technician at Galway Regional Hospital was turned down while an outside applicant was appointed.

The following recommendations were made in regard to the visiting hours for the Galway Regional Hospital:-

Clr. Kitt - That Church Holydays be included as visiting days - similar to Sundays.

Clr. King - that some other day be substituted for Thursday, which, being a half-day in

the town is not a day on which country people visit Galway.

Deputy Geoghegan - that a copy of the notice of visiting hours be posted at each dispensary.

37 - MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: Letter 21st April, 1956 from Department of Health stating that an alteration in the duties of dispensary medical officers to cover the issue of certificates to school children to enable them to qualify for the £5 grant given to children of Irish-speaking homes, is not considered to be necessary; that the Minister would be glad to be furnished with particulars of any such cases where difficulty arises in future.

38 - LIBRARY CONFERENCE: The following members were appointed to represent the Council at the annual conference of the Library Association to be held in Wexford from 28th May to 1st June:-

Clr. M. Quinn -(Proposed by Clr. Ruano, seconded by Clr. Joyce).
Clr. James J. Ruano (Proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. King).

39 - MEDICAL STAFF, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, and seconded by Clr. Wall:

"That this Council secure competent legal advice on the validity of the recent action taken by the Minister for Health in sending down a Sealed Order to this Council re staffing at Central Hospital."

The Secretary read to the meeting the County Manager's letter of 11th May, 1956, stating that in view of the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1941, there is no doubt whatever regarding the validity of the Minister's Order, and any expenditure on the securing of legal Opinion would possibly be surcharged by the Local Government Auditor.

The Secretary stated that he was giving formal warning to the Council of the possibility of a surcharge before any decision would be taken on Clr. Carty's proposal.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Galvin:
"That the Council do not seek legal advice - as proposed in Clr. Carty's motion."

The Chairman stated that in view of the fact that this matter was not on the printed Agenda for the meeting, he would direct that consideration of it be adjourned to the next meeting, and that in the meantime a copy of the County Manager's letter be sent to each Councillor.

40 - ROUNDSTONE DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: Deputy Geoghegan recommended that the County Engineer be asked to investigate and report on the offer for sale of a house at Roundstone which he considered should be suitable for use as a dispensary residence.

The County Manager stated that this report had already been requested from the County Engineer.

41 - KILKERRIN-MOYLOUGH WATER SUPPLY: In reply to a question by Clr. Mammion, the Secretary stated that final agreement had been reached with the land owners regarding the acquisition of land, rights of way and wayleaves for this scheme, that there was a considerable delay in getting one owner to agree but that the County Solicitor is now attending to the transfer of title of the sites to the Council and that when this has been done we should be in a position to advertise for tenders.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. Ruano - Ruano

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Máire Ó'Connell

Date: 26th Bealtaine 1956

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

18adh Bealtaine, 1956.

Chuig mac Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Chomhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgnithe Connadae, Dia Sathairn, 26adh Bealtaine, 1956, ag 12 a chlog, mean lae.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Appointment of Rate Collectors:-
 - (a) Adoption of Resolution in accordance with Article 26 (g) of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations, 1943.
 - (b) Appointment of Rate Collector for each of the following districts, viz:-
 - District No: 12.
 - District No: 15.
 - District No: 24.
 - District No: 35.
3. Overdraft for quarter to 30. 9. 1956.
4. Temporary Clerk to Galway County Old Age Pension Sub-Committee - extension of appointment.
5. Creation of second position of clerk-typist for operation of the telephone switchboard at Galway Regional Hospital.
6. Naming Oughterard Housing Scheme "O'Maille Park."
7. Remuneration Variations.
8. New Works proposals for approval.
9. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clrs. M. Carty and M. Wall: "That this Council secure competent legal advice on the validity of the recent action taken by the Minister for Health in sending down a sealed Order to this Council re staffing at Central Hospital."
 - (b) Clrs. M. Carty and T. Hanley: "This Council hereby directs the Co. Manager to give effect without further delay to the decision taken by the Council to develop the existing Fair Green at Loughrea as covered by Minutes No: 9739 and 9786."

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9. (c) Cllrs. M. Killilea, M. Carty & J. Geoghegan: "That all future Co. Council schemes requiring the services of a qualified Architect this Council recommends the equitable sharing of the schemes among Architects having offices in the county of Galway."

(d) Cllr. S. Mac an Iomaire: "Molam-se clar foillsui feasta i ngaedhilge agus i mbearla agus e scaipeadh mar sin measg na gComhairleoiri Conndae."

10. Replies to questions already submitted by Councillors.

11. Other business.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 12 DISTRICT - LIST OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

| Candidate's Number. | Name | Address | Age Years | Standard of Education | Occupation | Experience | Knowledge of Irish |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. | Mac Dornchadha, Padraic | Cill Ronain, Araim | 51 | 7th Standard | Farmer | Pier-head Light Attendant 2 years. Guinness' Collecting Agent $\frac{1}{2}$ year. | Competent |
| 2. | O h-Iarnain, Colman | do. | 33 | 8th standard & 1 year tech. school. | Farmer & Fisherman | Army Private - 4 yrs. | do. |

The above candidates are eligible for appointment subject to satisfactory medical report.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO: 15 DISTRICT - LIST OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

| Candidate's Number | Name | Address | Age Years | Standard of Education | Occupation | Experience | Knowledge of Irish Competent |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1. | Booth, Thomas M. | Newbridge, Ballinasloe. | 40 | 7th Standard | Farmer | Farming. | do. |
| 2. | Coleman, Bertie | Chopa, Dunmore. | 32 | Leaving Cert. Standard. | Insurance Agent | Insurance Agent - 5 yrs. | do. |
| 3. | Garvey, John, | Church St., Glanmaddy. | 25 | Inter. Cert. Standard. | Deputy Rate Collector | Book-keeper - 2 yrs. Assisting Rate Collector (father) - 5½ yrs. | do. |
| 4. | Heany, Patrick G.M. | Devon House, Belmont, Milltown. | 40 | Leaving Cert. Hons. & 2 provisional patents. | None | Not Stated. | do. |
| 5. | O'Reilly, Kevin | Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe. | 32 | 8th Standard | Farmer | Shop Assistant - 8 yrs. Bus Driver & Conductor - 4 yrs. Storekeeper - 2 yrs. Farmer - 1 yr. | do. |
| 6. | Walsh, Michael J. | High Street, Dunmore. | 29 | 2nd year Intermediate | Salesman | Shop Assistant - 9 yrs. Salesman - 2 yrs. | do. |

The above candidates are eligible for appointment subject to satisfactory medical report.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO: 24 DISTRICT - LIST OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

| Candidate's Number. | Name | Address | Age | Standard of Education | Occupation | Experience | Knowledge of Irish |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|-----|--------------------------------------|------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. | Kelly, Annie, | Shannon Hill, Derryvonlan, Ballyshrule, B'sloe. | 29 | 7th Standard & two Years Voc. School | None. | Not stated. | Competent. |
| 2. | O'Gathain, Sean S., | Magh-Flas, Locha Riach. | 35 | 7th Standard. | Garfer. | Labourer - 2 yrs. Chargehand - 8 yrs. Garfer - 12 yrs. | do. |
| 3. | O'Fearchair, Norman, | Lowville, Hasoragh. | 26 | Matriculation | Clerk. | Clerk - 5½ years. | do. |

The above candidates are eligible for appointment subject to satisfactory medical report.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 35 DISTRICT - LIST OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

| Candidate's Number. | Name | Address | Age Years | Standard of Education | Occupation | Experience | Knowledge of Irish |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. | Cunningham, Walter J. | Annachill, Ballyflumin. | 32 | 7th Standard | Farmer | Farming and Secretary, Treasurer etc. of Social Clubs. | Competent. |
| 2. | Dolan, Sabina J. | Castleview, Barnardarf. | 35 | Leaving Cert. (Hons.) | Housekeeper | Housekeeping. | do. |
| 3. | Fallon Patrick J. | Monard, Turroughmore. | 25 | 7th Standard | Farmer & Manure Merchant | Farming and manure distribution. | do. |
| 4. | Henry, Patrick G.M. | Devon House, Belmont, Milltown. | 40 | Leaving Cert. (Hons.) and 2 provisional patents. | None | None Stated. | do. |
| 5. | Killilea, Padraic | Caharbhugh House, Belclare. | 25 | Leaving Cert. Pass. | None | Clerk - 3 1/2 yrs. | do. |
| 6. | Nicholson, Stephen, | Danganber, Darroon, Ballyflumin. | 25 | Leaving Cert. (Pass.) | Farmer | Farming | do. |
| 7. | O'Fearchair, Norman | Lowville, Ahasoragh. | 26 | Matriculation | Clerk | Clerk - 5 1/2 years. | do. |
| 8. | Tracy, Sean | Knock, Milltown. | 43 | Leaving Cert. | None. | Leading Agent (Sugar Co) - 18 yrs. Clerk - 1 1/4 yrs. | do. |

The above candidates are eligible for appointment subject to satisfactory medical report.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 26th MAY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Clr. M. Quinn.
(2) Clr. M. Carty.
(3) Deputy M. Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs./Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Ctrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Clr. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiffe, Clr. Lambert, Senator Mamion, Ctrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

42 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to Number 41, having been circulated to the members, were submitted approved and signed by the Chairman.

43.- APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Galvin and resolved:

"That having regard to the nature of the duties of the offices of Rate Collector for Number 12, 15, 24 and 35 Collection Districts, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties, and the qualifications for these offices, the Council consider that the persons to be appointed cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and decide, therefore, that the Council consider the qualifications of the applicants for these posts, and make the appointments after consideration of said qualifications."

44 - RATE COLLECTOR, NO: 12 DISTRICT: The list of two eligible candidates was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Greene that Mr. Colman O h-Iarnain, Kilronan, Aran, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 12 District, subject to medical examination, and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Senator Mannion, that Mr. Padraic Mac Donnchadha, Kilronan, Aran, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 12 District, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position.

A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR MR. O' H-IARNAIN: Ctrs. Ashe, Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Mannion M., O'Donnell and Quinn (16).

FOR MR. Mac DONNCHADHA: Ctrs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Mannion J., Ridge, Sirr and Wall (11).

Clr. Burke did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Colman O h-Iarnain, Kilronan, Aran, appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 12 District in accordance with the terms of Clr. Carty's proposal.

45 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 15 DISTRICT: The list of six eligible candidates was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Ashe, seconded by Deputy Lahiffe, that Mr. Michael J. Walsh, High Street, Dummore, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 15 Collection District, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position.

No other proposal was made and the Chairman declared Mr. Michael J. Walsh appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 15 Collection District in accordance with the terms of Clr. Ashe's proposal.

46 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 24 DISTRICT: The list of three eligible candidates was submitted.

It was proposed by Deputy Lahiffe, and seconded by Clr. Hanley, that Mr. Sean S. O Cathain, Moyglass, Loughrea, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 24 Collection District, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment of that position.

The appointment of Mr. Norman O Fearchair, Lowville, Ahasoragh, to the position of Rate Collector for No: 24 Collection District, was proposed by Clr. Lambert, and seconded by Clr. Canning.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 35 DISTRICT - LIST OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

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| 3. | Fallon Patrick J. | Monard, Turloughmore. | 25 | 7th Standard | Farmer & Manure Merchant | Farming and manure distribution. | do. |
| 4. | Henry, Patrick G.M. | Devon House, Belmont, Milltown. | 40 | Leaving Cert. (Hons.) and 2 provisional patents. | None | None Stated. | do. |
| 5. | Killilo, Padraic | Caherhugh House, Belclare. | 25 | Leaving Cert. Pass. | None | Clerk - 5½ yrs. | do. |
| 6. | Nicholson, Stephen | Danganbeg, Derron, Ballyflunin. | 25 | Leaving Cert. (Pass.) | Farmer | Farming | do. |
| 7. | O'Fearchair, Norman | Lowville, Ahascragh. | 26 | Matriculation | Clerk | Clerk - 5½ years. | do. |
| 8. | Troacy, Sean | Knock, Milltown. | 43 | Leaving Cert. | None | Leading Agent (Sugar Co) - 18 yrs. Clerk - 1½ yrs. | do. |

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44 - RATE COLLECTOR, NO: 12 DISTRICT: The list of two eligible candidates was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Greene that Mr. Colman O h-Iarnain, Kilronan, Aran, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 12 District, subject to medical examination, and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Senator Mannion, that Mr. Padraic Mac Donnchadha, Kilronan, Aran, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 12 District, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position.

A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR MR. O' H-IARNAIN: Cirs. Ashe, Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Mannion M., O'Donnell and Quinn (16).

FOR MR. MAC DONNCHADHA: Cirs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Mannion J., Ridge, Sirr and Wall (11).

Clr. Burke did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Colman O h-Iarnain, Kilronan, Aran, appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 12 District in accordance with the terms of Clr. Carty's proposal.

45 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 15 DISTRICT: The list of six eligible candidates was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Ashe, seconded by Deputy Lahiffe, that Mr. Michael J. Walsh, High Street, Dunmore, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 15 Collection District, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position.

No other proposal was made and the Chairman declared Mr. Michael J. Walsh appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 15 Collection District in accordance with the terms of Clr. Ashe's proposal.

46 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 24 DISTRICT: The list of three eligible candidates was submitted.

It was proposed by Deputy Lahiffe, and seconded by Clr. Hanley, that Mr. Sean S. O Cathain, Moyglass, Loughrea, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 24 Collection District, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment of that position.

The appointment of Mr. Norman O Fearchair, Lowville, Ahascragh, to the position of Rate Collector for No: 24 Collection District, was proposed by Clr. Lambert, and seconded by Clr. Canning.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR MR. O CATHAIN: Clrs. Ashe, Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Mannion M., O'Donnell and Quinn. (16).

FOR MR. O FEARROCHAIR: Clrs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Lambert, Mannion J., Ridge, Sirr and Wall (12).

Clr. Burke did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Sean S. O Cathain, Moyglass, Loughrea, appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 24 Collection District in accordance with the terms of Deputy Lahiffe's proposal.

47 - RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO: 35 DISTRICT: The list of eight eligible candidates was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. Glynn, and seconded by Clr. M. Mannion, that Mr. Padraic Killilea, Caherhugh House, Belclare, be appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 35 Collection District, subject to medical examination and sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with the conditions of appointment for that position.

Clr. Ridge requested that Deputy Killilea would leave the Council Chamber pending the making of the appointment to the position of Rate Collector for No: 35 District.

Clrs. Carty, Donnellan James and Kelly objected to this request. No other candidate was proposed, and the Chairman declared Mr. Padraic Killilea, Caherhugh House, Belclare, appointed to the position of Rate Collector for No: 35 Collection District, in accordance with the terms of Clr. Glynn's proposal.

48 - RATE COLLECTION - GENERAL: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. James Donnellan, the Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Rate Collection:-

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| Total Rate Warrant for Year Ended 31st March, 1956: | £626, 34% |
| Total number of Rate Collectors in the County: | 34. |
| Amount of each Collector's Warrant: | Varys from £39,192 to £2,201. |
| Amount paid to Collectors - Total for Y.E. 31/3/55: | £21, 282. - the highest amount for a single Collector being £1243 and the lowest amount for a single Collector being £121. |
| Number of ex-collectors receiving pensions: | 9. |

The rate arrears sheets for the year ended 31st March, 1956, were submitted to the meeting and the Secretary gave the following particulars regarding the rate collection for that year:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lodged to 31st March, 1956: | £603, 560. viz. 96.286% |
| Cash on hands at 31st March, 1956: | £7,073 = 1.128% |
| Discount: | £626 = .5% |
| Arrears struck off: | £6,656 = 1.029% |
| Arrears carried forward: | £9,128 = 1.456% |

49 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Canning and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £75,000 on General account for the quarter ending 30th September, 1956.

50 - COUNTY GALWAY OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Kelly and resolved:

"that the Council hereby approve the continuation of the temporary employment of Mr. David Egan as Clerk to the County Galway Old Age Pensions Committee from 1st June to 30th November, 1956, inclusive, with remuneration at the rate already approved."

51 - CLERICAL STAFF, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: It was proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of a second position of Clerk-Typist for operation of the telephone switchboard at Galway Regional Hospital.

52 - MEDICAL STAFF, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Kelly, the Secretary submitted the County Manager's letter of the 23rd May, 1956, stating that the hours during which the wholetime Surgeon would be required to attend the Regional Hospital would be determined by the County Manager in consultation with the Resident Medical Superintendent of the Hospital; that the hours will probably be from 10. a.m. to 1.p.m. and from 3. 30.p.m. to 5. 30.p.m. subject to the right of the Surgeon to absent himself during the hours that he will be required to attend at University College, Galway; that the Surgeon will not be permitted to leave the hospital to attend private patients and that it should not be necessary for him to do so as his private practice will be limited to private consultative practice and is exclusive of the right to operate in any outside hospital.

53 - OUGHTERARD HOUSING SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the naming of the new housing scheme at Oughterard "Seamus O Maille Park".

54 - MEDICAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS: It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Wall

"That this Council secure the advice of the Acting County Solicitor on the validity of the recent action taken by the Minister for Health in sending down a Sealed Order to this Council regarding staffing at Galway Central Hospital.

The Secretary submitted the County Manager's letter of the 18th May, 1956, stating that the Minister's authority for this action was covered by Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1941.

The Secretary warned the members before any decision would be taken on Clr. Carty's proposal that the expense of obtaining the Acting County Solicitor's advice may be surcharged by the Local Government Auditor against the members supporting this proposal.

It was proposed by Clr. Galvin and seconded by Deputy Coogan, that the Council do not seek the Acting County Solicitor's advice on this subject, as proposed by Clr. Carty. The Secretary explained that a vote would be taken on Clr. Carty's proposal, and Clr. Galvin then withdrew his proposal.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR CLR. CARTY'S PROPOSAL: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Mannion, M., O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane, Sirr and Wall (24).

AGAINST CLR. CARTY'S PROPOSAL: Clrs. Coogan, Galvin, Lambert and Mannion J. (4).

The Chairman declared Clr. Carty's proposal carried.

55 - LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN: In reply to Clr. Carty's and Hanley's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that an application for sanction to a loan for development of the existing fairgreen had been sent to the Department of Local Government during the past week and that the Department had requested the submission of plans and particulars of the proposal for development of the fairgreen.

56 - CONSULTANT ARCHITECTS: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that for all future County Council schemes requiring the services of a qualified Architect, this Council recommends the equitable sharing of the schemes among Architects having offices in the county of Galway.

The Secretary explained the procedure for appointment of Consultants as set out in Department's letter 85/46 of 17th June, 1946, and stated that according to the terms of that letter, it was not permissible to restrict applications for Consultant positions to persons residing within the County Galway.

Clr. Carty's proposal was supported by Deputy Coogan, and Clrs. Dowd, Wall and Deputy Killilea. The proposal was carried unanimously.

57 - AGENDA: It was proposed by Clr. Ridge, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan and resolved:

"That in future the Agenda for meetings of the County Council will be circulated in both Irish and English."

It was noted that notices of motion will appear in the Agenda in the language in which they are submitted to the County Secretary.

58 - CINEMA LICENCE: On the proposition of Clr. Kelly, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the issue of a cinema licence to Mr. Fred Mallard for his travelling cinema.

59 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: Letter of 16/5/56 from Dr. M. O'Donnell was submitted requesting that the Council would reconsider the proposal for appointment of a Cardiologist, and letter of 18/5/56 from the County Engineer was submitted requesting that the Council would reconsider the appointment of an Engineering Foreman at the hospital.

The Chairman directed that these letters be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

60 - COUNTY ENGINEER: The Chairman informed the members that it was expected that the County Engineer's employment with the Council would terminate shortly, and it was arranged that Clr. Carty and Senator Mannion would act as collectors for the making of a presentation by the Council to the County Engineer on the occasion of his departure.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

61 - ROAD WIDENING AT TUAM: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Killilea, the Secretary explained the position in regard to Derelict Site No. 87 at Tuam which has been sold to Mr. O'Connor, and the Quim and Egan plots adjoining.

It was directed that the County Engineer would go to Tuam to explain the position to each of the parties concerned.

62 - PUBLIC LIGHTING SPIDDAL: Clr. John Donnellan requested that during the holiday season the public lighting at Spiddal would be extended to midnight.

Clr. Carty stated that she had already requested that further lights would be provided on the River Road at Spiddal, and now repeated this request.

63 - DENTAL SERVICE: Dissatisfaction at the long delay in provision of dentures for public assistance patients was expressed by Deputy Coogan and Clrs. Carty and King.

Clr. Carty also stated that the school dental service is inadequate; that it provides an extraction service only, and that the interval between the visits of the dentist to any particular school is entirely too long.

64 - VISITING DAYS, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Deputy Geoghegan stated that the visiting days and hours arrangements at the Galway Regional Hospital do not suit the requirements of relatives of patients coming in from remote rural areas, where there is a bus service only on some days of the week.

DEPUTY KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Dissatisfaction with the visiting arrangements was also expressed by Clrs. Carty and King.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council recommend to the County Manager that the Visiting hours for the Galway Regional Hospital be 2p.m. to 4p.m. on every week-day."

65 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

Mr. Michael Carty, Woodford, on the death of his sister-in-law.
The Darmody family, Lecarrow House, Moylough, on the death of their mother.
The McMahon family of Woodford, on the death of their father.
The Vaughan family, Balysfort Road, Salthill, on the death of their mother.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. M. O'Connell Chairman. 23rd May 1956.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE HIRE OF PLANT FOR ROAD WORK, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28th MAY, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. Martin Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Killilea, Geoghegan, Collins Kelly and King, the County Manager, the County Engineer, Mr. Griffin, Staff Officer, Assistant County Engineers Messrs. D'Alton, O'Keefe, McGarry, Lynch, Caulfield, O'Connor, O'Neill, Martyn and the County Secretary.

The County Engineer's report of 25th May, 1956, was submitted, supplying the information requested by Deputy Killilea.

Deputy Killilea stated that he required information on the following points:

1. Why extra crushers were hired by the Council when a considerable sum was being paid to the crushers already employed for waiting time.
2. Why, when tenders for crushers were invited, were crushers employed which were owned by persons who had not tendered.

The County Engineer stated that over 30 crushing plants are employed by the Council during a year, located in various places throughout the county and of varying capacities; that he is aware that some plant drivers went around and got particulars in regard to several of these crushing plants. The County Engineer stated he considered that if Deputy Killilea is making any charges against him or his staff, these charges should be stated in writing, and that consideration of them should be adjourned until a later meeting, so that the County Engineer would have an opportunity of investigating the charges fully. The County Engineer read his report of 23rd February, 1956, in which it was explained that plants other than those for which tenders were received were employed because tenders were not received for an adequate supply of crushing plants to deal with the work available.

Deputy Killilea asked why, if the position was as stated in County Engineer's letter of 23rd February, 1956, such an amount of money was paid for waiting time.

The County Engineer explained that the payment for waiting time is due to the scarcity of men in certain areas; that when a full team of men is not available at all times, it is not possible to keep a plant fully engaged.

In reply to the County Manager's enquiry, the County Engineer stated that if men do not turn up for work regularly it is impossible to avoid waiting time, for plant.

Clr. King considered that except in four cases the amount of waiting time was unusually low.

The County Engineer stated that in the case of one of the plant owners, Mr. William Murphy, Tulrush, Belclare, he had received reports of unsatisfactory working of this plant from a number of the Assistant County Engineers; that Mr. Murphy would not maintain his crusher properly; that he deals in crushers, and when he has got a crusher into condition where it is sufficient to do some work for the County Council, he then sells the machine at an enhanced price.

The County Engineer read reports from Assistant County Engineers Messrs. Caulfield, D'Alton and McGarry, in regard to lack of satisfaction with Murphy's plant, and Mr. Caulfield's report stated that entire satisfaction had been given by the plants supplied by Messrs. Carty and Lardner.

The County Engineer gave details of a test of two crushing plants carried out in Mr. Lynch's area, which show that Mr. Murphy's plant, which is hired for £5. 10. 0. a day, produced 43.1 tons in the same time that Mr. Healy's plant, which was hired for £4. 10. 0. a day produced 27.9 tons of material. The County Engineer stated that in that case Mr. Murphy was retained on the job until it was completed, and the employment of Mr. Healy's crusher was terminated immediately after the test. The County Engineer pointed out, however, that the quality of the material produced is as important as the quantity, and that a defective crusher could possibly turn out a very large quantity of material in the day, but that the material would be entirely unsatisfactory.

In reply to Mr. Collins, the County Engineer stated that the output of private crushers is approximately the same as that of the Council's crushers, but that the cost per day is higher for the Council's plant; that material can be produced from New Inn Central quarry cheaper than it can be produced by either hired or Council owned crushers, and that when Tornabrucky Quarry is in production, there

will be little further use for hired crushing plant.

The Chairman stated that it is not the Council's function to provide employment for crushers, and that in fact he was surprised to find that we were still hiring so many crushing plants.

In reply to Deputy Killilea, the County Engineer stated that in the period from 1st April to 31st December, 1955, the plants employed which were not tendered for were those owned by Messrs. Conroy, Heavey, Kilgarriff and one of the plants listed as owned by Mr. Rice, viz., a 14" x 8" crusher.

Deputy Killilea asked how these non-tendered plant owners became aware of the tendered price. The County Engineer explained that these people were not made aware of the tendered figure but that they were informed that their daily charge was too high and they then stated that they would reduce their daily charge to the figure corresponding with the tendered figure.

The County Engineer stated that the principal complaint in regard to Mr. Murphy's plant was his lack of maintenance of the plant.

Deputy Killilea stated that the Council should not employ plant supplied by any contractor who has not tendered in response to our advertisement. The County Manager stated that when sufficient plant was not available as a result of the advertisement there was no objection to employing additional plant.

The County Engineer supplied the following particulars of the tendered and non-tendered crushing plants in use in each Assistant County Engineer's District:

| Assistant County Engineer. | Tendered Plant. | Non-tendered Plant. |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Lynch's District. | 3 | 1 |
| Mr. McGarry's " | 3 | 1 |
| Mr. O'Keefe's " | 3 | - |
| Mr. D'Alton's " | 5 | - |
| Mr. Caulfield's " | 3 | - |
| Mr. O'Connor's " | - | - |
| Mr. O'Neill's " | - | 1. |
| Mr. Lee's " | 1 | - |
| Mr. Jordan's " | - | - |
| Mr. Powell's " | - | - |

The Chairman stated he did not see what grievance any of the plant owners could reasonably have, and in reply to an enquiry by Mr. Collins, explained that hired plant is supplied at a lower daily rate than the Council's own plant, because of the fact that the Council's plant is available.

Clr. Kelly stated that he was satisfied with the explanations given.

Deputy Killilea asked for an explanation of the employment of plant owned by persons who, according to the list, belonged to counties Cork and Roscommon, but in reply the County Engineer explained that both of these owners are in fact residing in the County Galway.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that all stones for soling of roads in west Galway be obtained in the local quarries and stated that men are cycling 32 miles per day to Athry Quarry while local quarries are not being worked.

The County Engineer stated that the local quarries are worked as far as possible, and explained that the stone in the local quarries is not suitable for the purpose to which Clr. Geoghegan referred.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that some men working in a quarry in the Cashel area were laid off by Mr. Jordan, Assistant County Engineer, as it appeared that there was some new regulation requiring that these men should have been employed by the Council in the previous year, otherwise they could not be retained now.

The County Engineer stated in reply that he was not aware of any such regulation.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

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Submitted and approved.

M. S. O'Connell Chairman. 23rd Dec 1956.



COMAIRLE CONRODAE NA SAIBLIHIE.

Suíón:
Saiblímh 55.

Óifis an Rúnaí,
Úachtarán,
Saiblímh.
15ú Meitheán, 1956.

Cuirtear taca tuisle de'n Comhairle.

A ÚARA,

TARRTAR ORC leis seo beic i léadar az cruinníú bliantúil de Comhairle Conrodhae na Saiblíhíe a tionsólfaid i Seomra na Comhairle i ns nafoirgníche Conrodhae, 01a Saeáirín 23ú Meitheán, 1956, az cosnú ar 12 a éilog, meabon lae.

Mise, le meas,

Uachtarán Ó Tuathais.

Ruanai.

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1. Coisá Úachtóirí.
2. Coisá leas-úachtóirí.
3. Coisá comairle de'n Comhairle ar:
 - (a) Bord Ospidéal Meabair-Éalair, béal áca na Sluaí.
 - (b) Bord Foras Sláinte an IarÉair.
 - (c) Bord-Comhairle na z-Conbaeíe.
 - (d) Cumann Tuét Cuarda na h-Éireann.
4. Coisá Coisctí:
 - (a) Coste Fiosraíche Fionúireactaí Ceannair.
 - (b) Coiscté leabairlanhaí.
 - (c) Coiscté Comhairleáca na Séadcomairctáí Náisiúnta.
 - (d) Coiscté Scoiláireactaí.
 - (e) Fó-Coisctí na b-pinsean seah-aoise.

na h-úachtóir seo leanae a breicéú:-
5. Miontuairisctí.
6. Na rácaí a zarrab agus séala na Comhairle a éur ar na leabráí rácaí i zcoir bl. 30 31. 3. 1957.
7. Post Cízire leabráí ar alreanae a cructú.
8. Na postáí seo leanae sa bpríom-oisibéal a cructú:-
 - (a) Croíde-11aí.
 - (b) Maor Inneallctóireactaí agus moiaó ó'n Úachtóirleac, M. Ó Cuinn, Uas., an rún i Uímh. 9979 de 5. 5. 1956 a éur ar ceal.
9. Inneill ar cíos - miontuairisctí de cruinníú 28. 5. 1956.
10. Tarrctas ar an áire an t-am ordáite le muirear a rinnelan t-ionúctóir ar 21. 4. 1956 a méabú.

11. Monárda i mBailte Tosa Ríad - rún pé Alc. 9 de'n Aic um Rinnstéirí Deán-Forbará, 1952, maidir le Rátaí a maicéam.
12. Clár Caidéil Uisge.
13. Aerú páige.
14. Oibreáda Nua.
15. Uicir de 1. 6. 1956 ó Árd-Gumairle na gCondae.
16. Talamh i bCumann a díol (Fógra 12. 6. 1956).
17. Uicir ó Cumann Trealóca na h-Éireann maidir le comhóilín na h-Éireann.
18. Oibreáda ar son Oifis na Scéimeanna Postuóca Speisialta.
19. Molta Comhairleoirí.
20. Frelgráí do ceisteanna a cur Comhairleoirí isteach roimh Ré.
21. Snó eile.

1. Election of Chairman for the year 1956/57.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 1956/57.
3. Appointment of Representatives on:-
 - (a) Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board.
 - (b) Western Health Institutions Board.
 - (c) County Councils' General Council.
 - (d) Irish Tourist Association.
4. Appointment of Committees:-
 - (a) Visiting Committee for District Institutions.
 - (b) County Librarians Committee.
 - (c) National Monuments Advisory Committee.
 - (d) Education (Scholarships) Committee.
 - (e) Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees.
5. Minutes. TO CONSIDER:
6. To make the rates and to sign and seal the Rate Books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1957.
7. Creation of the position of Children's Officer (Minute No: 9953 of 24. 3. 1956.)
8. Creation of the positions of (a) Cardiologist and (b) Engineering Foreman at Galway Regional Hospital (Minute No: 59 of 26. 5. 1956), and notice of motion by Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman:

"I hereby give notice that I, or someone on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the decision to postpone for a period of six months the appointment of an Engineering Foreman to the Galway Regional Hospital and the decision to defer for a similar period the appointment of a Cardiologist, be rescinded, and that the matter be further considered by the Galway County Council."
9. Hire of Plant - Minutes of Committee meeting held on 28. 5. 1956.
10. Application for extension of time for making appeal against charge made by the Local Government Auditor on the 21. 4. 1956.
11. Loughrea Cottons Ltd. - remission of rates under Sec. 9 of the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952.

12. Provision of Pumps programme.
13. Remuneration Variations.
14. New Works.
15. Letter 1. 6. 1956. from County Councils' General Council.
16. Sale of Land in Tuam (Notice of 12. 6. 1956).
17. Letter from National Ploughing Association re Congress at Athenry.
18. Works to be carried out for Special Employment Schemes Office.
19. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. P.D. Joyce: "I or someone on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that six monthly meetings of the Council be held on Mondays each year".
 - (b) Clr. M. O'Donnell: "That waterworks in Carraroe be extended to serve Derrartha village."
 - (c) Clr. P. Ruane: "That attention be paid immediately to the Galway Tuam Road and remove the dangerous bends and corners that are the cause of all the accidents on that road recently near Claregalway."
 - (d) Clr. M. Mannion:
 - (1) At the next Co. Council meeting I will ask the Co. Engineer to have large tree cut down at entrance to Brierfield, Coolcorry Co. Rd. and off the Galway-Horseleap Main Road causing a view obstruction at Dangan Cross.
 - (2) I will ask the Co. Engineer to have a well on the roadside at Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy on the Abbey, Horseleap main road fenced in by a concrete wall and steps.
 - (3) At the next meeting I will propose that all danger spots in main roads be centre-lined or fitted with cats-eyes, and that hillock at Ballinastack Moylough be included."
 - (e) Clr. P. Kelly:
 - (1) That a pump be sunk near the Girls School at Corofin.
 - (2) That a pump be sunk in the "Cottage Field" at Kildaree, Headford.
 - (3) That the Co. Manager be asked to fix conditions under which people can visit sick relatives at the Regional Hospital outside regular visiting hours."
 - (f) Clr. M. Mannion:
 - (1) At the next Co. Council meeting I will ask the Co. Manager to have the proposed extension to the Mountbellew Waterworks carried out to facilitate five interested houses.
 - (2) I will propose that the Co. Engineer have portion of sand hills at Horseleap crossroads removed to give meeting traffic a view, and so avoid accidents."
20. Replies to questions already submitted by Councillors.
21. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE, 1956.

PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Councillors Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Cirs. King, Kitt, Deputy Lahiff, Clr. Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Cirs. Mannion M., O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.

66 - CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, and unanimously resolved:

"That Councillor Martin Quinn be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1956/57."

Clr. Quinn, who then took the Chair, thanked the members and the staff for their co-operation with him in the past.

67 - VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. Sirr and unanimously resolved:

"That Mr. Michael Carty be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1956/57."

Clr. Carty thanked the members for electing him to the position of Vice-Chairman.

68 - BALLINASLOE MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD: Letter of 5th June, 1956, from the Chief Clerk, Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, was submitted, stating that the number of representatives to be elected by the Galway County Council to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board for the forthcoming year was 16. Clr. Kelly requested that the representation on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board would be in proportion to the strength of the parties in the Galway County Council.

Clr. Ridge recommended that, to save travelling expenses, members from west of the Corrib should not be elected to membership of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board.

Clr. James Donnellan supported Clr. Kelly's suggestion.

It was suggested by Clr. Lambert, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan that five of the sixteen representatives to be elected would be from the Opposition Party on the Council.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Joyce that with the exception of Clr. M. Wall, the existing representatives of the Council on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board be re-appointed for the year 1956/57, on the understanding that should the Council's representation again rise to seventeen, Clr. Wall would be appointed to the seventeenth position.

There was no counter-proposal and the Chairman declared the sixteen existing representatives (excluding Clr. M. Wall) appointed members of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board for the year 1956/57.

69 - WESTERN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BOARD: It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt that the existing representatives, viz., Cirs. M. Quinn and M.A. Ashe, be re-appointed members of the Western Health Institutions Board for the year 1956/57.

Clr. Kelly proposed that Deputy Coogan be appointed a member of this Board in lieu of Clr. M.A. Ashe.

The Chairman then directed that each of the two vacancies be filled separately.

The appointment of Clr. M. Quinn was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt, and was unanimously approved.

The appointment of Clr. M.A. Ashe was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Kitt.

The appointment of Deputy Coogan was proposed by Clr. Kelly, and seconded by Clr. Lambert.

Clr. Glynn pointed out that Clr. Ashe is the only lady member of the Council, and requested that on that account her appointment to the Board would be approved.

Deputy Coogan requested that his name be withdrawn and the Chairman then declared the following appointed members of the Western Health Institutions Board for the year 1956/57, viz., Clr. M. Quinn and Clr. M.A. Ashe.

70 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: It was proposed by Deputy Lahiff, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved:

"That Cirs. M. Quinn, M. Kitt and Deputy M. Killilea be appointed to represent the Council on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1956/57."

71 - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell and seconded by Clr. Carty, that Clr. John Glynn be re-appointed to represent the Council on the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1956/57.

Clr. Kelly stated he considered that Clr. Glynn should inform the Chairman or the Council of the activities of the Irish Tourist Association; that having regard to the substantial contribution made to the Association by the Galway County Council, the Association should give sufficient publicity to Galway port - at least to the same extent as such publicity is given to Cork port.

The appointment of Clr. Kelly as the Council's representative on the Association was proposed by Deputy Coogan.

Clr. Kelly thanked Deputy Coogan and requested that his name be not put forward.

The appointment of Clr. Glynn as representative of the Council on the Irish Tourist Association was then approved.

72 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: It was proposed by Clr. Kitt and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that the existing members of the Visiting Committee for District Institutions be re-appointed for the year 1956/57.

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr that Clr. P. Collins be appointed a member of this Committee.

Deputy Coogan asked if the members of the Visiting Committee had justified their appointment for the past year, and stated that visitors to patients are left waiting outside the hospital.

Clr. Carty pointed out that the minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee are supplied to each member of the County Council.

Clr. Lambert proposed that the Opposition Party in the Council be allowed one representative for each electoral area.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Clr. Canning that the existing members of the Visiting Committee be not re-appointed for the coming year.

It was proposed by Senator Mannion and seconded by Clr. Flaherty that Clr. P. Collins be appointed a member of the Visiting Committee for the year 1956/57.

Clr. Carty stated that he had intended proposing eventually that an additional member of the Visiting Committee be appointed for each electoral area.

It was then recommended by Senator Mannion and seconded by Clr. Canning, that the existing members of the Visiting Committee be re-appointed for the year 1956/57, and that Clr. P. Collins be appointed an additional member of that Committee for the year 1956/57.

Clr. Kelly then withdrew his proposal. It was then proposed by Clr. Carty

seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Visiting Committee for District Institutions with the addition of Clr. P. Collins, be appointed for the year 1956/57."

73 - COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That the existing members of the County Libraries Committee be re-appointed for the year 1956/57."

74 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Clr. Kelly recommended that Mr. J.A. O'Connell, Tuam, be appointed a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee proper for the coming year.

The Chairman pointed out that the membership of the Committee proper is restricted to five, and that the five existing members are persons who are authorities in that field.

It was then proposed by Deputy Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Carty, that the existing members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee be re-appointed for the year 1956/57.

75 - EDUCATION (SCHOLARSHIPS) COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Education (Scholarships) Committee be re-appointed for the year 1956/57, and that in addition Clr. Patrick Ruane be appointed a member of that Committee for the year 1956/57."

76 - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUBCOMMITTEES: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by

Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees be continued until the next ordinary meeting of the Council, when the Committees for the coming year will be appointed, and that the Secretary shall inform the Council of the members who have not attended meetings during the past year." Deputy Coogan stated that he has not been called to meetings of the Spiddal Old Age Pensions sub-committee during the past year.

77 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to No: 65, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

78 - RATES: It was proposed by Clr. M. F. Kitt, seconded by Clr. M. Carty and resolved:

"That the Council hereby allow and make the rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1957, as assessed in the Rate Books."

It was proposed by Clr. M.F. Kitt, seconded by Clr. M. Carty and resolved: "That the Rate Books for the year ending 31st March, 1957, be signed and sealed with the seal of the Council."

The Rate Books were then signed and sealed.

79 - CHILDREN'S OFFICER: It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Hanley, that the Council approve the creation of the position of Children's Officer. The Chairman stated that he considered that the appointment of a Children's Officer would promote the adoption of Boarded Out Children, and that such adoptions would reduce expenditure.

Clrs. Galvin, Joyce and Killilea supported the proposal to create the position.

Clrs. Collins, Kelly, Canning, Sirr, Coogan and Senator Mannion opposed the creation of this position.

Clr. King stated that the Department's Inspector's report gives a distorted view of the position, as it refers only to bad cases. It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Lambert, that consideration of this matter be deferred for three months.

Eventually Clr. Carty withdrew his proposal and on his suggestion, it was decided that a copy of the Department's Inspector's report be supplied to the Press.

It was accordingly decided to defer for three months consideration of the creation of the position of Children's Officer.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3. 15. p.m.

On resumption of the meeting Clr. Quinn again took the Chair.

80 - ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council recommend that Mr. Liam O Luanagh, County Secretary, be appointed to the permanent position of Assistant County Manager."

81 - CARDIOLOGIST AND ENGINEERING FOREMAN: It was unanimously decided to adjourn to the next meeting of the Council, consideration of Item No: 8 on the Agenda - creation of the positions of (a) Cardiologist and (b) Engineering Foreman at Galway Regional Hospital.

82 - HIRE OF PLANT: The minutes of Committee meeting held on the 28th May, 1956, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and approved.

83 - CHARGE MADE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR: The Secretary stated that he had been informed that appeals had not been sent to the Minister against the charge made by the Local Government Auditor on 21st April, 1956, and that since the time for making appeals had expired it would be necessary for the Council to apply for extension of that time.

Clr. King stated that the High Court Action had been taken while the matter was still under consideration by the Council, and that he could not see any reason why the Council should not have taken the action which they had taken, i.e., by obtaining legal advice on a matter which was not at all clear.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Quinn and resolved: "That the

Council hereby request the Minister for Local Government to extend the time allowed to the persons concerned for making the appeal against the charge made on these persons by the Local Government Auditor on 21st April, 1956.

84 - LOUGHREA COTTONS LIMITED: The certificate of 20th April, 1956, issued by An Foras Tionscal under the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952, in respect of the premises occupied by Loughrea Cottons Ltd., was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, and resolved:

"That subject to the provisions of Section 9 of the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952, the Council hereby grant a remission of two-thirds of the rate leviable by them for a period of ten years on the lands and buildings in the townland of Cosmona, Loughrea, occupied by Loughrea Cottong Ltd."

85 - PUMPS PROGRAMME: It was unanimously decided that consideration of the programme for provision of pumps in the county would be adjourned to a special meeting which will be held on Saturday, 7th July, 1956, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon.

86 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: On the proposition of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kitt, the following variations in remuneration were approved:-

1. Gangers and foreman in the County Health District - the maximum differential to be allowed from a future date to be fixed by the County Manager resulting in an increase of 2d. a day for gangers and 4d. a day for foremen.
2. Foremen employed by the Council in Galway Urban Area - the maximum differential of 7/- a day to be allowed from 1st October, 1955, making the wages of foremen in the Galway Urban Area £8. 7. 0. a week from that date.
3. Keymen - an increase of 3³/₄d. an hour from 2nd April, 1956, inclusive, making the revised rate 3/1d. per hour from that date.
4. Mr. Oliver Leonard, Workshop Timekeeper - wages to be increased to 21/8d. per day from a date to be fixed by the County Manager.

Clr. Carty requested that the County Manager consider the granting of the recent increase in temporary allowance to Messrs. D. O'Maille and C. Forde, Temporary Engineers.

Clr. Carty stated that Paying Orders for road workers' wages in Loughrea town have been arriving later than usual recently, and requested that these Paying Orders would be sent out punctually.

87 - NEW WORKS: The Council approved the carrying out of the following new works:-

1. Provision of a new dispensary at Milltown.
2. Extension of the Water Supply at Mountbellew to the village of Newtown, at an estimated cost of £200 of which £100 is to be contributed by the seven householders concerned.

88 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter of 1st June, 1956, from the General Council requesting notice of matters to be placed on the Agenda for the August meeting was submitted and noted.

89 - SALE OF LAND AT TUAM: Notice of 12th June, 1956, which was sent to each member was submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved:

"That the Council approve the sale of a plot of ground, area 2 acres, 0 roods, 20 perches or thereabouts, statute measure, in the townland of Demesne in the town of Tuam, to the Presentation Community of Nuns, at £200 an acre, plus costs of conveyance, the purchasers to provide a fence on the land purchased, to the satisfaction of the Galway County Engineer."

90 - ADVERTISEMENTS: Some members referred to a leading article recently in the Herald (Tuam), referring to the fact that the notice of the Making of the Rate was not sent to that paper.

The Secretary explained that this notice was not withheld intentionally from the Herald, and that in fact a very large number of advertisements had been sent to that newspaper during the past year.

91 - NATIONAL PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION: Letter of 11th June, 1956, from the National Ploughing Association of Ireland Ltd., was submitted, inviting the members of the Council and staff to the Association's Congress at Athenry on the 29th and 30th June, 1956.

Clr. James J. Ruane joined in the invitation to the members and staff.

92 - SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES OFFICE WORKS: On the proposition of Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Collins, the Council approved the entering into a general agreement in accordance with Section 59 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1955, for the carrying out by the Council of minor works on behalf of the Special Employment Schemes Office, on the understanding that the cost will be recouped to the Council.

93 - LOUGHCONEERA, KYLESALIA AND KILKERRIN WATER SUPPLY: The Secretary referred to Minute No. 10006, and stated that the County Engineer's estimate of the cost of a piped water supply scheme for this area was as follows:-

- (a) Using stream near Kylesalia as source - £20,975.
- (b) Using Loughanore as source - £23,075.

The Secretary stated that in view of the cost the County Manager does not recommend the carrying out of either of these schemes if suitable wells can be obtained, and requests that the Council would approve the obtaining of a report from The Geological Survey Office, on the possibility of obtaining water supplies from wells in the area, and that in the meantime, a well in Peter Conroy's land be protected and cleaned at a cost of £5, and that when that work be done a report be got on the quality of the water in that well.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that there is a graveyard in the vicinity of the well on Mr. Conroy's land, and that in his opinion that well is definitely unsuitable. Deputy Geoghegan suggested that further report be obtained from the County Engineer on the estimated cost of the piped water supply scheme, using Loughanore as source, and supplying only Kilkerrin village from the church to the post office.

94 - COUNCIL MEETINGS: Clr. P. Joyce proposed in accordance with his Notice of Motion No. 19 (a) that six monthly meetings of the Council be held on Mondays in each year.

Clr. Hanley suggested that the proposal be amended to three meetings, viz., in the months of July, August and December in each year.

After further discussion, it was decided on the proposal of Clr. Ridge, that no change be made in the present arrangements.

95 - CARRAROE WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: In connection with Clr. O'Donnell's Notice of Motion No. 19 (d) the County Engineer's report of the 22/6/56 was submitted, stating that the extension requested would be for 1950 yards, and this in 4" main, would cost approximately £3,400, that the cost of the extension in 3" main would be approximately £3,000.

The County Engineer stated that the pressure available would not be sufficient to deliver more than 10 gallons a minute at the end of this extension, and recommended that instead a water diviner be employed to locate two or three wells which could be provided at a total cost of about £900.

Clr. O'Donnell, supported by Deputy Geoghegan, requested that the extension be provided and that a report be obtained on the cost of extending this pipe-line half-way at least.

96 - WATER SUPPLIES - GENERAL: Councillors Coogan and Ridge requested that they be informed of the present position in regard to the Barna Water Supply Scheme and the Lettermore Water Supply Extension respectively.

97 - GALWAY-TUAM ROAD - DANGEROUS BENDS: In connection with Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer pointed out that there are no funds available for this work in the current year, and suggested that it be included for consideration in next year's estimate as a Councillor's proposal under Main Road Improvement.

98 - ROAD SIGNS: Clr. O'Dowd requested that danger signs be provided at Kelly's Corner at Laurencetown.

99 - ROAD WORKS, NORTH GALWAY: In connection with Clr. M. Mannion's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that notice is being served on Mr. Thomas Curran, Dangan, Derreen, Ballyglunin, to cut bushes at the corner mentioned in Clr. Mannion's Notice of Motion 19 (d) (1) - as the bushes rather than the trees are the cause of the obstruction to view.

The County Engineer stated that centre-lining of the hill at Ballinastack, Moylough, is necessary, and that that work will be put in hands

as soon as possible.

100 - WELL AT NEWTOWN, ABBEYKNOCKMOY: In connection with Clr. M. Mannion's Notice of Motion, No. 19 (d) (2), it was directed that the County Engineer's report on the cost of this work be obtained.

101 - PUMPS AT COROFIN AND KILDARE: Consideration of Clr. Kelly's Notices of Motion No. 19 (e) (1) and (2) was deferred until the Pumps Meeting on 7th July, 1956.

102 - GALWAY REGIONAL HCS HITAL - VISITING HOURS: In connection with Clr. Kelly's Notice of Motion, No. 19 (e) (3), the Secretary stated that normally visiting of patients is allowed only during the official visiting hours, but that visiting of patients who are seriously ill may be allowed by arrangement with the Matron of the hospital, who will be guided by the advice of the doctor in charge of the case.

Mr. Kelly requested that there be a waiting room in which visitors to patients could wait until they get some definite news of the patient's condition and stated that he would raise this matter again when the County Manager would be present.

Deputy Coogan and Clr. King expresses dissatisfaction with the delay in making arrangements to facilitate visitors to sick patients in the hospital.

Clr. King recommended that visiting should be allowed for a period of two hours on every day of the week.

Deputy Coogan requested to be informed of the position regarding the renovation of the old hospital, as he considered that lack of sufficient bed accommodation is holding up admission to the hospital of patients urgently needing treatment.

103 - MOUNTBELLEW WATERSORKS EXTENSION: Clr. Mannion states that his Notice of Motion No. 19 (f) (1) had already been covered by the Council's resolution regarding the carrying out of new works.

104 - HORSELEAP CROSSROADS: Clr. Mannion proposed and Clr. Sarr seconded that the County Engineer have portion of the sand-hills at Horseleap Crossroads removed to give traffic a view, and so as to avoid accidents.

It was directed that this matter be referred to the next Roads Meeting for consideration.

105 - COUNTY SOLICITOR: In reply to Deputy Killilea's question, the Secretary submitted letter of 28/5/56 from the County Manager explaining that the rate of remuneration for County Solicitors is still under consideration by the Minister for Local Government; that while the County Manager considers that it would be advantageous to appoint a permanent wholtime Solicitor to the Council, he is not prepared to recommend such appointment until the rate of remuneration will be determined by the Minister.

Deputy Killilea recommended that a wholtime solicitor be appointed.

This recommendation was supported by the Chairman and Clr. Wall requested that particulars of the County Solicitor's costs be furnished to the Council.

106 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - ADMISSION OF PATIENTS: In reply to a question by Clr. Mannion, the Secretary stated that normally, in order to be admitted to the Regional Hospital, a patient requires a recommendation from his doctor that he is in need of hospital treatment; that on receipt of this notification the hospital authorities arrange for immediate admission in cases of emergency, and for subsequent admission through the waiting list according to bed availability in cases other than emergency cases.

The Secretary explained that District Medical Officers in districts in the vicinity of Ballinasloe have been directed to send to Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, patients who can be treated in Portiuncula, and to restrict the sending of cases from those districts to Galway, to patients for whom proper facilities are not available in Portiuncula.

Clr. M. Mannion stated that he was aware of a case of acute appendicitis which the Doctor concerned was about to send to Portiuncula Hospital; that the patient requested earnestly that he be admitted to Galway Regional Hospital; that the doctor acceded to the patient's request by issuing an admission ticket to Galway Regional Hospital; that the patient was informed that he could not be admitted to Galway except with an admission Order from a Galway doctor; that the patient and friends called at this doctor's residence at 12 midnight, and on payment of £3 were

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supplied with an Admission Order and the patient was then admitted to Galway Hospital.

107 - COTTAGES AT KINVARA: Clr. Lambert requested that he be informed of the present position in regard to provision of cottages at Kinvara.

108 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the relatives of the following who had died recently:-

Doctor M. Brennan, Dublin.
Alderman McGrath, Lord Mayor of Cork.
Mr. Bernard Coen, Gort.
Mr. John Garvey, former Rate Collector, Glenamaddy.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

B. Quinn - Secretary.

Submitted, approved, and confirmed.

Muirín O'Leary - Chairman.

Date: 28th Jul. 1956

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 30th JUNE, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Carty and King, Senator Mannion, Clr. Wall,
Doctors M.J. Dyar, D.T. O Driscoll and I. Gallagher, Acting Chief Medical Officer
of Health.

MINUTES: Minutes of previous meeting which was held on the 5th November, 1955,
having been circulated to the members were approved and signed by the Chairman.

LABORATORY TESTS FOR MATERNITY CASES: Letter dated 4th January, 1956, from the
Department of Health was submitted confirming that prior to the 1st April, 1956,
laboratory tests for Maternity Cases were available free of charge only to the
lower income group. As from the 1st April, 1956, however, these services were
available to the middle income group free of charge also.

AVAILABILITY OF SPECIALIST OUTPATIENT FACILITIES TO MIDDLE INCOME GROUP:
The Acting Chief Medical Officer's report of the 28th June, 1956, was submitted,
giving details of the Specialist Clinics now in operation and available in the county.
The Deputy County Manager confirmed that specialist outpatient facilities
were available to the middle income group free of charge.

REPORTS FROM REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Letter dated the 28th June, 1956, from the Lay
Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital was submitted stating that the present
position in relation to discharge etc. reports remained substantially the same as
when previously advised on; that except for the Maternity and the wholetime
General Surgeon's cases other reporting was not yet on a routine basis; and that
the whole matter was under active consideration in connection with the organisation
of the Medical Records section.

Dr. Dyar said that the systems should be so
organised as to make a report on a patient available to his own doctor
in practice outside the Regional Hospital upon the discharge of the patient.

The Deputy County Manager explained the County
Manager's recommendations in the matter to the Minister for Health per his letter
of the 20th June, 1956, to which a reply had not yet been received.

CANCELLATION OF MEDICAL CARDS: The Deputy Co. Manager outlined the procedure whereby
applications for medical cards were investigated and he confirmed that any District
Medical Officer could object to the issue of a medical card to any holder, that
his objection would be investigated and if sustained the card would be cancelled.

EQUIPMENT OF DISPENSARIES: Dr. Dyar complained of the long delay in supplying
equipment to dispensaries. He also commented on the poor quality of some of the
drugs and medicines supplied by official contractors.

The Deputy County Manager replied that a drug and
medicine analysis service was available to the District Medical Officers and that
enquiries would be pursued regarding the sample mentioned by Dr. Dyar.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that the total number of
applications for medical cards was 10769 viz:-

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| Cards issued: | 9263. |
| Applications refused: | 816. |
| Applications under consideration: | 690. |
| | <u>10769.</u> |

MATERNITY SERVICE: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that

- (a) 62 doctors had completed the New Maternity Service Agreement Forms of whom
33 were District Medical Officers, the remaining 29 being private practitioners,
(b) 6 doctors had completed the old Maternity Service Agreement Forms but did not
sign the new ones, of whom 3 were District Medical Officers and 3 private
practitioners.

Clr. King stated that accommodation should be available free of charge to an
eligible expectant mother in any maternity home and that the Council's contribution
should not be limited to £4. 4. 0. per patient per week as was applied to the
Grove Nursing Home, Tuam and Calvary Hospital, Galway.
It was noted that 57 Midwives signed the Maternity Service Agreement Forms
of whom 32 were Dispensary Midwives and 25 private practitioners.

Dr. O'Driscoll said there was always the danger that some of the maternity homes did not have adequate staff to cope with all eventualities.

MATERNITY GRANTS: It was noted that since 1st January, 1954, 3405 maternity grants had been approved.

DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: It was noted that the total number of applications for Disablement Allowances was 1999 viz:-

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| Number approved: | 837. |
| Number refused: | 942. |
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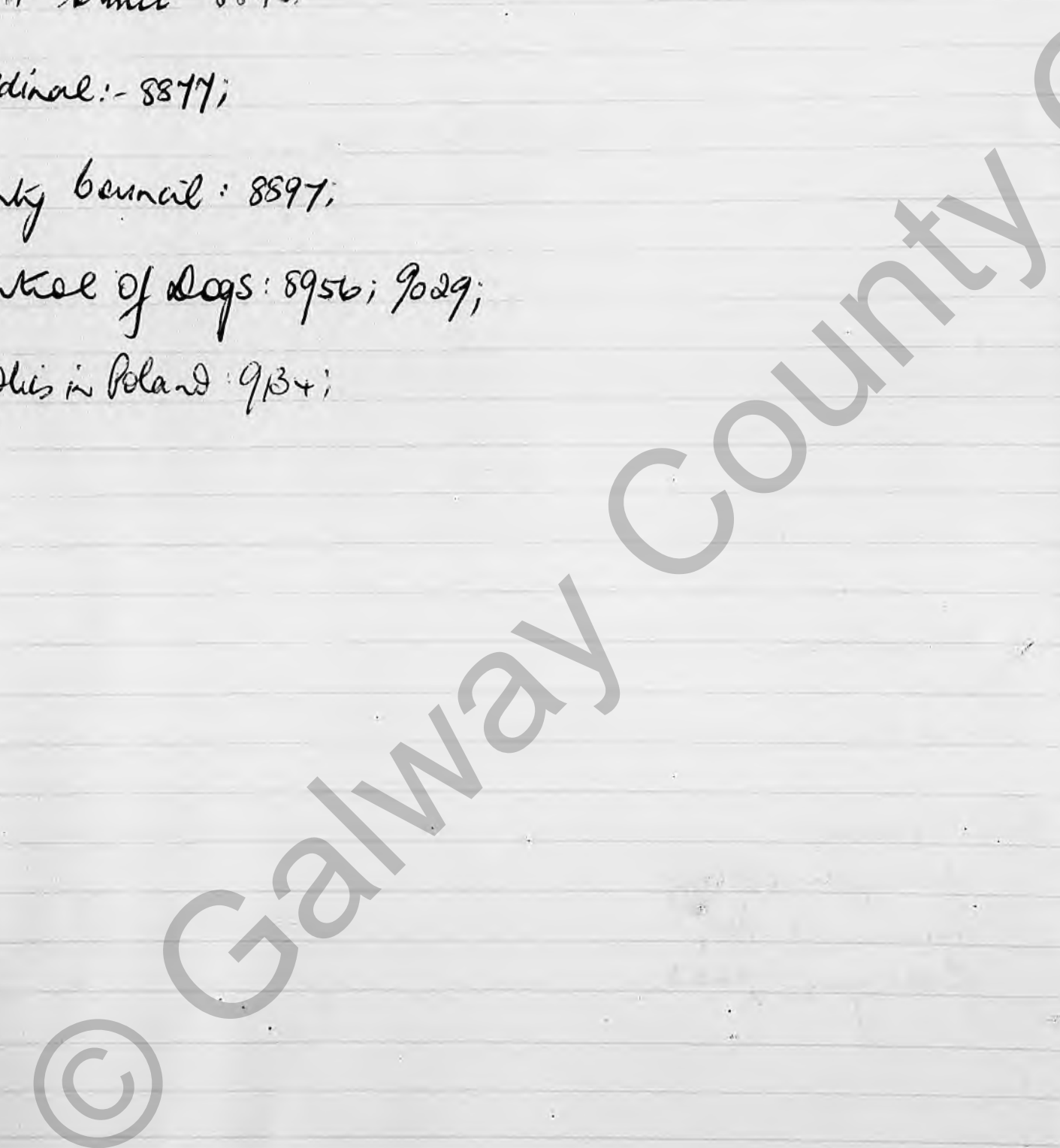
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