

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

30th September, 1957.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

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You are requested to attend the adjourned meeting of the Galway County Council, which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 5th October, 1957, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

The agenda will be the same as that circulated for the meeting on 28th September, 1957.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY.
5th October, 1957.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clr. Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joice, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Clr. Lambert, Clrs. Mannion John, Mannion Mtn., O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat & SIRR.

571 - MINUTES: The Minutes of previous meetings to No. 570 having been circulated to the members were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR:

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

The relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Cheevers, Moylough.
Miss Gertie O'Leary, Clerical Officer on the death of her Father.
The Jennings Family, Craughwell on the death of Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Michael Burns, Pyrecourt on the death of his Father.
The Stephens Family, Ballaghduff, Kilkerrin on the death of their Sister.

573 - O.A.P. Sub-Committees: Particulars having already been circulated to the members of the Council giving particulars of the members of sub-committees who had not attended a meeting during the six months ended 31st May, 1957 -

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane and unanimously resolved "that the existing members of all Old Age Pension Sub-Committees other than those members who had not attended a meeting during the six months ended 31st May, 1957 be re-appointed and that in addition the following members be appointed to the Committee stated:

Loughrea O.A.P. Sub-Committee - Mr. Michael Smyth, Killaspic, Kilchreest, Loughrea.
Mr. Michael Connolly, Monksfield, Craughwell.

Mountbellew O.A.P. Sub-Committee - Rev. J. Duffy, C.C. Caltra, Ballinasloe (and the address of Mr. Thomas Kitt to be altered to read Lehenagh, Castleblakeney)

Oranmore O.A.P. Sub-Committee - Mr. John McGrath, Cashla, Claregalway.

574 - SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1958. It was proposed by Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. Canning and resolved

"that the Council hereby adopt a scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved Schools for the year 1958 similar to the scheme for the year 1957 as amended by the Education Committee at Meeting on 12th August, 1957 and in letter of 30th September, 1957 (R/O(2).93823) from the Secretary, Department of Education."

575 - LOAN - CLIFDEN DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: It was proposed by Deputy Carty seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved

"that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,800 from the National Bank, Ltd. for provision of a Dispensary Residence at Clifden; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of fifteen years with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

576 - KILLIMOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - LOAN: It was proposed by Deputy Carty seconded by Senator Lahiff and resolved

"that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £17,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a water supply scheme at Killimor; this 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".

577 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Deputy Carty seconded by Senator Lahiff and resolved

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"that the Council hereby approve the obtaining of Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £75,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1957."

578 - LOAN FOR PROVISION OF COTTAGES: It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Deputy Kitt

"that the Council approve the raising of a loan of £122,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of 100 cottages in the Galway County Health District; this loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of thirty five years or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

Councillor Glynn protested very strongly against the raising of this loan as he stated that none of the cottages are being provided in North Galway and asked that at the Special Meeting for Housing details be available to show the location of the cottages already provided and to be provided. Clr. Glynn proposed that the loan be not raised.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. Burke.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the required details will be available at the Housing Meeting on 12th instant and eventually Clrs. Glynn and Burke withdrew their proposal and the proposal by Deputies Carty and Kitt, that the loan be raised was adopted unanimously.

579 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN FIOR GAELTACHT AREAS: Letters of 16th August, 1957 and 30th September, 1957 from the Department of Local Government and from the Acting County Engineer respectively were submitted and on the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, the Council approved the carrying out of works under the Fior Gaeltacht Roads Grant for 1957/58 in accordance with the County Engineer's proposals.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that the balance still available from work No.2 be devoted to easing bends in the Lettermullen area.

580 - TOURIST ROAD GRANT, 1957/58: The County Engineer's report of 31st July, 1957 was submitted and on the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Kelly the Council approved the County Engineer's recommendation that £10,180 be transferred from Scheme No.3 to Scheme No.5.

581 - EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES, 1957/58: On the proposal of Clr. Canning seconded by Clr. Sirr the Council approved the County Engineer's proposals as set out in his letters of 10th September, 1957 for the carrying out of works under the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote for 1957/58 in the County Health District and in Ballinasloe Urban District.

582 - REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, INISHMORE: The Secretary referred to Minute No. 461 and stated that on taking this matter up with the Consulting Engineer it was found that the only economies which could be affected in this scheme would be the omission of certain sections; that the County Manager considered that if the scheme is to be carried out it is desirable that all villages in the area which require water supply and which are within a reasonable distance of the main should be served; that it is expected that a grant of 25% towards the capital cost of the scheme will be available from the Gaeltacht Department and that a contribution of 43 and one third of the loan charges will be available also.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. O'Donnell the Council unanimously approved the proposal that a Regional Water supply scheme be provided in Inishmore at an estimated cost of £40,200.

583 - ATHENRY SEWERAGE SCHEME IMPROVEMENT: The Secretary explained that the sewerage disposal works at Athenry require improvement at an estimated cost of £6000 and that if this work is being carried out provision may also have to be made for extension so that the cost may eventually be in excess of £6000.

On the proposition of Clr. James J. Ruane seconded by Clr. Canning the Council approved this proposal and also approved the employment of a Consulting Engineer for preparation of the plans and for the carrying out of the scheme.

584 - CARRAROE SEWERAGE SCHEME EXTENSION: The Secretary stated that the total

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estimated cost of this scheme is now £28,320; that it is expected that a special grant of 25% of the actual cost will be available from the Gaeltacht Department and that in addition the usual contribution to loan charges will be available.

On the proposal of Clr. O'Donnell seconded by Deputy Geoghegan the Council approved the carrying out of this scheme.

585 - AHASCRAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME: Deputy Kitt requested that he be informed of the present position in regard to the Ahascragh Sewerage Scheme.

586 - BARNIA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. S. Donnellan seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved

"that the book of reference prepared under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 for the Barna Water Supply Scheme be sealed with the seal of the Council.

The seal of the Council was then affixed to the book of reference.

Clr. J. Donnellan complained of the long delay in initiating this scheme and also considered that application for a grant towards the cost of this work should be made to the Gaeltacht Department.

587 - COTTAGES AT TUAM: The Secretary stated that the Tuam Town Commissioners had requested the County Council to undertake construction of a further Housing Scheme in Tuam and that the Assistant County Manager had requested that the application be placed before the Council for consideration.

It was decided that further consideration of this item would be deferred to the Special Housing Meeting.

588 - TUAM WATER MAIN EXTENSION: The Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the extension of the water main to Messrs. John Bruton & Sons, factory at Weir Road, Tuam is £3,400 and that it is expected that the usual contribution to loan charges will be available if a loan is raised for this work; that it has now been decided by the County Manager that a contribution to the cost of the extension will not be sought from the factory owners provided they agree:-

- (1) to pay for all water consumed at the rate of 1/6d per 1000 gals. - the water to be metered.
- (2) that the daily consumption of water will not exceed 20,000 gals.

On the proposal of Clr. Kelly seconded by Deputy Kitt the Council approved this proposal.

589 - WATER SUPPLIES IN FIOR GAELTACHT AREAS: Letters of 22nd August, 10th September and 1st October from the Gaeltacht Department were submitted explaining that grants from the Gaeltacht Department would be available towards provision of water supplies in certain areas in the Fior Gaeltacht to the extent of 60% of the cost where piped water supplies would be provided and to the extent of 50% of the cost in the case of schemes other than piped schemes.

In these letters it was pointed out that the amount of the grants available from the Gaeltacht Department in the current year would be related to schemes which will be completed by 31st March, 1958 and that since it would not be feasible to have piped water supply schemes completed within that period the Council's activities, if the grants are accepted, should be restricted to schemes other than piped water supply schemes for the current year.

Clr. O'Donnell and Deputy Geoghegan expressed dissatisfaction at the manner in which the Council was presented with a list of places in which schemes ranking for grant might be provided while they were aware of other areas not mentioned for which they had been seeking supplies for several years.

The Secretary explained that in the correspondence received from the Department of the Gaeltacht it was stated that that Department would be quite ready to consider any proposal for any area within the Fior Gaeltacht.

It was eventually proposed by Clr. O'Donnell and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved "that the Council is prepared to avail of the offer of grants

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made by the Gaeltacht Department and that it is requested that that Department will in future consult with the local authority before deciding on the schemes to be carried out".

Clr. O'Donnell also recommended that a grant for Barna water supply scheme be sought from the Gaeltacht Department.

AT THIS STAGE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 3 p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION CLR. QUINN AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

590 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: Consideration of the amendment of the scheme for the issue of Supplementary Housing Grants for provision of water and sewerage facilities was adjourned until the Special Housing Meeting.

591 - RATE COLLECTOR NO.4 DISTRICT: The Council noted the termination of Miss Nora Lee's employment as Rate Collector in No.4 District at 16th October, 1957 and on the proposition of Clr. King seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, unanimously approved the appointment of Miss Margaret M. Lee, Clifden as temporary Rate Collector for the period from 17th October, 1957 to 30th April, 1958 inclusive with the remuneration at the same rate as that which applied to the position held by the permanent Collector.

592 - PLOT AT NEWGROVE, NEWBRIDGE: The Notice dated 11th September, 1957 which was sent to each member of the Council was submitted and it was proposed by Deputy Killilea seconded by Clr. Flaherty and resolved

"that the Council approve the sale of a plot of ground on the roadside at Newgrove, Newbridge of dimensions 96' X 27' and area 9 sq. perches approximately to the Catholic Church Authorities for £5."

593 - FIRE BRIGADES: The Minutes of Meeting of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee which was held on 31st August, 1957 having been circulated to the members were submitted and approved.

On the proposition of Deputy Carty seconded by Deputy Killilea the Council approved the proposal that new Fire Fighting Units be provided at Tuam and Gort at a total cost of approximately £5000.

The County Manager stated that he is aware that the Athenry Fire Brigade is hampered by lack of a proper Fire Fighting Unit but that it is intended that when a new Unit will be provided at Tuam that already in Tuam will be transferred to Athenry if suitable.

Deputy Lahiff stated that for years the engine in Gort has been proving defective almost every time that it is called out for service and that therefore it is a matter of urgency that the new Unit be provided there.

594 - DEMOLITION OF OLD CENTRAL HOSPITAL MAIN BLOCK: The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of demolishing the main block of the old Central Hospital would be about £6000 and that he had requested the Department of Health to give a grant from Hospitals Trust Funds to cover the cost of this demolition. The County Manager recommended that if the Council approves the demolition of the old hospital that it be on condition that a grant be made available from Hospitals Trust Funds to cover the cost of demolition - the Council to remove first any useful fittings or equipment.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Carty, the County Manager stated that any equipment left in the old hospital will be preserved for use either in this county or in outside counties on the direction of the Department of Health - since this equipment was originally provided from Hospitals Trust Funds.

Deputy Carty recommended that the Chairman, the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager approach the Ecclesiastical authorities to ascertain whether there would be any objection to transferring the Children's Home from Tuam to Woodlands Hospital; that the existing Home at Tuam would be a most dangerous building in the event of an outbreak of fire.

Clr. King stated that the Ratepayers would object to the demolition of a good building such as the main block of the old hospital and he considered that

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it might be better to leave the building stand for a year or two since adequate accommodation is not available in the new hospital.

The County Manager stated that the floors and ceilings of the old hospital are bad, that the walls are damp and the roof is too low; that it would be more economic to build a new building than to renovate the existing one.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that patients are still awaiting admission to the Galway Regional Hospital although it was stated at the special Meeting held some time ago that accommodation for all patients would be made available within a few weeks.

The County Manager stated that the Medical Staff of the Hospital did not agree entirely with Dr. Deeney's recommendations regarding utilisation of wards to accommodate additional beds and that the Medical Staff also opposed the proposal to transfer all non-T.B. chest cases to Merlin Park; that the old Maids quarters will be available soon for accommodation of patients and if, in addition St. Joseph's Unit is renovated there will be no necessity whatsoever to retain the old main block. Clr. Dord considered that by utilisation of the space available in the large rooms in the new hospital and by the transfer of non-T.B. chest cases to Merlin Park there should be sufficient accommodation without retaining either the old main block or St. Joseph's Unit.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Kelly the County Manager stated that he had given a direction that new non-T.B. chest cases shall not be admitted to the Regional Hospital but shall be sent to Merlin Park and that this will solve eventually the question of the accommodation of non-T.B. chest cases.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. John Donnellan, the County Manager stated that the number of extra patients accommodated in the Regional Hospital since the Special Meeting was held is small. The County Manager read a letter from the Resident Medical Superintendent indicating that it would be possible to provide sufficient beds in the hospital to accommodate existing patients without retaining the main block or St. Joseph's but also pointing out that since there is a waiting list of patients for admission to the Regional Hospital it would be prudent to carry out minor repair work on St. Joseph's Unit and to leave it available for the present.

On the proposal of Clr. Sirr seconded by Deputy Carty the Council approved the proposed demolition of the old main block of the Galway Central Hospital and also approved the renovation of St. Joseph's Unit at an estimated cost of £693 if it should be considered necessary to renovate and retain this unit for the present.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

595 - ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER IN LIEU OF ARCHITECT: The County Manager explained that since much has been done in the provision of buildings it is not likely that there will be any extensive building programme in future which would require the employment of an Architectural Assistant; that the County Engineer proposes to divide the county into three areas for Sanitary and Housing purposes and to have each of these areas under the charge of one Assistant County Engineer; that if it was found in future that an Architect would be required, then an Advertisement could be issued inviting applications for this position temporarily on a salary basis.

Clr. John Mannion stated that every member of the Council had been canvassed to oppose the appointment of an Architect and that he objected to appointing Consultant Architects who are paid on a percentage basis. The County Manager stated that it will not be possible to obtain the services of an Architect of outstanding ability at the salary approved for this position and that a Junior Architect will not be approved by the Departments of Local Government or Health for design of major works.

Clr. Mannion asked why the Council should not endeavour to obtain an Architect before deciding to abandon the office.

Clr. John Donnellan suggested that if it is necessary to employ an Architect then the Council should employ Mr. Delaney, the Resident Architect at the Regional Hospital whose employment there will be terminating.

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Mr. Collins, Acting County Engineer explained the Architects time was taken up almost entirely on maintenance, which work could be carried out appropriately by

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an Engineer. It was proposed by Clr. Glynn and seconded by Clr. Joyce "that the Council approve the abolition of the office of Architectural Assistant and the creation of one additional office of Assistant County Engineer instead." Clr. King stated that the Architectural Assistant who was employed should not have been assigned almost entirely to work which was appropriate to an Engineer and asked if the work which had been carried out by Mr. McEvoy ~~formerly~~ could not be carried out now by a re-arrangement of Engineering Districts.

Clr. John Mannion stated that the Architectural Assistant should be well fit to design such buildings as Dispensary Residences, Courthouses, Dispensaries etc.

Clr. Kelly stated that even for the temporary position an Architect should have been employed to replace Mr. McEvoy; the County Manager stated that no response had been received to an Advertisement inviting applicants for that temporary position. It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion seconded by Clr. Kelly "that the Council do not approve the creation of an additional position of Assistant County Engineer in lieu of the existing position of Architectural Assistant.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR MR. MANNION'S AMENDMENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Donnellan James, Dowd, Kelly, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion John, Ridge & Ruane Pat - 10.

AGAINST: Clrs. Carty, Collins, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Flynn, Joyce, Killilea, King, Lahiff, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ruane James and Sirr - 13.

The voting on Councillor Glynn's proposal was then taken as for 13 and against 10 and Clr. Glynn's proposal was declared carried, i.e. approving the creation of one additional position of Assistant County Engineer in lieu of the existing position of Architectural Assistant.

596 - COUNTY SOLICITOR: Correspondence in connection with the proposal to create the position of County Solicitor on a whole-time basis with remuneration at the rate of ~~£1200~~ by £50 to £1400 a year plus temporary allowance at the appropriate rate was submitted.

It was decided that a memorandum should be prepared and circulated to the Councillors giving particulars and full details of the proposal. This proposal by Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. O'Donnell was approved unanimously and consideration of the matter was therefore adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

597 - CARETAKER, RECESS DISPENSARY: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. J. J. Ruane the Council approved the creation of the position of Caretaker at Recess Dispensary with remuneration at the rate of £20 a year which will include caretaking, fuel and care of grounds.

598 - TEMPORARY DWELLINGS: On the proposition of Clr. Kelly seconded by Clr. Collins the Council approved the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government for an Order putting Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948 into operation in the Galway County Health District.

599 - RATE COLLECTOR NO.30 DISTRICT: It was proposed by Clr. J. J. Ruane seconded by Clr. Burke and resolved

"that the Council approve the remuneration proposed by the County Manager for the position of Rate Collector for District No.30 as set out in the memorandum which was circulated to members of the Council on 25th July, 1957 viz:- salary scale £450 by £25 to £525 a year plus bonus of £100 a year for compliance with five conditions in regard to collection and lodgment of monies with temporary allowance on both salary and bonus at the full rate, viz:- 30% plus a further 10% on the first £300 of salary and temporary allowance and 10% on the remainder; franchise fees to be payable in addition to this remuneration.

600 - LOCAL QUARRIES: It was decided that consideration of item No.21 on the Agenda would be adjourned until the next ordinary meeting and that in the meantime a memorandum would be circulated to the members giving details of the comparative cost of production of material at local and at central quarries.

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601 - ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT MOUNTBELLEW: Both Clr. M. Mannion and Deputy Kitt objected to the long delay in obtaining premises in the Vocational School at Mountbellew for an Engineer's office and to the further long delay which was likely to ensue before the premises will be put into use as an Engineer's office. The County Engineer stated that it was expected that the Engineer would be in occupation of these premises inside of two months.

602 - VISITING COMMITTEE: Minutes of Meetings of the Visiting Committee for District Institutions held at Clifden, 14/8/57, Loughrea, 24/8/57 and Tuam, 14/9/57 having been circulated to the members were submitted and approved.

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Visiting Committee held at Galway Regional Hospital held on 7th September, 1957 having been circulated to the members were submitted but it was directed that consideration of these minutes would be adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

603 - CHILDREN'S OFFICER: The Assistant County Manager drew attention to the minutes of the Visiting Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home, Tuam on 14th ult. and requested that the Council would consider approving the creation of the position of Children's Officer. It was decided that consideration of this matter would be adjourned until the Special Meeting which will be held on 12th instant commencing at 11.30 a.m. with an adjournment for lunch at 2 p.m.

604 - BORD FAILTE GRANTS: Letter of the 5/9/57 from the Field Sports Officer of Bord Failte was read stating that the Board had no funds at its disposal for improvement of the roads leading to Lough Derg from Portumna - Woodford area. Also stating that the suggestion that swimming pools should be provided on the shores of Lough Derg between Portumna and Mountshannon has been noted but that funds to implement this suggestion are not available at present.

605 - HELICOPTER: Letter of 16th July, 1957 from the Secretary, Department of Health was submitted stating that having regard to the high cost of operating helicopters service for this purpose, it is not possible to make progress in this matter at present but that the Minister for Health will keep the subject under review. Deputy Geoghegan considered that the Council should protest to the Minister for Health in regard to the terms of this letter. Clr. John Mannion stated that recently in Inishark Island the inhabitants were signalling for three days to the adjoining Island of Inishboffin requiring the removal of a patient who eventually died owing to the fact that it was impossible to land the boat at Inishark during the bad weather which prevailed; that the patient apparently required only a rather minor operation which if he could have had it would have saved his life; that the only manner in which Inishark Island could have been reached on this occasion would have been by helicopter.

Clr. Joyce stated that the provision of a helicopter service has been found possible in Scotland and that it should be possible to operate one here. Deputy Geoghegan stated that he considered that the machine could be used as training for the army and that provided each maritime county contributed towards the cost of purchase and maintenance of the machine the expenditure should not be very heavy on any individual county.

It was decided that these representations be brought to the notice of the Minister for Health.

606 - SHANNON FISHERY RIGHTS: It was proposed by Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. Canning and resolved

"that the Council protest strongly against the employment of a Dutch Firm by the Electricity Supply Board to remove coarse fish from the Shannon lakes and that the Council request the Minister for Lands to initiate legislation to take the Shannon Fishery Rights from the Electricity Supply Board and to vest these rights in the Inland Fisheries Trust.

607 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's reports on the accounts of the Shrule Joint Drainage Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1957 were submitted and noted.

The Secretary informed the Meeting that the Auditor's report on his Audit of the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1954

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had been received; that the observations of Officers in regard to matters mentioned in the report had been sought and that the report from one Officer was still outstanding that when all reports come to hand the Auditor's report and the explanations from the various Officers would be placed before the County Manager with a view to having the report etc. circulated to the members.

Consideration of the Auditor's report on the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1954 was therefore deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

608 - COTTAGES: Consideration of Item No.26 in the Agenda was deferred until the Special Meeting on 12th instant.

609 - SEWERAGE EXTENSIONS TO COTTAGES: Consideration of Item No.27 on the Agenda was deferred until the Special Meeting on Saturday, 12th instant and it was decided that the question of provision of sewerage extensions to cottages at Headford and Athenry would also be included on the Agenda for that meeting.

610 - SIGN POSTS - BALLYGAR-LOUGHREA ROAD: In response to Clr. Sirr's Notice of Motion the County Engineer stated that he will have signs provided indicating the route from Ballygar to Loughrea.

611 - EYREDCOURT SEWERAGE SCHEME: In response to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion the Secretary stated that the specification for the Ejector Plant for EyreDCourt sewerage scheme was sent to the Department of Local Government for approval on 10th September, 1957 and that when approval to this specification is received it will be possible to issue an advertisement inviting tenders for the work.

612 - PUMP AT ABBEYLANDS, EYREDCOURT: On the proposition of Clr. Dowd seconded by Senator Whiff the Council recommended that the pump at Abbeylands be improved at an estimated cost of £138 as set out in the County Engineer's report of 27th ult.

613 - COTTAGE, COOLCARTY WEST, EYREDCOURT: Consideration of Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion No.28(b)(3) was adjourned until the Meeting on 12th instant.

614 - INISHBOFFIN HARBOUR: In response to Clr. Joyce's notice of Motion the County Engineer's report of 20/9/57 was submitted and it was decided that this matter be referred to the Office of Public Works to ascertain if it is the responsibility of the Commissioners of Public Works to clean and dredge the harbour at this place.

615 - ALLOCATION OF COTTAGE TENANCIES: Consideration of Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion on this subject was deferred until the Housing Meeting on 12th instant and it was decided that the question of the tenancy of the cottages at Athry, Recess and Ballyeagher, Aughrim would also be placed on the Agenda for that meeting.

616 - STONE FOR ROAD MAKING: Consideration of Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion was adjourned as this related to the same matter as Item No.21 in the Agenda for this meeting.

617 - CASTLEBLAKENEY DERELICT SITE: It was proposed by Deputy Kitt seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved

"that the Derelict Sites in the village of Castleblakeney be acquired by the Galway County Council."

618 - SHANNAFIESTEEN ROAD: It was proposed by Clr. Ridge seconded by Deputy Carty and resolved

"that a grant for the improvement of the Shannafisteen road be sought from the Minister for the Gaeltacht" This proposal was also supported by Clr. O'Donnell and Deputy Geoghegan.

619 - RATE COLLECTION, SPIDAL: In reply to Clr. Kelly's Notice of Motion the Secretary stated that he had been informed that Clr. Galvin though unable to obtain premises for an office at Spidal at present hoped that he will obtain an office there soon. Clr. Kelly stated that the provision of an office there by the Rate Collector would facilitate Ratepayers in that area considerably.

620 - SPIDAL PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to Clr. Kelly's Notice of Motion the Secretary stated that the County Engineer has now requested the E.S.B. to replace the existing lighting switch at Spidal by a Solar Dial Time Switch which will be

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automatic in operation.

621 - MAINTENANCE CHARGES IN REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Clr. Kelly stated that since listing this notice of motion he had ascertained that the charges which apply to the Regional Hospital apply all over the country and therefore he was not pursuing the matter further. It was pointed out by the Chairman that these charges are maximum charges and that in case of hardship the amount due may be reduced by the Manager.

Clr. Kelly recommended that an advertisement be issued which will inform people of the health services to which they are entitled.

622 - PIER FOR INISHERK ISLAND, LETTERMULLEN: Letter of 3/8/57 from Roinn na Gaeltachta was submitted giving particulars of proposed improvement of the landing facilities at Inisherik Island, Lettermullen, the cost to be met entirely by the Gaeltacht Department provided the Council will undertake the future maintenance of the work.

On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell seconded by Deputy Geoghegan it was decided that the Council will be prepared to undertake the maintenance of the proposed pier at Inisherik Island, Lettermullen from a date one year after the date of completion of the work.

623 - LOAN - £50,000 FOR HOUSING LOANS: It was proposed by Deputy H. F. Kitt seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved

"that our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this day now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £50,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1956" The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Mortgage Deed.

624 - MEETINGS: It was directed that letter of 15th September, 1957 from the Secretary to the Galway Trades' Council in regard to the adjournment of Council meetings be marked read.

625 - MEDICAL OFFICER - CHILDREN'S HOME, TUAM: On the recommendation of the Assistant County Manager it was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Deputy Carty and resolved

"that the Council approve the fixing of remuneration for the Medical Officer of the Children's Home, Tuam at the level appropriate to a Medical Officer of a ~~County~~ Home with a corresponding number of beds.

626 - TEARSNEBROOK BRIDGE: The correspondence in connection with this subject was submitted and the Secretary explained that the total cost of the work is now expected to be £18,000 towards which a grant of £13,500 will be available and that the balance to be met by loan raised by the County Council would be £4,500.

The proposed work was approved on the proposition of Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. Dowd.

627 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACTS SCHEMES: It was proposed by Deputy Kitt seconded by Deputy Carty and resolved

"that the Council request the Minister to reconsider the suspension of the grant for Local Authorities Works Acts scheme."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and Confirmed.

Máire Mhí Ó'Cuinn, Chairman. Date. 26th October 1957

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SAILLIŃHE 55.

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DE COMĀIRLE CONNORĀE NA SAILLIŃHE Ā EIONÓIFĀR Ā SEOMRĀ NA COMĀIRLE
INS NA FOIRĀNĀE CONNORĀE, DĀ SĀCĀIRĀ, 12 D'FÓMĀIR, 1957, ĀS
CĀSNĪ ĀR 11.30 Ā.M. Ā ĒLOS.

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TO CONSIDER:-

- (1) Creation of the Office of Children's Officer.

HOUSING:- Labourer's Acts.

- (2) Progress with provision of cottages.
- (3) Provision of a further scheme of cottages at Tuam.
- (4) Sewerage Extension to cottages at:-
(a) Loughrea.
(b) Gort.
(c) Headford.
(d) Athenry.
- (5) Tenancy of Cottages at
(a) Athry, Recess.
(b) Ballyeighter, Aghrin.
- (6) Notices of Motion:-
(a) Clr. J. Dowd:- "I will propose that a cottage be erected for Patrick Healy at Coolcarty West, Eyrecourt, whose house recently destroyed by fire".
(b) Clr. P. D. Joyce:- "That decisions regarding the allocation of new cottages to applicants be taken in time to allow successful applicants to go into occupation immediately the cottages are handed over to the Council by the Contractors".

- (7) Labourer's Acts - General.

HOUSING - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

- (8) Notice of Motion:-
Deputies M. F. Kitt, M. Carty & J. Geoghegan: "We will propose that the scheme for payment of Supplementary Grants for new houses, for reconstruction, and the provision of water and sewerage facilities be continued as heretofore to the end of the present financial year".
- (9) Supplementary Housing Grants - Amendment of scheme of grants for private

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water and sewerage services.

- (10) Supplementary Grants - General.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

- (11) Housing Loans - General.

- (12) Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 1957.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Connors, Deputy Carty, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clr. Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

628 - SUPERANNUATION OF SERVANTS: Deputy Geoghegan referred to a letter issued to pensionable servants on 30th September, 1957, in regard to arrears of contributions due in accordance with Section 48 (3) of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1956, and proposed that the arrears be recovered from the servants concerned, by deducting the amount due from any benefits which may eventually become payable to them. This proposal was seconded by Clr. M. Mannion.

The Secretary explained the position in regard to these arrears of contributions, stating that the total sum involved is considerable, and that the arrangement being made on the County Manager's direction is with a view to securing payment of all the arrears within a period of three years.

Eventually Deputy Geoghegan withdrew his previous proposal, and on his recommendation, it was unanimously decided to recommend to the County Manager that the weekly rate of the proposed deduction be reduced from 10/- to 5/-.

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

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, T.D., former Minister for Local Government, on the death of his wife.

The relatives of the late Mr. Nicholas O'Dwyer, Consulting Engineer,
The Ryan Family, Lower Abbeygate Street, Galway.
The O'Flaherty Family, Newcastle, Galway.
The Cröe family, Moycullen.

630 - CHILDREN'S OFFICER: It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Clr. Dowd, that the Council approve the creation of the position of Children's Officer for County Galway. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Kelly.

Miss Ashe opposed the proposal, and proposed that the position of children's Officer be not created, pending the obtaining of detailed reports from the Assistance Officers on the condition of the boarded-out children in their districts.

Miss Ashe stated that the Assistance Officers who are being paid salaries for this work should be required to perform their duties; that it is the fault of the officials in the Council's offices if there is an accumulation of children in the Children's Home, who should be boarded out. Miss Ashe's proposal was seconded by Clr. Collins, who considered that the position could be rectified by re-arranging the duties of officers.

The Chairman stated that at a meeting of the Visiting Committee in Tuam, eight voted for the creation of the position of Children's Officer and eight against, and explained that he did not wish to prejudice the matter by giving a casting vote.

The Secretary in reply to Miss Ashe's statement, stated that the officials in the Council's offices have been doing everything they can do to secure foster homes for the children in the Children's Home in Tuam; that advertisements inviting applications for Boarded-out Children are being issued very frequently, and have been so issued for a long period.

Clr. J.J. Ruane requested that the Assistant County Manager would outline the necessity for this appointment.

Clr. Galvin stated that he supported strongly the proposal to create the position of Children's Officer, that this work requires a person specially trained for it, and that it is not work appropriate to an Assistance Officer.

Clr. Sirr supported the proposal to create the position, and in reply to his enquiry, the Assistant County Manager stated that the person appointed would be required to have special training or experience in child welfare, and that the post of the appointment would rank for recoupment from the Health Services Grant. Deputy Kitt supported Clr. Ruane's request for a statement in the matter by the Assistant County Manager.

Clr. John Mannion opposed the creation of the position, which he stated would involve much expenditure on travelling expenses if each child is to be inspected monthly.

Clr. John Donnellan supported the proposal to create the position.

The Chairman pointed out that this matter has been before the Council on many occasions during the past five years, and requested that the Council would come to a decision in regard to the creation of the position.

Clr. King asked if a Children's Officer could be appointed, who would perform the appropriate duties on behalf of both Galway and Mayo Counties, as there are children from both counties in the Tuam Home.

Clr. John Mannion asked if in other counties this work is carried out by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the Assistant County Manager stated that the duties would include the selection of proper homes for these children.

Clr. Lambert opposed the creation of the position of Children's Officer and asked why the work could not be done by the Assistance Officers.

Clr. Ridge also opposed the creation of the position, and stated that it would be more appropriate to have the children accommodated in an institution - Woodlands Hospital being vacant and available for such a purpose.

The Assistant County Manager stated that generally the Assistance Officers have carried out their duties in regard to Boarded-out Children in a careful manner, but that these duties, which were assigned to the Assistance Officers in ancient times, are not considered sufficient for modern conditions; that the Assistance Officers' duties have, in recent years, expanded more than those of any other group of officers; that supervision of boarded-out children forms a relatively small part of an Assistance Officer's duties, and that the intention is that these duties be combined and assigned to one official for the whole county; that the work requires care, not only in the selection of the home, but in selecting a child suitable for the particular home;

that candidates for the position of Children's Officer will require to possess special training or experience in Child Welfare work; that consideration will be given to Clr. King's recommendation; that travelling expenses may not be so costly as might be expected in view of the location and density of the foster homes.

The Assistant Manager stated that he would not favour the assignment of this work to the Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Children, as their functions in relation to children are mainly corrective.

Deputy Coogan recommended that there be, however, co-operation between the Assistance Officers, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Children's Officer.

Clr. King recommended that a maximum be fixed for the travelling expenses payable to the Children's Officer in any one year. Clr. King also referred to the delay in transferring a child from the Children's Home to America for adoption, which delay as far as he was aware was due to Departmental differences of opinion in this matter.

Clr. King requested that Clr. Ashe would withdraw her proposal.

At this stage Clr. Ashe left the meeting.

A vote taken on Clr. Ashe's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Clrs. Collins, Lambert and Ridge (3).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Connors, Carty, Coogan, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Galvin, Geoghegan, Kelly, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion M., O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr (20).

Clr. John Mannion did not vote.

The voting on Clr. Carty's proposal was taken as 20 for and 3 against, and Clr. Carty's proposal was declared carried, viz., "that the Council approve the creation of the office of Children's Officer for the county Galway."

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the Assistant County Manager stated that the Assistance Officers will still have functions in relation to boarded-out children in their districts.

At this stage the meeting was adjourned for one hour to 2.15 p.m. and on resumption of the meeting, it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:

"That Clr. T. King take the Chair."

Clr. King then took the chair.

631 - ERECTION OF COTTAGES: The Assistant County Manager gave the following particulars regarding cottages already provided and to be provided:

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NEW COTTAGES

	Serviced	Unserviced.
Built	102	200
In Progress	10	9
Advertised	--	30
Sites Being Transferred by Co. Solicitor	--	14
Other sites being acquired and inspected	5 (Kinvara)	51
Further houses required	16 (Tuam) 5 (Athenry)	--
TOTALS:	138	304

Deputy Geoghegan requested that an explanation be given of the delay in the completion of cottages which have been in the hands of contractors for a long time.

CLR. QUINN NOT TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Dowd stated that there is over-provision of cottages in small towns such as Oughterard, Athenry and Portunna, and lack of sufficient provision of houses in rural areas; that there are seven or eight applicants for a vacant cottage in his area, and that the policy of the Council should be to attract people to reside in rural areas and to restrict the provision of cottages in small towns.

Clr. James J. Ruane stated that the position is not as stated by Clr. Dowd in so far as Athenry town is concerned.

Clr. Dowd withdrew his statement in so far as it referred to Athenry, but stated that it is true in regard to other small towns, e.g., Portunna.

Clr. King recommended that there be a decrease in the number of serviced cottages to be provided and that there be an increase in the number of unserviced cottages.

Clr. Collins stated that the Council should not build any house in a rural area, unless there is a genuine applicant for the house.

The Chairman stated that cottages are already available to a greater extent in Clr. Dowd's area than in any other area in the county.

Clr. Galvin stated that cottages at Ballyeighter, Aughrim, the erection of which commenced at least four years ago, are yet untenanted, and stated further that such a scheme of cottages should not have been allotted to a small contractor.

In reply, the Assistant County Manager stated that the tenancy of five of these cottages has already been allocated and that the tenancy of the remaining cottage has been advertised.

Clr. Sarr recommended that a few cottages be provided near each of the small towns in north Galway.

Clr. Sarr stated further that two applicants for whom he sought cottages have, in despair, left the county for England and America respectively.

The Chairman stated that there was great demand for the cottages which have been built at Ballyeighter, Aughrim, and that they were built in a plot which became available as a result of road improvement operations in that area, and that the plot if not used for the erection of cottages, would become a resort of tinkers.

The Chairman also stated that before initiating a housing scheme, the Council invited applications for cottages by advertisement, and that deserving applicants in north Galway had an opportunity to apply for cottages at that time.

Clr. Sarr stated that many people did apply for cottages six years ago, but the cottages have not yet been built.

Deputy Coorm stated that when a house becomes vacant in Galway city, there are 150 applicants for the tenancy, mostly rural people, and recommended that the Council would build cottages in the vicinity of Galway City.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that he is aware of a genuine applicant who has been awaiting the provision of a cottage for ten years, and who resides in a house from which he can be evicted at any time by the owner, who is in England.

In reply the Assistant County Manager stated that this applicant is residing in a good house, and that there is no evidence to show that he cannot continue to reside there, and consequently, there is no justification for providing a house for him.

The Assistant County Manager informed Clr. Lambert that tenders have been invited for erection of a cottage at Bullaunagh for the tenancy of which Mr. Michael

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Coy has applied, and in reply to Deputy Carty, stated that money is now available for the erection of cottages.

Deputy Carty spoke in favour of the provision of cottages for specific applicants and requested that particulars be given of the number of applicants for cottages from the Tuam Electoral area.

Clr. Wall stated that in comparison with the remainder of the county, the number of cottages provided in the Tuam Electoral area is small, and that there is need for cottages near every one of the small towns in the north.

Clr. King explained that his statement was that the receipt of applications for cottages is no indication of the need for houses, as many of the applicants cannot wait during the long period that expires before the house is provided. Clr. King requested that the Council would carry out a survey of the housing needs in the county in the most efficient manner possible, and should not depend on the receipt of applications which might be bogus.

Clr. Burke referred to an applicant named Kelly who is living in a very bad house which has been condemned by the County Medical for over five years.

Clr. James Donnellan referred to the need for the provision of houses in Tuam.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Sarr regarding a particular applicant, it was explained that the first site offered proved to be unsuitable, as a bridge would be required to reach it; that an offer was made then of a site on the applicant's brother's land, that several communications sent to the brother had not evoked any reply. Clr. Sarr stated that a site for this applicant could be obtained from the Land Commission.

Deputy Kitt stated that a site for a cottage required by Mr. Tom Coffey, Anscragh, could be obtained from the Land Commission on Grady's or Mitchell's land at Lurgan, Coltra.

At this stage the Assistant County Manager gave particulars of the applicants for cottages.

Deputy Geoghegan asked what steps were being taken to take out of the hands of the contractors, the cottages with which no reasonable progress is being made, e.g., at Letterdiffe and at Inver, Rosmuck.

In reply, Mr. Cullinane, C.A.C.B., stated that the normal time for completion of a single cottage is six months, and if one contractor is erecting more than one cottage, the normal time for completion allowed is nine months; that in these two cases, there were rather special circumstances, and that he therefore did not press the contractors; that the Letterdiffe cottage is completed and that the keys have been handed over and a tenant appointed; that the contractor is now working on the cottage at Inver, and it is expected it will be completed shortly.

Clr. Geoghegan recommended that if the work is not completed, the cottage be taken over and completed by the County Council, and that the cost of completion be recovered from the retention money.

In reply to Deputy Carty, the Assistant County Manager stated that there was nothing to prevent the Council from providing a cottage for any applicant who is genuinely in need of housing, and who is eligible for the tenancy of a cottage.

632 - TUAM HOUSING SCHEME: The Assistant County Manager referred to the need for provision of additional cottages in Tuam, which could be erected on the site which is available on the Palace Grounds.

The Chairman stated that the Council has provided more cottages in Tuam than anywhere else in the County and referred to the criticism of the Council by the Tuam Town Commissioners when the former purchased the Palace and grounds.

On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council approved the provision of a further scheme of cottages in the Palace Grounds at Tuam, based on the established need for such houses.

633 - SEWERAGE EXTENSION TO COTTAGES: Deputy Carty stated that the tenants concerned did not agree to the proposal that there should be a permanent increase in rent to offset the cost of providing sewerage services to the cottages; that a local investigation of the matter showed that the average cost of providing the sanitary services in a cottage would be £40. Deputy Carty suggested that the Council should meet one-third of the cost of the service, including connection and fittings, and that the applicant should pay the balance over a period of three to five years by way of an increase in his rent - the Council to carry out the work. Deputy Carty proposed accordingly, and the proposal was seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he would consider the proposal which appeared to him to be reasonable, but that the work would have to be carried out so as comply with certain standards.

Mr. Cullinane, C.A.C.B., stated that the figure £40 appeared sufficient.

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634 - COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Sirr, the Assistant County Manager stated that a scheme is at present being prepared to include cottages not covered by the earlier schemes.

635 - COTTAGE TENANCIES: The County Manager explained that cottages at Athry, Recess, were completed in June, 1956, and that three tenants have been selected successively for one of these cottages, and have failed to take up the tenancy; that three applications for this cottage now on hands are being considered.

The Assistant County Manager stated that if an eligible married applicant is not available he would consider the appointment of an eligible single applicant.

In reply to Clr. Sirr, the Assistant County Manager stated that the sureties for a tenant are liable so long as the tenant remains in occupation of the cottage, but that sureties are entitled to notice that the Council will rely on them for payment of outstanding rent; that normally the Council proceeds for possession of the cottage in the first instance.

636 - HOUSE AT COOLCARTY WEST: Clr. Dowd explained that Mr. Patrick Healy, Coolcarty West, whose house was destroyed by fire, was an agricultural labourer until he had a stroke; that he is now living in a shed. Clr. Dowd proposed that the Council recommend that a cottage be provided for Mr. Healy. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

The Assistant County Manager explained that Mr. Healy's valuation is £13. 10. 0. and since he is not in the class which would be entitled to tenancy of a cottage, he was informed of the grants and loan facilities available.

Clr. Dowd stated that this man is not in a physical condition to avail of either a loan or a grant.

Deputy Kitt stated that a man such as Mr. Healy could not obtain supplies of material, etc., and that if the cottage is refused, he will have to remain in the shed which he occupies.

It was unanimously recommended that the Assistant County Manager would consider the possibility of providing a cottage in this case on humane grounds and that the matter would be referred back to the Council again.

637 - CLIFDEN COTTAGES: It was explained that it is the procedure to select tenants for cottages before the cottages are actually completed, and it was stated by Mr. Cullinane, C.A.C.E., that the Clifden cottages would be ready for occupation by the end of October, 1957.

638 - NEW WORKS: On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council approved the proposed provision of thirty new cottages for which tenders have been sought.

639 - LOAN FOR THE ERECTION OF COTTAGES: It was proposed by Clr. John Dowd, seconded by Deputy Michael P. 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 £45,000, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1956."

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Deed of Mortgage.

640 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: SCHEMES: It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Scheme for payment of supplementary grants for new houses for reconstruction and for the provision of water and sewerage facilities be continued as heretofore to the end of the present financial year, and that the scheme for issue of supplementary grants for provision of private water supplies and private sewerage facilities be amended in accordance with the alteration in these grants under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, which provides for payment of State grants as follows; viz:

For Private Water Supply - £40.
For Private Sewerage Facilities - £20.

641 - LOAN £150,000 FOR HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of

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Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £150,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and the Local Loans Fund Act, 1925 to 1956."

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Mortgage.

642 - FURTHER LOAN FOR SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Deputy M.P. Kitt, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and resolved:

"That the Council approve the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, for issue of supplementary housing grants under Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, as extended by the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, and by the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956; this loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of twenty-five years, or such period as may be sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Wall, the Assistant County Manager stated that since the payment of supplementary grants had been resumed, a sum of £62,000 had been paid to applicants.

Clr. King recommended and it was unanimously agreed that consideration of the termination of the schemes for supplementary housing grants for a period of one year from 1st April, 1958, would appear on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that the Council request the Gaeltacht Services Department to notify this Council individually of the payment of housing grants by them. This recommendation was seconded by Clr. King and unanimously approved.

643 - HOUSING LOANS: The Secretary stated that the total amount sanctioned for the issue of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was £300,000; the total amount allocated to borrowers was £230,596, and that there are eighty applications in hands, involving a sum of £56,175.

644 - TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS LOAN £200: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and resolved:-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 17th September, 1957, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £200 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of financing the cost of providing ranges in houses owned by Tuam Town Commissioners 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."

645 - DENTAL SERVICES: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the Assistant County Manager stated that the Council is primarily concerned with the provision of dental services for school children, which must take precedence over the provision of dental services for adults.

Deputy Coogan recommended that the provision of dentures for adults be expedited.

646 - ATHENRY HOUSING SURVEY: Clr. James J. Ruane stated that at next meeting he would propose that a housing survey for Athenry be initiated.

647 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - SALE OF TICKETS: Clr. King drew attention to Order No: 40828 prohibiting the sale of raffle tickets by members of the staff in the Galway Regional Hospital, and stated that he considered that this Order should not have been made.

The Assistant County Manager explained the circumstances which gave rise to the making of the Order and Deputy Killilea stated that he considered that the Order was very properly made.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.
Maurice O'Curry
Chairman.

Date: 26th October, 1957.

COMPTON CONNOR D. SULLIVAN

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍ,
BÓCAR MÓR,
SULLIVAN.

Suíth:
SULLIVAN 55.

17 Deire Fómair, 1957.

CARA,

TARRTAR ORT leis seo baic i léitear as Cruinnú de Comairle
Comhdae na Sullivane a tionsólfaidh ins na Forghníthe Comhdae, Ua Saibairn,
26ab Deire Fómair, 1957, as cosnú ar 11. 30 a.m. a éire.

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Cuig zac úil ba'n Comairle.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a bresnú:-

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Droichead Hoarnsbrook - Miont. 626 de 5. 10. 57.
3. Fó-choiste na bpainsean seah-choise Úin Mór - an t-ábair ó Colzáin a ceapadh in ionad an t. de Búrca.
4. Tuairisc ar Oibríocháir ar bóiterib - tarrtáir ar árbú páige do réir 10/- sa tseachtóin.
5. Meastóir 1958/59 - Uair 14.10. 57 ó Rúnáí, Coise Calahíochá.
6. Oifis a cruú:-
Uilgheatóir Comhdae.
7. Áerú tuairiscáil:-
Dr. S. Ó Máille.
8. Scéimanna Deontaisí tige a éir ar ceal sa bliain ó 1/4/58 go 31/3/59.
9. Coláir - Costaisí.
10. Coise Piosraíche Pionúireadái Ceinnceair - Miontuairisgí 7/9/57.
11. Dr. M.S. Ó Máille - eirige as oifis.
12. Árb-Comairle na zCondae - Cruinnú na Noctás.
13. Gráic ó'n Inghéatóir.
14. Molta ó Comairleóirí.
15. Snó uile.

TO CONSIDER:-

1. Minutes.

2. Hoarnsbrook Bridge - Minute No: 626 of 5. 10. '57.
3. Dummora Old Age Pension Sub-Committee - appointment of Rev. Fr. Colgan, Adm., in lieu of Rev. F. Burke.
4. Road Workers' Wages - Application by I.T. C.U. Union for increase of 10/- a week.
5. Estimate 1958/59 - Letter of 14. 10. 57 from the Secretary, Galway County Committee of Agriculture.
6. Creation of office of Wholtime County Solicitor.
7. Revision of Remuneration of Dr. Sarah O'Malley, Anaesthetist.
8. Suspension of Schemes of Supplementary Housing Grants for year from 1st April, 1958.
9. Quarries - cost of material from Central and Local Quarries.
10. Visiting Committee Minutes - Regional Hospital 7. 9. 1957.
11. Dr. Michael G. O'Malley's retirement.
12. County Councils' General Council - matters for December Meeting agenda.
13. Auditor's Reports.
14. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. J. Dowd:
 1. I will propose that road leading from Ballycrissane to Muckinagh No: 594 be widened and made safe as this road is in a very dangerous condition.
 2. I will propose that the Council take over the Balvue Road and declare it a public road.
 3. I or some one on my behalf will propose that dangerous bridge at Clonfert be lowered without any further delay."
 - (b) Clr. M. Hannion and Deputy M.P. Kitt:

"At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council we will propose that a proper water supply be provided for Barnadorg with an extension to Killarerin."
 - (c) Clr. J. Flaherty:

"I will ask the County Secretary the total amount received from the Department under the Local Authorities Works Act for the years 1955/56 and for 1956/57."
 - (d) Clr. J. Canning:
 1. "That the following dangerous roads be eased and widened (1) Cortanumera school (2) Portumna-Woodford road leading to Stoney Island (3) Portumna-Loughrea road at Guard Finley's house (4) Portumna-Portumna Bridge at Kearns' bungalow."
 2. To repair and steamroll 300 yards of tourist road leading from Portumna town to Shannon."
 - (e) Clr. J.J. Ruane:

"That a survey of the housing needs of Athenry town be undertaken".
 - (f) Clr. M. O'Donnell:
 1. At the next meeting of the Council that a piped water supply be made available to Rosaveel as the pumps erected there recently are not satisfactory.
 2. That a pump be sunk in Muckinagh Costelloe.
 3. That an explanation be given about the delay in providing a graveyard for Muckinagh."
 - (g) Deputy J. Geoghagan:-
 1. That at the next meeting of the Council I will propose that the water pipe line in Carna be re-laid with new piping.

14. (g) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

2. That at the next meeting of the Council I will ask the Manager if the Council is responsible for the replacement of the chain that was on the pier at Roundstone."

(h) Deputy M. Carty: -

"At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall move - That this Council requests the Co. Engineer to furnish a preliminary report on the cost of extending the main sewerage scheme to serve sixteen cottages at Cuscurrig, Louhrea."

15. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON SATURDAY, 26th October, 1957.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

The Chairman explained that the County Manager who was absent on official business in Dublin would be unable to attend the meeting.

648 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to Nos. 647 inclusive having been circulated to members were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

649 - NEW CATHEDRAL: The Chairman read a letter from His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Galway extending to the members of the County Council an invitation to the Liturgical reception of His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton in the Pro-Cathedral on Saturday, 26th October, 1957 at 4.30 p.m.

650 - HEARNSBROOK BRIDGE: The Secretary referred to Minute Nos. 626 and explained that in that minute it may not have been made clear that the Grant of 75% of the cost of the work had not been allocated definitely by the Minister for Local Government but that the Council had been informed that the allocation of a grant to that extent would be considered favourably, out of the monies to be made available for bridge works in the year 1958/59 (to the extent of which the 1956/57 grant would need to be increased). It was proposed by Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. Ruane and resolved

"that the Council note the position and approve proceeding with this work on the information available".

Deputy Carty complained of the delay in completing bridge works.

Mr. J. B. Collins, Acting County Engineer explained that in the case of Hearnbrook Bridge there was some delay in obtaining the Agreement of the Department of Local Government to the plans for this work but that there was no undue delay in so far as the Consultant or the Council were concerned.

In regard to Derrywee Bridge the Acting County Engineer stated that a Bridge Order had been obtained in recent times and that in accordance with the established procedure the plans of the work are now being prepared for submission to the Department of Local Government.

Clr. James J. Ruane referred to Taylor's Bridge at Athenry which he stated is in a very dangerous condition and since this is a small job, Clr. Ruane requested that it would receive early attention. The Acting County Engineer stated that the Council would require to provide funds for this work.

651 - DUNMORE OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Clr. Glynn seconded by Deputy Coogan the Council approved the appointment of Rev. Andrew Colgan Adm. as a member of above Committee in lieu of Rev. M. Burke who has been transferred.

652 - ROAD WORKERS' WAGES: Consideration of an application by the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union for an increase of 10/- a week in the wages of road workers employed by the Council was adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

653 - SUPERANNUATION: Deputy Coogan requested that particulars of the number of workers required to pay arrears of superannuation contributions for the period from 1st January, 1949 to 31st March, 1956 be made available to the Council at next meeting.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that the men do not understand the position in regard to payment of these arrears.

The Secretary explained that a memorandum had been sent to each man concerned stating the amount due by him and explaining that if that amount were not paid, the

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man concerned could not reckon/his pensionable service any service which he had with the Council during the period from 1st January, 1949 to 31st March, 1956; that during 1956 a memorandum giving particulars of the superannuation scheme had been supplied to each man then employed.

Clr. King suggested that the Supervising Gangers be called into the County Buildings for a discussion on this matter and that they be made responsible for the furnishing of replies from the men concerned who were under their control.

Clr. Ridge referred to the notice issued in the local papers of 26th instant stating that the arrears of contributions would be accepted in instalments of 5/- a week instead of 10/- and stated that the workers concerned are satisfied with this arrangement.

Clr. Glynn asked if it is a fact that men who are not in the pension scheme will not be employed while men who are in the scheme are available. The Acting County Engineer stated that there is no such arrangement but that in regard to employment of workers on works towards the cost of which grants are made available first preference has to be given to displaced Council workers.

554 - PENSION INCREASES: The Chairman referred to the Pensions(Increase)Act, 1956 and stated that while these increases had been granted by the Council with effect from 1st January, 1957 he now understood that the law requires that the increases if given at all should be given from 1st August, 1956 and that this fact was not made clear to the Council at the time the granting of the increases was considered by the Council.

It was directed that this matter be considered and that it be re-submitted to the Council at next meeting.

555 - ESTIMATE, 1958/59: A letter dated 14th October, 1957 from the Secretary to the County Galway Committee of Agriculture was submitted stating that the Committee are making application for a rate of 7d in the £ for the financial year ending 31st March, 1959, i.e. the same as was sought for the current financial year.

On the proposition of Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. M. Mannion, the Council approved provision of an amount in the Estimate for 1958/59 equivalent to a rate of 7d in the £ to meet the requirements of the County Galway Committee of Agriculture.

556 - WHOLE-TIME LAW AGENT: Consideration of the creation of the office of whole-time Law Agent to the Galway County Council was adjourned until next meeting.

557 - ANAESTHETIST: On the proposition of Deputy Carty seconded by Deputy Coogan the Council unanimously approved with effect from a date to be fixed by the County Manager the revision of the remuneration of Dr. Sarah O'Malley, Anaesthetist so as to make her remuneration equivalent to that applicable to the recently created posts of Part-time permanent Anaesthetist in the Galway Regional Hospital.

558 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Clr. King seconded by Clr. Galvin and resolved

"that the Council's schemes for issue of Supplementary Housing Grants be suspended for the year commencing 1st April, 1958 and that notice to that effect be given in the Press at an early date".

Clr. King explained that it is essential that the staff be given an opportunity of clearing off all applications already in hands and Clr. Galvin stated that the Council's first duty is to dispose of the applications already received before considering fresh applications. The Assistant County Manager stated that he considered the proposal prudent as staff are still dealing with applications received prior to 30th September, 1956.

559 - HOUSING LOANS: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Carty the Secretary stated that the allocation of Housing Loans has been resumed.

560 - QUARRIES: In the absence of Clr. J. Mannion consideration of Item No.9 on the Agenda (Cost of Material from Central and Local Quarries) was adjourned until next meeting.

561 - VISITING COMMITTEE: Clr. Kelly questioned the accuracy of the Minutes of a

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meeting of the Visiting Committee held at Galway Regional Hospital on 7th September, 1957 and stated that in regard to the supply of potatoes the decision of the Committee was that quotations should be obtained monthly for supplies of new potatoes. Clr. Kelly also stated that the Minute relating to uniforms was not a correct record of the proceedings.

The Chairman pointed out that the Minutes can be adjusted at the next meeting of the Visiting Committee at Galway Regional Hospital and subject to this adjustment the minutes were noted and approved by the Council.

Deputy Coogan stated that there is a request for provision of mirrors in the male wards at Galway Regional Hospital which would enable patients to shave in the wards rather than in the bathrooms.

562 - SURGEON O'MALLEY'S RETIREMENT: On the proposition of Deputy Carty seconded by Deputy Coogan the Council unanimously expressed their thanks to Surgeon O'Malley for his long and outstanding service as Surgeon to the Galway Central Hospital and to the Galway Regional Hospital and wished him happiness in his retirement.

The Chairman stated that it would be impossible for the Council to pay sufficient tribute to the good work of Surgeon O'Malley who was outstanding in his profession and in his kindness to the poor and whose name had brought honour to the hospital. Mr. McDermott, Assistant County Manager stated that on behalf of the County Manager he joined very earnestly in the tribute to Surgeon O'Malley who was a most distinguished Surgeon and who on his retirement carried with him the good wishes and respect of all who were associated with him in the Central Hospital and in the Regional Hospital.

563 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: It was decided that the following matters be referred to the General Council for inclusion in the Agenda for the next meeting:-

- (a) the obtaining of particulars of the amount of claims for fire damage, from the Fire Insurance Companies.
- (b) legislation to deal with the problem of itinerants.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

564 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Secretary explained that memorandum on the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Galway County Council for the period of two years to the 31st March, 1954 is being prepared by the County Manager and will be circulated to the members.

Consideration of the Auditor's report was therefore deferred until next meeting.

565 - ROAD WORKS ETC.: The Chairman (Deputy Carty) proposed that any notices of motion on the Agenda relating to expenditure of money be deferred for consideration to the Roads Meeting in so far as they relate to Road works or to the Estimates Meeting if they relate to other works. This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Collins.

The Acting County Engineer gave the following estimated costs of the works mentioned in Notice of Motion by Clr. J. Dowd:-

No.14(a)(1) £1,020
No.14(a)(2) £3000

and consideration of these items was therefore deferred until the next Roads meeting.

In regard to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion No.14(a)(3) the Secretary explained that improvement of the bridge at Clonfert had already been approved by the County Council and that a plan of the work had been sent to Corus Iompair Eireann with a request for the consent of that Board to the carrying out of the work.

566 - BARNADERG & KILLRERIN WATER SUPPLY: It was proposed by Deputy Kitt seconded by Clr. Mannion and resolved

"that the Council request that the Manager will consider the provision of a proper water supply for Barnaderg with an extension to Killrerin."

567 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949: In response to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of

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Motion, the Secretary stated that the total amount of grants for Local Authorities (Works) Acts Schemes received were as follows:-

Year 1955/56 - £23,500
" 1956/57 - £24,500

The Secretary also read a letter from the Department of Local Government dated 23rd October, 1957 in response to a resolution by the Council which letter stated that the Minister for Local Government is unable to depart from the decision already contained in the Department circular letter of 28th June, 1957.

On the proposal of Clr. Flaherty, the Council unanimously decided that the Pail members for the County be requested to ask the Minister for Local Government to make provision for Local Authorities (Works) Acts Schemes in the Estimate for the coming year.

668 - ROAD WORKS - PORTUMNA DISTRICT: In response to Clr. Canning's Notices of Motion 14(d)(1) and (2), the County Engineer's report of 26th October, 1957 was submitted and it was decided that consideration of these items would be deferred until the next Roads Meeting.

669 - HOUSING IN ATHENRY TOWN: On the proposition of Clr. Ruane seconded by Deputy Carty the Council resolved "that a survey of the housing needs of Athenry town be undertaken."

670 - ROSSAVAL WATER SUPPLY: Clr. O'Donnell proposed that piped water supply be made available to Rossaveal as the pumps erected there recently are not satisfactory.

Mr. Tracy, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that a recent inspection shows that both the pumps provided are working satisfactorily and in reply to a statement by Clr. O'Donnell that the pumps were dry during the summer, Mr. Tracy also stated that he had inspected these pumps during the drought in May, 1957 and that they were not out of order then.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the tide reaches the site of the pump at Rossaveal and that it must follow therefore that the water is contaminated by sea water.

It was directed that this matter be referred to the County Medical Officer to test the quality of the water in the pumps already provided.

671 - PUMP FOR MUCKINAGH, COSTELLOE: Clr. O'Donnell recommended that a pump be provided at Muckinagh. The County Engineer's report was submitted stating that investigations were being made to ascertain if there is a suitable well in the area which could be improved and protected and on which a hand pump could be provided. It was recommended that this work be carried out.

672 - MUCKINAGH BURIAL GROUND: In reply to Clr. O'Donnell's Notice of Motion the Acting County Engineer explained that the Council has only recently obtained Title to the site of the proposed Burial Ground at Muckinagh and that a specification and estimate for the work are now being prepared.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

673 - CARNA WATER SUPPLY: Deputy Geoghegan proposed that the water pipe line in Carna be re-laid with new piping. The Council noted the County Engineer's report of 25th October, 1957 recommending that the pipe line be excavated at intervals and examined to decide whether it will be necessary to re-lay it entirely or in part. The report stated further that considerable portions of this main have already been re-laid during the past few years.

674 - ROUNDSTONE PIER: In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion No.14(f)(2) the County Engineer stated that there has been no chain on the Roundstone Pier for several years and that he is investigating the question of the responsibility for providing a chain as part of the pier is under the control of the Office of Public Works. Deputy Geoghegan stated that there are some fixtures on the pier which show that a chain existed there at some time.

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675 - SUFFRAGE FOR COSCARRIG, LOUGHLIN: Mr. Carty's request consideration of his Notice of Motion No.14(h) was adjourned until next meeting.

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

The relatives of the victims of the recent tragedy in Clew Bay.
The relatives of Mr. Thomas Flanagan, Merchant's Road, Galway former member of the Council.
Miss Murphy, N.T. Moylough and the Murphy family Cooloo on the death of their father.
The Nolan family, Moylough on the death of their mother, Mrs. Glynn, Moylough.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Thomas Flanagan was for long a most zealous member of the Council who rarely spoke except in his native tongue and that the passing of this notable figure is a matter of deep regret to all members of the Council.

In connection with the Clew Bay tragedy, Deputy Geoghegan stated that this tragedy stressed the necessity for provision of a helicopter and the Chairman stated that the Pail members should take this matter up with the Government with a view to having a helicopter provided in this country for use for any purpose.

677 - LOAN - TUAM WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Burke and resolved "that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other sources as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, to defray the cost of extending the water main to Messrs. Bruton's factory at Weir Road, Tuam; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of five years or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government with interest at the appropriate rate.

678 - LOAN - CRAUGHTELL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. James J. Ruane seconded by Clr. J. Lambert 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 £18,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

679 - MISCELLANEOUS: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council approved payment by the members of the cost of the preparation of an Address of Welcome to His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton on the occasion of a visit of His Eminence to Galway on 26th October, 1957.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the Secretary stated that a period of over two years has elapsed since the last examination for Clerk Typists in the Council's offices was held and that since a vacancy will arise at 1st November, 1957, it is now necessary to arrange for the holding of an examination for the filling of vacancies in this grade - the results of which will be utilised for the filling of vacancies for Clerk Typists in the employment of the Galway County Council or under any other local authorities in the County Galway during the period of two years from the date of the examination.

Complaints were made by Clr. Glynn and Deputy Kitt in regard to their failure to obtain replies to letters addressed by them to the Secretary to the Council. The Secretary stated that every endeavour was made to reply promptly to correspondence; that in some cases it is impossible to furnish promptly the information required which must be sought by the Secretary from other Officials, e.g. the County Engineer; that Clr. Glynn's recent complaint referred to a request for a supply of forms of application for payment of Housing Grants which forms have hitherto been sent only to the applicant and have not been sent to him until he is in fact entitled to receive payment of an instalment; that however, a supply had now been posted to Clr. Glynn. The Secretary undertook to investigate further the complaint in regard to delay in reply to members letters.

Deputy Kitt requested that he be informed if forms of application for Housing Grants are not available at present.

The Meeting then terminated.

J. J. Ruane - Chairman

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Michael J. Carty Chairman.

23rd November, 1957.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON SATURDAY, 9th
November, 1957.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. M. Wall, T. King, M. O'Donnell, Dr. M. Dyar, Dr. C. F. McConn,
Dr. White, R.M.S. Regional Hospital, Mr. Hogan, Lay Superintendent,
Regional Hospital, Mr. P. Duffy, Staff Officer, Mrs. E. Kelly, Clerical
Officer and the County Secretary.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Dr. B. O'Driscoll.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th August, 1957 having
been circulated to the members were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Dr. Dyar complained however that these minutes were not a full record of the
proceedings at the meeting on 17/8/57.

2. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard
to the General Medical Services Register:-

(a) Total number of applications received.....	16,784
(b) Total number approved.....	14,853
(c) Total number of persons covered.....	48,185
(d) Number of applications refused.....	1,441
(e) Number of applications being dealt with.....	490

Dr. Dyar stated that 1,748 General Medical Service cards have been issued for
Galway No.2 Dispensary District which would represent 5000 - 6000 patients; that
this is far too large a number of patients for one Doctor; that in England the
number of patients allotted to a single Doctor was 2,500.

Clr. King considered that having regard to the falling population and the
improved travel facilities there should be a re-arrangement of Dispensary Districts
when the position of District Medical Officer in any District becomes vacant. It
was decided to recommend to the County Manager that the question of a re-arrangement
of Galway No.2 Dispensary District be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the
next meeting of the County Council.

3. DRUGS: Dr. Dyar stated that since arrangements have been made for analysis of
drugs at the Supplier's premises there has been some improvement but that the
supplies of drugs are still not quite satisfactory. Dr. Dyar recommended that when
a Doctor has a complaint in regard to the quality of a drug supplied to him by the
Official Contractors, he should have the right to have the drug examined by an
independent Analyst other than the Analyst of the Local Authority.

Clr. King stated that the arrangements which apply in this county apply to
all counties and that he considers therefore that this is a matter which should be
taken up by the Irish Medical Association on a National basis.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

4. APPLIANCES: Dr. Dyar and the Chairman (Mr. Quinn) complained regarding the long
and unreasonable delay in supply of appliances to patients.

Clr. Carty stated that a man named John Cooley of Inchaboy, Gort has been
waiting for an appliance since 27th January, 1955. Dr. Dyar stated that a patient
who has been certified by Dr. H. O'Dwyne as requiring an artificial limb has been
required to attend the Council's Orthopaedic Surgeon before any arrangements will
be made for supply of the limb - the patient concerned being a medical card case.
Dr. Dyar considered that the certificate of Doctor H. O'Dwyne should have been
accepted.

The Secretary explained that where medical services are provided free of charge
to patients, the patient is required to avail of the services in the manner in which
they are provided by the Council, e.g. a medical card patient has not choice of

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Doctor for Domiciliary treatment.

Dr. Dyar stated that in other counties the certificate of the outside Doctor
is accepted in such cases and it was recommended that enquiries be made regarding
the procedure in other counties.

The Chairman recommended that supplies of an effective antidote for burns
or scalds be made available generally in the Dispensaries in the same manner as
stocks of D.D.T. were made available there.

5. DENTURES: Dr. Dyar asked that something be done to expedite the provision
of dentures required by adults. The Secretary explained that the policy at
present is to give priority to dental treatment for school children rather than
for adults in so far as funds are available.

Clr. King stated that it is not fair to the patient to extract the teeth
and then to fail to supply dentures for him. Mr. King stated further that in
regard to the School medical service it was stated at a Visiting Committee
Meeting at the Regional Hospital that on re-examination of children sent to hospital
for extraction of tonsils the extraction was found to be unnecessary.

It was decided to request the County Manager to make available to the Council
at next Meeting particulars of the number of applications by adults for dentures
and the number of cases in which these dentures have been supplied to adults.

6. GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Deputy Carty stated that a patient being sent
to Portiuncula Hospital was informed by the Doctor sending the patient there that
unless the patient went to the hospital as a private or semi-private case she would
not have the services of the Gynaecologist.

The Secretary stated that any patient sent to Portiuncula as a "County Council"
patient is entitled to receive there all treatment required by that patient and
that therefore the information given to the patient by the Doctor was incorrect.
On Deputy Carty's recommendation the Committee recommended unanimously that a letter
be sent to District Medical Officers who send patients to Portiuncula directing them
to explain to the patients that they will receive in Portiuncula all the treatment
required by them whether they are admitted to that hospital as public patients or
as private or semi-private patients.

Clr. Wall stated that the patient or the patient's relative when arriving at
Portiuncula is presented with a document to be signed if the patient is accepting
responsibility for the cost of treatment.

The Secretary explained that it is essential to the Portiuncula authorities
to establish whether the patient is to be regarded as private or semi-private patient
or a County Council patient. Mr. Wall stated that the practise of requiring the
patient or the patient's relative to make such a decision in a time of stress is to
be deplored.

Dr. Dyar complained that owing to fumes the diesel ambulance is found
uncomfortable by patients. It was recommended that the complaint be investigated.
Dr. Dyar complained that he is unable to obtain reports required by him from the
Regional Hospital in regard to patients. It was directed that Dr. Dyar would give
particulars of the case to Dr. White, R.M.S. Dr. Dyar referred to a circular
letter regarding collection of 2/6d fee payable by certain patients for treatment
at clinics and stated that the collection of these fees forms no part of a Doctor's
duties. The Secretary explained that all that was requested was the co-operation
of the Doctors in regard to the completion of certain forms by the patient. Deputy
Carty stated that he has been informed that certain patient has been in the Regional
Hospital for up to three years. Dr. White, R.M.S. stated that the explanation may
be that the patient who was in the hospital three years ago was discharged in the
meantime but has returned.

7. MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars regarding
Maternity services:-

86 Doctors have signed the new Form of Agreement, viz:- 39 District Medical
Officers and 47 private Practitioners.

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71 Midwives have signed the Agreement for provision of Maternity Services, viz:-
33 District Midwives and 38 Private Midwives.

Dr. Dyar referred to a letter sent to District Medical Officers recently and stated that the Council has no right to deduct from the Doctor's fee the cost of certain items appearing on chemist's bills and that any such deduction would be resisted by the Doctors concerned.

8. MATERNITY GRANTS: The Secretary stated that the total number of applications for Maternity Grants which have been passed for payment since 1st January, 1954 was 5,548 and of these 893 have been passed for payment since 1st April, 1957.

Dr. Dyar complained that Nuns in Portiuncula hand out to patients applications for the Maternity Grant. The Secretary stated that the grant is issued only to patients who are entitled to receive it; that therefore it is of little consequence whether the patient obtains an application form at the hospital or obtains it by writing to the Council's offices.

9. DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following particulars regarding applications for allowances under the Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) Regulations, 1954:-

- (a) Number of applications received.....2,784
- (b) Number approved for payment.....1,236
- (c) Number of applications refused.....1,328
- (d) Number of applications under consideration..... 220

The Chairman requested that the application by Mr. John P. Kelly, Kilglass, Ahascragh be re-investigated as it appears to the Chairman that this applicant should be entitled to receive the allowance.

Dr. Dyar referred to letter issued by the County Medical Officer requiring Doctors sending applicants for Disablement Allowances to Clinics to furnish certain particulars regarding the applicants; he stated that this requirement had no basis in the regulations.

Dr. McConn explained that the Specialists required this information and considered that it is essential that it be supplied to them; that the County Manager directed that the information be obtained from the Doctors sending the patient to the Clinic.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

The Chairman stated that the request is reasonable and the Doctors should comply. At the request of Dr. Dyar it was recommended that Assistance Officers be informed that patients over 70 years of age are not entitled to receive Disablement Allowances and therefore if these patients are in need of Home Assistance they should not be put off by handing them application forms for Disablement Allowances which they cannot obtain.

Dr. Dyar stated that often tramps who are destitute called to his house, that these will not be kept in the Garda Barracks and that the Matron of the County Home does not wish to have them admitted there; Dr. Dyar requested that some type of small ward be set aside in the County Home for accommodation of these tramps.

10. AMBULANCES AND GENERAL: Deputy Carty stated that he had been informed by a Garda that when a road accident occurred at a distance of one mile from Galway City a month ago it was one hour and twenty five minutes from the time the ambulance was called until it arrived at the scene of the accident and that a further two hours elapsed before the patient was admitted to the hospital.

Dr. Dyar stated that the ambulance is often held up at the hospital while a bed is being sought for the patient; that the ambulance service should not be immobilised in this manner and that a bed should always be available for reception immediately of any patient brought in in an ambulance pending the patient's eventual transfer to a bed elsewhere, if that could not be done immediately on the arrival of the ambulance. The Secretary informed Dr. Dyar that patients going to Calvary Hospital are not entitled to the use of the ambulance for their conveyance from their homes to that hospital.

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Deputy Carty stated that the Council would save considerably by sending as many patients as possible to Calvary Hospital.

11. NUISANCES AT BALLYGAR & MOUNTBELLEN: The Committee approved Ctr. Wall's recommendation that the Council clean up after each fair two lanes in Mountbellew and one lane in Ballygar.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. Carty

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15ú Samhain, 1957.

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2. Tasaóit £2,500 - Scéim Uisge-íoláitair i gCraughwell.
3. Scéim Uisge-íoláitair, Uroicéad an Óláirín,
(a) bearcú a béalán pé'ín óit Soláitairí Uisge, 1942.
(b) leabhar eolais a séalú.
4. Scéim Uisge-íoláitair - Teac-Nór, Inbheabáin.
5. Scéim Uisge-íoláitair - Coor na Móna.
6. SAORÁIDÍ CALAÍOCTA AZ INIS OIRE, LEICIR MEALLÁIN - LICIR 31.10.57
Ó ROINN NA SALEACTA.
7. CLAIRÉAD SEALBACÓ DE COISTE NA b'PINSAN SEAN-AOISE - POSTAOIT A
LEANAIT.
8. FIACLA BRÉAGDA NA H-AGÁID BAOINE FÍSTA.
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9. CEART SLÍ AN BÓBAIL AR AN SEAN-ÚOICAR I NÓLEANN-AN-ÁIL, GALWAY
A MÚCÁD.
10. NOISLIUNTAIS SUIRBÍSIS - MIONT. 653 DE 26. 10.1957.
11. CRUINNÍÚ MEASCÁDÁIN BÓITRE - ÚATA A ÍOICRÚ.
12. COILÉIR - COSTAISÍ.
13. ÍOICRÚ ÚARASTAÍ:-
(a) ÚOICÁIRE ICLÁINNE - UROICÉAD ÚÉIL AN ÍEÁ MÓIR.
(b) OIBRITÉOIRÍ AR BÓITRIB.

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14. ÚLIGÉADÓIR CONNDAE - OIFIS A ÉRÁDÚ.
15. NA H-ÚOICÁINE UM ÚAIICTE AZUS IÍOMACÁISCI DE ÍNEAD AMAC, 1934 7 1939.
16. ÓIT NA b'PINSAN (MÉADÚ), 1956.
17. CRUINNITTE - LICIR 2. 11. 57 Ó COMHARLE OÚARDA NA GALWAY.
18. ÚRÁIT Ó'N INÍOICÉOIR.
19. MOLTÁ Ó COMHARLEOIRÍ.
20. ÍNÓ EILE.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £2,500 for Craughwell Water Supply Scheme.
3. (a) Making of proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 for Clarenbridge Water Supply Scheme.
(b) Sealing Book of Reference for Clarenbridge Water Supply Scheme.
4. Provision of Water Supply Scheme for Teachmore, Inverin.
5. Provision of Water Supply Scheme for Cornamona.
6. Pier at Inisherik, Lettermullen - letter 31. 10. 57 from Secretary, Gaeltacht Department.
7. Continuation of employment of temporary clerk to County Old Age Pension Committee.
8. Supply of dentures for adults.
- 8 (a) Scholarships - Renewals.
9. Extinguishing right of way of the public over an old section of road at Glennanail, Galway.
10. Superannuation of Servants - Minute No: 653 of 26. 10. 1957.
11. Fixing of date for Roads Estimate Meeting.
12. Quarries - cost of material from Central and Local Quarries.
13. Remuneration Variations:
(a) Caretaker and Landlord of Ballinmore Bridge Dispensary.
(b) Wages of Road Workers - application for increase of 10/- a week.
14. Creation of Office of Whole-time Law Agent.
15. Adoption of Town and Regional Planning Acts for all or part of the Galway County Health District.
16. Pensions Increases under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956.
17. Meetings - Letter 2. 11. 57 from the Secretary, Galway Trades Council.
18. Auditor's Reports.
19. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
(a) Deputy M. Carty:
"At the next meeting of Galway County Council I or some other member acting for me shall move - that this Council requests the Co. Engineer to furnish a preliminary report on the cost of extending the main sewerage scheme to serve sixteen cottages at Cuscarrig, Loughrea."

19. (b) Deputy F. Coogan: "That seven public lights be provided in Barna as follows:

- 4 on the main road
- 2 on the Pier and
- 1 at the Church."

(c) Clr. J. Glynn:

1. Have E.S.B. Poles Williamstown changed - and roadway at new church finished.
2. Remove wall at Hall near Dispensary and in line.
3. Erect danger sign facing towards Williamstown at Hall. "

(d) Clr. P. Ruane:

1. "To deepen the pump at Cahernashelleeny, Claregalway, which is dry and out of order all this summer.
2. Also to deepen the pump at Cusnaune Cross, Atherry which is also out of order.
3. That the corner on the opposite side of Claregalway Church be widened to help car parking space for cars at Mass on Sundays.
4. That public lighting be installed at Claregalway village."

(e) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

1. "I will propose, that the Co. Council construct a new cullet crossing the road at Joe Connolly's house, Mweenish Island, so as to relieve flooding.
2. I will propose that the Co. Council workers, will work only five weak days, and that they will work extra time on these days instead of Saturday.
3. I will ask the Co. Manager to state what is the Age Limit for all Council Road Workers, who are in the superannuation scheme or is there a specified retiring age."

(f) Clr. J. Flaherty:

1. I will ask the County Manager the reason for the delay in the Kilkerrin and Moylough piped water supply scheme. If contract is given out to state the cost.
2. I will ask the Co. Secretary the reason for such delay in the sanction of loans to housing applicants.

(g) Clr. J.J. Ruane:

1. "That the road leading up to Willmount (Atherry) Graveyard be cleaned up, soled and surfaced, and at Graveyard Gate, the turning space for a Hearshe be improved.
2. That the Bridge at Bridge Street, Atherry, known as Taylor's Bridge be demolished, and a new and wider bridge be constructed."

20. Other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1957.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Patrick, SIRR and Wall.

680 - SYMPATHY: It was proposed by the Chairman that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the relatives of the late Senator Sean Moylan, Minister for Agriculture, and that as a mark of respect the meeting be adjourned for an hour.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Coogan, and supported by all the members present.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. P.A. McDermott and family, Glenamaddy.
The Lambert family, Oldchapel, Oughterard.
The relatives of Mr. W.P. Higgins, Glenina, Galway.
The relatives of Mr. Joseph Waters, Eyre Square, Galway.

The meeting was then adjourned until 1. 45.p.m. and on resumption Deputy Carty again took the Chair.

681 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to No: 679 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

682 - COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Letter of 23rd November, 1957, from the Chief Executive Officer, County Galway Vocational Education Committee, was submitted, enclosing a draft copy of the Committee's proposed financial scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1959, and an explanatory memorandum.

It was proposed by Clr. P. SIRR, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council approve the financial scheme of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee for the year ending 31st March, 1959, providing for a rate of 1/3d. in the £. on the valuation at 1st April, 1957, of the Committee's administrative area. "

683 - PRE-1950 PENSIONED TEACHERS: Correspondence received from the Pensioned Teachers Association was submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council request earnestly that the Minister for Education will accede to the claim of the pre-1950 pensioned teachers for payment of the balance of retiring gratuity due to them."

684 - LOAN, CRAUGHWELL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Secretary explained that it will be necessary to raise a supplementary loan of £2,500 for Craughwell Water Supply Scheme, as it is anticipated that the total cost of the scheme will be £21,000 while the amount of the loan originally raised is £18,500.

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

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £2,500 for provision of a Water Supply Scheme at Craughwell; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of twenty-five years, or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate obtaining at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

685 - CLARENBRIDGE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - PROPOSAL: It was proposed by Clr. J.J. Ruane, seconded by Deputy M. Carty and resolved:-

"That this Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from a stream leading from a series of springs into the Kilcolgan River at an intake point in Kilcorman Townland, situate in the said County Health District for the purpose of

providing a supply of water for the inhabitants of the town of Clarinbridge, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952 under a scheme to be called and known as "The Clarinbridge Water Supply Scheme" hereby make this proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such a supply of water from the said stream sufficient for the requirements of the said inhabitants of said town of Clarinbridge. The said supply is to be taken from the said stream at a point marked "A" on the map prepared for the purpose of the said Scheme by Patrick J. Tobin, Esq., which point is not more than seventy yards upstream of the bridge on the accommodation road between the townlands of Stradbally East and Kilcornan.

Only part of the water in the said stream 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 1954 during a period not exceeding one day varied from 450,000 gallons to 5,400,000 gallons.

The only ancillary operations to be carried out for the purpose of the said Scheme are the construction and erection of a Spillway Dam and the construction and erection of an Intake Chamber at the aforesaid point of Intake".

686 - CLARINBRIDGE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - BOOK OF REFERENCE: It was proposed by Clr. J.J. Ruane, seconded by Deputy M. Carty and resolved:

"That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Book of Reference prepared for the Clarinbridge Water Supply Scheme, in connection with the making of a proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942."

687 - MENLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Clr. Collins was informed by Mr. Tracy, Engineer, that gaugings of the source proposed for the Menlough Water Supply Scheme are being taken and that it is expected that the data will be available in one month's time. Clr. Hanley requested that he be informed of the position in regard to the Killimor Water Supply Scheme.

688 - LOUGHANBEG (INVERIN) WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Correspondence in connection with this scheme was submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council approve the provision of a Water Supply Scheme at Loughanbeg Inverin, at a total estimated cost of £8,290 on the understanding that 25% of the cost will be met by a grant from the Gaeltacht Department, and that 43 1/3% of loan charges on the balance of the cost would be met by the Local Government Department, and that the Council further approve the appointment of a Consultant for this Scheme."

689 - CORNAMONA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Secretary explained the position in regard to the anticipated grants which will be made available for this Scheme and it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce and resolved:

"That the Council approve the provision of a Water Supply Scheme for Cornamona at an estimated cost of £8,325 on the understanding that 25% of the cost will be met by a grant from the Gaeltacht Department, and that the Department of Local Government will give a contribution of 43 1/3% of the loan charges on the remainder of the cost, and the Council further approve the employment of a Consultant for this Scheme."

690 - PIER AT INISHERK, LETTERMULLEN: Correspondence in connection with this proposal, including letter of 31/10/57 from the Gaeltacht Department, was submitted, and after a discussion, it was decided, on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ridge, that the Council approve the taking over of responsibility for maintenance of this work on its completion, but that the Government Departments concerned, be requested in the case of any future similar schemes, to retain responsibility for maintenance for one year after completion of each such work.

691 - GALWAY HARBOUR: Clr. King stated that much publicity had been given in the local press recently to the affairs of the Galway Harbour, and it was alleged that too many meetings of the Commissioners were being held in committee, and that there was a political motive in a protest made by Clr. King and other members at a recent meeting of the Commissioners. Clr. King explained that since the contractor whose tender was accepted in the first instance, was unable to fulfil a necessary condition, it was not possible to complete a contract agreement in respect of that tender.

The Commissioners then proposed accepting the second lowest tender, but the Minister for Industry & Commerce stated that in view of the publicity given to the consideration of the tenders, he would not accede to this proposal. The Minister directed that the contract be re-advertised and that the tenders received on the second occasion be examined in committee. This, Clr. King stated, was the reason for the alleged "secrecy".

The Contract was re-advertised as directed and tenders were required to be submitted on the basis of two different depths; that in a discussion with the officials of the Department of Industry & Commerce, it was obvious that the latter, were as anxious to bring this scheme to a conclusion, as were the Commissioners; that the examination of the tenders involved many matters of a difficult and technical nature.

Clr. King stated that the editorial in the local paper was misleading and that it was regrettable that such an editorial should appear at a time when definite progress was being made with initiation of the scheme.

Deputy Coogan stated that his only concern as a representative of Galway City was that the scheme should be got under way as soon as possible, so as to provide very necessary work for the numerous unemployed workers in Galway City.

692 - CLERK TO OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council approve the continued temporary employment of Mr. David Egan as temporary clerk to the County Galway Old Age Pensions Committee for the period of six months from 1st December, 1957, with remuneration at the rate already approved."

693 - DENTURES FOR ADULTS: The Secretary stated that the number of applications for dentures for adults at present in hands is 693, of which 428 relate to the year 1957, 227 to the year 1956, and 38 to the year 1955; that the number of cases which can be completed under the existing arrangements is approximately 150 a year.

The County Manager explained that the Minister for Health has directed that in regard to dental examinations and treatment, the Council should concentrate on school children, which policy would eventually obviate the necessity of providing dentures for adults.

The County Manager also stated that he had been informed verbally that the Minister for Health would refuse recoupment of any additional expenditure in provision of dentures for adults, and explained that insured persons can obtain dentures through the Department of Social Welfare.

Deputy Coogan stated that it is wrong to extract teeth and then to leave the person concerned without dentures. Deputy Coogan also requested that at a later meeting the County Manager will state the cost of clearing all the applications for adult dentures at present in hands, and that the Manager will also state if he is satisfied with the quality of the dentures being supplied at present.

Clr. Joyce stated that he had made representations regarding applications for dentures made in the year 1955, and that he was then promised that these dentures would be provided in 1956; that the scheme was suspended then for a lengthy period, that on resumption of the scheme he was assured that these cases would be provided with dentures, but that that had not been done.

It was proposed by Clr. Joyce and seconded by Deputy Carty that the Council recommend to the County Manager that the dentures be provided for the outstanding 38 applications received in the year 1955, before any further dentures be provided for later applicants.

The County Manager agreed that this would be done. Clr. John Donnellan complained that the school dental service is inadequate, as the dentist visits a particular school only twice in ten years.

The County Manager stated that in order to increase the frequency of the dentist's visits to a school, it would be necessary to employ a large number of additional dentists, and that these at present cannot be obtained. Clr. M. Mannion also complained of the inadequacy of the School Dental Scheme.

Deputy Kitt stated that there certainly has been a very great improvement in the School Dental Service during his own time, as a teacher. Clr. M. Mannion was informed by the County Manager that parents are responsible for the cost of taking their children to Portiuncula for teeth extraction.

Clr. Collins recommended that a child, who while attending school has been found to have defective teeth, but who has left school by the time that the dentist visits it, be permitted to return to the school for treatment on the occasion of the dentist's visit.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

694 - SCHOLARSHIPS: On the proposition of Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved the renewal of scholarships in the case of the following candidates who have changed to schools outside the county:-

Mr. W. Connaughton, scholarship to be continued at the existing rate while he avails of it in Roscommon Christian Brothers secondary school.

Miss Eithne U. O'Gorman, scholarship to be continued at the existing rate while this student continues her studies in St. Louis Convent, School, Kiltimagh.

Clr. Kelly complained that the check on the means of the parents of children applying for scholarships is not sufficient.

The County Manager explained the procedure, pointing out that the check being made is as thorough as possible.

The Chairman also explained that the parent or guardian of the applicant makes a sworn declaration regarding means, and that it is difficult for any official to accuse such a person of making a false sworn declaration, which would amount to an accusation of perjury.

695 - PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS: Clr. Kelly complained that the Assistance Officer calls to the houses of former patients stating that they owe hospital bills, and that in one case, this had been done in a case where the account had been paid already.

The Assistant County Manager explained the present procedure which eliminates most of the enquiries outside regarding the means of patients, and stated that there are still some old accounts due in respect of which the patients had received, not only the original account, but subsequent final notices; that if they wished to avoid the embarrassment of a visit by the Assistance Officer, these people could have called to the Superintendent's Office at Galway Regional Hospital, in regard to settlement of the account.

696 - OLD ROADWAY AT GLENANAIL, GALWAY: It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby extinguish the right-of-way of the public over a section of old roadway at Glenanail, Galway, area 28 perches, approximately, as shown in red in the map supplied by the County Engineer.

697 - SUPERANNUATION OF SERVANTS: In response to a request in Minute No: 653 of 26/10/57, the Secretary stated that the number of men concerned in regard to payment of arrears under Section 48 (3) of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1956, is 750.

In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, No: 19 (e) (3), the Secretary stated that there is no official retiring age for road workers, and explained the position in regard to the age at which a worker may obtain a pension, and the circumstances in which a pension is payable.

Clrs. J. Mannion and J. Dowd considered that road workers should retire at the age of 70 years, and Clr. King considered it extraordinary that a youth who is only a couple of months under the age of 18 years would not be employed, while an old man over 70 years will receive employment.

The County Manager explained that there is no legal authority to require a road worker to retire because he is over 70 years of age, but that if the worker concerned is not fit to perform his duties, the County Engineer can require him to retire at any age.

698 - ROADS MEETING: It was unanimously decided that the roads Estimate Meeting would be held on Saturday, 14th December, 1957, commencing at 12.30 p.m. and it was also noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 30th December, 1957, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

699 - QUARRIES: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Flaherty, it was decided to defer until the Roads Estimates Meeting consideration of Item No: 12

in the Agenda - cost of material from central and local quarries. This proposal, which was opposed by Clr. J. Mannion, was carried on a show of hands.

700 - BALLINAMORE BRIDGE DISPENSARY: On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council approved a rent of £30 a year for Ballinamore Bridge Dispensary to include caretaking, fuel and light - this rent to operate from 21st August, 1957, inclusive.

701 - ROAD WORKERS' WAGES: It was directed that consideration of an application by the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union for an increase of 10/- per week in road workers' wages would be adjourned until the road estimate meeting, and it was requested by Deputy Carty that the County Manager would, in the meantime, let the members know what action he proposed taking in regard to this application.

702 - WAGES OF LORRY DRIVERS: On the proposal of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council approved the revision of wages of lorry drivers as set out in Manager's Order No: 40715 of 21st November, 1957, viz:-

For Lorries under 7 tons:	24/- per day.
For Lorries 7 tons and over:	25/6d. per day.

703 - REMUNERATION OF RADIOLOGIST, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The County Manager gave particulars of his proposals for revision of the remuneration of Dr. W.J. McHugh, Radiologist at Galway Regional Hospital, as set out in the County Manager's letter to Dr. McHugh dated 30th October, 1957, and on the proposition of Clr. Kelly, seconded by Deputy Carty, the proposed revision of Dr. McHugh's remuneration was approved.

704 - NURSE, INISHBOFFIN DISPENSARY DISTRICT: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved an inclusive salary of £290 a year for the wholetime, temporary, non-pensionable post of District Nurse for the Inishboffin Dispensary District - as set out in letter of 25th October, 1957, from the Department of Health (A.L/373).

705 - WHOLETIME LAW AGENT: The County Manager stated that Mr. H.B. Naughton, Acting County Solicitor, had requested that the remuneration for this post be left on taxed costs up to an agreed limit; that details of the proposal are being awaited, and that if they are satisfactory, the County Manager will submit particulars to the Council.

It was directed that consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting.

706 - TOWN PLANNING: The County Manager explained that after adopting a planning resolution, the Council could exercise interim control under the Town Planning Acts in the region to which the resolution referred.

At the request of the Council, the County Manager stated that he would supply to the members a memorandum, giving particulars of the advantages of adoption of the plan; that he was concerned principally with development in the vicinity of the larger towns in the county.

Clr. King requested that in the memorandum the disadvantages would be explained as well as the advantages.

707 - PORTUMNA FAIRS: Clr. Hanley requested that steps be taken to remove the horse fair from its present location in Portumna, and the Assistant County Manager stated that in preparation of the Bye-Laws, regard would be had to this recommendation, and requested that details of the alternative location would be submitted by Clr. Hanley.

708 - PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1956: The Secretary explained that in a Department of Local Government Circular E.L.8/56 of 15th December, 1956, it was stated that any increase granted under the terms of that circular letter should take effect from a date not before 1st August, 1956, while in Section 8 of the Act, it was stated that any increase under the Act shall, save as otherwise provided by the Act, have effect from the day of commencement of the pension, or 1st August, 1956, whichever is the later.

It was recommended unanimously that the advice of the Acting County Solicitor be obtained in regard to the Council's liability for payment of the pension increases from 1st August, 1956.

709 - MEETINGS: Letter 2/11/57 from the Secretary, Galway Trades Council was submitted, suggesting that Councillors should forego expenses for adjourned meetings.

On the proposal of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the letter was marked "read".

710 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's report on the accounts of the Lough Corrie Navigation Trustees for the year ended 31st March, 1957, was submitted and noted.

The Auditor's report on the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1954, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

It was ordered that consideration of this report be adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

711 - LOUGHREA SEWERAGE EXTENSION: In response to Deputy Carty's notice of motion, the County Engineer's report of 26th October, 1957, was submitted, giving particulars of the estimated cost of extending the sewerage scheme to cottages at Coscarrig, Loughrea.

712 - WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES FOR COTTAGES: Deputy Carty requested that progress with the provision of water and sewerage schemes for cottages be expedited.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the replies from the tenants in regard to this matter were still being awaited.

713 - BARNIA PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to Deputy Coogan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, recommending provision of a total of four public lights at Barnia, and it was recommended that these lights be provided.

714 - KILTRICKLE PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Chairman recommended that three public lights be provided at Kiltrickle village.

715 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WILLIAMSTOWN: As Clr. Glynn had left the meeting, consideration of his notice of motion No: 19 (c) was adjourned.

716 - PUMP AT CAHORNASHILLY, ETC: As Clr. P. Ruane had left the meeting at this stage, consideration of his Notice of Motion, No: 19 (d) was adjourned.

717 - GULLET AT MBEENISH ISLAND: In response to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 22/11/57 was submitted, stating that the gullet is not required for road purposes, and that the estimated cost of providing it would be £17.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the occupant of the house is an invalid who travels only in a wheel-chair, and that on wet days, there is much flooding at this place, which makes it difficult for the occupant to leave the house, and that the house is also being rendered damp by this flooding.

It was recommended that this matter be re-investigated by the County Engineer on some wet day.

718 - FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR ROAD WORKERS: Deputy Geoghegan requested that the County Manager would meet a deputation of the road workers in regard to their request that they be permitted to work extra time on Monday to Friday inclusive, so that they may have Saturday in each week free.

The County Manager explained the difficulty of working extra time during the winter half of the year.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the workers would be prepared to restrict this arrangement to the summer half of the year. - so as to enable them to do some necessary work on their small holdings of land.

Eventually, the County Manager stated that he would discuss this matter further with the County Engineer.

719 - KILKERRIN-MOYLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: In reply to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that while the Consultant's estimate of the cost of the joint scheme in 1953 was £26,000, the cost calculated in accordance with the tenders received, would amount to £50,000 or approximately £418 per house served; that the matter has been referred to the Consultant to consider the possibility of reduction of the cost.

720 - HOUSING GRANTS FOR SANITARY SERVICES: Clr. Wall pointed out that in cases where a scheme for water supply is contemplated, applicants are being deprived of bathroom grants, while in fact the scheme may not be provided for several years, and the Council recommended that in such cases, the grants should be allowed, and it was requested that at the next meeting a schedule of schemes likely to be proceeded

with during the next five years would be submitted to the Council.
DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

721 - HOUSING LOANS: In reply to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that applications for housing loans were held up for a long period pending receipt of sanction to the loan of £50,000 sought by the Council; that when sanction arrived eventually, there was uncertainty in regard to the rate of interest; that this matter had been cleared up only recently, and that since then the work on housing loans had been resumed.

722 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: Deputy Coogan was informed by the Assistant County Manager that everything possible was being done to clear off applications for housing grants received during the period up to 30th September, 1956, and that it is expected that all such applications would be cleared by 31st March, 1958.

723 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, ATHENRY: Consideration of Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion, No: 19 (g) was adjourned until the Roads Estimate Meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Mairin O'Connell, Chairman.

Date: 30th March 1957

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

6th December, 1958.

To Each Member
of the Council.

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ROADS MEETING.

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 14th December, 1957, to consider the Road Works Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1959, including proposals for new works already submitted by members.

The meeting will start at 11.30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ROADS ESTIMATE MEETING OF THE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,
ON SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1957.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

724 - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. John Mannion, the Council adopted a vote of deep sympathy with Deputy Geoghegan on the death of his father-in-law, and resolved that as a mark of respect, the meeting be adjourned until 2.p.m.

Deputy Geoghegan thanked the Council for their expression of sympathy.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

The relatives of the late Mr. James Kelly, N.T., Clarenbridge.

Mr. P. Jackson, Engineer, on the death of his father.

The Lyons Family, Summerville, Moylough, on the death of their father.

The relatives of the late Mr. Martin Joseph Greaney, Cahermorris, Currandulla.

The Hurley Family, Presentation Road, on the death of their mother.

Mr. J.B. Collins, Acting County Engineer, joined in the expression of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Martin J. Greaney.

The meeting was then adjourned until 2.p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING COUNCILLOR M. QUINN TOOK THE CHAIR.

725 - ROADS ESTIMATE: The County Engineer's Road Works Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1959, having been circulated to the members, was submitted for consideration.

The County Manager recommended that the Council would first consider the provision for maintenance and that later they could deal with the question of providing money for new works.

Deputy Carty considered that the expenditure should be limited to the same amount as was provided for the current year, so as to avoid an increase in the rate.

Deputy Carty questioned the advisability of leaving over the application for an increase in road workers' wages for reference to the Labour Court, and stated that it would be more advisable for the Council to reach a decision on that application now.

Clr. Collins agreed with the recommendation that expenditure be restricted to the same amount as was provided in the current year, and stated that no increase in remuneration had been given to any group of workers since the last increase was given to road workers.

Clr. Sirr stated that road workers would be satisfied with the present rate of wages provided they could be given reasonably steady employment throughout the year.

Clr. King suggested that the estimate be considered on the existing rate of wages.

Clr. Glynn stated that an increase in road workers' wages would result in a scarcity of farm workers.

Clr. Ridge stated that there is a considerable increase in the cost of living during the past twelve months, e.g., cost of flour increased from £2 to £3. 10. 0. per sack, and considered that road workers should be compensated by an increase in their wages.

Clr. Lambert was informed by the County Manager that the Labour Court cannot overrule a decision of the Council.

Clr. John Mannion stated that the Council has no answer to the demand for an increase of 10/- per week in road workers' wages, and stated that the granting of this increase would result in a 10% reduction in the employment of men on roads.

The Chairman suggested that the Council should deal with the estimate on the basis of the existing rate of wages. Clr. Collins objected to this suggestion.

Clr. Wall stated that the granting of the increase should not involve a decrease in employment if more efficient methods of working were introduced, and stated that one Ganger should supervise at least five men, and that further, the Council should have a definite minimum number of permanent workers who would be employed steadily throughout the year at a decent rate of pay.

The County Manager stated that having examined the Estimate along with the County Engineer, he considered that reductions can be effected which will leave the amount to be provided from rates almost equal to that provided in the current year.

Deputy Killilea objected to the practice of adopting an estimate, and then submitting various notices of motion subsequently, which involve additional expenditure.

The County Manager stated that the effect of the revisions in the estimate which he had made would result in a net increase of £2,632 in the amount to be provided for road works in the coming year as compared with the current year.

Clr. King suggested that the provision for improvements be deleted entirely, and that the amount provided for contingencies be increased.

The County Manager pointed out that this would involve a loss of the grant which is made available for improvement.

Clr. Collins proposed that the Estimate be again examined by the County Manager and the County Engineer, so as to reduce it to the same amount as was provided for the current year.

The County Manager stated that the Council must face the fact that the mileage of steamrolled roads has been increased and that consequently provision must be made for their maintenance.

Deputy Carty proposed that the estimate as amended by the County Manager be adopted.

The County Manager suggested that the Council approve of the estimate as amended under all headings except Main and County Road Improvement, and New Works.

Clr. M. Mannion asked why there is not a reduction in the cost of surface-dressing if the central quarries are as economical as the County Engineer claims that they are.

The County Engineer explained that the mileage of roads to be surface-dressed has increased from 114 to 129. In addition to this, the rate of wages has increased while there has not been any increase in the rate per mile for surface-dressing.

The County Manager now gave particulars of his amendment of the County Engineer's provision for Main Road Improvements, reducing the total from £19,810 to £7,470.

Deputy Coogan stated that the paths at Fr. Griffin Road, Galway, are in a bad condition opposite the park there, and that there is urgent necessity for easing the bottle-neck at Newcastle, Galway. Deputy Coogan also recommended that greater use be made of tarmacadam for footpath surfaces.

Clr. John Donnellan recommended that the telephone poles at Ashley Park, Galway, be moved in from their present position.

Deputy Kitt recommended that Main Road Improvement works which are being struck out of the County Engineer's list this year, be included in his list for next year.

Clrs. Glynn and O'Donnell considered that too much money is being spent on footpaths.

Clr. King was informed that the provision for road signs is part of a three-year programme. Clr. King proposed that the entire provision for main roads improvements be deleted from the estimate.

The Chairman stated that the Council has been for years providing footpaths, and that it would not be fair at this stage that members whose areas have already been served, should propose that no further provision be made for footpaths.

Deputy Coogan, who was informed by the Assistant County Engineer, that the road signs provision is mainly for direction signs which will be supplied by Bord Failte, proposed that this provision be reduced to £2,000. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Lambert.

Clr. Dowd stated that road signs are usually situated too high to be illuminated by headlights, and recommended that they be lowered.

After further discussion, it was decided that the provision for road signs be left unaltered at £2,250.

It was then proposed by Clr. King, and seconded by Clr. Collins that the amount £2,250 for road signs on main roads be provided and that the remainder of the amount set out in the estimate for Main Road Improvements be deleted.

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Deputy Carty, that the estimate for Main Road Improvements, as amended by the County Manager, totalling £4,470, be adopted.

A vote was taken on Clr. King's proposal and resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Collins, Coogan, Dowd, Glynn, King, Mannion John (6).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Conning, Carty, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Killilea, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion Martin, Quinn, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sinn and Wall (19).

Clr. King's proposal was declared lost, and Clr. Kelly's proposal was then approved by the Council and adopted, viz., that the estimate for Main Road Improvement Works for the year ending 31st March, 1959, as amended by the County Manager and totalling £7,470, be adopted.

COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: The County Manager gave details of the estimate for county road improvements as submitted by the County Engineer and as amended by the Manager, totalling £5,840.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Deputy Carty that the Estimate for County Road Improvements as amended by the County Manager, be adopted.

Clr. Flaherty stressed the necessity for carrying out the work on County Road No: 212, viz., reconstruction and rolling of road to Cortoon Church, and it was unanimously approved that the Estimate for the Milltown Engineer's area be amended so as to provide as follows:-

Road No: 212	-	£800.
Road No: 219	-	£100.
Road No: 229	-	£100.

Total: £1,000.

Clr. King proposed that all the amount provided for County Road Improvements be deleted. This proposal was not seconded.

Clr. Wall recommended that the amount £2,400 provided in the County Engineer's estimate for reconstruction of Branch County Road No: 514 to Gowla factory (and deleted by the County Manager) be deleted, but that the work be put on the five-year plan for reconstruction of county roads.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council agreed to this recommendation.

The following amendments were made in the County Manager's proposals for Mountbellew Engineer's District:-

County Road No: 271	-	Amount now provided	£400.
County Road No: 428	-	"	£65.
County Road No: 462	-	"	£200.

Total: £665.

With these amendments in the County Manager's proposals for Mountbellew and Milltown areas, and with one further amendment approved by the Council, viz., in Athenry Engineer's area - Road No: 173 - amount to be provided £100, the total of the amount provided for County Road Improvement Works was now £6,825, and this provision was approved by the Council.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that the County Engineer would carry out a survey of the minor roads leading to burial grounds, and this proposal was seconded by Clr. James Ruane and approved.

NEW WORKS: It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Deputy Carty, that no provision be made for the carrying out of new road works during the year ending 31st March, 1959.

Clr. Wall proposed as an amendment that the taking over of roads for maintenance by the Council should be confined to roads on which a Rural Improvements Scheme has been carried out.

Clr. Galvin proposed that a sum of £12,000 be included in the estimates for new road works, and after some discussion, agreed to reduce his proposal to a provision of £1,500 for this purpose for each electoral area, i.e., a total of £7,500. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Clr. King asked that the Council would allow the full amount of £12,000 as originally proposed by Clr. Galvin.

A vote was now taken on Clr. Collins' proposal that a provision be made for new works, resulting as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Ganning, Carty, Collins, Coogan, Geoghegan, Joyce, Killilea, Lambert, Mannion, O'Donnell, Quinn and James Ruane (12).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Hanley, Kelly, King, Kitt, Mannion Martin, Ridge, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall (14).

Clr. Collins' proposal was declared lost.

It was then proposed by Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion and resolved:

"That the amount £7,500 be provided for new road works in the year ending 31st March, 1959."

Clr. Kelly recommended that this expenditure be confined to roads already provided under Rural Improvement Schemes.

Deputy Kitt referred to certain of his proposals which requested only that the roads be put on the five-year plan, viz., Roads Nos: 461, 423 and 464, and the Council approved the County Manager's recommendation that consideration of the five-year plan be placed on the Agenda for a later meeting of the County Council.

Clr. King also recommended that this expenditure be restricted to roads which were made with the aid of a contribution from the Government.

The Council, having approved this provision of £7,500 for new works, the Estimate, as amended and approved was as follows:-

Main Roads:

Total Expenditure - £181,950.
Less Grant - 68,972.

Amount to be met by Rates - £112,978.

County Roads:

Total Expenditure - £205,535.

County Roads - New Works:

Total Expenditure - £7,500.

Total Amount to be met from Rates: £326,013, which is £11,117 increase on the amount to be met from Rates for these works in the current year.

725 - QUARRIES: Consideration of the County Engineer's report on the cost of production and delivery of material from Central and Local pits was adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

The Chairman wished a happy Christmas to the members and staff of the Council, and the County Manager responded on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. J. O'Connell Chairman

Date: 20th Dec 1957

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a b'áirde:

1. Miontuairisí.
2. Tasaóir £4800 - Tasaóir an Bóicéir. 'sa B'loicín: Miontuairisí a séalú.
3. Tasaóir seilbh - ráite go 31. 3. 1958.
4. B'ailteoir Rátaí, Ceannair 30 - tuarascail.
5. Scoilre-é.
6. 'rb-Comairle na gCondae - lior 18. 12. 57.
7. S'aróirí cailioéca ag aill na b'ornóg, Cill Chiaráin.
8. Scéim síolta - S'oláir.
9. Helicopter - lior 27. 11. 57 ó'n Roinn Sláinte.
10. Scéim le h-áirde bóicéir a beisiú.
11. B'ailteoir Conndae - Oifis a éreú.
12. B'ailteoir Ceannair 11h-áimsiread - Oifisí a éreú:-
(a) Uáicéir.
(b) Port omha.
13. Anesthetics - dá post seairne, par-áimsiread a éreú.
14. Liuntas tairbhí £14 sa bl. - an Bóicéir Ceannair, a fáisce.
15. Na h-ábair na b'ailte agus liomtuairisí do sínead amad, 1934 and 1939.
16. Tasaóir na b'ailte (Máidú), 1956.
17. Scéimeanna seirbhí sílínioéca - Miontuairisí 720 de 23. 11. 1957.

18. Oifigí a sholárait.
19. Síceanna suibíte i mhótar na Sráide.
20. Sráide ó'n Inghéaróir.
21. Coléir - costaisí.
22. Cruinníte - litreacha ó Chúairle Céarda na Sionnige agus ó Chúairle Céard-Ómáin Duama.
23. Mólta ó Chúairleóirí.
24. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan £4,800 for Clifden Dispensary Residence.
3. Overdraft for quarter to 31. 3. 1958.
4. Rate Collector No: 30 District - revised remuneration.
5. University Scholarships Scheme - Deferring payment of a scholarship for one year.
6. County Councils' General Council - letter 18. 12. 57.
7. Landing facilities at Mill na dTornog, Kilkerrin - additional contribution.
8. Adoption of Scheme for supply of seeds and fertilizers in the period to 31. 7. 1958.
9. Helicopter - letter 27. 11. 57 from the Department of Health.
10. Plan for Reconstruction of County Roads - position in regard to completion.
11. Creation of Office of Whole-time Law Agent.
12. Creation of two whole-time offices of District Nurse, viz. in:-
 - (a) Oughterard District.
 - (b) Portumna district.
13. Creation of two part-time permanent posts of Anaesthetist to the Galway County Council.
14. Additional travelling allowance of £14 a year for District Medical Officer, Clonbur.
15. Advisability of adopting the Town and Regional Planning Acts for all or part of the Galway County Health District.
16. Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956.
17. Proposed sanitary services schemes - Minute No: 720 of 23. 11. 57.
18. Provision of additional office accommodation.
19. Improvements and car parks at Salthill.
20. Auditor's Reports.
21. Quarries - Cost of material from central and local quarries.
22. Meetings - letters from Galway and Tuam Trades Councils.

23. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

(a) Clr. P. Ruane:

1. To deepen the pump at Cahernashelleeny, Claregalway, which is dry and out of order all this summer.
2. Also to deepen the pump at Cussaune, Cross, Athenry which is also out of order.
2. That public lighting be installed at Claregalway village.

(b) Clr. J.M. Glynn:

1. To ask the County Manager what is the position re Ballymoe Waterworks.
2. To ask the County Engineer to state what is the delay in having "Corneill's Wall" Ballyroe walled in.
3. To deepen Pump at Curragh Dunmore.
4. To have white dividing line painted on road in towns Ballymoe, Williamstown and Dunmore.

(c) Deputy M.F. Kitt:

I will propose at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that the pump outside Castle N.S. be bored so as to give sufficient supply of water.

(d) Deputy M.F. Kitt and Clr. H. Mammion:

We propose that the Co. Council make arrangements with the Rev. Manager of Windfield new National School for the supply of water to a public fountain on the roadside.

(e) Clr. M. Wall:

1. That the road through the village of Kilclough joining roads 454-281 be declared a public road.
2. That the Co. Road from Newbridge to Kilkerrin be included in this year's programme for steam-rolling.

(f) Clr. Wm. Burke:

1. That the danger signs be erected at Dunmore.
2. That pilot light be also erected at Dunmore.
3. That pump be sunk for the village of Killooney.
4. That road leading from Dillonbrook through Cloondroon Cloonreine to Bllindine be declared a county road.

(g) Clr. F.D. Joyce:

1. That public lighting be provided between the dispensary and the entrance to Bryan Mahon's Terrace, Clifden.
2. That public lighting be provided at Leenane.
3. That the Letterfrack water supply be extended to Dawrosbeg.
4. That a water supply be provided at Ardnagreavagh, Renvyle.
5. That a white line be painted along the centre of the public road from Bridge Street to the end of Millar's Mill, Clifden.

(h) Clrs. J. Canning and T. Hanley:

That in order to relieve congestion during all fairs at Portumna in the street known as Castle Avenue, that the horse fair should be changed from this said area to a street adjacent to same known as Abbey Street. For the safety of the general public this should be done without delay.

(i) Clrs. J. Canning and J. Dowd:

That the Galway Co. Council would recommend to the responsible Ministers of Government the appointment of wardens for the protection

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23.(i) of fisheries and game during the close season, and that steps should be taken to exterminate vermin especially the grey crow. That the wardens so appointed could act in a dual capacity. We consider that if something like this is not done in the near future game in general will become extinct.

(j) Clr. T. King:

1. The public lighting at Headford be extended to the Labourers' cottages at Pollacullaire.
2. That public latrine be provided in town of Headford.
3. The Council be informed of the position in regard to the provision in the town of Headford of (1) a dumping ground (2) a pound.

(k) Deputy M. Killilea:

I or somebody on my behalf will ask the Co. Manager to explain the delay in erecting public lighting in Abbeyknockmoy.

24. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 30th December, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quim.

ALSO PRESENT: CLR. Burke, Deputy Carty, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

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

The relatives of the late Mr. Dermot Tarpey, Lettragh, Rahoon.
The relatives of the late Mr. Duffy, Barna.
The Hession family, Athenry.
The Cahill family, Derrydonnell.
Mr. Paddy Corcoran, Loughrea, on the death of his mother.

728 - LOAN FOR CLIFDEN DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. Joyce, and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 4th November, 1957, of the Minister for Health, the sum of £4,800, to be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the erection of a dispensary residence at Clifden, to be repaid within fifteen 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 Ltd."

729 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £75,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1958."

730 - RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT NO: 24: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the proposal to transfer the electoral divisions of Abbeyville, Drummin, and Coos, from Rate Collection District No: 31, to Rate Collection District No: 24, with effect from 1st July, 1958, and the Council also approved the revised remuneration proposed for the collector in District No: 24, with effect from 1st July, 1958, viz:-

Salary Scale - £325 x £25 to £400 a year, plus bonus of £100 a year for compliance with the usual five conditions, and temporary allowance on both salary and bonus at the full rate of 30%, plus a further 10% on the first £300 of salary and temporary allowance and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on the remainder; franchise fees to be payable in addition.

731 - RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT NO: 30: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the proposal to reduce the area of Rate Collection District No: 30, by the exclusion of the electoral divisions of Kilmalinoge and Moat from that district, and, since the existing collector's employment will terminate on 30th April, 1958, the Council further approves the following revised remuneration for that district, with effect from 1st May, 1958, inclusive:-

Salary scale - £340 by £20 to £400 a year, plus bonus of £100 a year for compliance with the usual five conditions, and temporary allowance at full rate on both salary and bonus, viz., 30% plus a further 10% on the first £300 of salary and temporary allowance and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on the remainder; franchise fees to be payable in addition to this remuneration.

732 - RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT NO: 31: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the revision of the area of Rate Collection District No: 31, by the exclusion of the electoral divisions of Abbeyville, Drummin and Coos from that district and by transfer of the electoral divisions of Kilmalinoge and Moat to District No: 31 from District No: 30 - the existing poundage rate to be paid on rates to be collected in the electoral divisions of Kilmalinoge and Moat.

733 - RATE COLLECTORS - GENERAL: On the proposition of the Chairman, Mr. M. Quinn, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council unanimously recommended that Rate Collectors

who are being remunerated by poundage should be paid quarterly instead of half-yearly.

The County Manager informed Clr. Glynn that a Rate Collector who is remunerated by salary is responsible for payment of the remuneration of his Deputy.

734 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME: The Secretary explained that Mr. John J. Ryan, who was awarded a scholarship in 1956, and who is pursuing a course of studies leading to a degree in mechanical engineering, passed his first year examination in University College, Galway, but did not reach a standard sufficiently high to secure a place for him for the second year of the course at University College, Dublin, that Mr. Ryan now proposes repeating the first year of the course at University College, Dublin.

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved the deferring of payment of the scholarship awarded to Mr. Ryan, for a period of one year, viz., in 1957/58, on the understanding that if the student complies with the usual conditions at the end of the current year, the scholarship will again be renewed for the year 1958/59 and subsequently, subject to compliance with the terms of the scheme.

735 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter of 18/12/57 from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, stating that the General Council had adopted the Galway County Council's motion regarding the obtaining of information from Fire Insurance Companies, and that this Council's motion that legislation be introduced to deal with the problem of itinerants had been referred to the Emergency Committee.

736 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS: Deputy Coogan recommended that publicity be given to the making of malicious injury claims against the Council, so that interested persons might be made aware of the claims, and might be given an opportunity to oppose them if they so desired.

737 - LANDING FACILITIES - AILL NA DTURNOG, KILKERRIN: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council approved payment of a further contribution of £23. 12. 6. towards the cost of the provision of landing facilities at Aill na dturnog, this amount being in addition to the original contribution of £625.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that while the work carried out in this case is very satisfactory so far as it goes, it does not, in fact, provide shelter which would enable boats to lie up at the pier overnight, and recommended that the Office of Public Works be requested to consider the views of the local fishermen before carrying out such works in future.

738 - SEEDS, ETC. SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. J. Collins, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Council hereby adopt a scheme for the supply of seeds and fertilisers on loan terms during the period ending 31st July, 1958, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the scheme as submitted to the Council on this day.

739 - HELICOPTER: Letter, A.116/74 of the 27/11/57 from the Department of Health was submitted, stating that the Council's recommendation that a helicopter be provided for the conveyance of patients to hospital from islands off the west coast, is being reconsidered, and that a further letter will be sent to this Council when an investigation of this matter is completed.

740 - PLAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROADS: The Acting County Engineer stated that at the end of the current year approximately 270 miles of county roads already included in the reconstruction plan will remain to be done, and that the mileage of roads which can be reconstructed in each year is from 50 to 60 miles.

Deputy Kitt considered that the increase in the mileage of county roads reconstructed, should result in a saving of labour and material on maintenance of county roads as a whole, and that this saving should be diverted to the reconstruction of a greater mileage of county roads.

The County Manager pointed out that the mileage of County Roads which can be reconstructed in any particular year depends on the amount of the grant made available by the Government for that year, the grant being always spent in full.

Clr. Sirr complained that several roads have been on the reconstruction plan for a very long period, and that they are not being done in their proper order of priority.

The County Manager stated that in

some Engineers' areas, the mileage of the roads listed was small and consequently the plan for these areas was completed earlier than elsewhere, and these Engineers were then in a position to take on further roads which were very much in need of reconstruction.

Clr. Ridge was informed by the County Manager that the Shanafeisteon road is not on the five-year plan; that a grant for the improvement of this road had been sought from the Gaeltacht Department, but that the decision of that Department had not yet been received.

The County Manager also pointed out to the Council that the list of roads to be done under the construction plan in each year is submitted to the Council in advance for approval.

Clr. King recommended that if the plan is to be regarded as a five-year plan, then there should not be any additions to it until the roads already listed will be reconstructed.

The County Manager explained that the fact that there is a plan for several years ahead enables the Department of Local Government Officials to investigate the proposals and to decide on their merits well in advance of the year in which the reconstruction work is to be carried out.

In reply to Clr. Sirr's complaint, the County Manager stated that roads are reconstructed in order of priority as far as possible, but occasionally special circumstances arise, which may require a deviation from the priority order.

741 - LAW AGENT: On the proposition of Clr. Sirr, seconded by Clr. Collins, the Council adjourned until next meeting consideration of the creation of the office of wholetime Law Agent to the Council.

742 - WHOLETIME DISTRICT NURSES: Deputy Coogan proposed that consideration of the creation of the wholetime offices of District Nurse for Oughterard and Portumna Districts be deferred until next meeting.

The County Manager explained the general scheme for appointment of district nurses in districts who will carry out general nursing duties as well as midwifery, and stated that each district nurse so appointed to the wholetime post will commence on the minimum of the scale, which is very much in excess of the existing remuneration payable to any midwife or to any part-time district nurse.

Deputy Geoghegan seconded the proposal made by Deputy Coogan.

The County Manager informed Clr. Collins that past, permanent and pensionable service would count in reckoning the pensionable service of a district nurse and that if any part-time permanent nurse already employed does not wish to accept the wholetime post of district nurse, she will continue in her present position.

The County Manager, in reply to Clr. John Donnellan, stated that every officer on being promoted, commences on the minimum of the salary scale for the position to which he is promoted.

It was eventually agreed that consideration of this matter will be deferred until the next meeting, and that at that meeting, particulars be also submitted to the Council of any other districts in which it is proposed to create the office of wholetime district nurse.

743 - MEETINGS: It was unanimously decided that in future meetings of the County Council which commence at 12.30 p.m. will be adjourned for lunch for one hour from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

744 - ANAESTHETISTS: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the creation of two part-time permanent and pensionable posts of Anaesthetists to Galway County Council, with remuneration and other conditions of appointment as set out in the enclosure received with letter A.11/36 (Vol. 11) of 6th December, 1957, from the Department of Health.

745 - CLONBUR DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, the Council approved the payment of a travelling allowance of £14 a year to the District Medical Officer, Clonbur No. 1 Dispensary District, with effect from the date of opening of the new dispensary at Cornamona.

746 - MEDICAL STAFF - REMUNERATION: The Council unanimously approved the County Manager's proposal to increase the remuneration of Senior House Physicians and Senior House Surgeons at Galway Regional Hospital, to the following level:-

£600 per annum, plus temporary bonus for the first twelve months of employment, and at the rate of £700 per annum plus temporary bonus thereafter, subject to a deduction at the rate of £159 per annum for emoluments provided in kind.

747 - TOWN PLANNING: On the proposition of Cllr. Flaherty, seconded by Cllr. Sirr, the Council decided to adjourn until next ordinary meeting, consideration of the advisability of adopting the Town and Regional Planning Acts for all or part of the Galway County Health District.

748 - PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1956: The Secretary stated that in accordance with the Council's direction at the last meeting, the advice of the Acting County Solicitor had been sought on 29/11/57 in regard to the Council's liability to pay increases under above Act from 1st August, 1956, but that the Acting County Solicitor had not yet replied to that request.

It was decided that consideration of this item should be adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

749 - SANITARY SERVICE SCHEMES: In response to Minute No: 720 of the 23/11/57, the Secretary gave particulars of the sanitary schemes which are likely to be carried out in the next five years, viz:-

Water Supply Schemes.

Clarebridge.
Barna.
Kilkerrin,
Moylough,
Menlough.
Ballymoe.
Monivea.
Killinor.
Craughwell.
Cornamona.
Loughaunbeg, Inverin.
Inishmore, Aran. (Regional).
Ldwest, Carna.

Sewerage Schemes.

Kilronan.
Woodford.
Eyrecourt.
Mountbellew.
Ballygar.
Ahascragh.
Carraroo.
Williamstown.

In response to a request by Cllr. Flaherty that the Moylough-Kilkerrin Scheme be expedited, the County Manager stated that the Consultant's reply to our letter requiring him to report on the possibility of reducing the cost, is being awaited.

750 - BALLYMOE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: In reply to an enquiry by Cllr. Sirr, the County Manager stated that the Consultant for the Ballymoe Water Supply Scheme had been requested to devise a less expensive scheme; that this had not been found to be feasible, and that if the Council approves, the County Manager proposes going ahead with this scheme as originally proposed, but that it will be at least eight or nine months before the scheme can be started.

On the proposition of Cllr. Sirr, seconded by Cllr. Flaherty, the Council approved the carrying out of the scheme for provision of a water supply for Ballymoe.

751 - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, COUNTY BUILDINGS: The Council approved the County Manager's proposal to provide additional office accommodation at the County Buildings at an estimated cost of £1800 provided the rent for the motor taxation office will be increased by the Department of Local Government to £6. a week.

752 - CAR PARKS ETC. AT SALTHILL: The County Secretary read to the Council the County Manager's letter to him dated 3rd December, 1957, requesting the Council's approval to proceeding with negotiations for the acquisition of the properties and if necessary, to the employment of a Valuer to value the properties.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Cllr. Donnellan, that the Council approve the negotiations for the purchase of the properties required for the carrying out of improvements and road widening at Salthill, as set out in the County Manager's letter of 3/12/57, and further approve the appointment of a Valuer, if necessary, for this purpose.

It was proposed by Cllr. Sirr and seconded by Cllr. Dowd, that in view of the fact that more urgent works are necessary elsewhere, this proposal should be deferred for six months.

The County Manager stated that the development of Galway City is a very definite advantage to the remainder of the County.

Cllr. O'Donnell stated that the Council is concentrating too much on the development of one centre; that there are very fine strands in Carraroo, which can only be reached through boreens, and that these should receive attention before any further money will be expended on Salthill.

Cllr. Dowd stated that the main essential in this country is that there should be increased production from the land; that he has for a long time been seeking a small sum of money to improve a dangerous bridge in his area, which is a much more urgent need than the carrying out of the improvements at Salthill.

Deputy Coogan stated that the residents of Salthill pay a large amount in rates and deserve consideration on that account; that the Council has hitherto treated Salthill very well, and that the job should not now be spoiled by withholding this small further assistance.

Cllr. Glynn recommended that there be development for this purpose at the Golf Course where more adequate accommodation would be available.

Cllr. King doubted whether the members of the Council were competent to decide on the proper location of a car park at Salthill, and in reply the County Manager stated that this matter had been considered very thoroughly already, and that the views of the Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce, and the people of Salthill had been obtained.

A vote taken, as between Deputy Coogan's and Cllr. Sirr's proposals resulted as follows:-

For Deputy Coogan's Proposal: Cllrs. Coogan, Donnellan John, Galvin, Geoghegan, Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, King, Kitt, Lambert, Hannion John, Hannion Martin, Quinn, Ruane James, Ruane Pat (15).

For Cllr. Sirr's Proposal: Cllrs. Burke, Collins, Dowd, Flaherty, Lahiff, O'Donnell and Sirr. (7).

The Chairman declared Deputy Coogan's proposal carried.

753 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Galway County Committee of Agriculture for the year ending 31st March, 1957, was submitted and noted.

Consideration of the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1954, was adjourned until the next meeting, so that, possibly, the Minister's decision on the appeals made by two officials charged with negligence, may be available.

754 - QUARRIES: Consideration of Item No: 21 on the Agenda was adjourned until next meeting on the proposal of Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Lambert.

755 - MEETINGS: The Secretary read letters of 4th December, 1957, from the Galway Trades Council and from the Tuam Trades Council, and it was unanimously decided that these letters be marked "read".
Consideration of Item No: 23 (Councillors' Notices of Motion) was adjourned until the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Cab Chairman.

Date: 25/1/58

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OIFIS AN RÚNAI,
DÓÉAR MÓR,
SAILLÍM.

17th DECEMBER, 1958.

Suícán:
SAILLÍM 55.

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TARRTAR ORC leis seo beir i léitear ag Cruinnú de Comhairle
Connbae na SAILLÍME A tIONÓIFAR ins na foirgnite Connbae, OIA SAILLÍM
25th DECEMBER, 1958, ag tosú ar 12.30 p.m. a ólos.

Mise, le meas-

1. O'luanais.
- Runai.

Cuiz zac baille de'n Comhairle.

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na h-ábair seo leanas a breaicnú:

1. Mioncuairisí.
2. Soléir - Costaisí.
3. Na h-éanna um baille agus líomacáisi do síneadh amach, 1934 7 1939.
4. Cruinnú Coisce Meascaán - dátaí a sócrú.
5. Scéim Uisce-soláitair, rd Coir, Cárna.
6. Séarais a soláitair i nSráis na muilte iaráinn.
7. Séarais a soláitair i Maí Cuilinn.
8. Ceáic Cuirce a soláitair sa Spidéal.
9. Droichead ag Cluain Fearca - leasú.
10. Oisribéat Fiaobrais, SAILLÍM - Deisjucán ml.
11. Oisribéat Connbae - Oifis a érucú.
12. Dapalera Ceannair lán-aimsiread - Oifisí a érucú in:

- (a) Uachtarárd.
- (b) Port Omda.

13. Freascailide ar an bPialóir - Oifis eile a érucú.
14. Dailiteoir Rátaí i zCeannair 4 - tuarascail a sócrú.
15. Coisce Fiosraite Fubúireadcaí Ceannair - Mioncuairisí:-

SAILLÍM	2/11/1957
"	4/1/1958
n Cloacán	28/12/1957
tuaim	11/1/1958

16. Dapáisce Mailisead - éilim
17. Sráic an Infiúctóra.
18. Seirbís tárrála - lítir 30/12/57 ó Clann na Poblachta.
19. Molta ó Comhairleoirí.
20. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:-

1. Minutes.
2. Quarries - Cost of Material from Central and Local Quarries.
3. Advisability of adopting the Town and Regional Planning Acts for all or part of the Galway County Health District.

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4. Fixing date of Estimates Committee Meeting and of Estimates Meeting.
5. Provision of Water Supply Scheme at Ard East, Carna.
6. Provision of Sewerage scheme for Woodford.
7. Provision of Sewerage Scheme for Moycullen.
8. Provision of a new Courthouse at Sniddal.
9. Improvements at Clonfert Canal Bridge.
10. Improvements at Galway Fever Hospital.
11. Creation of Office of Whole-time Law Agent.
12. Creation of Office of Whole-time District Nurse in:-
 - (a) Oughterard.
 - (b) Portumna.
13. Creation of one additional office of Dental Attendant.
14. Remuneration for vacant office of Rate Collector in No.4 District.
15. Visiting Committee Minutes:-
 - Galway Regional Hospital - 2/11/1957
 - " " " 4/1/1958
 - Our Lady of Fatima Hospital 28/12/1957
 - St. Mary's Home, Tuam 11/1/1958.
16. Malicious Damage Claims received.
17. Auditor's reports.
18. Air-Sea Rescue Service - Letter 30/12/1957 from Clann na Poblachta.
19. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. P. Ruane:
 1. To deepen the pump at Cahermashelleeny, Claregalway, which is dry and out of order all this summer.
 2. Also to deepen the pump at Cussaune, Cross, Athenry which is also out of order.
 2. That public lighting be installed at Claregalway village.
 - (b) Clr. J. M. Glynn:
 1. To ask the County Manager what is the position re Ballymoe Waterworks.
 2. To ask the County Engineer to state what is the delay in having "Corneill's Well" Ballyroe walled in.
 - 3. To deepen Pump at Curragh Dunmore.
 - 4. To have white dividing line painted on road in towns Ballymoe, Williamstown and Dunmore.
- (c) Deputy M. F. Kitt:

I will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the pump outside Castle N.S. be bored so as to give sufficient supply of water.
- (d) Deputy M. F. Kitt and Clr. M. Mannion:

We propose that the Co. Council make arrangements with the Rev. Manager of Windfield new National School for the supply of water to a public fountain on the roadside.
- (e) Clr. M. Wall:
 1. That the road through the village of Kilclough joining roads 454-281 be declared a public road.

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2. That the Co. Road from Newbridge to Kilkerrin be included in this year's programme for steam-rolling.

(f) Clr. Wm. Burke:

1. That the danger signs be erected at Dunmore.
2. That pilot light be also erected at Dunmore.
3. That pump be sunk for the village of Killooney.
4. That road leading from Dillonbrook through Cloondroon Cloonreine to Ballindine be declared a county road.

(g) Clr. P. D. Joyce:

1. That public lighting be provided between the dispensary and the entrance to Bryan Mahon's Terrace, Clifden.
2. That public lighting be provided at Leenane.
3. That the Letterfrack water supply be extended to Dawrosbeg.
4. That a water supply be provided at Ardnagreevagh, Renvyle.
5. That a white line be painted along the centre of the public road from Bridge Street to the end of Millar's Mill, Clifden.

(h) Clrs. J. Canning and T. Hanley:

That in order to relieve congestion during all fairs at Portumna in the street known as Castle Avenue, that the horse fair should be changed from this said area to a street adjacent to same known as Abbey Street. For the safety of the general public this should be done without delay.

(i) Clrs. J. Canning and J. Dowd:

That the Galway County Council would recommend to the responsible Ministers of Government the appointment of wardens for the protection of fisheries and game during the close season, and that steps should be taken to exterminate vermin especially the grey oxow. That the wardens so appointed could act in a dual capacity. We consider that if something like this is not done in the near future game in general will become extinct.

(j) Clr. T. King:

1. The public lighting at Headford be extended to the Labourers' Cottages at Pollacullaire.
2. That public latrine be provided in town of Headford.
3. The Council be informed of the position in regard to the provision in the town of Headford of (1) a dumping ground (2) a pound.

(k) Deputy M. Killilea:

I or somebody on my behalf will ask the County Manager to explain the delay in erecting public lighting in Abbeyknockmoy.

(l) Clr. P. Kelly:

1. I or someone on my behalf will request the Galway County Council to present an address of welcome to the Captain of the Liner Rydan of the Holland-America Line on its arrival at Galway on July the 24th Next the occasion of the re-opening of the port for trans-atlantic passenger trade.
 2. That the old bridge at Turloughmore be replaced due to its dangerous condition.
 3. That the road from main road at Turloughmore to Lareagh pump be steam-rolled.
20. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR:

- (1) Deputy M. Carty.
- (2) Clr. M. Quinn.
- (3) Clr. T. King.

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

756 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to No: 755 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

757 - GALWAY HARBOUR SCHEME: Deputy Coogan stated that the starting of work on the Galway Harbour Scheme was held up by the fact that the Minister for Industry & Commerce is requiring an increase in the amount of the bond, and recommended that a resolution be sent to the Ministry for Industry & Commerce, requesting that the scheme would be expedited, so as to relieve unemployment in the city.

Clr. King stated that this scheme should not be regarded as one for relief of unemployment; that it was justified on its own merits without reference to the unemployment position.

It was agreed to request the Minister for Industry & Commerce to do whatever is necessary so as to expedite the starting of work on this scheme.

758 - FROST: Clr. John Donnellan congratulated the County Engineering staff on the prompt manner in which sand was placed on the roads during the recent frosty period, so as to render them safe.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that there be a standing arrangement, whereby lorries would be diverted to this work during any frosty period that the roads are rendered dangerous.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

759 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: Clr. Quinn, Chairman, stated that he considered that the Council should protest in regard to a radio talk given recently by Mr. Maxwell Sweeney, which gave the impression that large road improvements were only carried out in the south and east parts of this country.

Clr. Glynn stated that the most dangerous main road in the country is that from Dublin to Kinegad.

760 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME: Clr. Quinn stated that the decision at the last meeting of the Council to defer payment of Mr. J. Ryan's scholarship for one year will cause hardship to that student.

On the suggestion of Deputy Kitt, the Council recommended that the total amount of the scholarship still available for the remaining three years be divided into four equal parts, one to be paid in each year, and that the first such payment be made in respect of the current year to this student.

761 - QUARRIES: The statement giving particulars of the cost of material from central and local quarries, as circulated to the members on 15th October, 1957, was submitted.

Clr. Flaherty stated that while the figures supplied support the argument in favour of central quarries, the fact is that much employment may be given locally by the use of local quarries, and even if there was a little difference in cost, such local employment would be justified; that if all factors are taken into account, Clr. Flaherty could not see how material from a local quarry could cost more than material brought to North Galway from New Inn or Tonabrocky.

Clr. Quinn stated that very little material goes from New Inn Quarry to North Galway, and that he has been informed that no material goes from that quarry to Mountbellew.

Deputy Kitt confirmed this in regard to the Mountbellew area. Clr. Martin Mannion stated that material from New Inn is coming into his area, and he proposed that in future no material other than chippings be sent from the central quarries into North Galway, where there is an abundance of good gravel pits.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that there is a conflict between the statements made regarding material being taken from the Central Pits into North Galway, and asked for a comparison between the cost of crusher jaws used in the Central Pits and the similar cost of jaws for local quarries.

Deputy Geoghegan also stated that there is no sense in taking material from Tonabrucky Quarry into Connemara.

Mr. J.B. Collins, Acting County Engineer, stated that only a small quantity of material from New Inn goes into the district of Mr. J. O'Neill, A.C.E.; that Castlefrench and Garbally pits, which are situated in that district, are used extensively; that the cost of crusher jaws is included in the cost of operating the Central Pits and consequently is included in the charge per ton for material.

Clr. Sarr recommended that the greatest possible use be made of local pits so as to give the maximum of employment locally, especially this year, even if a small saving could be made by the use of material from the Central Pits.

The Chairman stated that if the cost of material is increased, the result will be a reduction in the amount of money available for labour on roads generally.

Clr. Sarr stated that material has been taken 35 miles by C.I.E. lorry from New Inn Pit to Ballymoe.

Clr. Burke stated that he could not see how there could be a saving by taking material a long distance in trucks, and he questioned the possibility of delivery by truck at 8/- per ton for a distance of 35 miles. Clr. Burke also stated that he had seen material re-loaded twice, after being brought from the Central Pit to some depot, and he considered that every engineer should be required to get the material for his own district within his district; that material can be supplied from local pits at less cost than that shown for these local pits in the County Engineer's report.

Clr. O'Donnell stated that he agreed with the statements made by Clrs. Burke and Flaherty; that there is no justification for taking stones from Tonabrucky to Connemara, and he asked if the Acting County Engineer had considered the establishment of a Central Pit in South Connemara.

Clr. Martin Mannion stated that when the Council authorised the provision of Central Pits, he understood that only chippings would be supplied from these pits to distant areas.

Deputy Killilea stated that the use of a truck instead of a horse and cart for short draws is ridiculous.

Clr. James Donnellan asked that a decision on the matter be taken.

Clr. John Mannion stated that when material is delivered to Clifden from Tonabrucky by C.I.E. truck, the main benefit is given to C.I.E.; that however he is satisfied that the County Engineer is not sending material from Tonabrucky to Clifden as a regular procedure.

Clr. Kitt proposed that the County Engineer obtain as much material as possible from the local pits.

The Acting County Engineer stated that the material delivered to Clifden from Tonabrucky was taken by a County Council truck.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Collins, the Chairman stated that the County Council was consulted in regard to the location of the Central Pit.

Clr. Lambert stated that the hard chippings from Tonabrucky are not the most suitable type of road surface, and that excellent material could be obtained from Lough Cutra Quarry.

Clr. King recommended that the supply of 2" stones from the Central Pits be restricted to the immediate area, and that chippings from these pits be delivered throughout the entire county - if this would be an economic proposition.

Clr. Burke agreed with Clr. King's suggestion.

Clr. Ridge stated that sticks are being brought to provide a fence at Tully, while there is an abundant supply of stones available there for that purpose.

Clr. Joyce stated that he objected to material from Tonabrucky coming into Connemara; that it had been explained that this was done only during an emergency, when there was a lack of material from local pits. Clr. Joyce therefore recommended that the County Engineer would build up reserves of material in local quarries in Connemara, so as to avoid in future the necessity for taking material from Tonabrucky into that area.

Senator Lahiffe stated that he agreed with Clr. Lambert in regard to the unsuitability of the Tonabrucky chips, as they are hard on tyres and also cause discomfort to school children. Senator Lahiffe requested that these chips should not be put out as maintenance material, and recommended that instead such material be obtained from an excellent pit which is available at Lough Cutra.

Clr. Dowd proposed that each Assistant County Engineer be responsible for obtaining material within his own district.

The County Manager stated that while it is desirable to give employment locally, the Council is obliged to provide services at the most reasonable cost possible;

that the Council approved the location of the Central Pits and the purchase of the plant for them; that restriction of the area of delivery would raise the cost of material left to be produced in the central pits; that the quality of the material from the central pits is very much higher than that from the local pits, and that the saving in the cost of production leaves more money available for road works generally; that the County Engineer might consider making more use of local quarries for supply of soling stones, but that they should not be used for graded material.

Deputy Killilea considered that the Council should do its utmost to provide local employment as far as would be feasible.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. O'Donnell, the County Manager stated that the Council could have trouble with the Government if road works were not carried out in the most economical manner possible.

Clr. Flaherty seconded Clr. Martin Mannion's proposal.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that when the 396 tons of material was brought from Tonabrucky to Clifden, there must have been approximately 1,000 tons of chips available in Arderry Quarry.

Clr. John Mannion stated that it better to produce material locally even at a slightly higher cost than to pay an enormous sum to C.I.E. for delivery.

Clr. P. Ruane recommended that stones up to 1½" for bye-roads maintenance be got locally and that chippings be obtained from the Central Quarries.

The County Manager suggested that it be recommended that the County Engineer make greater use of local quarries for stones for road works, i.e., material which does not need grading, and that the position be reviewed in six months.

It was proposed by Clr. Wall and seconded by Clr. James Ruane, that the Council adopt the County Manager's suggestion, and after discussion, it was agreed that the County Manager's suggestion would be adopted and that the matter would be reconsidered in a period of six months.

The meeting was then adjourned until 3. 15.p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY TOOK THE CHAIR.

762 - ROADS - EMPLOYMENT: Deputy Coogan stated that he understands it is the practice to give preference for employment on roads to married men, and recommended that equal preference be given to a widow's son residing with his mother and large family, who is their main support.

763 - ESTIMATES MEETINGS: It was decided that the Estimates Committee meeting be held on Saturday, 8th February, 1958, commencing at 12.30 p.m. and that the Estimates Meeting proper will be held on Saturday, 22nd Feb., 1958.

763A - ARD EAST WATER SUPPLY: The Secretary gave particulars of the request by Gael Linn, 44, Kildare Street, Dublin, that a water supply be made available to their factory which is being erected at Ard East, Carna, and stated that the County Engineer's estimate for this work is £7,800; that provided a grant of 60% of the cost will be available from the Gaeltacht and that the work can be carried out by direct labour without the employment of a Consulting Engineer, the County Manager recommends the scheme for the Council's approval.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the proposal as recommended by the County Manager.

Mr. M.P. Tracy, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that it would be desirable to have a Consultant employed in this work, and that if a Consultant is not employed, an experienced Resident Engineer will be required on the job while it is in progress.

764 - WOODFORD SEWERAGE SCHEME: The Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer's estimate for the provision of a sewerage scheme for Woodford is £16,000 and that the carrying out of the work is recommended by the County Medical Officer.

On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Canning, the Council approved this proposal.

765 - MOYCULLEN SEWERAGE AND WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT: The Secretary stated that the estimated cost of a sewerage scheme for Moycullen is £4,700 based on the possibility of disposing the effluent through subterranean channels in the vicinity of the proposed inhoff tank; but that the County Engineer considers that the existing water supply at Moycullen would be inadequate to deal with a sewerage scheme, and that before a sewerage scheme can be provided, it would be necessary to improve the water supply.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. King, the Council approved the proposal that the County Engineer be requested to submit his proposals and estimate for the necessary improvement of Moycullen Water Supply Scheme.

766 - SPIDDAL COURTHOUSE: The Secretary stated that the estimated cost of providing a new Courthouse at Spiddal is £4,217, but that the actual cost will depend on the amount of the tenders received, if the work is approved; that courts are at present being held as a temporary arrangement in the F.C.A. hut. It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, and seconded by Clr. Kelly that the Council approve the proposal to provide a Courthouse in Spiddal.

Clr. Wall stated that in his opinion the Department of Justice should be required to provide Courthouses and maintain them, and that the cost should be met entirely from Central Funds, or at most the local authority should only be responsible for portion of the cost.

In regard to the proposal for the provision of a new Courthouse at Spiddal, Clr. Wall recommended that before this work is undertaken, there should be a survey of courthouse needs for the entire county, giving particulars of the manner in which the Courthouse services are being provided at present, and that where the Council is obliged to provide a Courthouse, it should include accommodation for other Council services in that district, e.g., an Engineer's Office, Dispensary or library.

The Assistant County Manager stated that Clr. Wall's recommendation is reasonable, and that consideration would be given to including other services along with the courthouse, in so far as it would be feasible.

It was unanimously decided that consideration of the provision of a new courthouse for Spiddal would be deferred until the survey of the courthouse needs as recommended by Clr. Wall will be available, and furthermore that Clr. Wall's recommendation that the Department of Justice be responsible for the provision and maintenance of Courthouses be referred to the General Council of County Councils for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of that Body.

767 - CLONMERT BRIDGE: The Secretary explained that since C.I.E. require a minimum clearance of 9 ft. 6 inches, the County Engineer had recommended that instead of lowering the bridge, the approach roads would be raised, and that the estimated cost of that work would be £1965.

The Acting County Engineer stated that he had in the meantime reconsidered this matter, and now proposed that the bridge be lowered by 2' 6" (with which C.I.E. agrees) and that the approach roads be also raised. This work would give an equally good improvement of conditions and would cost approximately £1200.

The proposal was approved on the proposition of Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Carty.

768 - KYLEMORE BRIDGE, LAURENCETOWN: Clr. Dowd also recommended again that the Council would consider improving the bridge at Kylesmore, Laurencetown, and it was directed that consideration of this matter would be referred to the next Roads Meeting in December, 1958.

769 - CANAL BRIDGE AT CLADDAGH, GALWAY: Deputy Coogan requested that the Council would consult with the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees regarding improvement of conditions at Claddagh Bridge, Galway.

The Chairman directed that consideration of this matter would be deferred until Deputy Coogan would submit a notice of motion in regard to it.

770 - GALWAY FEVER HOSPITAL: The County Engineer's report of the 22nd January, 1958, was submitted, giving particulars of the estimated cost of the proposed improvements at Galway Fever Hospital, and on the County Manager's recommendation, the Council approved the carrying out of these works from Revenue Account (on the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Kelly).

771 - LAW AGENT: The County Manager informed the Council that he expects to be able to conclude an agreement with Mr. H.B. Naughton, whereby the amount of the legal expenses will be limited to the amount which would be expended if a whole-time solicitor was employed, and suggested that the proposal for the creation of the office of Whole-time Solicitor be abandoned.

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved: "That consideration of the creation of the position of Whole-time Law Agent

be adjourned for a period of six months.

772 - COUNTY BUILDINGS: The Secretary submitted particulars of a proposal for extension of the accommodation for the County Medical Officer's Department, at a cost of £1200.

The County Manager, in reply to Clr. Kelly, stated that it would be a wasteful use of Woodlands to use it for accommodation of the County Medical Officer's staff.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Clr. Dowd that the Council approve the proposal for provision of additional accommodation for the County Medical Officer's staff at a cost of £1200.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. SIRR, that consideration of this matter be deferred for twelve months.

A vote taken as between these two proposals, resulted as follows:-

FOR DEPUTY CARTY'S PROPOSAL: Clrs. Burke, Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Joyce, Kelly, Killilea, King, Mannion Martin, Ruane (13)

AGAINST: Clrs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Lambert, O'Donnell, Ridge and SIRR (8).

The Chairman declared the proposal approved.

773 - TOWN PLANNING: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. SIRR, the County Manager stated that the appointment of an official in connection with Town Planning would not be necessary immediately.

CLR. T. KING NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved, that consideration of this matter be adjourned until next meeting.

774 - DISTRICT NURSES: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Collins, that consideration of the creation of the office of District Nurse at Oughterard and Portumna be adjourned until particulars of the proposals for the appointment of District Nurses in all vacant districts will be submitted to the Council.

It was proposed by Clr. Canning and seconded by Clr. Lambert that the Council approve the creation of the office of whole-time District Nurse for Portumna District.

The County Manager explained that the general scheme is still under consideration, and is the subject of correspondence with the Department of Health; that when the scheme has been finalised, it will be submitted to the County Council.

Clr. Canning stated that in view of what the County Manager had said, he would withdraw his proposal.

Consideration of the proposals for Oughterard and Portumna were therefore adjourned until the general scheme will be submitted to the Council.

775 - DENTAL ATTENDANT: The creation of the fourth office of temporary whole-time dental attendant was approved on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Dowd.

776 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 4 DISTRICT: Particulars of the proposal for alteration of remuneration for the position of Rate Collector, No: 4, District, having been circulated to the members already, were submitted.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that the Council approve the proposed remuneration for the post of Rate Collector No: 4 District.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Clr. SIRR, that the Council do not approve the filling of the vacant post of Rate Collector in No: 4 District, and recommend that the rates for this district be collected direct from the office, or put up for tender.

After further discussion, Clr. Flaherty withdrew his proposal and Deputy Killilea's proposal was approved by the Council.

777 - VISITING COMMITTEE: Minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee at Galway Regional Hospital on 2/11/57 and 4/1/58, at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital on 28/12/57, and at St. Mary's Home, Tuam, on 11/1/58, having been circulated to the members were submitted.

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Clr. Kelly was informed that a medical card holder is not entitled to obtain free medical services other than through the District Medical Officer, in so far as general medical services outside an institution are concerned, (b) that consideration is being given to the recommendations of the medical staff of the Galway Regional Hospital in regard to accommodation for patients, and that this matter has been referred to the Department of Health.

Deputy Coogan requested that he be informed as to the action taken in regard to provision of a porter for the out-patients department at the Regional Hospital, and provision of a ramp there for taking in wheeled stretchers.

Clr. John Donnellan was informed that the demolition of the old hospital is being carried out by Messrs. Stuarts at an agreed price.

The County Manager informed Deputy Killilea that the question of the utilisation of Sisters' Rooms for accommodation of patients is part of the general question of accommodation, to which reference has been made above.

The County Manager informed Clr. Burke that the Waiting List of patients for admission to the Regional Hospital at present is very small and that none of these cases is an urgent one.

Deputy Coogan stated that he has been informed that maids' are locked into their quarters at 11 p.m. at night and that the key of this building is taken to the Main Hospital, and drew attention to the fire danger. Deputy Coogan requested that the County Manager would investigate this matter.

778 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious injury claims received since last May, viz., Messrs. Tipping Gears Ltd. - £14. 1. 0; Electricity Supply Board (Portunna) - £9. 19. 5; Fitzgerald's, George's Street, Gort - £10; Lough Cutra Estate Ltd. - £125; Tuam Lawn Tennis Club - £600.

779 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: Referring to Minute No: 753 and the Auditor's report on his audit of accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1954, the Secretary stated that the Minister's decision on the appeals made by the two officers concerned had not yet been issued, and it was unanimously decided to defer consideration of this report until the Minister's decision on these two appeals will be made.

780 - AIR-SEA RESCUE SERVICE: Letter 30th September, 1957, and enclosure, received from Clann na Poblachta, 20 Herbert Place, Dublin, were submitted, and the Secretary was directed to inform Clann na Poblachta that the Council approved their recommendation and to point out that this Council had already made representations to the Government in regard to the necessity of the provision of a helicopter for the conveyance of patients from islands on the west coast to the mainland.

781 - CAMHERNSWELLEN PUMP: On the proposition of Clr. P. Ruane, seconded by Clr. King, the Council approved the proposal to improve this well and pump at a cost of £180, in accordance with the County Engineer's report of the 20th November, 1957.

782 - PUMP AT CUSSAUN CROSS, ATHERNY: In response to Clr. P. Ruane's notice of motion, the Secretary read the County Engineer's report of the 21/11/57, which did not recommend deepening this well, as it may prove quite satisfactory except during exceptionally dry years.

783 - CLAREGALWAY PUBLIC LIGHTING: On the proposal of Clr. P. Ruane, the Council unanimously recommended the provision of public lighting in Claregalway village.

784 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - GENERAL: Deputy Geoghegan recommended that the Council ask the Electricity Supply Board to divert their rural electrification lines, if necessary, so that these lines will run through the villages which would facilitate the placing of brackets on the poles for public lighting in these villages.

785 - BALLYMOE WATERWORKS: In reply to Clr. Glynn's enquiry, the County Manager stated that the sanction of the Department of Local Government to the carrying out of the Ballymoore Water Supply Scheme set out in the preliminary proposal to the Consultant, had been sought on the 22nd instant. As Clr. Glynn had left the meeting, consideration of his notices of motion Nos: 19 (b), (2) to (4) inclusive, was adjourned, until next meeting.

786 - CASTLEFRENCH PUMP: In connection with Clr. Kitt's notice of motion, the Secretary submitted the County Engineer's report of the 28th December, 1957, stating that the sinking of a new well at Castlefrench would cost £800; that the existing well

goes dry in summer and boring it for another 100 ft. would cost £350. The County Engineer did not recommend the latter alternative, and suggested that the proposal should be referred to the County Medical Officer to consider whether a new well should be provided.

Deputy Kitt stated that the school has been provided with the necessary fittings for a water supply and that tanks will be provided there by the Rev. Manager. It was recommended that the matter be referred to the County Medical Officer of Health for his report.

787 - WINDFIELD WATER SUPPLY: In response to Deputy Kitt and Clr. Martin's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the best manner in which the supply to a fountain on the roadside could be provided, would be by erecting a pressure pumping system over the bore-hole to give a supply to the fountain and also to the School Storage Tank.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Martin, it was unanimously recommended that the Council make arrangements with the Rev. Manager of Windfield National School for the supply of water to a public fountain on the roadside at this place.

788 - ROAD WORKS: In the absence of Clr. Wall, consideration of his Notice of Motion No: 19 (e) (1) and (2) was adjourned.

789 - ROAD SIGNS AT DUNMORE: In reply to Clr. Burke's notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that he has arranged to have a cross-roads sign erected adjacent to the cross-roads at Dunmore.

790 - DUNMORE PUBLIC LIGHTING: On the proposal of Clr. Burke, the Council unanimously recommended that public lighting be provided at Dunmore town on the nights before fair days, and that one pilot light be provided at Nestor's Corner, Dunmore.

791 - KILLOONEY PUMP: In connection with Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion, the correspondence in connection with the proposal for provision of a pump in Killooney was submitted, and the proposal was recommended unanimously.

792 - ROAD WORKS: The Chairman ruled that consideration could not be given to Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion that the road leading from Dillonbrook through Cloondroon, Cloonraine to Ballindine be declared a county road - as all roads proposals for the coming year had been decided at the Roads Estimate Meeting held in December last.

793 - CLIFDEN PUBLIC LIGHTING: The County Manager informed Clr. Joyce (in response to his notice of motion No: 19 (g) (1) that arrangements had been made for provision of this additional lighting at Clifden.

794 - LEENANE PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that the question of providing public lighting at Leenane is being taken up with the Electricity Supply Board.

795 - LETTERFRACK WATER SUPPLY: Clr. Joyce was informed by the County Manager that the Letterfrack Water Supply could not be extended to Daumsbeg at present, as the supply is insufficient; that it is intended making a survey of the system with a view to improving the intake and improving the supply line from the source to the village, and that this must be done before any further extension could be undertaken.

796 - ARDHAGREWAGH, REIVYLE, WATER SUPPLY: Clr. Joyce was informed, in response to his notice of motion, that the County Medical Officer's report on this proposal had been sought.

797 - ROAD WORKS, CLIFDEN: In response to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that the road at Bridge Street to the end of Miller's Mill, Clifden, is too narrow to permit the use of a white line there, but that he would be prepared to erect a warning sign.

It was recommended that this warning sign be provided.

798 - PORTUNNA FAIRS - LOCATION: It was proposed by Clr. Canning, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That in order to relieve congestion during all fairs at

Portumna in the street known as Castle Avenue, that the Council recommend the changing of the horse fair from this area to a street adjacent to same known as Abbey street.

The Assistant County Manager stated that due regard would be given to this recommendation when the Bye-Laws will be adopted.

799 - GAME WARDEN: It was proposed by Clr. Canning, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved that the following resolution from this Council be referred to the General Council of County Councils for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting of that Body, viz:-

"That the Galway County Council recommend to the responsible Ministers of Government, the appointment of wardens for the protection of fisheries and game during the close season, and the taking of steps to exterminate vermin, especially the grey crow; that the wardens so appointed could act in a dual capacity and that if something of this nature is not done in the near future, game will become extinct.

800 - HEADFORD PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to his notice of motion, Clr. King was informed that the proposals already under consideration for improvement of the lighting of Headford, include extension of the lighting to the cottages at Pollacullaire

801 - HEADFORD LATRINE: On the proposition of Clr. King, the Council recommended that provision be made in the estimate for erection of a latrine at Headford, and Clr. King recommended that this latrine could be located on a space near the bank on the right-hand side of the street as one travels through the town towards Shrule.

802 - HEADFORD DUMPING GROUND: In response to his Notice of Motion, Clr. King was informed that the County Engineer had selected a site for a dumping ground at Headford, on land near the castle which is at present owned by the Land Commission, and that the County Medical Officer's views on the proposed site are being obtained.

803 - HEADFORD POUND: In reply to Clr. King's notice of motion, the County Manager stated that there was a difference of opinion in regard to the necessity for a pound at Headford, the County Registrar stating that it was not required by him, and the Gard Chief Superintendent stating that a pound is required there for impounding of stray animals.

Clr. King stated that his main concern is that something should be done with this site, as it is a reproach to the Council that it should have acquired this land and should leave it lying there useless.

804 - ABBEYKNOCKMOY PUBLIC LIGHTING: It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Kelly and resolved:

"That the Council recommend strongly that public lighting be provided at Abbeyknockmoy".

805 - GALWAY PORT: Clr. Kelly recommended that the Galway County Council present an Address of Welcome to the Captain of the Line "Ryndam" of the Holland-America line on its arrival in Galway next July, and that the Council make arrangements for reception of the Captain of this Liner.

Clr. King stated that the Harbour Board will have charge of the arrangements for reception of this Liner; that the Board will be communicating with Galway County Council requesting its co-operation and on Clr. King's recommendation, it was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the initiative will be taken by the Galway Harbour Board.

806 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT TURLONGMORE AREA: In response to Clr. Kelly's Notices of Motion Nos: 19 (1) (2) and (3), the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the old bridge at Turloughmore on Main Road No: 100 will be improved in the course of a scheme for road alignment at this place; that this scheme is being prepared and particulars will be submitted as soon as the estimate is ready. The County Engineer reported further that the road to Lough Pump is County Road No: 172, which is on the five-year plan for reconstruction, and which will be considered when new grants will be made available.

807 - OUGHTERLARD WATER SUPPLY: Deputy Geoghegan stated that he had forwarded a notice of motion regarding extension of the watermain to the new factory at Oughterard (the Secretary received this notice of motion on the 25/1/58). It was directed that consideration of this matter would be adjourned until it appears on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

808 - SYMPATHY: It was unanimously resolved that a resolution of sympathy be adopted with Clare County Council and with the relatives of the victims of the recent tragedy in Ennis, when a floor collapsed during the auction of furniture there.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with Mrs. Murphy and family, Cooloo, Moylough, on the death of her husband; with the the Geraghty family, Killascobe, Menlough, on the death of their father; with Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, Laught, Moylough, on the death of their son.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

R. Killian - Roman.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirín O'Connell

Date: 29.3.1958

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clr. J. Mannion, Dr. M.J. Dyar, Dr. C.F. MacCon, Dr. D. O'Driscoll.

Doctor T.K. White, R.M.S., Regional Hospital, Mr. Hogan, Lay Superintendent, Regional Hospital, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer and Miss K. Walsh, Staff Officer, and Mr. L. O Luanaigh, Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting held on 9th November, 1957, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. - DENTURES FOR ADULTS: In reply to an enquiry by Doctor Dyar, the Secretary stated that since the previous meeting of the Committee, particulars of outstanding applications for dentures for adults were submitted to the County Council; that the number of applications outstanding was approximately 600, of which some were on hands since the year 1955, and that the Council had directed that the earliest applications received, viz., those received in 1955, should receive attention before any others.

Doctor Dyar recommended that local dentists be employed in order to undertake these arrears of applications.

3 - DIESEL AMBULANCE: In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, the Secretary stated that the complaint in regard to fumes in the diesel ambulance had been investigated; that the County Engineer had reported that he could not detect any fumes in the diesel ambulance, and that the Head Nurse in Clifden reported that she had not received such a complaint from any patient, but that she had been informed that one patient had complained to a nurse of fumes in the ambulance.

4 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to General Medical Service cards:-

Total number of applications received:	17,471.
Number Granted:	15,584.
Number of persons covered by above:	49,922.
Number of applications still under consideration:	383.
Number of applications refused:	1,504.

Mr. Duffy, Staff Officer, explained that the cancellation of cards as a result of the review was mainly due to the fact that the holders had either died or left the county.

Dr. Dyar pointed out that a card holder is not entitled to free treatment where he can obtain it by other lawful means, and he referred to the case in which the child of a card holder was involved in a motor accident, and the Insurance Company concerned was prepared to pay the hospital account for the injured child, but that the Company had been informed that no such amount was due to the Council.

Dr. Dyar referred to a circular issued to District Medical Officers stating that children should not be referred to adult eye clinics. The Secretary stated that the circular in question was issued so that children requiring optical treatment, who had already been met at schools, should be excluded from the adult eye clinics which are already over-loaded.

The County Medical Officer agreed with Dr. Dyar that free treatment under the School Medical Service Scheme is restricted to treatment of defects discovered in the course of examination at the school, but that difficulties arise due to the fact that the schools can be reached only once in three years approximately.

Dr. Dyar stated that he is aware of cases in which children were in hospital and needed clinical examination, and had been discharged to be re-admitted under the Schools Scheme; and stated that this is a bad practice. Dr. Dyar recommended that when in the course of an examination at the school, a child is found to be suffering from some defect, then the child's doctor should be notified of this defect.

Doctor MacCon stated that the obligation on him is to notify the parents of the child and that this is being done; that in the greater number of cases no information would be available in regard to the doctor concerned, if any; that if the treatment required specialist attention, the child is referred to the appropriate clinic.

The Chairman stated that it is only reasonable to expect that when the parents receive the report from the County Medical Officer, the child will be brought to the doctor for attention; that this matter could be raised at a later meeting, if necessary.

5 - DRUGS: Dr. Dyar stated that a doctor should not be obliged to use drugs which he considers are not up to the proper standard, and stated that he understands that streptomycin for Merlin Park Institution is obtained from some other source other than from the Official Contractors.

Dr. O'Driscoll suggested and Dr. Dyar agreed, that the Council should ascertain if it is a fact that the R.M.S. at Merlin Park does not use streptomycin supplied by the Official Contractors, and if so, the reasons why this streptomycin is obtained for that Institution from some other source; that if it is a fact that streptomycin from the Official Contractors has been rejected for Merlin Park Institution, a protest should be sent to the Department of Health against the obligation on other doctors to use the streptomycin supplied by the Official Contractors.

6 - MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP: It was directed that consideration of the replacement of Surgeon M.G. O'Malley on the Consultative Health Committee be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Galway County Council.

It was arranged that in future a meeting of the Consultative Health Committee will be held on the second Saturday of each alternate month, commencing at 11 a.m. - the next meeting to be held on Saturday, 12th April, 1958.

CLR M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

7 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the Secretary stated that the institutional charges fixed for persons of the middle income group are maximum charges, which may be reduced by the Manager.

Dr. White, R.M.S., stated that there were 603 patients in the Galway Regional Hospital at the date of the meeting, and Dr. Dyar stated that he understands some of these patients are in the hospital for a very long time, and that it has been alleged that one at least has been there for five years.

Dr. Dyar requested that particulars of the total amount paid by the Council to Portunucula for some recent period of one year be made available to the Committee.

Clr. King recommended that the maximum daily charge for persons in the middle income group who are slightly over the medical card level should be reduced, and suggested that a maximum charge of 6/- per day be fixed for middle income group patients, whose valuation does not exceed £20, and up to a corresponding level of income.

Dr. Dyar stated that senior doctors should be available at out-patient level, as frequently there is difficulty in getting beyond junior doctors in this department.

Dr. Dyar stated that a Commission is being set up to enquire into the accommodation needs of the National University of Ireland, and that this Commission is consulting the Medical Association in regard to the facilities available in teaching hospitals; that as a result the Medical Association may be seeking facilities to inspect the accommodation available for this purpose in the Galway Regional Hospital.

Clr. T. KING NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

8 - MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to agreements with the Council for provision of maternity services:-

- 90 Doctors have signed agreements, of whom 40 are District Medical Officers.
- 71 Midwives have signed agreements of whom 33 are District Midwives.

In reply to an enquiry by Doctor O'Driscoll, the Secretary stated that the Council's ambulances are not available for use by any person in the county.

Doctor O'Driscoll considered that the ambulances should be available when genuinely required for conveyance of any patient in the county, and referred to a case in which he sought blood which was urgently needed at 4 a.m. by a patient in Calvary Hospital and that the ambulance was not allowed to take the blood from the Regional Hospital to Calvary.

Doctor O'Driscoll recommended that an ambulance service be made available to all patients in the county irrespective of the hospital to which they are being removed for treatment, and this recommendation was approved by the Committee.

Mr. Hogan, Lay Superintendent, stated that this matter is being considered by the Assistant County Manager at present.

Dr. Dyar recommended that the revised forms for maternity cases be made available quickly.

Dr. O'Driscoll recommended that legislation be introduced to make notification of still-births obligatory.

9 - MATERNITY GRANTS: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Maternity Cash Grants:

Total Number of Applications for Grants passed for payment since 1st January, 1954:	5,958.
Number of Grants passed for payment since 1st April, 1957:	1,303.

10 - DISABILITY ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Disability Allowances applications:-

Number of Applications received:	2,870.
Number approved for Payment:	1,326.
Number of Applications Refused:	1,404.
Number of Applications still being considered:	140.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, the Secretary stated that the practice now is that the means examination of the applicant is carried out before the medical examination is sought.

Mr. King stated that the definition of "relative" as set out in Section 50 of the Health Act, 1953, involves undue hardship for the applicant.

11 - PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES: Dr. Dyar stated that the telephone number of the schools dentist should be made available so that the dentist may be contacted in the case of haemorrhage following extraction of teeth from children.

Doctor MacCon stated that arrangements are being considered whereby a dentist in each area would be available to attend to post-extraction troubles such as this.

Doctor O'Driscoll was informed by the County Medical Officer that there are only three cases at present in which treatment for tuberculosis has been refused, and that these three cases are not positive. Doctor O'Driscoll considered that it should be made possible to compel persons needing treatment for tuberculosis to seek such treatment.

Doctor Dyar stated that the tuberculosis clinics should not be used for attending to other complaints.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. O'Driscoll, the County Medical Officer stated that recent campaign for anti-polio vaccination has not resulted in any increased demand for that service.

Doctor O'Driscoll recommended that some measures be taken to ensure that people will not be X-Rayed too often under the Mass Radiography Scheme.

Doctor MacCon stated that this is a very good scheme and that it does not attend so frequently in the county that any danger should arise from its use.

Doctor Dyar recommended that the Mass Radiography people would notify local doctors at least one month in advance of their visit to the doctor's district.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, the County Medical Officer stated that the County Engineer is attending to the watermain in Moore Street, Loughrea.

In reply to a complaint by Dr. Dyar, Mr. Hogan, Lay Superintendent stated that the only hospital bills which are sent to

doctors in respect of patients, are those relating to laboratory accounts, and these are sent to the doctors for the sole reason that the doctors did not give the patient's address.

Doctor Dyar complained that envelopes issued from the Galway Regional Hospital are stamped "Galway Regional Hospital", and therefore indicate that they referred to some medical matter. The Lay Superintendent did not agree that this is correct.

Doctor Dyar recommended that letters sent to unmarried mothers who were formerly inmates of the Tuam Home, should not be issued in such a manner that these letters might fall into the hands of any person other than the addressee.

In regard to arrangements for admission of patients to the Galway Regional Hospital, Doctor Dyar cited the case of a patient for whom such an application was made in October, 1957, and stated that notification that the patient might be admitted was received by him in December, 1957, while in fact the patient had already been admitted and discharged from the hospital in the meantime.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE COMTDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

3rd February, 1958.

To Each Member
of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Committee Meeting which will be held at the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 8th February, 1958, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon, to consider the estimate of Expenses of the Galway County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1959.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUAMACH.

Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,
ON SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mammion John, Mammion Martin, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

SYMPATHY: Deputy Killilea paid tribute to the late Deputy Patrick Beegan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, and proposed that the deep sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the relatives of Mr. Beegan, and that as a mark of respect the Estimates Committee meeting be adjourned.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Various members, including the Chairman, Mr. M. Quinn, joined in the tribute to the late Mr. Beegan, and on Clr. Quinn's suggestion, it was unanimously decided that the Estimates Committee Meeting would be adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, 14th February, 1958.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the officials, joined in the expression of sympathy with the relatives of Deputy Beegan.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Miriam O'Carroll Chairman

Date: 29.3.1958

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:
Galway 55.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

10th February, 1958.

To Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Committee Meeting which will be held at the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 14th February, 1958, commencing at 1. o'clock p.m., to consider the Estimate of Expenses of the Galway County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1958.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Clr. M. Quinn,
(2) Deputy M. Cartv.

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cirs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Gaoghegan, Cirs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Cirs. Lambert, Mannion John, Martin Mannion, Ridge, Sirr and Wall.

Estimate of Expenses for Year Ending 31st March, 1959, having been circulated to the members, was submitted, showing for county charges:

Expenditure:	£2,382,238.	£2,382,238.
Receipts:	£1,021,758.	
Urban Contributions:	£134,871.	
Net Credit Balance:	£90,000.	£1,246,629.
Balance to be levied:		£1,135,609.

The rate to be raised to meet this net expenditure of county charges would be 552³/₄d. which represents an increase of 21³/₄d. over the rate for the current year.

Clr. Collins stated that a member of the National Farmers' Association was present and wished to read to the Council a statement from the Association. Clr. Collins requested the Chairman's permission to hear the N.F.A. representative, Mr. Martin O'Donnell.

The Chairman, having consented, Mr. O'Donnell read the statement in which the following points were raised:-

1. That the N.F.A. could not understand why there has been such an increase in officials in the Council's offices, while the population of the county has declined.
2. That the Association considers that the Council should not proceed with the provision of piped water supplies for villages in cases where the average cost works out as high as £450 per house.
3. That public lighting is not considered necessary for small villages.
4. That footpaths in villages are superfluous.
5. That the N.F.A. understood that the Council's overdraft amounts to £2,000,000, for which the payment of interest must be enormous.
6. That the N.F.A. understands that some Rate Collectors receive remuneration of between £2,000 and £3,000 per annum.

Deputy Carty stated that the Council welcomed the N.F.A. representative, and welcomed any suggestions which might effect a reduction in the rate. Deputy Carty pointed out, however, that some of the statements made were entirely incorrect, e.g., that the Council in fact has a credit balance instead of an overdraft of £2,000,000 as alleged by the N.F.A. and that there is no Rate Collector employed by the Council receiving a remuneration of £2,000 or over, and that in fact there is only one Rate Collector who receives remuneration of approximately £1,500 per annum.

Clr. Collins explained that the reference to overdraft really referred to loan indebtedness.

The Chairman in reply stated that loans are obtained for the provision of amenities such as housing schemes, water supplies, sewerage schemes etc., which could not possibly be provided out of revenue account. The Chairman also stated that the entire expenditure on public lighting represents a rate of approximately 2d. in the £. and that in fact the number of Rate Collectors who receive £1,000 a year or over in remuneration must be very small.

Clr. Hanley stated that he had been in the County Buildings, at 10 a.m. that morning and it was obvious that even at that time every official

there was fully engaged; that the amount paid in rates by householders in small villages is proportionately very much higher than that paid by farmers.

Clr. Flaherty referring to water supply schemes, stated that originally the estimate for the Kilkerrin-Moylough Scheme was £26,000 but through delay in putting the scheme in hands, the cost had increased considerably.

Deputy Carty pointed out that statutory demands made upon the Council by the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board and the Western Health Institutions Board are responsible for 1/4th of the estimated increase in the rate for the coming year.

Clr. Hanley objected to the provision for libraries, as compared with the amount provided for the County Committee of Agriculture, and in reply Deputy Kitt stated that the libraries provide a very good service for farmers as well as for other members of the community.

The County Manager explained that the estimate as submitted did not make any provision for increase in the remuneration of road workers, mental hospital attendants or any grade of officers.

Clr. Sirr considered that the rate should be restricted to the same amount as in the current year.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that the Press should have been summoned to this meeting.

Clr. Wall stated that the best meetings at which he has been present have been Committee meetings, and pointed out further that when the County Manager has endeavoured to restrict the provision of further expensive water supply schemes, some Councillors are strongest in support of providing these schemes; that such schemes cannot be provided without increasing the rates.

The County Manager stated that although he had already reduced considerably the estimate as originally prepared, he considered that after further examination of the estimate, it will be possible to make some reductions.

In regard to road workers' wages, the County Manager stated that an increase of 6/- per week had been awarded by the Labour Court to Road Workers employed in North and South Tipperary, and in Meath counties; that the Minister for Local Government had indicated that he is not prepared to give a decision regarding the increase in road workers' wages until all counties go before the Labour Court; that an application had been received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union for an increase of 12 1/2% in the remuneration of their members.

At this stage the meeting was adjourned for lunch until 3.30 p.m. and on resumption of the meeting, Clr. Quinn again took the chair.

ROADS: It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. Sirr that the roads estimate be restricted to the same amount as was provided in the current year.

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt and seconded by Clr. Hanley that the amount £7,500 provided in the estimate for new road works be included.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Dowd, that the roads estimate as submitted be approved by the Committee - this estimate having been considered fully by the Council already at the Road Works Meeting. The deletion of the amount £7,500 for new works was recommended by Deputy Geoghegan - since it was not possible to provide a substantial amount under this heading. This recommendation was supported by Clr. Lambert, and opposed by Clrs. Dowd and Martin Mannion.

After further discussion, the Committee approved Clr. King's proposal that the roads estimate be approved.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Deputy Geoghegan stated that the footwear scheme required amendment, as many complaints have been received regarding failure to supply footwear to deserving applicants.

The Secretary explained that the grant for this service has been reduced very considerably during the past few years, and consequently, it is not possible now to supply footwear to all the cases who received it when the grant was larger, and that it was impossible to avoid complaints from those who apply too late.

The public assistance estimate was approved on the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Kelly.

MENTAL HOSPITAL: The estimate for this service was approved on the proposition of Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. Kelly.

HEALTH: Deputy Killilea objected to the expenditure of money on improvement of

the dilapidated dispensary at Tuam.

The County Manager explained that the Department were not prepared to approve the erection of the new clinic at Tuam, and that consequently it is necessary to make some improvement in the existing building.

Clr. Sirr recommended that a letter-box be provided in the grounds of the Regional Hospital.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, Mr. Hogan, Lay Superintendent, explained that arrangements are being made for replacement of the key in the maids' quarters - the original key having been removed by some unauthorised person.

The County Accountant in reply to an enquiry by Clr. Hanley, stated that the increase shown for St. Brendan's Home is mainly due to the increase in the cost of food.

Deputy Coogan objected to members from the eastern part of the county acting on the Visiting Committee for Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

Clr. King recommended that there be a low rate of charges for institutional treatment for members of the middle income group who are slightly over the medical card class.

Deputy Carty stated that the constitution of the Western Health Institutions Board should be revised so that there be some proper relationship between the representation on the committee and the amount contributed by each of the counties of the region.

The Chairman asked if a demand had been received by the Council for a contribution equivalent to 1/3rd in the £. towards the expenses of the Institute for Employment of Blind Persons.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the County Manager stated that an application had been made by the N.S.P.C.C. for an increased contribution, and that further information had been sought from that Society.

Clr. Kelly recommended that there be an improvement in the teeth extraction service.

The County Manager in reply explained that the Department of Health wishes that any improvement in dental services should be in the service for school children rather than for adults.

The amounts provided in the Estimate for Health Account were approved unanimously.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

SANITARY: The County Manager stated that he now considered that the amount provided for water supplies could be reduced from £36,215 to £33,000.

A discussion ensued, and eventually, on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Dowd, it was decided that the reduction to be made under this heading be £3,215, leaving the amount to be provided for water supplies £33,000.

The following other reductions were made in Sanitary Account:-

Drainage and Public Sanitary Works; reduced by £3,300 to £2,900.
Burial Grounds, reduced by £4,300 to £7,000.
Travelling Expenses, reduced by £50 to £550.
Loan Charges, reduced by £1,000 to £26,200.

As a result of these amendments, the receipts for contributions to loan charges were reduced by £490 to £5,200.

The above amendments left a net reduction of £11,465 in Sanitary Account.

HOUSING: After a discussion, it was decided to make the following amendments in the estimate for housing services expenditure - on the recommendation of the County Manager:

Cottage Repairs - a reduction of £1,500 to £10,000.
Loan Charges for Grants - reduction of £1,900 to £42,000.
Loan Charges, S.D. Act - reduction of £500 to £13,500.

The above amendments effected a total reduction of £3,900 in housing expenditure.

GENERAL PURPOSES: The following amendments were made in the general purposes account expenditure -

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School Meals - reduction £200 to £12,300.
 Franchise and Jurors - reduction £200 to £4,300.
 Blind Welfare - reduction £100 to £7,400.
 Libraries - reduction £250 to £16,750.
 Scholarships - reduction of £300 to £6,200.
 Loan Charges - reduction £1,000 to £13,510.

The above amendments effected a total reduction of £2,050 in General Purposes Expenditure.

Deputy Coogan recommended that an explanation be obtained from the Tourist Office in regard to the fact that a booklet on Galway has not been available in that office - as alleged in the public press.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

R. O. Luanaigh - Runai

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Máireín O'Cuinn

Date: 29.3.1958

COMHAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Oifig an Runai,
 Bothar Mor,
 Gaillimh.

Guthan:
 Gaillimh 55.

13adh Feabhra, 1958.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

Galway County Council - Estimates Meeting.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of the Galway County Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 22nd February, 1958, commencing at 12.30.p.m. to consider and adopt the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1959 and to determine the rate in the pound for County Charges, Separate Charges and Town Charges.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

: Runai.

COMAIRLE CONND. E NA GALWAY.

Suídh:
Sáilín 55.

Oifis an Rúnaí,
Dóchar Mór,
Sáilín.

13ú Feabhra, 1958.

A Cára,

TARRTAR ORT leis seo beic i léadar ag Cruinniú de Comairle Conndae na Sáilín a tionscailfear i nGailín na hOileáirí Comndae, Dúla Sathairn, 22ú Feabhra, 1958, ag tosú nuair a beid beire leis an gCruinniú Meastacáin.

Mise, le meas,

1. Ó Tuairisc.

Rúnaí.

Cuiz zac dáil be'n Comairle.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a breathnú:

1. Miontuairiscí.
2. Damaisce Mairisearc - éilín.
3. Ictir ó Ard Comairle na gCondae, 3. 2. '58.
4. Coste comhairleac sláinte - bail nua a ceapad in ionad M.S. O Mairle, Uas.
5. Coste comhairleac sláinte - miontuairiscí 9. 11. 1957.
6. Cleiric seiladair - Oifisí a cruú.
7. Na h-ádhanna um Dailte agus liomacáiscí do sínead amac, 1934 7 1939.
8. Piosa talman a díol i mDail Searr - Fógra 10. 2. 1958.
9. Tráic an tghrúicéora.
10. Molta ó Comairleoirí.
11. Moltaí Seinearála.
12. Dhó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims received.

3. Letter 3. 2. '58 from the County Councils General Council confirming attendance of a member on a deputation.
4. Appointment of member of the Consultative Health Committee to replace Surgeon M.G. O'Malley.
5. Minutes of Meeting of Consultative Health Committee, 9. 11. 1957.
6. Approval to creation of certain offices of temporary clerical officers.
7. Advisability of adopting the Town and Regional Planning Acts for all or part of the Galway County Health District.
8. Sale of plot area 8 perches on Public Square, Ballygar - Notice 10. 2. 1958.
9. Auditor's report on accounts of the River Fergus Joint Drainage District for year to 31. 3. 1957.
10. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

(a) Clr. J.M. Glynn:

1. To ask the County Engineer to state what is the delay in having "Cornell's Well" ballyroe walled in.
2. To deepen pump at Curragh Dunmore.
3. To have white dividing line painted on road in towns Ballymoe, Williamstown and Dunmore.

(b) Clr. M. Wall:

1. That the road through the village of Killoogh joining roads 454-281 be declared a public road.
2. That the Co. Road from Newbridge to Kilkerrin be included in this year's programme for steam-rolling.

(c) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

1. That Co. Council extend the Water Main to the new Beachwear Factory at Cughtard.
2. That Rosmuck Watermain be extended from Kilbricken to Snabo.
3. I will propose that the Co. Engineer put into proper repair the road leading from the junction west of Clonbur to the end of that section. No. 2
4. That the Co. Engineer repair the road from Callofeenish Cross Rd. to Kilkerrin.

(d) Clr. J. Flaherty:

I will ask the Co. Manager at the next meeting to request C.I.E. to provide a bus service from Dunmore via Gurteen, Clonbern, Mahanagh, Lavally on to Tuam.

(e) Clr. M. Mannion:

1. At the next Co. Council meeting I will ask the Co. Engineer to include the follow Co. Roads in the years steamrolling programme to the Dept. for sanction.
 - Road No: 258 from Castletown Cross to Curraghmore.
 - " " 268 " Knockmaskell Cross to Derry.
 - " " 412 " Moylough to Carrnacore Cross.
2. I will propose to have Rd. No: 257 from McGann's Cross to Castletown Cross put in the 5 years plan.
3. I will propose that a wicket gate and a manhole cover be put over dug well (known as Coyle's Pump) at Moylough.

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10. (f) Clr. W. Burke:

1. I propose that the road from Kilgevrin to Kilbannon be rolled.
2. I will ask the Assistant County Engineer when he proposes to start work on the Russelstown bridge.

11. Resolutions.

12. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

809: - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1959: The County Accountant explained that in addition to the amendments to the Estimate made at the Estimates Committee meeting on the 14th instant, the following additional amendments had been made in the meantime:-

Mental Hospital Receipts increased by £7,400, to provide for a recoupment in respect of over-expenditure in the year 1956/57.

Roads Expenditure increased by £4,800, to provide for increased expenditure on retiring allowances.

Health Accounts Receipts increased by £1,500 for refund of rates from Galway Corporation.

The Estimate of Expenses was then submitted showing:-

For County Charges - Expenditure:	£2,369,223.
" " " - Receipts:	£1,030,258.

Rate for County Charges - 542³/₄d.

Separate Charges - Expenditure:	£47,544. 4. 4.
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Separate Charges - Amount to be raised:	£38,561. 16. 6.
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Town Charges - Amount to be Raised:

Loughrea:	£580	- Rate 23 ¹ / ₄ d.
Tuam:	£2670	- Rate 62d.

Clr. Joyce stated that there appeared to be only a small increase in health expenditure since the year ending 31st March, 1957. He opposed the provision of £7,500 for construction of new roads and considered that this expenditure should be met entirely by the Government, having regard to the great increase in the wear of small roads by motor transport.

Clr. Joyce also recommended that latrines be provided in villages in tourist areas, and he considered that the Mental Hospital Board expenditure should be so controlled that its increases would be in proportion to the increased expenditure in other services provided by the Council. Clr. Joyce requested that the Council would endeavour to reduce the expenditure so that the rate would be kept as near as possible to the amount levied in the current year.

Deputy Coogan suggested that if the fuel supply for the institutions was cut and delivered by the Council, the cost of the heating service for institutions would be cheaper than at present when turf is obtained from Mountdillon Bog.

Clr. King asked if the Council, having already spent two days in examination of the Estimate, intended going through it in detail again.

Clr. Galvin stated that he did not agree with Clr. Joyce's suggestion that the amount £7,500 for new roads should be deleted, and referring to health services, Clr. Galvin stated that he did not consider that a tradesman with £11 a week should hold a General Medical Services Card even if the man concerned had a large family.

The Chairman asked if the Council wished to examine the Estimate item by item or to discuss it generally.

Clr. Collins proposed that the Estimate be examined item by item, and stated that the removal of subsidies had created a situation in Ballinasloe Mental Hospital which the Board could not control. Clr. Collins considered that roads expenditure should be restricted to the same amount as in the current year.

The Chairman stated that he could not take a proposal which did not refer to particular items in the Estimate.

ROADS: It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Deputy Carty that the amount £7,500 provided for new roads be deleted from the Estimate.

The County Manager stated that an application for an increase of 10/- a week in road workers' wages had been received in October, 1957; that the application for an increase of this amount had been refused. In the meantime it appeared obvious that should the Union concerned make application to the Labour Court an increase of at least 6/- a week to rural road workers would be granted. The County Manager, in order to obviate reference to the Labour Court, recommended to the Council that an increase of road workers' wages be granted with effect from 16th December, 1957, amounting to 6/- a week in respect of workers employed in the County Health District and in Ballinasloe Urban District, and 7/6d. per week for Council's road workers employed in Galway Borough District; that this increase, if granted, would mean an increase of 5.7d. in the rate for county charges.

In reply to the statement by Clr. Joyce, the County Manager stated that there has been a very considerable increase in health expenditure since 1957.

Clr. Wall stated that in the Mountbellew Engineer's area there are 20 gangers and 80 labourers; that the number of gangers employed is excessive, and Clr. Wall recommended that there be a re-organisation of the supervisory arrangements; that in that area there are 70 men employed by the Forestry Division under the control of one Forester and one Foreman; that it should be possible to have one travelling ganger supervise a number of gangs; that to avoid hardship gangers retiring on pension etc. should not be replaced.

The Acting County Engineer stated that the position is not as set out by Clr. Wall; that every group ganger in the county is a working ganger, who works with his men; that road work is not comparable with forestry work, which is concentrated in a small area; that there has been a grouping arrangement for surfacemen, so as to bring a number of them under one ganger.

Clr. Collins considered that there should be a travelling gang employed to carry out when necessary the work performed by surfacemen.

Clr. Glynn complimented the County Accountant and the staff for the manner in which the Estimates were prepared, and stated that he would like to have details of the roads expenditure so as to show the amount paid to officials as compared with the amount paid to servants.

Clr. Glynn considered that workmen should not be on a road on a snowy day when it is impossible for them to do any work, and asked if it would be possible to give the wage increase within the Estimate as submitted.

Clr. King suggested that there be a special meeting of the Council to discuss with the County Engineer matters relating to work on roads. The Chairman requested that Clr. King would submit a notice of motion in regard to this matter. Clr. King considered that it would be advisable to have a definite number of permanent workmen employed at a certain wage rate, while the casuals employed from time to time would be employed at a lower rate of wages.

Clr. Dowd supported the retention of the amount £7,500 for new roads in the Estimate.

Clr. John Mannion, having been informed that the amount £7,500 would be expended on new roads of general public utility, stated that since this represents only approximately £250 per Councillor, the Councillors would not have any effective choice of road.

Clr. Kelly stated that he is aware of places in which fairly well-to-do farmers are employed not only as workers but as gangers on roads, and recommended that workmen who have farms be retired and that employment be given to men who have no other means. Clr. Kelly repeated a recommendation made by him previously that a Finance Committee be appointed.

Clr. Flaherty recommended that legislation be introduced to enable the Council to carry out small repairs on these minor roads which are not county roads.

Deputy Killilea pointed out that an application for an increase for the Mental Hospital staff is also pending, and the County Manager stated that in addition to this, an application for an increase for officers has been received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union.

Clr. Glynn proposed that the increase of 6/- a week for road workers be granted and that the amount £7,500 for new road works be deleted from the Estimate.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Sarr and resolved: "That the Council approve the granting of an increase in road workers' wages from 16th December, 1957, inclusive, at the rate of 6/- per week for workers employed in the Galway County Health District, and in Ballinasloe Urban District, and at the rate of 7/6d. per week for Council's road workers employed in the Galway Borough District."

It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Clr. John Mannion, that the amount £7,500 provided for new road works be deleted from the Estimate.

It was proposed by Clr. Galvin and seconded by Clr. Dowd, that the amount £7,500 provided in the Estimate for new road works be not deleted.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR RETENTION OF THE AMOUNT £7,500 IN THE ESTIMATE: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Coogan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Hanley, Kelly, Killilea, King, Mannion Martin, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sarr and Wall. (16).

AGAINST: Clrs. Carty, Collins, Donnellan, Geoghegan, Glynn, Joyce, Lambert, Mannion John, O'Donnell (9).

It was therefore decided to retain the amount £7,500 for new road works in the Estimate.

Clr. King recommended that the Council consider the deletion of the amount provided for improvements of main and county roads and requested that figures be made available to show the amount of the saving which would be effected by such deletion.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Clr. O'Donnell that the money provided for new roads should be spent on the roads selected by members, even if the County Engineer's estimate indicated that the amount available would do only a small portion of such roads.

The County Manager pointed out that compliance with this proposal might incur wasteful expenditure which could be surcharged on the members concerned.

Clr. Wall stated that it would be unlikely that any member would select a road which could not be done for a reasonable figure, having regard to the amount available for the purpose.

The meeting was then adjourned until 3.15. p.m. and on resumption of the meeting

CLR. M. QUINN TOOK THE CHAIR.

In reply to Clr. King's enquiry Mr. Collins, Acting County Engineer, stated that the amount included in the Estimate for road improvements was as follows:

Main Road Improvements:	£7,470.
County Road Improvements:	£6,825.
	£14,295.
Less Grant on Main Roads provision:	2,988.
Net Expenditure:	£11,307.

The Acting County Engineer stated that some of the works included in these lists of improvement are very urgent and essential.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Lambert, that the amount provided for County Road Improvements be reduced to £1,825.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Joyce that the amount provided for County Road Improvements be not reduced.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Clr. John Mannion that the amount provided for Main Road Improvements be reduced to £3,500.

After further discussion, it was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Estimate for Roads Account be approved, so as to leave the net expenditure unchanged while making provision for the increase in road workers' wages as already approved by the Council above; the County Manager and the

County Engineer to arrange for any necessary alteration in the figures to give effect to this proposal while not making any increase in the net expenditure.

Deputy Killilea stated that he had never seen eight men along with one gangor, except in a quarry, and that he considered that there must be considerable room for reorganisation of the supervisory staff.

The County Manager stated that the possibility of effecting economies was being investigated, with a view to having more work done for the amount provided.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Kelly, the County Manager stated that a firm of Industrial Consultants was being employed for this purpose, as they are specialists in the work and they can devote their whole time to the investigation for a period of some weeks; that it would not be possible for an existing officer to do this considering that any existing officer is fully occupied with the duties allocated to him.

Clr. Wall and Deputy Killilea spoke in favour of the employment of this firm of Industrial Consultants and Clr. Wall suggested that similar investigations should be carried out at the Galway Regional Hospital.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan that the Estimate in general be reduced so as to leave the rate at the same amount as that levied for the current year.

The County Manager pointed out that this resolution could not be adopted, as while it would be feasible to do this in the Roads Account it is not possible to do so in other Accounts.

The County Accountant supplied particulars requested by Clr. Hanley of the amount provided for Diseases of Animals Acts, and Clr. Hanley was informed that the Veterinary Inspectors are part-time officers who are entitled to charge fees for work outside the scope of their local authority duties.

Clr. Dowd stated that he has never known a Vet. to come to inspect the sheep-dipping bath in his vicinity.

Clr. Flaherty stated that he could not understand why there should be such a vast increase in the amount of the farm expenses of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital. It was explained that further details of this item are not available to the County Council.

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

"That the Estimate as amended at the Estimates Committee Meeting and as subsequently amended by the County Manager, with any necessary adjustment of the Roads Account to provide for the increase in road workers' wages while not increasing the net expenditure be adopted."

Clr. Kelly referred to the proposed visit of the Holland-America Line's Liner to Galway next summer, and stated that he considered that the initiative for reception of the Liner should be taken by the Galway County Council.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the County Manager stated that he is considering granting an increase in the grant to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, provided that the increase will rank for recoupment from the Health Grant. Clr. King recommended that as far as possible, the sanitary accommodation in little towns be improved.

Deputy Cogan stated that he has received complaints that prescriptions are being issued to General Medical Service cases who cannot obtain the drugs at the clinic on the day they call.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that in some cases ~~stained~~ milk is being issued by the Council under the Free Milk Scheme and is not being used by the recipients, resulting in waste.

Deputy Carty referred to the National Farmers' Association statement which was published in full in the Press for week ending 22nd instant, and stated that this report did not include the statements made by members of the Council which contradicted some of the points raised by the N.F.A. Deputy Carty requested that the Secretary would supply the Press with a precis of the minute of that meeting, and this information was given by the Secretary to the Press representatives.

Clrs. Kelly, Carty, Sirr, Dowd and O'Donnell joined in paying a tribute to the County Accountant and the other officials who prepared the Estimate and attended the Estimates Meetings.

The County Manager thanked the Council on behalf of the officials.

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

"That the Council adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B, C, D, and E."

It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Kelly and unanimously resolved: "That the Council determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses the rates set forth in Column 13 of Table C, Column 15 of Table D., and Column 8 of Table E, to be the rates in the E, to be levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1959."

810 - LACKAGH BURIAL GROUND: Clr. Kelly referred to the advertisement inviting applications for the position of Caretaker, Lackagh Burial Ground, and stated that the salary of £10 a year offered is too low and recommended that it be increased.

811 - KILLEANEY HARBOUR: The Secretary submitted letter of the 14th February, 1958 from the Galtacht Department, and subsequent correspondence, and explained that the estimated cost of the improvement works was £2,550 which would be met entirely from Government funds, provided the Council undertook future maintenance of the work when completed. The Secretary referred to the previous resolution of the Council that the Office of Public Works be requested in any future cases such as this to assume responsibility for maintenance of the work for one year after its completion, after expiration of which time it would be taken over for maintenance by the Council if still in order. The Secretary also read the County Manager's letter to him dated 20th instant.

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

"That the Council approve the County Manager's recommendation and that the Council will be agreeable to take over the future maintenance of the work provided the County Engineer has certified that the work has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications as approved by him and that the work has been done to his satisfaction." (The County Manager had explained that as the arrangements stood at present, the County Engineer's certificate was required, but if that certificate was not issued within a period of two months, it would be assumed to have been issued).

812 - MEETINGS: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and agreed unanimously that in future the Council will adhere rigidly to the agenda for each meeting, and that members will not be permitted to introduce extraneous items until the end of the meeting - this arrangement to apply during the period to 31st March, 1959.

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

Mr. John Higgins, Contractor, Eyre Street, Galway, on the death of his sister.
The O'Sullivan family, Grouse Lodge, Cornamona.
Doctor Duignan, Castlebar, on the death of his wife.

Consideration of all items on the agenda for the ordinary meeting called for 22nd instant was adjourned until the next ordinary meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

L. Quinlan - Ruairi

Submitted, approved and Confirmed.

Máire M. O'Connell - Chairman.

Date: 29. 3. 1958

comhairle conghdae na Sionnóirí.

Oifig an Rúnáí,
Dóicár Mór,
Sionnóirí.

Suídh:
Sionnóirí 55.

14ú Márta, 1958.

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BARBAR ORC leis seo beirte i lárúir ag Cruinnú de
Comhairle Conghdae na Sionnóirí a tionscailt i nGairneirí
Conghdae, Oia Sárúir, 22ú Márta, 1958, ag tosú ar
12.30 a.m. a éirí.

Mise, le meas,

1. Ó Tuairisc.

Rúnáí.

Cuig zac Ullinne'n Comhairle.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a breathnú:

1. Miontuairiscí.
2. Damaisce Mairisearc - éirí.
3. Litr ó Árd Comhairle na gCondae, 3. 2. '58.
4. Coiste Comhairleach sláinte - Bill nua a ceapad in ionad M.C. O Maille Uachtaraí.
5. Coiste comhairleach sláinte - miontuairiscí 9. 11. 1957.
6. Cuiririg seiladair - Oifigí a cruthú.
7. Na h-ábair um Uallce agus liomacáistí do áinead amach, 1934 i 1939.
8. Biosa talmhan a díol i mDaire Searr - fógra 10. 2. 1958.
9. Cráic an tInéirí.
10. Tasaót £3,600, Coras Uisce-éoláir i bDaire - Mórúiste a seailú.
11. Tasaót £30,000 le tite a éoláir - Mórúiste a seailú.
12. Seáimeanna bóire - Deontaisí 1958-'59.
13. Tasaót Seiladair - cráimse go 30. 6. 1958.
14. Breis-áitadair sa éil. go 31. 3. 1958.
15. Fólúntas i nGairneirí Conghdae.
16. Áit na bPionsear (Máidú), 1956 - M. 708 de 23. 11. 1957.
17. Scoilreacht i mair-scoilleana - an méid atá iníocair le scoiláirí áirithe.

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18. Post mar éirí a éirí.
19. Áit éirí.
20. Tasaót éirí i mDaire Uilliam a éoláir.
21. Litr 20. 2. '58 ó'n Roinn Tionscail agus Cráicála mair le Forbairt éirí-éirí na Sionnóirí.
22. Dáil a ceapad ar comar-áitadair Comhairle éirí.
23. Litr 1. 3. '58 ó Árd Comhairle na gCondae.
24. Mair ó Comhairleóirí.
25. Mair Seáimeanna.
26. Tasaót éirí.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims received.
3. Letter 3. 2. '58 from the County Councils General Council confirming attendance of a member on a deputation.
4. Minutes of Meeting of Consultative Health Committee, 9. 11. 1957.
5. Appointment of member of the Consultative Health Committee to replace Surgeon M.G. O'Malley.
6. Approval to creation of certain offices of temporary clerical officers.
7. Advisability of adopting the Town and Regional Planning Acts for all or part of the Galway County Health District.
8. Sale of plot area 8 perches on Public Square, Ballygar - Notice 10. 2. 1958.
9. Auditor's report on accounts of the River Suck and River Fergus Joint Drainage District Committees for year to 31. 3. 1957.
10. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan £3,600 for Tuam Watermain Extension.
11. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan £30,000 for provision of cottages.
12. Road Grant Works, y.e. 31. 3. 1959.
 - (a) Main Road Reconstruction.
 - (b) County Road Reconstruction.
 - (c) Tourist Road Grant.
 - (d) Fíor-Gaeltacht Grant.
 - (e) Seáime Road Grant.
13. Overdraft for quarter to 30. 6. 1958.
14. Excess Expenditure in Y.E. 31. 3. 1958.
15. Declaration of vacancy on Galway County Council.
16. Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956 - Minute No: 708 of 23. 11. 1957.
17. Secondary Scholarships Scheme - amount of scholarship payable to certain students.
18. Creation of post of Clerical Officer for Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

19. Remuneration Variations:-

- (a) Esker Dispensary Caretaker.
- (b) Ohilly Dispensary Caretaker.

20. Provision of a dispensary residence at Williamstown.

21. Letter 20/2/58 from the Secretary, Department of Industry & Commerce relating to Galway Harbour Development.

22. Appointment of Nominee on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

23. Letter from County Councils General Council requesting notice of Items to be included in next Agenda.

24. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

(a) Clr. J.M. Glynn:

1. To ask the County Engineer to state what is the delay in having "Cornell's Well" Ballyroe walled in.
2. To deepen pump at Curragh, Dunmore.
3. To have white dividing line painted on road in towns Ballymoe, Williamstown and Dunmore.

(b) Clr. M. Wall:

1. That the road through the village of Kilclough joining roads 454-281 be declared a public road.
2. That the Co. Road from Newbridge to Kilkerrin be included in this year's programme for steam-rolling.

(c) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

1. That Co. Council extend the Water Main to the new Beachwear Factory at Cughterard.
2. That Rosmuck Watermain be extended from Kilbricken to Snabo.
3. I will propose that the Co. Engineer put into proper repair the road leading from the junction west of Clonbur to the end of that section.
4. That the Co. Engineer repair the road from Callowfeenish Cross Road to Kilkerrin.

(d) Clr. J. Flaherty:

I will ask the Co. Manager at the next meeting to request C.I.E. to provide a bus service from Dunmore via Gurteen, Clonbern, Mahanagh, Lavelly on to Tuam.

(e) Clr. M. Mannion:

1. At the next Co. Council meeting I will ask the Co. Engineer to include the following co. roads in the years steamrolling programme to the Dept. for sanction.
 - Road No: 258 from Castletown Cross to Curraghmore.
 - " " 262 " Knockmaskell Cross to Derry.
 - " " 412 " Moylough to Carrnacroga Cross.
2. I will propose to have Rd. No: 257 from McGann's Cross to Castletown Cross put in the 5-year plan.
3. I will propose that a wicket gate and a mahhole cover be put over dug well (known as Coyle's Pump) at Moylough.

24. (f) Clr. W. Burke:

1. I propose that the road from Kilgevrin to Kilbarren be rolled.
2. I will ask the Assistant County Engineer when he proposes to start work on the Russelstown bridge.

(g) Deputy M. Killilea:

1. To repair and reconstruct the road leading from Dunmore-Claremorris Main Road near Rhattigan's Hse. through Cloonfane and Guinaltagh to the Garrafreuns-Cloonfad and maintain above afterwards.
2. To reconstruct and maintain the road through Cloondrone and Clonroine joining Galway and Mayo Co. Roads.

(h) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

I will ask the Co. Engineer to state whether present method of recruitment of road workers is successful.

(i) Clr. M. O'Donnell:

To request Council to extend Waterworks left from Michael O Cathain's house to serve four houses.

(j) Clr. J. Flaherty:

1. I will ask the Co. Manager to have a fence erected around Mrs. Cannon's cottage, Dangan, Ballyglubin.
2. I will ask that provision be made for the erection of a cottage for John Collins, Gater Street, Dunmore.

(k) Clr. J. Lambert:

1. I will ask that the eyrsore of old houses at Crowe Street, Gort, be cleared.
2. That the Council be requested to provide a gate at Gort Bridge for the people's protection.

(l) Deputies M. Carty, J. Geoghegan, M. Kitt and M. Killilea:

That this Council extend its Supplementary Housing Grants Scheme to include all applicants for State Grants in respect of whom a Certificate of Approval is issued up to and including the 31st March, 1958, or who have made application for a Certificate of Approval up to and including that date.

25. Resolutions.

26. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Hanley, Deputy Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Cirs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and "all.

814 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman paid tribute to the late Councillor Peter Kelly who died on 23rd February, 1958, and proposed that as a mark of respect the meeting would be adjourned.

The Chairman also proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Agnes Cashel, who was formerly Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Lambert associated himself with the tributes paid by the Chairman to the late Councillor Kelly, and seconded the proposal that the meeting be adjourned.

The other members present joined in these expressions of sympathy, and Deputy F. Coggan, who apologised for his inability to be present at the meeting, also requested that he be associated with the expression of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Kelly.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the officials of the Council joined in the expression of sympathy with the relatives of the late Councillor P. Kelly.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

The Sweeney Family, Athenry, on the death of Mr. Frank Sweeney.
The O'Malley Family, Moylough.
The Rafferty Family, Glenties.
The Nolan Family, Tully, Ballygar.
Mr. John Monaghan and Family, Ivymount, Athenry, on the death of Mrs. Monaghan.

815 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That this Council extend its supplementary Housing Grants Scheme to include all applicants for State Grants, in respect of whom a certificate of approval is issued, up to and including 31st March, 1958, or who have made application for such certificate of approval up to and including that date, either to the Department of Local Government or to the Galway County Council, as may be appropriate (since the application for a water and sewerage grant has to be made to the Council in the first instance).

816 - LOAN FOR PROVISION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES: It was proposed by Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane 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 a sum of £30,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1933 to 1956."

817 - KILLEANY HARBOUR: With reference to Minute No: 811 of meeting of 22nd February, 1958, the Secretary explained that the Commissioners of Public Works have pointed out that the existing form of agreement gives the County Engineer an opportunity of inspecting the work while it is in progress, and of making representations to the Commissioners of Public Works so as to ensure that the work will be carried out in accordance with the plan and specification; that the Commissioners of Public Works are not prepared to alter this form of agreement and that they are anxious to proceed with this work at an early date, provided the Council's consent is forthcoming.

The Acting County Engineer pointed out that the work is an extension of an existing pier which is already maintainable by the County Council.

It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Sirr and resolved:
"That the Council approve the completion of the Form of

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Agreement submitted, and the taking over of liability for maintenance of the work by the Council when it has been completed.

818 - DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER FOR INISHBOFFIN: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. John Mannion, the County Manager explained the position regarding the provision of a District Medical Officer in Inishboffin Island, explaining that every effort had been made to obtain a temporary doctor who would act as locum pending the permanent filling of the vacancy.

Clr. Mannion stated that only a resident doctor will meet the needs of this island, owing to the difficulty of access, and requested that everything possible be done to obtain a doctor for the island as quickly as possible.

The Meeting was then adjourned until Saturday, 29th March, 1958, commencing at 12.30.p.m.

M. Quinn
Chairman

Submitted, approved and Confirmed.

Máiream Ó'Curra
Chairman

Date: 29.3.1958.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mór,
GAILLIMH.

24adh Márta, 1958.

A Chara,

Cuireadh Cruinniu 22adh Márta ar ath-lo, ro dti Satharn, 29adh.

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniu de
Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Conndae
Dia Sathairn, 29adh Márta, 1958, ag tosnu ar 12.30.p.m. a clog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

Chug gao Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clr. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Beoghegan, Cirs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiffe, Cirs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

819 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 818 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Deputy Kitt referred to the Press report of a statement by Clr. Wall, regarding the number of gangers and workmen employed in the Mountbellew Engineer's area, and stated that as a result of a question asked in the Dail, he, Deputy Kitt, had ascertained that in the Mountbellew Forestry District, there are three timekeepers, who may be regarded as working gangers, over 20 labourers, and that therefore the figures given by Clr. Wall were incorrect.

Clr. Galvin stated that he understood Clr. Wall was referring to the Ballygar Forestry District in which there are at least 40 men permanently employed. The Chairman read the relevant minute.

820 - POLIOMYELITIS: Clr. Hanley stated that there has been an outbreak of poliomyelitis in his district, and asked what steps have been taken by the County Medical Officer in connection with it.

The County Manager stated that a report on this matter had not so far been received from the County Medical Officer, but that he was confident that the latter would have taken any precautions necessary; that the matter would be taken up with the Acting County Medical Officer.

821 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of Malicious Damage Claims received since the last meeting, viz:-

Mr. Patrick Gill, 12, Eyre Square, Galway. - Plate Glass Window £7.
Michael and Margaret Dolly, Watfordale, Claregalway - Wall and fences, £100.
Patrick Conneely, Bealadangan - Boat, £5.
James O'Flynn & Sons (1945) Ltd. - House in Galway, £56.
William Hession, Tuam - Motor Car, £455.
James Bane, Caherabegmore, Athenry - Water Tank £100.

822 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council approved the attendance of the Chairman, Clr. Martin Quinn, at the Custom House, Dublin on 23rd February, 1958, as a member of a deputation from the General Council towards the restoration of grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

823 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: The minutes of a meeting of the Consultative Health Committee held on 9th November, 1957, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted.

After a discussion, it was decided to defer for three months consideration of the appointment of a member of the Consultative Health Committee to replace Surgeon M.G. O'Malley - this having been proposed by Deputy Carty, and seconded by Deputy Kitt.

824 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL OFFICERS: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council approved the creation of the following posts of temporary clerical officer:-

- (a) Temporary Clerical Officer in the County Accountant's Office from 1st June to 31st July, 1957, during which period permanent clerical officer was assisting the Auditor.
- (b) Temporary Clerical Officer at Galway Regional Hospital for work in connection with Specialist Clinics for a period of three months from 30th December, 1957.
- (c) Temporary Clerical Officer in the Housing Section for work in connection with

Housing Grants from 2nd September, 1957, to 30th June, 1958 inclusive.

825 - REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council approved the creation of the post of clerical officer to deal with work in connection with registration of births, deaths and marriages.

826 - TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING: It was proposed by Clr. James J. Ruane, that the Council take the necessary steps to adopt the Town and Regional Planning Acts for the Galway County Health District.

Deputy Carty stated that a former member of the Galway Corporation had advised him against the adoption of these Acts, or at most, if they were adopted, that they should be adopted only for small specific areas.

The County Manager stated that the adoption of Town Planning had achieved very good results in Galway, even though the Act came too late to prevent much undesirable development which preceded it; that bad development involves the local authority in greater expense than would be incurred by adoption of the Planning Acts.

Clr. Galvin stated that the adoption of Town Planning has many advantages, one of the greatest of which is the prevention of ribbon development, and that the only snag in the adoption of Town Planning, is that a Planning Consultant may require a person to build a house to a certain design which might not be that desired by the owner.

The Chairman seconded Clr. J.J. Ruane's proposal.

A direct negative was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Wall.

Clr. Collins stated that he would not favour the restriction of people's rights by an official and he considered that the County Council was well protected in this matter by other legislation relating to roads, etc.

Clr. John Mannion stated that Town Planning might prevent a farmer from erecting a house in the part of his farm which suited him best.

Clr. James Donnellan was informed by the Chairman that the adoption of Town Planning did not involve the extension of urban boundaries.

Clr. King stated that there is no demand for the adoption of Town Planning in his electoral area.

Deputy Carty stated that the submission of plans to the local authority for houses or out-offices will involve the applicant in expense, and asked what advantages would accrue to the applicant in return for this expense.

Clr. John Donnellan referred to bad development in Galway, and stated that there is a dangerous bottle-neck at Newcastle, which will be expensive to remedy.

Clr. Lambert asked would Town Planning involve the appointment of an additional officer, and if so, why could the Council's Engineering Staff not deal with the matter.

Deputy Coogan asked if the requirements of Town Planning could be enforced in any way except by withholding grant, and stated that future generations would reap the benefit of its adoption.

Clr. Canning supported the adoption of Town Planning for towns at least.

Clr. Wall stated that the powers could be abused in rural areas, and that he could not see that any useful purpose could be served by the adoption of Town Planning for rural areas.

Clr. Hanley opposed adoption in rural areas.

Deputy Killilea stated that hardship would not be imposed on people in rural areas by the adoption of Town Planning, and that everything possible should be done to remove and prevent eyesores in such areas.

The County Manager stated that the colour of a building has not been dictated by the local authority in any case in Galway City, and in regard to design, the local authority has interfered only for reasons of health or fire precautions; that when a Consultant was engaged his fee for giving his views on a plan was 7/6d; that there is no obligation on a local authority to appoint a Consultant at all; that the preliminary survey could be carried out by the Council's own staff; that a plan has to be submitted for every building, but it could be a simple sketch plan which might be prepared by the applicant in many cases; that the Consultant himself could not prohibit anything; that the Manager can accept or reject a proposal and that the Manager is under the control of the local authority.

The Council has not adequate powers in this matter already as any rights which the Council has relate to obstructions on public roads; that extensive development on the sea side of the Galway-Spiddal road would be most undesirable.

The Assistant County Manager endorsed what the County Manager had stated, and stated that Town Planning is concerned with guidance rather with control; that the fundamental principle of the Town Planning Acts does not differ from the control given in relation to roads; that the guidance would be that of the Council given in the interests of the community; that on an appeal being made to the Minister for Local Government against the decision of the local authority, reasonable opinion always prevails. The Assistant County Manager stated that he had a particular interest in the adoption of the Town Planning Acts in relation to the towns of Loughrea and Tuam.

Deputy Geoghegan asked if owners of land on the sea side of the Galway-Spiddal road would, if Town Planning were adopted, be prevented from building houses on their lands.

The County Manager stated that there should be control of the density of building where the amenities could be destroyed by undesirable building.

In reply to Deputy Coogan, the Assistant County Manager stated that there is provision for payment of compensation where undue hardship results from a prohibition under Town Planning, e.g., in the case of a person who has bought a site prior to the adoption of Town Planning, and is as a result of its adoption prevented from building thereon.

Deputy Carty pointed out that if Town Planning is adopted, the Council cannot subsequently revoke its decision.

Clr. King recommended that consideration of this matter be deferred.

The County Manager stated that if Town Planning is adopted, it will immediately become necessary to submit plans for proposed buildings; that the County Engineer and his staff could do the preliminary survey, and that they probably would recommend the employment of a Consultant for certain areas - that rural areas would not require detailed plan.

Deputy Carty stated that if the Council adopts the Town Planning Acts, it is presumed that they will proceed with all convenient speed to finalise their planning scheme.

Clr. Wall then suggested that Town Planning be adopted for towns only.

Deputy Geoghegan and Clr. Wall agreed to amend their proposal to provide that consideration of the adoption of the Town Planning Acts be deferred.

Eventually, the Chairman directed that a vote be taken for or against Clr. Ruane's proposal, and a vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Canning, Carty, Coogan, Galvin, Hanley, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiffe, Quinn and Ruane James (10).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Joyce, King, Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane Pat, Sarr and Wall. (16).

The Chairman declared Clr. Ruane's proposal lost, and Deputy Geoghegan's proposal carried, and consideration of the adoption of the Town and Planning Acts for the Galway County Health District was therefore deferred indefinitely.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.30.p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION CLR. QUINN AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

827 - PLOT AT BALLYGAR: It was proposed by Clr. M. Wall, seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty and resolved:-

"That the Council approve the sale of a plot of ground at the public square at Ballygar, area 8 sq. perches, statute measure or thereabouts, to the Catholic Church Authorities for £8 plus legal costs, the purchasers to be responsible for any present or future liability attaching to the plot being sold.

828 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's Reports on his audit of the accounts of the following bodies for the year ending 31st March, 1957, were submitted and noted:-

- (a) River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee.
- (b) River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

829 - TUAM WATERMAIN EXTENSION - LOAN: It was proposed by Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 12th February, 1958, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,600 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the extension of the watermain to Weir Road, Tuam, to be repaid within five years with interest at the usual rate charged by the bank from time to time for such advances, and 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 Ltd."

830 - ROAD GRANT WORKS, 1958/59: The list of proposals as prepared by the County Engineer and approved by the County Manager, and circulated to the members, was submitted and approved for:-

- (a) Main Road Reconstruction Grant Works,
- (b) County Road Reconstruction Grant Works,
- (c) Tourist Road Grant Works,
- (d) Screebe Road Grant Work,-

subject to one amendment, viz., in Scheme No: 5 for Main Road Grant - substituting Loughrea-Kilmeen for Dartfield-Kilbræklo.

Deputy Geoghegan objected to the fact that no scheme has been shown on the list for the Section of road from Spiddal to Lettermullen. The Acting County Engineer pointed out that the Scheme for Galway-Furbo is on a part of the same road which is most urgently in need of improvement.

Clr. P. Ruane stressed the necessity for improvement of the road from Castlegar to Claregalway on which there are many dangerous bends.

Clr. Ridge also objected to the fact that no expenditure is provided for the section of road from Spiddal to Lettermullen.

In regard to County Road Scheme No: 2, the County Engineer, in reply to Deputy Geoghegan, stated that it is proposed that this work will be carried out at the Toombeola end of the Cashel-Toombeola road.

Clr. Flaherty stressed the urgent need for reconstruction of Castlemoyle Bridge.

In regard to Scheme No: 20 (County Roads),

Clr. M. Mannion objected to the fact that there was no provision for any scheme in Kilkerrin vicinity. Clr. Wall stated that Scheme No: 20 is a start on work on the New bridge - Kilkerrin road. Clr. Flaherty supported Clr. Mannion's remark and Clr. Wall proposed that Scheme No: 20 be carried out as listed.

On Clr. Dowd's enquiring if any provision is made for linking Kiltormer with Laurencetown through Belleview, the Chairman pointed out that the grant is for improvement of existing county roads.

In regard to Scheme No: 27 for County Roads,

Clr. King suggested that this money be transferred to the Section Carraghy-Luclogheen.

Deputy Killilea supported this recommendation and Clr. P. Ruane suggested that the matter be left to the County Engineer.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Martin Mannion, that Scheme No: 20 be amended so that half the amount provided shall be expended at each end of the Newbridge-Kilkerrin road, and this further amendment of the list of proposals was approved unanimously.

Clrs. J.J. Ruane and F. Coogan recommended that steps be taken to make the Tawin road passable, and in reply the County Engineer stated that he would do all possible to have this road graded without rolling, this year.

In regard to Scheme No: 18, Clr. Galvin recommended that this work be commenced at the Ahascragh end.

Clr. Dowd requested that something be done to improve the road from Staunton's Cross to Clonfert which is in a very bad condition.

Deputy Geoghegan objected to the fact that while Scheme No: 1 provides for expenditure of £6,000 Tourist Grant in the Section Screebe-Mann-Cross, no provision is made for the road from Derryrush to Flannery Bridge, which is in very bad condition, particularly at Loughacoomoora.

The Acting County Engineer explained that the £13,000 grant for the Screebe road is being given on the condition that the Council will carry out a scheme to put this road in order, and that the entire scheme will cost approximately £20,000; that the balance in excess of £13,000 has to be obtained from some source.

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Clr. King considered that the Tourist Road Grant is not allocated particularly for Connemara, and that it could be spent in the area immediately west of the Corrib.

830 - OVERDRAFT: The Secretary reported that since there is an adequate credit balance, it is not anticipated that overdraft accommodation will be required during the quarter to 30th June, 1958.

831 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE, 1957/58: On the proposition of Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved the following excesses in actual expenditure over the estimate for the current year to 31st March, 1958:-

Roads:

Government Grants:	£15,964.	
Other Purposes:	£6,181.	£22,145.

Health:

General Medical Services:	£2,190.	
Institutional Services:	£21,990.	
Maternity & Child Health Services:	£3,450.	
Specialist Services:	500.	
Ambulances and Transport of Patients:	£ 31,000.	£29,130.
TOTAL EXCESSES:		£51,275.

It was noted that on the total estimate there will be a saving of £23,870.

832 - VACANCY ON COUNCIL: Consideration of the declaration of vacancy on the Galway County Council resulting from the death of Clr. Peter Kelly was adjourned until next meeting.

833 - SHEEP DIPPING: The Secretary read letters dated 14/3/58 from Mr. John C. Sheil, Veterinary Inspector, and 10/3/58 from Mr. Hastings Lambert, Redmount, Laurencetown, pointing out that the statement by Clr. Dowd to the effect that a sheep dipping bath in his district had not been inspected by a Veterinary Inspector, was incorrect.

Clr. Dowd explained that his statement meant that he did not at any time see a Veterinary Inspector present while sheep were being dipped in the bath in question.

834 - PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1956: In connection with Minute No: 208 of 23rd November, 1957, a letter dated 11th March, 1958, from the Acting County Solicitor was submitted, advising that in normal cases a pensioner is entitled to be paid the increase under the above Act from 1st August, 1956, and it was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council approve the granting of the appropriate increase in pensions under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956, with effect from 1st August, 1956, instead of from 1st January, 1957, as already approved."

It was noted that the amount required to meet this additional expenditure would be £650 and the provision of funds for this purpose was approved unanimously.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

835 - SCHOLARSHIPS: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council unanimously approved the following:-
"Payment of scholarship at the rate of £45 a year to Mr. William F. Connaughton, who is attending Roscommon Secondary School

attended
and who formerly/the Franciscan Brothers School in Clifden.

- (b) Payment of Scholarship at the rate of £25 a year to Mr. Sean S. O Laoi, a student in Gormanstown Franciscan College, whose parents have left the County Galway - no reduction to be made in the amount of the scholarship even though Mr. O Laoi has obtained an intermediate scholarship.

836 - ESKER DISPENSARY: On the proposition of Clr. Dowd, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council approved the following allowances for Esker Dispensary; from 1st April, 1958:

Rent:	£12 a year.
Fuel and Light Allowance:	£12 a year.
Carotaking:	£20 a year..

837 - OHILLY DISPENSARY: On the proposition of Clr. Dowd, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council approved the following allowances for Ohilly Dispensary from 1st April, 1958:-

£25 a year for rent, caretaking, cleaning fuel and light (in lieu of £18 a year).

838 - HEADFORD DISPENSARY: Clr. King complained that the remuneration of the Dispensary Carotaker at Headford is very low in comparison with that of the Carotaker of Currandulla, and suggested that there should be a general review of the remuneration of dispensary caretakers in all areas, so as to ensure that there would be a comparable remuneration paid in each case.

839 - RESIDENT MEDICAL STAFF - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved revised remuneration as set out hereunder for the Resident Medical Staff at Galway Regional Hospital - this remuneration to apply only to officers who were actually employed in these grades in July, 1958, and for any officers appointed subsequently up to 30th September, 1956, inclusive:-

Interns	- £479. 17. 6. for the first six months, and £433. 2. 6. for the second six months.
House Surgeons-Physicians	- First six months - £516. 17. 6. Second six months - £570. 2. 6. Third six months - £622. 17. 6. Fourth Six months - £676. 2. 6.
Senior House Surgeons/Physicians:	£676. 2. 6. a year.
Registrars:	First Year - £862. 10. 0. Second Year - £969. 0. 0. Third Year - £1075. 10. 0.

The additional expenditure necessary to pay the amount of arrears involved by this revision, viz., £1,074. 4. 11. was approved on the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd.

840 - WILLIAMSTOWN DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: Letter of 19th February, 1958, from the County Manager addressed to the Chairman and members was submitted, and on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Sarr, the Council approved the proposal that the existing dispensary residence at Williamstown be demolished and that a new residence be provided on that site - unless arrangements have been made by the Manager in the meantime for sale of the premises to Dr. Roland.

841 - GALWAY HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT: The Secretary read letter H.B.14/2/3 of the 20/2/58 from the Secretary, Department of Industry & Commerce, and it was directed that a copy of this letter be sent to the Galway Harbour Commissioners.

842 - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD. On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the appointment of Clr. Martin Quinn as their nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

843 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter of 1st instant from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, requesting notice of matters to be included

in the next agenda.

Clr. Flaherty recommended that the General Council take some action to ensure that there would not be such a long delay in provision of dentures or spectacles.

The County Manager stated that more of these appliances are being provided now than ever were provided before.

Deputy Carty suggested standing to the General Council a resolution viz: "That the Minister for Health be requested to implement the Section of the Health Act providing for supply of dentures to members of the lower income group in need of such."

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Health Act did not bring about any disimprovement in the supply of dentures, but that the Minister's view is that any funds available should be expended mainly on school dental services.

It was recommended that a notice be inserted in the Press, stating that no further applications for dentures will be accepted until the present waiting list has been disposed of.

Clr. Sarr stated that the bus from Ballymoore arrives in Galway at 12.30. - too late to enable patients to attend the Eye Clinic held in Galway on that day, and consequently patients have to wait overnight so as to be able to return on the bus which leaves at 4.p.m. or 4.30.p.m. Clr. Sarr requested that the time of the clinic in Galway be altered, or that arrangements be made for the holding of a clinic more convenient to Ballymoore.

It was decided that the General Council be requested to include on its next Agenda the following resolution:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to restore the grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949."

844 - COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Killilea, it was resolved:

"That consideration of Councillors' Notices of Motion Nos: 24(a) to (1) inclusive, would be adjourned until next meeting."

845 - CENTRAL HOSPITAL DEMOLITION: Deputy Coogan stated that he had been informed that the contractor made a profit of £6,000 on the demolition of the old Galway Central Hospital, and asked why other contractors were not given an opportunity to tender for this work.

The County Manager stated that the Quantity Surveyor's estimate for the demolition of this building was £8,000 - all material to be retained by the contractor; that in fact the Council had taken out all fittings and the demolition had been carried out by Stuart's for £5,000, and for this sum they had demolished the old Central Hospital, the laboratory, the front building and the old dispensary; that the cost of this work is being met by grant from Hospital Trust Funds.

The County Manager stated further that it was a condition of the original contract that the contractor would carry out the development of the site and the laying of roads, and that this could not be done without first demolishing the old building.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that there is a possibility that some of the stone will be sold back to the Council.

Clr. John Donnellan agreed with the suggestion that the demolition contract should have been advertised.

The County Manager stated that Messrs. Stuart's had charge of the entire site while they are working on the erection of the Regional Hospital. The County Manager stated that there had been much loose talk in regard to the profit made by the contractor by the sale of material, but consideration had not been given to the expenses incurred by the contractor in demolishing the buildings and removal of the rubbish from the site.

Deputy Carty stated that a contractor who complained to him in regard to this matter, failed to put his complaint in writing when requested to do so.

846 - MEETINGS: Deputy Geoghegan requested that accommodation be made available for the Press nearer to the Chairman's bench.

847 - BARNAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Deputy Coogan requested that he be informed of the present position in regard to provision of a water supply scheme for Barnal.

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

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Mrs. J. Durkin, Chapel Street, Athenry, on the death of her sister, Mrs. Fleming.
 Mrs. J.J. Bergin, Maybrook, Athy, on the death of her husband.
 His Lordship, the Bishop of Galway, and Mr. R.G. Browne, Westport, on the
 death of the latter's son.
 The Clergy of the Diocese of Limerick on the death of Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill,
 Bishop of Limerick.
 Doctor Roland, Williamstown, and Mrs. Roland, Ballyshea, Kilchreest, on
 their recent bereavement.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

L.A. Macaulis, Rónsi.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Máireamh Ó Cúinn, Chairman.

Date. 26th Feb. 1958

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE
 HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. M. Quinn, T. King, J. Mammion, M. Wall, Dr. M.J. Dyar,
 Dr. I. Gallagher, Acting County M.O.

Mr. T.F. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, Mr. W. Hogan,
 Lay Superintendent, Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer,
 and the County Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting held on 1st February, 1958, having
 been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, the Secretary stated that the amount
 paid by the Council to Portiuncula Hospital for maintenance and treatment of
 patients there in the year to 31st March, 1957, was £36,834.

Doctor Dyar, on being informed that the County Manager had
 written to the R.M.S., Merlin Park, regarding streptomycin, and that a reply was
 being awaited, requested that this matter would be pursued further.

Doctor Dyar also complained of the long delay in correcting the
 defects in the water supply at Loughrea.

2 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE: The Secretary gave the following particulars in
 regard to General Medical Service Cards:

Total Number of Applications received:	18,120.
Number Granted:	16,091.
Number of Persons covered by above:	51,111.
Number refused:	1,547.
Number still under consideration:	482.

Doctor Dyar complained of the delay in
 supply of drugs by the official contractor, and stated that the delay appears
 to be on the part of the contractor rather than in the Council's offices.

Doctor Dyar referred to a requisition for drugs
 issued by him (F.21 of 6/3/58). The requisition which was issued for
 300 tablets of tabloid thyroid gr. . was altered by the Department of Health,
 to read tablet thyroid which is the drug available from the Official Contractors.
 Dr. Dyar stated that 1½ tablets of tabloid thyroid as available from any chemist,
 are equivalent to 7 tablets of tablet thyroid as supplied by Messrs. Antigen,
 that the latter does not bear any label to show that it is of B.P. standard; that
 there is a danger to the patient in administration of a drug which is not of any
 recognised standard, and that there is also greater expense to the Council involved
 by the purchase of tablet thyroid, having regard to the much greater quantity of
 this drug which must be used to obtain the same result as may be obtained by a small
 quantity of tabloid thyroid.

The Assistant County Manager suggested that this
 matter might be taken up with the Department of Health to ascertain whether the
 Department is satisfied that the labelling of this drug is sufficient.

Doctor Dyar recommended that the Department be
 requested to state if the drug is of B.P. standard.

Clr. King stated that local authorities should be
 particularly careful to ensure that poor patients, who have no choice in this
 matter, should get proper drugs.

Mr. Hogan, Lay Superintendent, stated that when
 a sample of a drug was sent to the Department recently from the Regional Hospital,
 it was referred by the Department of Health to both the State Chemist and the
 Official Contractors, Messrs. Antigen; that the former stated the sample was good,
 while the latter stated that the sample was deficient.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that there
 had recently been a change in the method of analysing samples of drugs supplied to
 local authorities, and suggested that it might be well to give the new system a
 trial.

School Medical Service: Doctor Dyar suggested that District Medical Officers might be regarded as School Medical Officers for the purpose of dealing with eye cases of the school age group.

Deputy Carty stated that it has been his practice to send a note to the County Medical Officer, requesting that the latter would arrange to examine at a local clinic any child whose sight appears to him (Deputy Carty) to be defective.

Doctor Gallagher explained that free treatment is only available to school children when such treatment is being obtained as a result of defects discovered at a school medical examination.

The Assistant County Manager stated that eye and ear treatment for school children appeared to be excluded from specialist services, under Section 15 (10) of the Health Act, 1953, and that therefore children requiring any treatment could be referred to the County Medical Officer, so that they might receive attention at an eye clinic held under the School Medical Service Scheme.

Doctor Dyar stated that a Department of Health Medical Inspector had informed him to the contrary, and the Assistant County Manager stated that he would have this matter clarified.

Dentures for adults: Dr. Dyar and Clr. Wall complained of the delay in supply of dentures to adults.

The Assistant County Manager explained that since the Department of Health policy is that funds available should be utilised for dental treatment for school children, the Council is not empowered to provide dentures for adults in all cases in which such are required, and that the Council is finding difficulty in obtaining the agreement of the Department of Health to the continuation of the restricted scheme of issue of dentures to adults which was in operation for some years.

Clr. King stated that over 50 people in his area had had their teeth extracted in expectation of supply of dentures by the Council.

Clr. Wall recommended that District Medical Officers be informed that no further applications for dentures will be received by the Council.

Deputy Carty agreed that he had heard the Minister for Health last year state that whatever funds were available should be utilised for the School Medical Dental Service.

On the suggestion of Clr. Wall, it was recommended by the Committee that publicity be given to the fact that no further applications for dentures can be considered until the waiting list already on hands has been cleared.

Mental Hospital: Doctor Dyar stated that Guards have complained to him that they are sometimes left waiting up to three hours in Ballinasloe Mental Hospital before the patient whom they have taken there is admitted.

Doctor Dyar requested that some steps be taken to eliminate this unnecessary delay, and also recommended that discharge reports be issued by the Mental Hospital authorities.

Non-T.B. Section, Merlin Park: On the suggestion of Dr. Dyar, the Committee recommended that a clinic be established at the Western Regional Sanatorium, Merlin Park, for examination of non-T.B. cases, and that District Medical Officers be empowered to send patients direct to that clinic for investigation of heart, etc., complaints, and that the services of this clinic be made available to all counties in the Region in this manner - as it appears to be a waste of time to send patients of this type to the Regional Hospital, Galway, in the first instance.

3 - MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary stated that 91 doctors had signed the form of agreement for provision of Maternity Services and that 40 of these are District Medical Officers; that 71 midwives had signed the form of agreement and that of these 33 are District Midwives.

The Assistant County Manager explained to the Committee, in reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, that the free treatment which is available to maternity cases is for treatment of complaints which arise in connection with motherhood, and that the patient not entitled to free treatment for, e.g. a broken leg occurring during the period of pregnancy.

4 - INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Doctor Dyar recommended that accommodation be made available at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, for vagrants, as the Assistant Officer

for that District did not reside in the town of Loughrea and he, Dr. Dyar, has been troubled frequently by vagrants who have no means to provide accommodation for themselves overnight.

Dr. Dyar stated that the Assistant Officer for this District resides at Redmount, Eyrecourt, while he is supposed to be residing in Kilrickle.

Clr. Wall stated that when a patient of the middle income group enters a public ward in Portluncula, he is required to pay to Portluncula Hospital Authorities, a charge much higher than 10/- a day, which is the amount he would pay if he were a patient in Galway Regional General Hospital.

The Assistant County Manager stated that such patients should only pay 10/- a day in Portluncula also, and that he had not received any complaints in regard to higher charges made by Portluncula Authorities from such patients in recent times.

Dr. Dyar stated that the Portluncula Hospital Authorities maintained that they have a right to refuse patients, and it is requested that the Assistant County Manager would investigate both of these complaints.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the average patient admitted to Portluncula Hospital is of a poorer class than the average patient admitted to the Galway Regional Hospital. Dr. Dyar stated that it is not difficult for a fairly well-to-do patient to obtain admission to the Galway Regional Hospital via The Crescent.

4 - MATERNITY GRANTS: The Secretary stated that 1,625 maternity grants had been passed for payment since 1st April, 1957.

5 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE: Deputy Carty stated that he would give particulars of a case in which a reduced allowance of 15/- a week only was granted to an applicant who was formerly residing with his brother, but who now lives along with his sister-in-law and two nephews.

Clr. King considers that it is unjust that the allowance should not be given to an applicant who received his share out of a farm, dissipated it, and is now only a burden on his relatives.

The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to allowances:

Number of applications received:	2,837.
Number approved for payment:	1,363.
Number refused:	1,437.
Number under consideration:	137.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Carty, as to whether receipt of a special allowance under the Military Service Pensions Acts debarred a person from entitlement to the Disablement Allowance, the Assistant County Manager stated that it would be the value of the special allowance which should be taken into account.

Clr. Quinn stated that it would be better for the local authority, where possible, that Disablement Allowances should be issued rather than home assistance, as there will be a 50% recoupment of the Disablement Allowances from the Department of Health.

6 - BABY FOOD: On the recommendation of Clr. Quinn, the Committee unanimously recommended that baby food "Farex" which formerly was available from grocers, and which, owing to some action taken by the Pharmaceutical Society is now only available in chemist shops, be again made available in grocer shops.

7 - PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES: In reply to enquiry by Dr. Dyar, Dr. Gallagher stated that polio vaccination is now restricted to the lower income group.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Quinn, Dr. Gallagher stated that two cases of polio had occurred in the Loughrea and Portluncula areas and the appropriate measures have been taken by the County M.O.'s Department in each of these cases; that one other fatal case had occurred in another part of the county.

Dr. Dyar stated that the water in Loughrea had been bad for six months past; that the water is receiving attention now but he considered the delay in giving it attention had been far too long; that the Health

Inspector should work in co-operation with the District Medical Officer; that the filters had not been working properly and that there was sewerage contamination of the water after it had left the reservoir.

Dr. Dyer objected to the direction or cessation of the use of triple antigen for vaccination against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, stating that it was normal practice to cease vaccination any time there would be an outbreak of polio, and that he considered matters should have been left as they were previous to this direction.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

18adh abrain, 1958.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag Cruinniu de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Conndae, Dia Pathairn, 26adh Abrain, 1958, ag tosnú ar 12.30.p.m. a chloí.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

Chuir gac Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

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Na h-abhair seo leanas a bhreathnu:

1. Miontuairisgi.
2. Damiste Mailiseach - eilimh.
3. Iasacht £400 d'fhaghail ar son Coimisineiri Thuama.
4. Iasacht £17,500, Coras Uisce-sholathair i gCill Iomair: Morgaiste a shealu.
5. Cead fe'n Act Cinematografach, 1909 - Halla Baile Port Omna.
6. Foluntas ins an Comhairle Conndae.
7. Oifig mar Banaltra Ceannatar Port Omna a chruthu.
8. Post mar Gleireach Sealadach a cruthu.
9. Tuarastal adhaire Iolainne i gCill Iomair.
10. Caideil: Tus-liosta a dheanamh.
11. Molta o Comhairleori.
12. Gno eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Raising of Loan of £400 for Tuam Town Commissioners - provision of ranges.
4. Sealing of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £17,500 for Killimor Water Supply Scheme.
5. Issue of Cinema Licence for Town Hall, Portunna.

6. Declaration of Vacancy on the Galway County Council.
7. Creation of whole-time office of District Nurse, Portumna, in lieu of two posts of (a) part-time district nurse and (b) midwife.
8. Extension of creation of post of temporary clerical officer in Galway Regional Hospital.
9. Remuneration of Dispensary Caretaker, Killimor.
10. Preparation of priority list for new pumps.
11. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. J.M. Glynn:
 1. To ask the County Engineer to state what is the delay in having "Cornell's "ell" Ballyroe walled in.
 2. To deepen pump at Curragh, Dunmore.
 3. To have white dividing line painted on road in towns Ballymoe, Williamstown and Dunmore.
 - (b) Clr. M. Wall:
 1. That the road through the village of Kilclough joining roads 454-281 be declared a public road.
 2. That the Co. Road from Newbridge to Kilkerrin be included in this year's programme for steam-rolling.
 - (c) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
 1. That Co. Council extend the watermain to the new Beachwear Factory at Oughterard.
 2. That Rosmuck watermain be extended from Kilbricken to Snabo.
 3. I will propose that the Co. Engineer put into proper repair the road leading from the junction west of Clonbur to the end of that section.
 4. That the Co. Engineer repair the road from Allowfeenish Cross Road to Kilkerrin.
 - (d) Clr. J. Flaherty: I will ask the Co. Manager at the next meeting to request C.T.B. to provide a bus service from Dunmore via Gurteen, Clonbern, Mahanagh, Lavally on to Tuam.
 - (e) Clr. M. Mannion:
 1. At the next Co. Council meeting I will ask the Co. Engineer to include the following Co. Roads in the years steamrolling programme to the Department for sanction.

Road No: 258	from Castletown Cross to Curraghmore.
" " 262	" Knockmaskell Cross to Derry.
" " 412	" Moylough to Carrnaregg Cross.
 2. I will propose to have Rd. No: 257 from McGam's Cross to Castletown Cross put in the 5-year plan.
 3. I will propose that a wicket gate and a manhole cover be put over dug well (known as Coyle's Pump) at Moylough.
 - (f) Clr. " . Burke:
 1. I propose that the road from Kilgevrin to Kilbarmon be rolled.
 2. I will ask the Assistant County Engineer when he proposes to start work on the Russeltown bridge.
 - (g) Deputy M. Killilea:
 1. To repair and reconstruct the road leading from Dunmore-Claremorris Main Road near Rhattigan's house, through Cloonfane and Guinaltagh to the Garrafrauns-Cloonfad and maintain above afterwards.

11. (g) Deputy M. Killilea:
 2. To reconstruct and maintain the road through Cloondrone and Clonrairie joining Galway and Mayo Co. Roads.
- (h) Deputy J. Geoghegan: I will ask the Co. Engineer to state whether present method of recruitment of road workers is successful.
- (i) Clr. M. O'Donnell: To request Council to extend waterworks left from Michael O'athain's house to serve four houses.
- (j) Clr. J. Flaherty:
 1. I will ask the Co. Manager to have a fence erected around Mrs. Gannon's cottage, Dangan, Ballyglunin.
 2. I will ask that provision be made for the erection of a cottage for John Collins, Gater Street, Dunmore.
- (k) Clr. J. Lambert:
 1. I will ask that the eyesore of old houses at Crowe Street, Gort, be cleared.
 2. That the Council be requested to provide a gate at Gort Bridge for the people's protection.
- (l) Clr. F.D. Joyce: I or someone acting on my behalf will propose that County Roads Nos: 38 and 39 be added to the five-year plan.
- (m) Clr. J. Dowd: I will propose that the dangerous bend on the Ohil Laurencetown Road at point approaching the main Ballinasloe road be widened and made safe.
- (n) Deputy F. Coogan: I will move that proper lighting be provided from Blackrock (city boundary) Salthill to Knockmacarra Cross, Galway.
- (o) Clr. Pat Ruane:
 1. That the bridge at Corbally Cumber be repaired as soon as possible.
 2. That the pumps at Luragh Ballyglunin, and Cloonavadogue Kilskeagh be put in working order as early as possible.
 3. That pumps be erected at Ballindoooley and Lisheenkyle Athenry during the coming year.
- (p) Clr. J. Hanley: At the next Co. Council meeting I will ask the Co. Manager to give consideration to the serious flooding which occurs in the Cappagh River area and make some provision to remedy this situation.
- (q) Clr. J. Dowd:
 1. I will propose that the Dyrecourt Sewerage Scheme start without further delay.
 2. I will ask what is the cause of the delay in having the cottage built for Mrs. Mary Molohan Laurencetown.
 3. I will propose that the Council extend the Kylemore Road by about 150 yards in order to make dangerous canal bridge safe and suitable for the public.
 4. I will propose that the County Manager give the total cost of the present sheep-dipping scheme and the amount paid to each Veterinary Inspector and their duties.
12. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 26th APRIL, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Deputy Carty, Ctr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Ctrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Glynn, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Ctr. King, Deputy Kitt, Ctrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and "all.

849 - MINUTES: The Minutes of previous meetings to No. 848, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

850 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of claims received since last meeting, viz:-

Mr. Sean Walsh, Eglinton Street, Galway - Stock Damaged by Fire, £6,000.
The Limerick Steamship Company Ltd., Galway - Plate glass window and lock - £18.

851 - LOAN FOR TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS: It was proposed by Ctr. James Donnellan, seconded by Ctr. John Canning and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £400 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., so that this amount may be advanced to the Tuam Town Commissioners for the provision of ranges in the Commissioners' houses, this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of five years with interest at the rate approved from time to time by the bank for such loans."

852 - LOAN FOR KILLIMOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Ctr. S. Canning 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 repayment of the sum of £17,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

853 - CINEMA LICENSE: It was proposed by Ctr. S. Canning, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council approve the issue of a cinema licence to the Trustees of the Town Hall, Portumna, for their cinema in the Town Hall at Clonfert Avenue, Portumna."

854 - COUNTY COUNCIL: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Ctr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That consequent on the death of Ctr. Peter Kelly, the Council declare that a vacancy exists on the Council and directs that the appropriate notice be given of the existence of this vacancy."

The declaration of vacancy was signed by the Chairman, Ctr. M. Quinn, Deputy F. Coogan and Ctr. P. Collins.

855 - DISTRICT NURSE, PORTUMNA: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Ctr. S. Canning, the Council approved the creation of the whole-time office of District Nurse for Portumna District, with salary scale at the normal rate approved by the Minister for Health, and the Council also approved the abolition of the existing part-time posts of dispensary midwife and district nurse for Portumna Dispensary District.

856 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF: On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Ctr. P. Collins, the Council approved the extension of the creation of the office of temporary clerical officer for work in connection with Specialist Clinics at Galway Regional Hospital for a further period of three months from 30th March, 1958, to 28th June, 1958 inclusive.

857 - DISPENSARY CARETAKER, KILLIMOR: On the proposition of Ctr. S. Canning, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the following arrangements for caretaking, etc., of Killimor Dispensary:-

Caretaking and Cleaning:	£26 a year.
Rent:	£16 a year.
Fuel and Light:	£10 a year.

all with effect from 1st October, 1957, inclusive.

858 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - DOMESTIC STAFF, ETC: Deputy Coogan requested that the County Manager would explain why the employment of a number of nurses and domestics at Galway Regional Hospital had been terminated.

The County Manager stated that he was not aware that the employment of nurses had been terminated, but that the number of domestics employed was in excess of the authorised strength, and that consequently the Matron was directed to reduce the establishment of domestics to the authorised figure.

In reply to a further question by Deputy Coogan, the County Manager stated that should there be any proposal to increase the remuneration of porters, the Council's approval to such an increase will be sought before it will be put into operation.

859 - NEW PUMPS: The Assistant County Manager gave particulars of the progress made with the provision of the 21 pumps selected by the Council at meeting on 14th July, 1956, and it was decided that at the next meeting, the Council would consider the preparation of a fresh priority list for the current year - particulars of the pumps still remaining to be done to be circulated to the members in the meantime.

The County Manager in reply to an enquiry by Ctr. King, stated that in any case in which a water supply or a pump is proposed to be provided in the Fionn-Gaeltacht Area, a grant towards the cost is sought from the Gaeltacht Department.

On the recommendation of Ctr. John Donnellan, the Council decided that housing matters would also be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

860 - ROAD WORKS - MEMBERS' PROPOSALS: On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that a form be sent to each member, requiring him to specify the road or roads which he recommends to be improved out of the amount £7,500 provided in the Estimate for members' proposals - this matter to be considered at the June meeting of the Council.

861 - KNOCKNACARRA WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: In reply to an enquiry by Ctr. John Donnellan, the County Manager stated that the estimated cost of providing the water supply extension at Knocknacarra is £2,400, and that a contribution of one-third of this estimated cost had been sought from the persons owning property along the route of the pipeline - replies to this request having been received in only four cases.

862 - BARNIA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The County Manager, in reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, stated that the contract documents for this scheme are being prepared and will be sent to the Department of Local Government; that it is expected that the scheme will start in about three months' time and that the County Engineer's staff will carry out the work of laying the pipeline along the roadway - the contract to be restricted to the remaining work.

863 - CORNELL'S WELL AT BALLYROE, WILLIAMSTOWN: The correspondence in connection with Ctr. Glynn's notice of motion was submitted, including County Medical Officer's report of the 16th January, 1956, and the Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the work is £55.

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Ctr. Sirr, the Council recommended that this work be carried out.

864 - CURRAGH PUMP, DUNMORE: The County Engineer's report of 4/3/58 was submitted, giving an estimate of £21 for providing 40 ft. of tubing and rods for this pump, and the work was recommended on the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Ctr. Burke.

865 - ROADS - WHITE LINE: In connection with his notice of motion, Ctr. Glynn, stated that he had requested the Guards to notify the County Engineer of the roads on which it is desired that a white line be provided, and the County Manager stated that in any case in which the Guards request the provision of a white line the work will be done.

Clr. M. Mannion stated that there were cases in which

a white line was marked on a road which subsequently was re-surfaced obliterating the white line; **Clr. Mannion** requested that in such cases the white line would again be marked on the road.

866 - ROAD AT KILCLOUGH VILLAGE: **Clr. Wall** explained that this is a one-mile section of road between two existing sections of County Road, and explained that there is no alternative route for traffic and that this section should have been taken over by the Council years ago. He requested that his recommendation be considered on its merits and this request was supported by **Clrs. Galvin and Sarr**.

The Acting County Engineer agreed that this is an important section of road, and stated the estimated cost of the work is £1430. The County Manager pointed out that there are no funds available for this work.

The Chairman directed that further consideration of this item be adjourned until the June meeting when the Council will be considering new works on roads.

867 - ROAD FROM NEWBRIDGE TO KILKERRIN: **Clr. Wall** explained that his notice of motion, No: 11 (b) (2) had been disposed of already.

868 - WATERMAIN EXTENSION AT OUGHTERARD: The County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the estimated cost of extending the watermain to serve the beachwear factory at Oughterard is £1260, and on the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by **Clr. O'Donnell**, the Council approved the carrying out of this work.

869 - WATER SUPPLY FOR SNABO, ROSMUCK: **Mr. Tracy**, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the cost of extending the watermain from Kilbricken to Snabo would be £3,500 and that the cost of sinking a pump at Snabo would be approximately £200.

On Deputy Geoghegan's suggestion, it was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the next meeting when the Council will be considering the provision of new pumps.

870 - ROAD AT CLONBUR: In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's notice of motion No: 11 (c) (3), the County Engineer stated that this road, which had been damaged by water during the snow fall, had since been repaired.

Deputy Geoghegan complained that there had been a delay in attending to this road.

871 - ROAD FROM C. LLOVFFENISH CROSS TO KILKERRIN: The Acting County Engineer reported that material had been delivered to this road and that the repairs have been carried out thereon.

Deputy Geoghegan complained that while sand had been dumped on the side of this road, it was not spread until he submitted his notice of motion, and recommended that in future proper regular maintenance of this road be carried out.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.p.m.
AND ON RESUMPTION **CLR. M. QUINN** AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

872 - OMNIBUS SERVICES: On the proposition of **Clr. Flaherty**, the Council recommended that Coras Iompar Eireann be requested to provide a bus service from Dunmore via Gurteen, Clonbern, Mahanagh, Lavally and on to Tuam by diverting either the Sligo or Castlerea bus on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

873 - ROADS - FIVE-YEAR PLAN: In connection with his notice of motion No: 11 (a) (1), **Clr. M. Mannion** stated that Road No: 266 is already included, and that he proposes leaving over consideration of Roads No: 262 and 412.

The Council adopted the County Manager's suggestion that the Councillors should be supplied before the June meeting with details of the progress made with completion of the roads on the five-year plan, and that consideration of any items on the agenda relating to the addition of roads to the five-year plan should be deferred.

In response to **Clr. Joyce's** notice of motion, No: 11 (1) the County Engineer explained that definite roads were already scheduled for the tourist grant, and that consequently Roads Nos: 38 and 39 could not be added to it now.

874 - WELL AT MOYLOUGH: In connection with **Clr. Mannion's** notice of motion No: 11 (e) (3) the County Engineer's report was submitted in which it was stated that the area was adequately served by the village pump - that the estimated cost of the protection of Coyle's well would be £160. In regard to the proposal to erect a wicket gate and to provide a mahole cover, the Council agreed that if nobody claims the ground on which the well is located, the Council will close it in entirety.

875 - ROAD FROM KILGEVRIN TO KINBLANNON: Consideration of **Clr. Burke's** Notice of Motion, No: 11 (f) (1) was deferred, this being an item relating to the five-year plan for roads.

876 - RUSSELLTOWN BRIDGE: In reply to **Clr. Burke's** notice of motion No: 11 (f) (2) the Acting County Engineer stated that the final documents for Russeltown Bridge have been sent to the Local Government Department for approval.

877 - ROADS RECONSTRUCTION: In connection with Deputy Killilea's notices of motion Nos: 11 (g) (1) and (2), the County Engineer's report was submitted, giving the estimated cost of each of these two works as £3,000, and it was decided that further consideration of these two items would be deferred until the next Roads Meeting in December, 1958.

878 - RECRUITMENT OF ROAD WORKERS: Deputy Geoghegan recommended that when the County Engineer is recruiting workers through the Employment Exchange, a fresh batch of workers should be taken on at the end of each period of six weeks, so as to give a fair chance of employment to all who are unemployed; that in a case where definite hardship would be involved, the County Engineer should not be required to recruit labour through the Employment Exchange.

Clr. Glynn recommended that in cases in which the Council is not obliged to employ men from the Employment Exchange (e.g. on maintenance work) men should not then be brought into the work from some outside area, while local men are unemployed.

Clr. Flaherty agreed that the system of confining employment to men registered at the exchange is a bad one.

Clr. Joyce also disagreed with the present system, which deprives a deserving man of employment because the gang has already been filled.

Clr. O'Donnell stated that the Office of Public Works can rotate the employment and that the Council should be able to do likewise.

Clr. Dowd agreed that a system of rotation is necessary, and stated that it is not right to employ a man over the age of 65 years who has his family reared, while a young man with a large young family is idle; that there should be a general rule to require men to retire at the age of 70 years.

Deputy Kitt pointed out that rotation would operate unfairly in the case of men whose names are on the pension register, and suggested that this rotation should be confined to casual employment.

Deputy Geoghegan explained that he was referring to casual works such as the Tourist Grant Works at Cashel and Cornamona. The Acting County Engineer explained that the conditions for recruitment of men for grant works are laid down in the Department of Local Government letter SG/202 of 30th November, 1948; that a system of rotation had been tried some years ago and was not found to be satisfactory, as men, knowing that in any case they would not be retained very long, will not give the best results; that while workers must be recruited from the list supplied by the Exchange, the Engineer is not obliged to take on a man who is not suitable.

The County Manager stated that the order of priority on the Exchange list is determined by the amount of unemployment assistance which the man concerned is receiving.

In reply to **Clr. Glynn**, the County Engineer stated that if the man selected does not report for work, the Exchange is aware of the fact and ceases payment of unemployment assistance.

Deputy Geoghegan, having stated that complaints were made to him that there was favouritism and political influence in the employment of road workers, the County Manager stated that these allegations are very serious and if details are supplied, he will have them investigated. Deputy Geoghegan stated that he had asked the persons making these allegations to put them in writing and that they had refused.

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Deputy Killilea stated that the County Engineer has no choice in this matter of recruitment of workers through the Exchange and that Deputy Geoghegan has other means of raising this question if he wishes to do so.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Joyce "that the employment of men on grant works be rotated each six weeks". The County Manager pointed out that the question of the arrangements for the employment of road workers is not a function of the Council. The County Manager stated that he will request the County Engineer when starting a new scheme of work to give employment on that Scheme to equally eligible men who were not employed on previous schemes.

879 - CARRAROE WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: In connection with Councillor O'Donnell's notice of motion No. 11(i) the County Engineer's report was submitted and Mr. Treacy, Engineer stated that the estimated cost is £255. On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council recommended that this work be carried out, i.e. an extension of the water main left from Micheal O'Cathain's house to serve four houses.

880 - COTTAGE COVERAGE, BALLYGLUNIN: In connection with his notice of Motion No. 11(j)(1) Clr. Flaherty requested that a reply on this matter would be sent to him as he now understands that the Council is not entitled to provide a fence in this case. Clr. M. Mannion requested that a fence would be provided for a new cottage at Carravntober, Kilkerrin - Tenant Mrs. Monaghan, as no fence has been provided for that cottage hitherto. Clr. Mannion further recommended that the entire site be allotted as a plot for this cottage.

881 - COTTAGE FOR JOHN COLLINS, GATER STREET, DUNMORE: Clr. Flaherty in accordance with his Notice of Motion recommended the provision of a cottage for Mr. Collins and the Secretary stated that a report had been received from the County Medical Officer recommending that a cottage be provided for this man.

882 - DERELICT HOUSES, GROVE STREET, GORT. Clr. Lambert stated that since submitting his Notice of Motion work had started on the clearing of these Derelict Houses to which he referred.

In connection with Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion that a gate be provided at Gort Bridge, the County Engineer's report was submitted stating that the estimated cost is £8 but that he doubts if the Council has any authority to provide this gate and that there would not be any means of ensuring that it would be kept closed. It was decided that the matter would be referred back to the County Engineer to consider whether there is any way in which this matter could be met.

883 - DANGEROUS BEND, LAWRENCETOWN ROAD. Clr. Dowd in connection with his Notice of Motion No. 11(n) recommended that, since funds are not available for easing this dangerous bend, a warning sign be erected there.

884 - STREET LIGHTING, KNOCKMACARRA; SALTHILL. Deputy Coogan proposed that proper lighting be provided from Blackrock city boundary, Salthill to Knockmacarra Cross, Galway. The County Manager stated that he would not recommend an extension from Blackrock to Knockmacarra Cross but considered that lights might be provided from Claremont Lodge to Knockmacarra Cross. Deputy Coogan pointed out that the promenade is lit very brilliantly and stated that it is not good to have such abrupt transition from bright light to total darkness. The County Manager stated that an estimate of the cost of the proposal would be obtained.

885 - CORRALY BRIDGE: The County Engineer in reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion stated that temporary repairs to this bridge are being carried out at present and that it is intended that permanent work will be carried out as soon as the under-pinning of the bridge has been completed by the Office of Public Works.

886 - PUMPS: Clr. P. Ruane stated that the pump at Laragh is now in order and Mr. Treacy, Engineer stated that the pump at Cloonavadogues is in working order but it is rather stiff and difficult to operate, that steps will be taken to make this pump work more easily.

Consideration of Clr. P. Ruane's proposal that pumps be erected at Ballindoooley and Lisheenyle was deferred until next meeting when the priority of pumps will be considered.

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887 - CAPPAGH RIVER - FLOODING. In the absence of Clr. Hanley, Clr. Canning asked that the County Manager would give consideration to the serious flooding which occurs in the Cappagh river area and that provision be made to remedy this situation.

The Acting County Engineer stated that he would require more details of the area to which this Notice of Motion referred and stated that the map of the drainage district is available in his office and will be shown by *l.m.* to Mr. Canning or Mr. Hanley at any time they call; that the Council can only maintain the drainage district in the condition in which it was handed over.

888 - TYRECOURT STORAGE ETC: Clr. Dowd stated that his Notices of Motion Nos. 11(a) (1) and (2) had already received attention.

889 - KYLEMORE BRIDGE, LAWRENCETOWN: Clr. Dowd stated that he had already raised this question on many occasions and he again proposed that the Council would extend the Kylesmore road by about 150 yards in order to make the dangerous canal bridge there safe and suitable for the public. Clr. Dowd again drew attention to the great danger to traffic travelling over this bridge and after discussion it was decided to enquire whether a grant towards the improvement of this bridge could be obtained from the Office of Public Works, the Land Commission or Bord na Mona.

890 - SHEEP DIPPING: The Secretary in reply to Clr. Dowd's notice of Motion stated that the cost of sheep dipping for Y.E. 31st March, 1958 was £435.4.9d. Clr. Dowd stated that he is not satisfied with the manner in which sheep dipping is carried out; that some sheep are sprayed with a spraying machine and subsequently, the owners seek certificates from the nearest sheep dipping Inspector.

The County Manager stated that if farmers have a regard for their sheep they will see that they were properly dipped. Clr. Dowd recommended that the certificate books be issued to the Gardai and that the sheep owner get a certificate from the bath owner to state that he dipped his sheep there which he would produce to the Gardai who would issue the formal certificate to him.

The Chairman stated that he doubted if the abuses to which Clr. Dowd refers are of frequent occurrence and the discussion ended.

891 - COUNTY BUILDINGS: Deputy Coogan recommended that a telephone coin box be provided in the hall of the County Buildings. The County Manager explained that to provide such a telephone the Post Office would require a minimum guaranteed revenue.

892 - COTTAGE TENDERS: In reply to Clr. Joyce, the County Manager stated that if on re-advertising for Tenders, unsatisfactory Tenders for erection of cottages are again received it will be necessary to have the cottages provided by direct labour.

In reply to Clr. Burke, the County Manager stated that Tenders have been accepted for the erection of cottages at Lambhill and Kilbannon.

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

The relatives of the late Mr. W. Walsh, St. Anthony's Terrace, Bohermore, Galway.
Mr. Nicholas O'Halloran on the death of his wife.
Mr. Val Hough and family, Fahy, Tyrecourt on the death of their mother.

The meeting then terminated.

Seamus Ruane

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Maurice O'Connell Chairman.

Date: 14th June, 1958

COMHAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

30 Bealtaine, 1958.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ar Cruinniú de Chomhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Dia Sathairn, 7adh Meithearn, 1958, ag tosnu ar 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAICH.

Runai.

Chuig gac Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

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Na h-abhair seo leanas a bhreathnu:

1. Miontuairisgi.
2. Foluntas ins an Comhairle Condae a lionadh.
3. Damaiste Mailiseach - Eilimh.
4. Sceim ceanntair bhotaíochta agus aiteanna bhotaíochta a cheapadh.
5. Tuarastal bailitheoirí rataí i gCeanntair 4, 24 agus 30.
6. Teachtaire do oireachtas compantacht leabharlanna na h-Eiream a cheapadh.
7. Camhra i mBaile Átha an Ríoch a thabhairt go dtí an scoil nua.
8. Sceim Uisge a sholathar i Muine an Mheadha.
9. Sceimeanna Tionsgnamh tailte.
10. Deontas leasu Boithre Condae 1958/59 - Sceimeanna.
11. Leasu Boithre - Litir 28.3.1958 o'n Roinn Rialtais Aitiúil.
12. Oifigí a sholathar 'san Arus Condae - Miontuairisg. Uimh. 772.
13. Teach Cuirte Nua a sholathar sa Spideal.
14. Litir 20. 5.1958 o Ard Chomhairle na gCondaetha.
15. Uaireach do Coiste na bPinsean Sean-Boise - Postaíochta leanuint go dtí 30. 11. 1958.
16. Oifigí a chruthú:-
 - (a) Bmaltra Ceanntair in Uachtar Ard.
 - (b) Breis Comantoir sa Leabharlann Condae.
17. Fo-Leabharlanna a bheith ar oscailt 24 ur. gac seachtmhain i mBaile Átha na Sluagh, Tuaim, agus i mBaile Locha Riach.

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18. Meadu thuarastail:-

- (a) Clo-scriobhadóirí.
- (b) Deirseoir sealadach ins an Ospidéal sa Chlochan.
- (c) Aodhaire Iolainne in 4th Cinn.

19. Coiste Fiosraithe Funduireachtaí Ceanntair - Miontuairisgi:-

Loch Riach	3. 2. '58.
Gaillimh.	18. 4. '58.
Tuaim.	25. 4. '58.
An Clochan.	2. 5. '58.
Gaillimh.	9. 5. '58.
Loch Riach.	24. 5. '58.

20. Caideil -

- (a) Liosta a cheapadh do'n bhliain 1958/59.
- (b) Caideil i Ballindoooley agus Lisheenkye (Miont. 886).
- (c) Solathar Uisge i Snabo, Rosmuck. (Miont. 869).
- (d) Moladh o Clr. S. O Domhnallain (Tuaim).
- (e) Moladh o Clr. M. O Domhnall.
- (f) Moladh o'n Teachta M. MacGiolla Leith.

21. 16 Iostair a sholathar i dTuaim.

22. Tichte - Ceineirealta.

23. Tracht an Infhiuchthorn ar Cuntais Choiste Oideachais Ghairm Beatha.

24. Molta o Chomhairleoirí.

25. Ceisteanna o Chomhairleoirí a cuireadh isteach roimh-re.

26. Gno eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Filling of Vacancy on Council.
3. Malicious Damage Claims.
4. Adoption of Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places, subject to confirmation by Minister.
5. Remuneration of Rate Collectors in Districts Nos: 4, 24 and 30.
6. Appointment of Delegates to Annual Conference of the Library Association.
7. Extension of Power at Athenry to New Vocational School (Railway Hotel).
8. Provision of a Water Supply Scheme for Monivea.
9. Land Project Works.
10. County Road Improvement Grant - Proposed works for current year.
11. Road Improvements - Letter 28. 3. 1958 from the Secretary, Department of Local Government.
12. Additional offices at County Buildings - Minute No: 772.

13. Provision of a new Courthouse at Spiddal.
14. Letter 20. 5. 1958 from the County Council's General Council.
15. Extension of employment of Clerk to Old Age Pensions Committee to 30. 11. 1958.
16. Creation of New Offices:
- District Nurse for Oughterard District.
 - Additional Library Assistant.
17. Extension of hours of opening for Branch Libraries at Ballinasloe, Tuam and Loughrea.
18. Increase in remuneration:-
- Clerk-Typists salary scale.
 - Relief Porter at Clifden Hospital.
 - Dispensary caretaker at Headford.
19. Visiting Committee - Minutes of Meetings at:

Loughrea:	3. 2. '58.
Galway:	18. 4. '58.
Tuam:	25. 4. '58.
Clifden:	2. 5. '58.
Galway:	9. 5. '58.
Loughrea:	25. 5. '58.

20. Pumps:-

- Preparation and approval of Priority List for current year.
- Pumps at Ballindooly and Lisheenkylo (Minute 886).
- Water supply for Snabo, Cosmuck (Minute 869).

Notices of Motion:

(d) Clr. S. Donnellan, Tuam -

- I will propose that a pump or well be sunk for the Village of New-Rusheen's as they have no water for human consumption, they filled a petition form in 1934 and never got water yet.
- I will also propose that a well be sunk for the village of Cloondroone as they have no water also.
- I will also propose that a well or pump be sunk for the cottagers at Ballymote, Tuam.
- Also that pump be sunk for the village of Lisavally as these people are waiting for years for water.
- I will also propose that a pump or well be sunk for people of Woodquay and Sylane or Pollinball as this is a very thickly populated district and are in need of water.

(e) Clr. M. O'Donnell - "Molfadag an zead cruinniu eile de'n Comhairle Condae caideál uisce a chur ar fáil do thuintir Baile na hAbann An Cloc Moir Banrae (Co. Galway) agus na Creagáin."

(f) Deputy M. Killilea - "I will ask at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a pump be erected in the Townland of Woodquay, Tuam."

21. Provision of 16 additional houses at Tuam.

22. Housing - General.

23. Auditor's Report on Accounts of Co. Galway Vocational Education Committee.

24. Councillors Notices of Motion:-

(a) Clr. M. Marmion:

- At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that a spring well on roadside in John Higgins land Graiguechullare, Strawberry Hill, Dunmore, be enclosed and a pump-head fitted.
- That a signpost be erected at Graiguechullare Cross-roads near P. Kennedy's house.
- To have gullet crossing Co. Road at Kennedy's cross enlarged so as to take water that is causing flooding to road and Reaches land.

(b) Clr. F. Joyce:

That the county road from the County Council cottage Ballyconneely be steamrolled and tarred to Dunoon Pier.

(c) Deputy J. Geoghegan & Clr. M. O'Donnell:

"That I will ask the Co. Engineer and the Co. Manager to explain to the Council how they came to a final decision in regard to the distribution of road grants for this financial year, and secondly, if they took into consideration when allocating the Grants, the number of people, in each area, and if the Department Inspectors indicated where the Grants should be spent, and the amount to be spent in each area."

(d) Deputy M. Carty:

"At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member shall ask Galway Co. Council to extend public lighting to Boharcon and Cuscarrig in the town of Loughrea."

(e) Clr. P. Pirr:

"I propose that walls at Friaryland School, Cortmorn's Cross, Trainpark Glinsk, P. Noon's land, Newcastle, Toomard be walled and protected.

2. That one light be provided at Crosses Pump."

(f) Clr. John Donnellan, (Galway):

"At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I or some one on my behalf will ask the County Manager to explain why he is asking the people of Knocknacarra to pay such a substantial sum towards the extension of the water supply there."

(g) Clr. T. Hanley:

"Take notice that at the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will move that owing to the grave incidence of Polio in the Woodford-Portumna-Bullinkill area, I will ask the Co. Manager to take immediate steps in regard to inoculation of the entire population of the above-mentioned areas."

(h) Clr. T. King:

"I will move that the Road leading to Monastery Church at Ballyplunin be repaired and maintained."

25. Replies to questions already submitted by members.

26. Other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 7th JUNE, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Deputy Carty, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cirs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cirs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Senator Lahiff, Cirs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

894 - SYMPATHY: Deputy Carty proposed that the deep sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Kitt, Mountbellew, and of the late Mr. James P. Joyce, Oughterard, and that as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the meeting be adjourned for one week.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, and supported by all the members present, and it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned until Saturday, 14th June, 1958, at 12.30.p.m.

The County Manager, on his own behalf, and on behalf of all the officers of the Council, joined in the expression of sympathy.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

L. O. Luanaigh

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirín O'Connell

Date: 14th June, 1958

COMHAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

County Buildings,
GALWAY.

9th June, 1958.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

The meeting of the Galway County Council which was summoned for Saturday, 7th June, 1958, was adjourned until Saturday, 14th instant.

You are requested to attend the adjourned meeting of the Council, which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 14th June, 1958, commencing at 12.30.p.m.

The Agenda will be that circulated for the meeting summoned for 7th instant.

Mise, le meas,

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, 14th JUNE, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clr. Glynn, Ald. Greene, Clrs. Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

895 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 894 inclusives, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

896 - SYMPATHY: Deputy Kitt thanked the Chairman, Members, County Manager and Staff of the Council for their kind expression of sympathy with him in his bereavement and for having arranged that Masses be said for the repose of the soul of his late father. Clr. Galvin objected to the incorrect report in the Connacht Tribune, which gave the impression that a proposal by Deputy Coogan that a collection be made among the members for Masses for the repose of the souls of the deceased persons was not seconded.

As the Press representatives were not present at this stage, the Chairman directed that further discussion of this matter be left over until the Press Representatives would be present.

Later, when the Press representatives were present, Clr. Galvin repeated his objection to the Press report as set out above. Deputy Coogan stated that coupled with his suggestion that a collection for Masses be made, he had also proposed that the adjournment be for one hour only.

The Chairman stated that this was a suggestion rather than a proposal.

Clr. Flaherty stated that he intends to hand in a notice of motion that in future meetings will not be adjourned in sympathy, except in the case of the death of a sitting member of the Council.

Clr. John Donnellan requested that the Press Report would be corrected in the next issue of the Connacht Tribune.

Clr. P. Joyce stated that his name was omitted from the Press Report as speaking in sympathy with the relatives of the deceased persons.

Clr. King stated that the Press Representatives, not being present at the start of the meeting had not an opportunity of hearing all the speakers.

On the proposition of the Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, the Council adopted a vote of deep sympathy with the relatives of the late Dr. G.H. Joyce, Turloughmore.

897 - VACANCY: Mol on Clr. S. Mac An Iomaire
"Go dtuair Gearoid O Ceallaigh
mar bail de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe in ait a h-achair."

Cuidigh an Teachta P. O Cugain leis sin.

Clrs. Collins and Sirr stated that in their view, a vacancy on the Council should be filled by co-option of a member of the same party as the former member, whose retirement or death caused the vacancy.

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Carty, that Mr. Thomas Feeney, Corbally, Cummer, be co-opted a member of the Council to fill the vacancy created by the death of Clr. P. Kelly.

Clr. Flaherty stated that he had always supported the filling of a vacancy by co-option of a member of the same party; that he had done this on four previous occasions on which a vacancy has arisen; that this was the fifth vacancy arising in his time, and he requested that the Council would co-opt Mr. Kelly to fill this vacancy.

Clr. John Mannion stated that a proposition should not be made in opposition to Clr. Peter Kelly's son, to whom this seat belonged morally.

Deputy P. Killilea stated that it would be an honour for anybody to propose Mr. Thomas Feeney.

Deputy Coogan stated he would be proud to support Mr. Kelly's son, and said that in most counties there is an understanding that in such a case the

vacancy would be filled from the Party concerned.

A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR MR. FEENEY: Clrs. Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane James, (16).

FOR MR. KELLY: Clrs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Lambert, Mannion John, Ridge, Sirr and Wall (11).

Clrs. Ashe and Burke were absent and Clr. Patrick Ruane did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. Thomas Feeney, Corbally, Cummer, co-opted a member of the Galway County Council to fill the vacancy created by the death of Clr. Peter Kelly.

Mr. Feeney then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the members for choosing him and expressed his deep regret that the vacancy had arisen by the death of Clr. P. Kelly.

898 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The County Secretary gave particulars of claims received since last meeting, viz.,

Messrs. Lydon, Keane and Cunningham, for football ground at Terryland - £20.

Messrs. Allen & Finan, for damage to window at Seapoint - £30.

Mr. Donnellan O'Maille, College Road, Galway - motor car aerial - £5. 4. 0.

899 - KNOCKMACARRA WATER SUPPLY: Deputy Geoghegan requested that the Council would hear a deputation from Knockmacarra in regard to the extension of the water supply to that area. - Clr. John Donnellan having submitted a notice of motion on the same subject, viz., No: 24 (f).

The Chairman consented to the hearing of the Deputation.

Messrs. Farragher and Fegan, members of the Deputation, then addressed the meeting, and stated that the area is in very urgent need of a water supply but considered that the contribution sought, is very high having regard to the fact that the main was previously extended on the other road without requiring a contribution from the householders thereon.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that when Clr. Higgins proposed the extension of the watermain to Knockmacarra originally, it was his intention that the extension would serve this area, as well as that to which it was extended originally.

Deputy Coogan spoke in support of the deputation's request.

The County Manager stated that the development of building in this district will eventually involve the Council in heavy expense owing to the difficulty of providing sewerage facilities since the sewerage cannot be discharged into the Corporation sewers by gravity; that the contribution was based on the road frontage of the land owned by the persons concerned.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that twenty-two houses were served by the existing extension, and that they were not required to contribute; that it is not fair, therefore, to require such a high contribution from those who would benefit by the extension now sought.

Clr. King stated that if, as stated by the County Manager, an extension of the watermain would induce people to build houses, he would be very much in favour of providing the extension.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. John Donnellan that the watermain be extended to this district and that the County Manager be requested to reduce the amount of the contribution to be sought from the householders.

The County Manager explained that in some cases there is a large frontage of land on which no houses are existing at present.

Clr. Collins suggested that the contribution be spread over a few years.

The County Manager stated that where the contribution would exceed £10, he would be prepared to accept it in annual payments of £10.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded

by Deputy Coogan that the maximum contribution to be sought in any case should be £20.

Eventually, it was proposed by Clr. John Domellan and unanimously approved and resolved that the total amount of the contribution, at present £800, be reduced to £600, a proportionate reduction to be made in each individual case.

The County Manager agreed that he would reduce the contribution accordingly, and that he would be prepared to accept it in annual payments of £10 from each person concerned.

900 - KNOCKMACARRA PUBLIC LIGHTING: Deputy Coogan was informed that quotations had been sought from the E.S.B. for provision of an extension of the public lighting system to Knocknacarra.

901 - DUMPING AT CASTLEGAR, GALWAY: Clr. King stated that the dumping of rubbish by the Galway Corporation in the Castlegar district is very objectionable, and that some means should be taken to control the nuisance arising from this dumping.

The County Manager stated that he had seen this place several times, and that no such gross nuisance as alleged by Clr. King exists.

Clr. King stated that most reputable citizens in that area have petitioned the Minister in regard to this matter, and he formally proposed that a protest be made to the Galway Corporation in regard to it.

Deputy Coogan stated that he had opposed the proposal to use this site for dumping; that when he visited a house in that area recently, he found that they were obliged to keep every window closed to keep out the smoke and smell from the dumping.

Ald. Greene stated that some of those who were now protesting against the dump had themselves offered sites for the dump originally.

Deputy Geoghegan seconded Clr. King and stated that he had seen carcasses thrown about indiscriminately at this place.

The proposal that a protest be made to the Galway Corporation was not adopted, but it was eventually decided that a report on the matter be obtained from the County Medical Officer for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

902 - SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES: The Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places, incorporating the amendments adopted by the Council at meeting on 3rd November, 1956, was submitted, the scheme being now prepared separately for Dail Elections and for local elections.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane and resolved:

"That the Council hereby adopt the scheme of polling districts and polling places for Dail Elections in Galway county and the scheme of polling districts and polling places for local elections in Galway county and that the schemes be sent to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation."

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to these schemes.

903 - RATE COLLECTORS NOS: 4, 24 and 30 DISTRICTS: The memorandum which was already circulated to the members was submitted, giving particulars of the remuneration already approved by the Council, for Rate Collectors, in Nos: 4, 24 and 30, Districts, and the remuneration which the Minister for Local Government had indicated that he would be prepared to approve.

On the proposition of Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council approved the revised remuneration for the Rate Collectors in each of these districts as set out hereunder:-

- No: 4 District:** Salary - £200 a year, plus bonus £50 a year, plus full temporary allowance and franchise fees.
- No: 24 District:** Salary Scale - £300 x £25 to £350 a year plus bonus £100, plus full temporary allowance and franchise fees.
- No: 30 District:** Salary Scale - £325 x £25 to £375 a year plus bonus £100 plus full temporary allowance and franchise fees.

904 - LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE: On the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane, the Council approved the attendance of Clrs. Martin Quinn and Sean Glynn and Mr. S. Bohan, County Librarian, at the annual conference of the Library Association of Ireland, in Tralee from 26th to 30th May, 1958, inclusive.

905 - ATHENRY SEWERAGE EXTENSION: On the proposition of Clr. J.J. Ruane, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the extension of the sewer at Athenry to the old Railway Hotel which has been taken over by the County Galway Vocational Education Committee as a hotel training school, the estimated cost of the extension being £1200.

906 - MONIVEA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: On the proposition of Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council approved the expenditure of approximately £600 for sinking a bore-hole as the source of a water supply scheme for Monivea, noting that the estimated cost of the scheme, if the bore-hole is successful, would be £4,500.

907 - LAND PROJECT WORKS: Letter R.G.1345 of 10th April, 1958, from the Department of Agriculture was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. Collins, the Council approved the carrying out of improvement works to culverts etc. consequent on land project operations, on the understanding that the cost involved will be recouped to the Council at the close of each financial year.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that the County Manager would consider granting permission to the Land Project Authorities to store gullite for their works in the Council's magazine at Rosmuck.

908 - ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS: The amended list of works to be carried out under the County Road Improvement Grant in the current year as received with the County Engineer's letter, JEC/101 of 12th May, 1958, was submitted and approved.

Letter R.201/4/6 (b) of 28th March, 1958, from the Department of Local Government advising County Councils of the Minister's attitude towards proposals for road improvement schemes, involving re-alignment or substantial widening, having already been circulated to the members, was submitted and noted.

Deputy Coogan stated that the path at Salthill near the phone booth and outside 'Glengary' is in a dangerous condition, and he requested that the Council would investigate the responsibility for maintenance of this path.

909 - COUNTY BUILDINGS: The Secretary stated that the Council had already approved the provision of £1200 for office extension in the County Medical Officer's Department, and had also approved the provision of £1800 for extension of the offices in the health section of the County Buildings, provided a rent of £6 a week would be obtained for the motor taxation office in lieu of the rent allowance of £40 a year which is payable for that accommodation at present. The Secretary stated that the maximum rent allowance which the Department of Local Government are prepared to allow for the motor taxation office is £150 a year and that this rent compares well with the amount payable by the Department in other counties.

The Secretary also explained that when sanctioning the temporary employment of Mr. Hanafin, for registration work, the Secretary for the Department of Local Government stated that arrangements should be made for the eventual transfer of the registration records to the County Buildings; that the lower portion of the office extension now proposed could be made suitable as a strong-room at an extra cost of £250, which would make the total involved for the County Medical Officer's Department extension, County Buildings Extension, and provision of strong-room £3,250.

Deputy M. Carty and Clr. J.J. Ruane opposed the transfer of the registration work from Loughrea to Galway and pointed out that when the Homes and Home Assistance Committee had its headquarters in Loughrea, a number of clerical officers were employed there, who have already been transferred to Galway.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Collins, that the Council approve the provision of the additional office accommodation at a cost of £3,250.

The County Manager stated that if the work was transferred to Galway, he would be quite prepared to avail of Mr. Hanafin's services in Galway should he be prepared to transfer.

After further discussion, it was eventually agreed unanimously that the Council approve the provision of the additional office accommodation without the provision for the strong-room, the amount so approved being £3,000.

910 - SPIDDAL NEW COURTHOUSE: The Secretary explained that the proposal for erection of a new courthouse at Spiddal, at a cost of £4,217 was, in Minute No: 766 deferred by the Council until a survey of the courthouse needs would be available; that in the meantime, a memorandum had been circulated to the members, giving particulars of the courthouse arrangements throughout the entire county, and therefore the proposal for erection of a new courthouse at Spiddal was again submitted for the Council's approval.

Clr. Wall pointed out that there are 31 court areas, and that the provision of a new courthouse at Spiddal is not any more necessary than in any other area, and referred to the resolution sent by the Council to the General Council that the Department of Justice should be made responsible for the provision and maintenance of Courthouses.

Clr. John Mannion stated that the court is held in Spiddal only six times a year, and that therefore a less expensive building would suffice.

Prior to above statement by Mr. Wall, it had been proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Deputy Coogan, that the Council approve provision of a new courthouse at Spiddal at a cost of £4,217.

The County Manager stated that the courthouse is often used for other local purposes; that provision for accommodation for a library is made in the plan of the Spiddal Courthouse, that it is important that there should be respect for the law, and that this respect is upheld by the provision of a suitable building.

At this stage, Deputy Geoghegan withdrew his proposition, and it was proposed by Clr. Wall, seconded by Clr. King and resolved:

"That consideration of this item be deferred until the General Council will have considered the Council's resolution on the subject of responsibility for provision and maintenance of Courthouses.

911 - COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter of 20th May, 1958, from the Secretary of the General Council was submitted, giving particulars of the action taken in regard to resolutions submitted by the Galway County Council.

Letter of 2nd June, 1958, from the General Council was submitted, requesting notice of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the General Council.

912 - CLERK TO OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council approve the continued temporary employment of Mr. David Egan as temporary clerk to the Galway Old Age Pensions Committee for the period of six months from 1st June to 30th November, 1958, inclusive, with remuneration at the rate already approved."

913 - DISTRICT NURSE FOR OUGHTERARD DISTRICT: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, the Council approved the creation of the office of District Nurse for Oughterard District, with salary at the approved scale for a wholetime district nurse, viz., £437. 7. 9. x £11. 10. 9. to £495. 1. 6. a year with two long-service increments of £11. 10. 9. to £518. 3. 0. a year inclusive of temporary bonus and uniform allowance - in lieu of the existing part-time district nurse in that District. It was noted that on the creation of this position, the wholetime office will be filled by the appointment of the existing nurse, W. Geraghty.

914 - ADDITIONAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT: The Secretary submitted the County Librarian's letter of 28th February, 1958, giving particulars of the additional demand for books at the Galway City branch, and his proposals for extended hours of opening of that Branch, and on the proposition of Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Clr. John Mannion, the Council approved the creation of one additional office of library assistant with remuneration at the scale approved by the Minister for that Office.

915 - GALWAY NEW DISPENSARY DISTRICT: The file in connection with the proposed creation of an additional dispensary district in Galway comprising part of the existing Galway Nos: 1 and 2 Districts, was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the creation of one additional office of district medical officer for this new district, with salary scale at the rate approved, viz., £623. x £36 to £813 a year plus the last temporary allowance (10% on first £300 plus 6% on the remainder).

916 - BRANCH LIBRARIES - OPENING HOURS: The Secretary submitted the County Librarian's letter of the 21/5/58, recommending that the Branch Libraries at Ballinasloe, Tuam, and Loughrea, be open to the public for twenty-four hours in each week instead of for twenty hours at present.

The Secretary pointed out that this would involve an increase of 20% in the remuneration of each of these three Branch Librarians,

The proposal was approved, on the proposition of Clr. Galvin, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan.

917 - CLERK-TYPISTS' REMUNERATION: On the proposition of Clr. Ridge, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved revised remuneration for clerk-typists, viz., scale £150 x £11. 10. 0. to £298 a year plus full temporary allowance at the rate approved from time to time.

918 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL - RELIEF BOILERMAN: On the proposition of Clr. Joyce, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the revised remuneration for the relief boilerman/porter at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, viz., 18/- per day or 2/3d. per hour, - in lieu of the existing rate of remuneration of 15/- per day.

919 - HEADFORD DISPENSARY CARETAKER: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved revised remuneration for the caretaker of Headford Dispensary, viz., £25 a year plus £12 a year fuel allowance - in lieu of the present rate of remuneration, viz., £15 a year with £10 a year fuel allowance.

920 - CLERICAL OFFICERS' REMUNERATION: On the proposition of Clr. Sirr, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved revised remuneration for clerical officers as set out hereunder and noted that the extra cost involved by this revision would be from 1st January, 1958, to 31st March, 1958, £105. 3. 4. and for year ending 31st March, 1958, £414. 13. 3:-

Revised Salary Scale with effect from 1st January, 1958:

£265 x £15 to £385 x £20 to £425 x £25 to £600 x £35 to £635 a year, plus 1955 temporary bonus (10% on first £300 and 6% on remainder).

921 - PORTER, COUNTY BUILDINGS: Clr. Ridge recommended and the Council approved the recommendation that particulars be submitted to the Council at the next meeting of the remuneration of Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Porter, County Buildings.

922 - AMBULANCE DRIVERS, OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL: The Council's approval was requested to the County Manager's proposal to grant an increase of 10/- a week to each of the ambulance drivers at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, to compensate them for overtime being worked by them.

Clr. Joyce stated that in his opinion an increase of 10/- a week was not adequate, and pointed out that he had forwarded a notice of motion on this subject for inclusion on the Agenda (this notice of motion was not included as it referred to staff matters which the County Manager has directed shall be excluded from the Agenda.)

Clr. John Mannion also stated that the proposed increase of 10/- a week is not adequate for men who work up to fourteen hours a day on occasions, and suggested that the increase given should be £1. 10. 0. a week.

It was eventually decided to refer this matter back to the County Manager for re-consideration.

923 - ELECTRICIANS' REMUNERATION: On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved remuneration for electricians at the rate of 4/3d. an hour for a 27 hour week, plus 10/- a week "on-call" allowance, with payment for overtime at the rate of 4/5d. an hour.

924 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee held as set out hereunder, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted:-

St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea - 3/2/58.
Regional Hospital, Galway - 18/4/1958.
St. Mary's Home, Tuam - 25/4/1958.
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden - 2/5/1958.

Regional Hospital, Galway - 9/5/1958.
St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea - 25/5/1958.

Deputy Coogan asked if the future of the Maternity Training School of Galway is secure.

The County Manager stated that it has only been possible to get one outdoor case for each student during the past year, as nowadays most maternity patients go to hospital; that the difficulty had been got over for the current year by sending the students to Cork; that the matter is still under consideration.

925 - PUMPS: Cllr. P. Galvin stated that according to the list submitted, a suitable site has not been selected for the proposed pump at Killurebeg; that this is due to the fact that a site beside the main road is being sought while the village is some distance from the road, and that the site should be sought and could be obtained nearer to the village. This statement was supported by Deputy Kitt.

It was unanimously decided that consideration of items Nos: 20, 21 and 22 on the agenda (pumps, additional houses for Tuam and Housing general) would be deferred until a special meeting to be held on 5th July, 1958, commencing at 12.30 p.m. and it was also decided that consideration of the allocation of the amount £7,500 for special road works would also be considered at that meeting.

DEPUTY M. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

926 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the following Bodies for the Year Ending 31st March, 1957 was submitted and noted:-

Western Health Institutions Board.
County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

927 - GRAIGUECHULLARE WELL, DUNMORE: In reply to Notice of Motion by Cllr. M. Hannion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the County Manager had already authorised the improvement of this well at a cost of £90 and it is expected that the work will proceed as soon as the weather is favourable.

928 - ROAD SIGNS: In reply to Cllr. Hannion's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that he hoped to erect in the near future a signpost near Mr. Kennedy's house at Graiguechullare Cross Roads; that there is, however, a considerable delay in getting these signs from An Bord Fáilte.

929 - GULLET AT KENNEDY'S HOUSE, GRAIGUECHULLARE CROSS-ROADS: In reply to Cllr. Hannion's notice of motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the improvement of this gullet is not essential for road purposes and that he cannot interfere with it unless he receives an application under the Land Project Scheme from the Department of Lands.

930 - ROAD TO BUNOVEN PIER: In reply to Cllr. Joyce's notice of motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, explaining that this road has a sand finish which is liable to pot-hole, and stated that the road could be added to the Five-Year plan when it is being reviewed. It was directed that this road be noted for consideration when additions to the plan will be considered in due course.

931 - ROAD GRANT WORKS: Deputy Geoghegan put the question as set out in his Notice of Motion No: 24 (c).

The Chairman asked if the Council, having already approved the list of proposals under the Roads Grants Scheme, could affect the decision in any way by discussing the matter further now.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that in future years the County Engineer should consider allocating road grant monies in such a manner as that there would be a fair distribution of that money throughout the entire area.

Deputy Geoghegan stated further that he had been informed by the Minister for Local Government that it is by the Council the selection of roads to be reconstructed is made.

Cllr. O'Donnell stated that on a previous occasion the Acting County Engineer stated that the Department indicate the roads to be done.

The County Manager stated that the list of roads to be improved is prepared by the County Engineer in the first instance. The list is then submitted to the County Manager for his approval, and is eventually submitted to

the Council for approval before being sent for sanction by the Department of Local Government.

Mr. J.B. Collins, Acting County Engineer, stated that there are no main roads in Connemara which have not already been improved; that Clifden Engineer's District gets its proper share of the County Road Improvement Grant, and that there are very few county roads still remaining to be done in South Connemara; that the Screebe road is a special case, which is not to be confused with the roads improved under the County Road or Main Road Improvement Grant; that he, Mr. Collins, had never stated that he had been dictated to by the Department of Local Government in regard to the roads to be improved under the Main or County Road Improvement Grant, or under the Tourist Road Grant; but the Department do lay down direction that any road to be improved under the Main and County Road Improvement Grant must be a road which is on the Five-Year Plan and that roads to be improved under the Tourist Roads Grant must be of definite tourist value. Mr. Collins stated that the amount £13,000 had been allocated as a special grant for the Screebe Road and that since the Department required that this road be reconstructed up to the standard required for County Road Reconstruction Grants, it is not possible to carry out the work within the figure £13,000 and therefore only part of the work can be carried out in each year.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that work on the Screebe Road started at the wrong end, as the other end of the road is in a much worse condition.

932 - LOUGHREA PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to Deputy Carty's notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of 6/8/1958 was submitted, and it was recommended that a quotation be obtained for providing one light about the middle of the cottages at Coscarrig and that a quotation be obtained for provision of three lights at Bohersam.

933 - WELLS IMPROVEMENT: In reply to Cllr. Sirr's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's reports were submitted as follows:-

Well at Friaryland School: Sanction had been given to the walling and protection of this work, but that due to wet weather it had not been possible to carry out the job in view of the amount of water in the well; that it is hoped to proceed with the work early in August.

Well at Gortmorris Cross, Glinsk and Well at Trainpark, Glinsk: The Acting County Engineer stated that he would like to have the County Medical Officer's observations in both of these cases before preparing an estimate.

Well on Noone's land, Newcastle, Toomard: The Secretary explained that Mr. Noone has objected to sign the agreement for the land for this well unless a swing gate will be provided, and that the Acting County Engineer has not been able to interview Mr. Noone in connection with this matter, but expects to be able to do this shortly when a further report will be submitted.

934 - CREGGS PUBLIC LIGHTING: In reply to Cllr. Sirr's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, in which he recommended that an extra light be provided on Pole No: 9 opposite the Garda Barracks; - instead of a light on the pole at the pump.

The Council recommended that this light be provided.

935 - POLIOMYELITIS: In reply to Cllr. Hanley's notice of motion, the Acting County Medical Officer's report of 6th June, 1958, was submitted, indicating that the few cases which occurred in South-East Galway could not be considered a grave incidence of poliomyelitis and that the majority of the adult population have acquired a natural immunity; that therefore there is no necessity for inoculation of the entire population.

Cllr. Hanley complained that the dry-closet in the Srah National School is being used by the school-children, although the place was not cleaned since it was used by a child who contracted poliomyelitis. With reference to the County Medical Officer's report, Cllr. Hanley stated that one of the recent cases was aged 36 years; that the people of the area are very much worried in regard to coming in contact with members of the families of those who contracted the disease.

The County Manager agreed that the matter would be taken up with the Acting County Medical Officer again.

936 - ROAD TO MONASTERY CHURCH, BALLYGLUNIN: In response to Cllr. King's notice of motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, pointing out that this is not a public road and that the estimated cost of carrying out the work would be £215.

It was decided that consideration of the matter would be adjourned until the special meeting for road works which will be held on 5th July, 1958.

937 - NURSE IN CLEGGAN DISTRICT: Cllr. Joyce requested that he be informed of the position in regard to the withdrawal of the nurse from the Cleggan District.

938 - ROAD WIDENING, GALWAY CITY: Deputy Coogan congratulated the Engineering Staff on the excellent road widening arrangements made near the Warwick Hotel, Salthill.

939 - FIRE AT TAR DEPOT, GALWAY: Deputy Coogan referred to the recent outbreak of fire at the Tar Depot, Galway, and asked that the Manager would consider whether this depot is situated in a dangerous position, as it is near the Oil Depot and the Gasworks.

Deputy Coogan considered that the attendant of this depot had been treated rather badly, as he sustained burns in trying to check the fire, and had suffered the loss of some days pay. Deputy Coogan requested that the County Manager would investigate this matter.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. O'Connell
Rúnaí.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Mairéad Ó'Connell Chairman

Date. 28th June, 1958.

COMAIRLE CONNDÁE N. GALWAY.

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BÓCAR MÓR,
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20ú Meitheán, 1958.

Cuirtear taca b'áil de'n Comhairle.

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LUARLAR ORO leis seo beic i léadar ag Cruinnú bhliantúil de Chomhairle Conndáe na Gailiúna a tionsólfaid i Seomra na Comhairle ihs na Fóirgníche Conndáe, Gailiúh, Uia Saéarín 28ú Meitheán, 1958 ag cosnú ar 12.30.p.m. a éilog.

Mise, le meas,

M. O'CONNELL

Rúnaí.

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1. Tosa Úachtairlíg.
 2. Tosa Leas-Úachtairlíg.
 3. Tosa comhairle de'n Comhairle ar:-
 - (a) Uorb Ospidéal Meabair-Íalair, Béal Ára na Sliúg.
 - (b) Uorb Foras Sliúche an Iaréair.
 - (c) Uorb-Comhairle na g-Conndáche.
 - (d) Cumann luéc Cuarda na h-Éireann.
 4. Tosa Coiscí.
 - (a) Coiscé Fiosraíche Fionúireactaí Ceannair.
 - (b) Coiscé Leabairlanna.
 - (c) Coiscé Comhairleáche na Séadcomhairleí Náisiúna.
 - (d) Coiscé Scoláireacta.
 - (e) Fó-Coiscí na b-Pinsean suan-aoise.
 5. Molad ó Cllr. D. Ó Sealtáin agus S. Ó Flaitébeartaig maidir le cruinnúche a éur ar dt-30.
- Na h-údar seo leanas a b'áil:
6. Miontuairisgí.
 7. Na rácaí a g'árraib agus séala na Comhairle a éur ar na leabraí rácaí i gcóir bl. 30 31. 3. 1959.
 8. Éilíche a b'áil de'n Comhairleáche Uairg na Gailiúna agus Uairle-éannair Béal Ára na Sliúg.
 9. Méadú tuarascail:-
 - (a) Maor Frl. SA Ceardéan, Gailiúh.
 - (b) Fó-leabairlannaí, Sorc ihsé Suairé.
 - (c) Uadgasáirí SA Úfórsa Cosanta Sibialta.

10. Polúncais sa Coisíosa Comhairleácaí Sínice a Líonaó.
11. Trácaí an Inghuáclóra - Comhairle Connóise na Sallúine, 2 bl. 30
31. 3. 1956.
12. Molta ó Comhairleóirí.
13. Snó eile.

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1. Election of Chairman for the year 1958/59.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 1958/59.
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 Libraries Committee.
(c) National Monuments Advisory Committee.
(d) Education (Scholarships) Committee.
(e) Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees.

5. Adjournment of Meetings - Notice of motion from Cirs. P. Galvin and J. O'Flaherty:
- "At the Annual Meeting of the Co. Council I will propose that in the case of bereavements - except the death of a member of the Council - in future meetings be adjourned for a period of one hour only."

TO CONSIDER:

6. Minutes.
7. To make the rates and to sign and seal the Rate Books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1959.
8. To make and seal the demands on Galway Corporation and on Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31. 3. 1959.
9. Increases in Remuneration:
- (a) Foreman and Fitter in Workshop.
(b) Gort Branch Librarian.
(c) Civil Defence Instructors (not paid hitherto).
10. Filling of vacancy on the Consultative Health Committee.
11. Auditor's Report on accounts of the Galway County Council for two years to 31. 3. 1956.
12. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
- (a) Deputy M. Carty: "That this Council hereby direct the Co. Manager to provide a B.O.H. cottage for Mr. James Mahony, Ballyara North, Bullaun, Loughrea."
- (b) Deputy M. Carty: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will ask the Co. Manager to report on the progress made regarding an extension of public water system to the villages of Rockhill and Cotthill, Woodford."
- (c) Cirs. T. King and Deputy M. Killilea:
- (1) "That a road sign be erected at the Cross where the Cahermorris Road branches off from between Caherlistrane and Donaghpatrick."

12. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

- (a) Cirs. T. King and Deputy M. Killilea:
- (2) "That a sign post be erected at the Cross at Healy's, Knockdoe.
- (3) That the road leading from the Co. Road into Annagh Church be declared a public road."
- (d) Cirs. P.D. Joyce: "That a 1" plastic water pipe be laid from Lough Sella, Ballinaboy, Clifden, to a point at Lew Errisleannan Cross to provide a water supply in an area where there is a grave shortage of water during dry weather."
- (e) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will ask the Co. Manager if he proposes to revise the differential system for the tenants in the cottages at Carramana, Oughterard."

13. Other business.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON WEDNESDAY, 25th JUNE, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. T. King.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. J. Mannion, and M. O'Donnell, Doctor Ida Gallagher, Acting County Medical Officer, Doctor M.J. Dyar.

Mr. P.F. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, Doctor F.K. White, Resident Medical Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital, Mr. P.J. Duffy and Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officers, and the County Secretary.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting held on 12th April, 1958, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes, Doctor Dyar referred to Minute No: 1 of 12th April, 1958, and stated that he had since been informed by the Secretary that a reply had been received from the R.M.S., Merlin Park, regarding the use of Streptomycin in that Institution. Doctor Dyar considered that since the Medical Staff at Merlin Park Institution are permitted to obtain drugs from other sources when they consider the drugs on the prescribed list are not suitable, a similar authority should be given to District Medical Officers.

Doctor Dyar referred to the publicity given in the Press to the statements made by Deputy Carty in Dail Eireann regarding the drug tablet thyroid, and stated that such publicity may cause pain and anxiety to patients being treated with that drug, and that therefore such publicity is most undesirable.

The Committee agreed that since a meeting of the Consultative Health Committee is held in private, it is undesirable that the matters discussed there should be made public in the same manner as matters discussed at an ordinary meeting of the Galway County Council.

Mr. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, pointed out that though the meetings are held in private, the minutes are circulated to the members of the Council; the privilege which applies to a Deputy speaking in the Dail probably does not apply to statements made by a Committee member, and that members of the Committee should be afforded the protection to which they are entitled. Mr. McDermott suggested that the members might bear in mind the general principle of the confidential nature of anything relating to the treatment of an individual.

Clr. King suggested that it may be sufficient to send the Minutes of the Consultative Health Committee meeting to the County Manager only, as it is the Committee's function to advise the County Manager on health matters.

Clr. Mannion suggested that anything of a confidential nature should not be included in the minutes.

2 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in relation to General Medical Service Cards:-

Total Number of Applications Received:	18,969.
Number Granted:	16,823.
Number of Persons covered by above:	52,643.
Number Refused:	1,630.
Number under consideration:	516.
Number of Cards current:	16,180.
Persons covered by cards current:	51,233.

Doctor Dyar stated that he believed that cards are being issued to people who are not entitled to receive them, due to the fact that the local authority's decision is based on faulty information supplied by Assistance Officers; that the Assistance Officers of Loughrea and Killimor Districts are not residing in their districts.

The Assistant County Manager stated that a review of cards is being made annually in all districts with the exception of the two Galway Districts, where the frequency of the review will be from 15-18 months; that the proportion of the population covered by medical cards is not excessive.

Clr. Mannion stated that he was aware of a case (not in the Clifden Dispensary District) in which the District Medical Officer collected a fee of 2/4 from a poor person who does not hold a medical card though entitled to receive one.

Clr. King stated that his view is that cards have not been issued to persons who are entitled to them, rather than the reverse.

Doctor Dyar stated that he believed that the generous issue of cards may be a cause of the delay in the supply of appliances to really poor people who require them.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, the Assistant County Manager stated that while there may have been a delay in the supply of appliances due to the rapid expansion of the health services, there had not been any such deliberate delay, with a view to curtailing expenditure.

Dispensaries: Doctor Dyar pointed out that though Loughrea Town is not situated in Bullaun District, it is, in fact, the most convenient centre to serve all that district, and he recommended that a proper building be erected in that town, to provide accommodation for the District Medical Officers of Bullaun and Loughrea, as well as for the clinics held there for other services.

Clr. King agreed that such a joint dispensary is working very satisfactorily in Currandulla.

Boarded-out Children: Doctor Dyar considered that it is undesirable that a medical card should be issued for a child boarded out with a family not entitled to receive a medical card; that the family should treat a boarded-out child as if it were their own child.

Drugs: Doctor Dyar, referring to a drug for heart treatment, stated that he understands that a standard proprietary preparation is used in Merlin Park, and this preparation, not being on the official list, is not available to District Medical Officers. Doctor Dyar stated that in his view District Medical Officers should have the same authority to obtain a supply of this special drug as is given to the Medical Officers in Merlin Park.

Doctor Dyar referred to a circular sent to District Medical Officers regarding surplus drugs available at the Galway Regional Hospital, and stated that he agreed with the statements made by Doctor O'Connor, Oranmore, in his recent letter, that these drugs, which have been in stock for many years, are now useless or dangerous and should be destroyed.

Doctor Dyar also referred to a letter sent to some District Medical Officers recently regarding the increase in the cost of drugs, and pointed out that the new drugs which have come into use in recent years, are much more expensive but are also much more effective; that frequently the use of these drugs obviates the necessity for sending the patient to hospital.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the letter above-mentioned was not sent with a view to restricting a District Medical Officer's right to obtain the drugs which he requires, but with a view to effecting economy as far as may be possible.

Doctor White, R.M.S., stated that he had been assured by the Pharmacist and by the Department of Health Inspector that the surplus drugs are fit for use.

3 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: In reply to an enquiry by Doctor Dyar, the Resident Medical Superintendent stated that patients are admitted to the Galway Regional Hospital only on a doctor's request, except in cases of emergencies such as a street accident. Doctor Dyar stated he had been informed that patients are sometimes admitted to the hospital as a result of representations made by a member of the County Council. Doctor Dyar complained that some patients are kept waiting for an unduly long period at the out-patients department.

The R.M.S. in reply stated that on the other hand many patients who have an appointment for, say, 3p.m. arrive at the hospital at 1p.m. and then feel aggrieved if they do not receive immediate attention.

Clr. Mannion stated that it may happen that a member of the Council makes representations regarding the admission of a patient who is already on the waiting list for admission as a result of a request by some doctor.

The Assistant County Manager read the Article relating to admissions in the General Institutional and Specialist Regulations.

Clr. King, Chairman, stated that the necessity for such representations can only arise when there are insufficient beds; that there is nothing wrong in bringing to the notice of the hospital authorities particular cases of hardship which are already on the waiting list.

Doctor Dyar considered that the hospital authorities should rely on the information given by the patient's outside doctor in regard to the urgency of the case.

Delay in Discharge of Patients: Doctor Dyar referred to the case of a patient treated in the Galway Central Hospital and stated that if the same patient had been treated in Calvary, the amount payable by the patient would be less; that this was due to the fact that due to the long delay in completing investigations and obtaining reports, etc., in the Galway Regional Hospital, the patient was detained there for a longer period than would have been necessary in Calvary, that such delays as this

point to inefficiency in the Regional Hospital. In explanation of enquiries regarding charges, the Assistant County Manager stated that middle income group patients are charged 10/- a day at the Galway Regional Hospital, if being treated in a public ward or in a private ward not at the patient's own request; that if the patient is treated in a private ward at the patient's own request a higher rate of charge applies.

Ambulance Services: The Assistant County Manager in reply to Doctor Dyar, stated that lay persons are not entitled to call on the Council's ambulances, except in case of accident or such grave emergency.

4 - MATERNITY SERVICES: Doctor Dyar stated that a survey of peri-natal deaths is being undertaken by the Department of Health, as it is believed that many such deaths are not registered; that the survey is being undertaken with a view to ascertaining the total number of such deaths and their causes; to ascertain the cause would require a post mortem, and to ascertain the numbers it was suggested that burial-ground caretakers would notify the registrar of deaths. Doctor Dyar requested the co-operation of the Committee and of the County Council in this survey.

Clr. King stated that while the co-operation of the Council and of the Committee would be forthcoming, it may not be possible to achieve anything through the Burial Ground Caretakers, as such infants are not usually buried in the regular burial ground. Clr. King also suggested that nowadays maternity patients are usually under the care of either a doctor, nurse or midwife, and that it might be possible to obtain the required information from the persons treating the cases.

It was also considered that some helpful information regarding a section of the community could be obtained through the applications for maternity grants.

5 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: Doctor Dyar stated that he considers it is undesirable that a person who primarily seeks home assistance should be encouraged to apply for a disablement allowance. He had in mind the type of case which is temporarily disabled, and seeks home assistance, for a short period. Frequently, such a person, if granted home assistance, will eventually return to work for a period at least, but if given a permanent disablement allowance, is unlikely to return to work for any period.

The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to disablement allowances:

Total Number of Applications Received:	3,027.
Number Granted:	1,421.
Number Refused:	1,469.
Number Still being Dealt With:	137.

6 - MATERNITY CASH GRANTS: The Secretary stated that the number of maternity cash grants paid since 1st April, 1958, was 380.

7 - PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES:

Polio Vaccination: In reply to enquiry by Doctor Dyar, the Assistant County Manager stated that polio vaccination is at present restricted to the lower income group, but that there is a more liberal interpretation of the expression "lower income group".

Doctor Dyar recommended that polio vaccination be carried out by the District Medical Officers, as it is a cumbersome arrangement to have this vaccination carried out by the County Medical Officer and his assistants, causing inconvenience to both patients and the County Medical Officer's staff.

The Assistant County Manager explained that this service is developing gradually, and that it may eventually be as recommended by Doctor Dyar.

8 - LOUGHREA WATER SUPPLY: Doctor Dyar was informed by the Secretary that the latest reports received on the Loughrea Water Supply showed that the water is of good quality.

9 - SYMPATHY: The Committee adopted a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Doctor G.H. Joyce, District Medical Officer, Turloughmore.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 28th JUNE, 1958.

PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Deputy Carty, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clr. Glynn, Ald. Greene, Clrs. Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane Pat, SIRR and Wall.

940 - CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. SIRR and unanimously resolved:

"That Mr. Martin Quinn, County Councillor, be elected Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1958/59".

Mr. Quinn took the chair and thanked the Council for electing him to the position of Chairman and for their co-operation with him during the past year.

941 - VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Clr. Ashe, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, and unanimously resolved:

"That Deputy Michael Carty be elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1958/59."

Deputy Carty thanked the Council for electing him to the position of Vice-Chairman.

942 - BALLINASLOE MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD: Letter 10th June, 1958 from the Chief Clerk, Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board, was submitted, stating that the number of members to be appointed by the Galway County Council for the forthcoming year was sixteen.

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

"That the existing representatives of the Galway County Council on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board be re-elected for the year 1958/59."

943 - WESTERN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BOARD: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. King and resolved:

"That the existing representatives of the Council, viz., Clrs. M. Quinn, Chairman, and Clr. M.A. Ashe, be re-elected members of the Western Health Institutions Board for the year 1958/59".

Clr. King stated that Galway County Council's representation on this Board is not proportionate to the number of patients from this county in Merlin Park Institution, and requested that this matter be pursued with a view to having representations on the Western Health Institutions Board proportionate to the number of patients maintained there from the various counties.

944 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, and resolved:

"That Clrs. M. Quinn, M.A. Ashe, and J.J. Ruane be appointed to represent the Council on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1958/59."

945 - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: It was proposed by Clr. Ashe, seconded by Deputy Carty and resolved:

"That Mr. John Glynn, Co.C., be appointed to represent the County Council on the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1958/59."

946 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Ashe and resolved:

"That the existing nineteen members of the Visiting Committee for District Institutions be re-appointed for the year 1958/59".

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:

"That Mr. Peter SIRR, Co.C., be appointed a member of the Visiting Committee for District Institutions for the year 1958/59 to replace the late Clr. P. Kelly."

Clr. Sirr thanked the Council for appointing him a member of the Visiting Committee.

947 - COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved:

"That Deputy J. Geoghegan be appointed a member of the County Libraries Committee to replace Mr. Laurence O'Toole, who has resigned, and that the remaining existing members of the County Libraries' Committee be re-appointed for the year 1958/59."

948 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That the existing members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee proper, and the existing additional members of that Committee be re-appointed for the year 1958/59."

949 - EDUCATION (SCHOLARSHIPS) COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Education (Scholarships) Committee be re-appointed for the year 1958/59."

950 - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB COMMITTEES: It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Flaherty and resolved:

"That the members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committees who were not disqualified by having failed to attend a meeting during the six months to 31st May, 1958, be re-appointed for the year 1958/59, and that the members of the County Council hand in proposals at next ordinary meeting of the Council for the filling of the vacancies."

It was also decided unanimously that Councillors shall opt for membership of a particular Committee - the County Secretary to request the members to state the Committee for which they are opting.

Clrs. James Donnellan and Joseph Ridge complained that they had not received notifications of meetings of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees for which they had opted.

The Secretary replied that in any case in which a member had notified him of his option for a particular sub-committee, he, the Secretary, had notified the clerk to the Sub-Committee, whose duty it was to call the members of the sub-committee for a meeting.

951 - O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE FOR ROSMUC DISTRICT: Deputy Geoghegan requested that the question of establishing a separate Sub-Committee for Rosmuck District be investigated.

THE ANNUAL MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Attest: M. Carr

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Carr Chairman.

Date: 28/7/58

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 28th JUNE, 1958.

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

The attendance of other members was the same as that at the Annual Meeting.

952 - MINUTES: The Minutes of previous meetings to 939 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

953 - PRESS REPORT: Clr. John Flaherty complained that words quoted by him when speaking in connection with the filling of the vacancy at meeting on 14th June, 1958, were incorrectly reported in the Connacht Sentinel and in the Galway Observer. Clr. Flaherty complained that the error in these Press reports was a cause of much embarrassment to him and he demanded that these newspapers would apologise and correct the report in their next issue.

Clr. Flaherty's statement was supported by the Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, and by Clrs. P. Galvin and J. Munnion.

Deputy Killilea considered that an independent bench should be provided in the Council Chamber for the Press representatives.

954 - MEMBERS: Clr. Ashe stated that at a recent meeting of the Galway Corporation Deputy Coogan stated that Ald. P. Greene was not entitled to vote at a meeting of Galway County Council on 14th instant, in connection with the filling of a vacancy on the Council.

Clr. James Donnellan asked that this question of disqualification be clarified.

The Secretary stated that the period of absence from meetings which disqualifies a member of the County Council is twelve months; that so far there was no necessity for notifying any member that he was disqualified or about to be disqualified as no member of the Council had been absent from meetings for a period of twelve months.

Clr. John Donnellan asked if Deputy Coogan was alleging that Ald. Greene had voted illegally on the 14th June, 1958, and considered that the proper place to bring this matter up was at a County Council meeting.

Clr. Flaherty stated that a member who has been absent from meetings for a long period should not have come to a meeting to vote against Clr. Kelly's son.

Deputy Coogan stated that there had been a poor attendance at County Council meetings by the representatives of Galway City, and stated also that he was aware that Ald. Ashe was, through illness, unable to attend meetings.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the Mayor has many functions to attend, and that in fact he was present at the previous meeting of the Council on 7th June, 1958.

Ald. Greene explained that he is frequently called to attend other functions on the day that the County Council meeting is held, and on such occasions it is impossible for him to be present.

Deputy Coogan stated that he regretted if he had in any way hurt the feelings of the Mayor, Ald. P. Greene, and Deputy Coogan withdrew the statement made by him at the Galway Corporation meeting. He pointed out, however, that Ald. Greene had been absent from meetings of the Galway County Council for a consecutive period of almost twelve months.

954 - DUMP AT CASTLEBAR: At the request of Clr. King, the Chairman consented to hear a deputation from the residents of the houses at Castlebar in regard to the Galway Corporation dump there.

Very Rev. J. Canon Mitchell, Mr. P. Jackson, B.E., and two other members of the deputation spoke explaining that the smoke and smell from the dump are very objectionable to the residents in that vicinity.

Mr. Jackson, having stated that the dump is located within the Galway Borough Area, the Chairman stated that since that is the case, and since the rubbish is being dumped there by the Galway Corporation, this appeared to be a matter on which the Galway Corporation should be approached - rather than the Galway County Council.

Clr. James Donnellan stated that the Galway County Council is concerned as being the health authority, and that the Galway Corporation should be required to rectify this matter.

The County Manager stated that the dump at Southpark was undesirable and the Galway Corporation decided that it be cleaned up and developed.

The alternative site for a dump was then sought, and that which was acquired was the only suitable site offered. The site had been inspected by the members of the Galway Corporation and had been approved by the County Medical Officer. Carcasses are not taken to the dump. Water and disinfectant are provided there and everything possible is being done to prevent it from being a nuisance; that at the recent meeting of the Galway Corporation, it was decided that the dump would be inspected regularly and reported on by the Health Inspector.

Deputy Carty considered that the dump should be located in an area which is not residential.

Clr. King asked that the Council would adopt his proposal that a protest be made to the Galway Corporation on this matter.

Clr. Wall stated that the city must have a dump and that the Corporation can only select the least offensive site, and make the dump as little offensive as possible.

Clr. Ashe stated that the Corporation had tried and failed to get any more suitable site for the dump, and suggested that the Deputation would take this matter up with the Galway Corporation.

In regard to suggestions that the dump could be moved to other areas, the Chairman stated that the Galway Corporation should keep the dump within their own area.

Clr. King's proposal that a protest be made was seconded by Deputy Geoghegan.

Deputy Coogan stated that all the deputation asked is that the fumes be abated.

Clr. Collins suggested segregation and special treatment of the malodorous material being taken to the dump.

The County Manager stated that the cost of obtaining an incinerator would be prohibitive; that the Borough Surveyor spent much time in endeavouring to obtain a suitable site for a dump, and could not get a more suitable site than that acquired; that the statements regarding the smoke nuisance are much exaggerated, and that the Corporation is complying with the Regulations for control of dumps.

Deputy Killilea stated that there are hundreds of acres of swamp adjacent to the Headford road, and that a dump located there would not cause annoyance to anybody.

Ald. Greene, Mayor, stated that the Galway Corporation would be glad to receive the deputation.

The Chairman directed that the proposal that a protest be sent to the Galway Corporation could not be accepted by him, and it was decided that the deputation be referred to the Galway Corporation.

THE MEETING WAS NOW ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.15 p.m.
AND ON RESUMPTION DEPUTY M. CARTY TOOK THE CHAIR.

955 - RATES: It was proposed by Clr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. P. King and resolved:

"That the Council hereby allow and make the rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1959, and assessed in the Rate Books."

956 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES: It was proposed by Clr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. T. King 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 demands were then signed and sealed.

The Rate Arrearss Lists at 31st March, 1958,

were submitted and noted.

957 - FOREMAN AND CHARGE-HANDS: The County Manager's letter of the 14th June, 1958, was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the following proposals:

Mr. Martin Craughwell, Diesel Foreman, to be promoted to the grade of General Foreman, with remuneration at the rate of £13. 10. 0. a week, with effect from 1st May, 1958, inclusive.

Mr. G. Fitzgerald, Mechanic, to be appointed working charge-hand at £10. 12. 0.

a week from 1st May, 1958, inclusive.

Mr. J. Furey, Fitter, to be appointed working chargehand at £10. 12. 0. a week with effect from 1st May, 1958, inclusive.

The Council approved Clr. King's recommendation to the County Manager that these proposals be made effective with effect from 1st January, 1958, inclusive, as Mr. P. Kavanagh had left the Council's service prior to that date.

958 - GORT BRANCH LIBRARIAN: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Hanley, the Council approved the proposal that the Gort Branch Library be open to the public for twenty hours instead of ten hours a week as at present, and that when the new arrangements come into operation, the salary of Branch Librarian be increased to the appropriate figure of £143 a year.

959 - CIVIL DEFENCE INSTRUCTORS: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the proposal to pay remuneration to Civil Defence Instructors with effect from 1st January, 1958, inclusive, viz:-

1. 10/- for each session during which the Instructor undertakes one instructional period.
2. 15/- for each session during which the Instructor undertakes two instructional periods.

960 - DIVER: Deputy Geoghegan referred to the need for the services of a diver on the occasion of motor accidents, when a motor car is driven into the sea or into a river, and the Council approved his recommendation that the possibility of employment of the services of a diver for this purpose by the local authority be investigated.

961 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Wall, the Council decided to adjourn for a further period of three months, consideration of the filling of the vacancy on the Consultative Health Committee, as a result of the resignation of Surgeon O'Malley from the Council's service.

962 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Secretary stated that the Auditor's report on his audit of the Accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1956, had been received, and that explanations of matters referred to by the Auditor had been sought from the officers concerned.

It was decided that consideration of the Auditor's report would be deferred until the explanations from the officers would be received and circulated to the Councillors along with copies of the Auditor's Report.

963 - INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANTS' REPORT: On the recommendation of Clr. Wall, the Council requested that the County Manager would circulate to the Councillors a synopsis of the recommendations made by the Industrial Consultants.

CLR. M. QUINN. NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

964 - UNIVERSITY ROAD BRIDGE: Letter 24/6/1958 from the County Manager was submitted, and it was noted by the Council that the Canal Bridge at University Road will be abandoned by the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees, and that it is intended that a resolution will be passed by the Galway Corporation declaring this bridge to be part of the public road as from the date of abandonment, and that the local authority will be responsible in future for maintenance of the bridge as part of the public road.

965 - STOREKEEPER, ST. BRENDAN'S HOME, LOUGHREA: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. King, the Council approved the proposed revision of the salary scale for the post of Storekeeper at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, so that the Storekeeper will receive the benefit of the revision approved for the grade of clerical officer, in Minute No. 920 of 14th June, 1958.

966 - AMBULANCE DRIVER AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the following proposals for revision of remuneration of ambulance drivers at Galway Regional Hospital:-

Permanent Ambulance Drivers - Overtime at 3/6d. per hour with effect from 1st April, 1958.

Relief Ambulance Drivers - £1 per shift with effect from 1st July, 1958.

The overtime rate above shall apply for time worked during any period commencing one hour after the end of the normal shift for the day.

967 - ADDITIONAL TELEPHONIST, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the creation of one additional post of telephonist at Galway Regional Hospital, with remuneration at the rate of £260 x £13 to a maximum of £312 a year fully inclusive.

968 - AMBULANCE DRIVER, OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL, CLIFDEN: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council approved the following remuneration for permanent ambulance drivers at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden:

Driver P. Joyce to be appointed to the post formerly held by the late Mr. B. O'Toole, with fully inclusive salary of £8 per week to cover all overtime worked, this amount to be reduced to £7. 10. 0. per week in consideration of free residence, fuel and light, when Mr. Joyce moves into the residence; driver Joyce to be replaced by a driver whose status will be that of a servant with fully inclusive salary of £8 per week, to cover all overtime worked.

The above wage rates to be taken as including any temporary bonus to be granted in 1958 for increased cost of living.

Clr. Joyce and Deputy Geoghegan referred to the heavy demand of the Clifden ambulance, and it was proposed by Clr. Joyce, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that a relief ambulance driver be available at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital so as to obviate the necessity for the working of very long hours by the ambulance driver.

The Assistant County Manager suggested that consideration of this matter be deferred until particulars of the hours worked over a period would be available to the Council, and it was decided that consideration would be deferred until the above particulars would be available for the next meeting of the Visiting Committee at the Galway Regional Hospital and at Clifden Hospital.

969 - REMUNERATION OF ROAD WORKERS - GALWAY BOROUGH AREA: On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved the granting of an increase of 8/6d. per week or 1/5d. per day to the Council's road workers employed in the Galway Borough Area, with effect from 16th December, 1957.

970 - EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS: Clr. Ridge requested that the Acting County Engineer would inform him of the reason why a man named Michael Kennedy, of Mid-Rossaveel, was refused employment on the Shara feisteen road. Clr. Ridge stated that this man, who has thirteen in family, was refused employment as he was unable to produce an Insurance Card.

The Acting County Engineer explained that if the work is a Grant work, the Council is obliged to recruit workers through the Employment Exchange.

971 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council approved the extension of the creation of the position of temporary clerical officer for work in connection with housing grants for a further period of three months to 30th September, 1958, inclusive.

972 - PORTERS', GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Deputy Coogan asked if the remuneration of the porters at Galway Regional Hospital is being revised.

973 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETINGS: Clr. Galvin proposed, in accordance with his Notice of Motion, that in the case of bereavements - except the death of a member of the Council - in future, meetings be adjourned for a period of one hour only.

Clr. Galvin pointed out that the Dail did not adjourn in such cases, and that an adjournment for one hour would be as effective as one for one week, as an expression of sympathy.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. Flaherty, and supported by Clr. Lambert.

Clr. King respectfully suggested that Clr. Galvin would withdraw this proposal, and stated that it would detract from the expression of sympathy if there was a decision in advance as to whom the resolution would apply; that he would prefer that members would forego expenses for an adjourned meeting.

Deputy Coogan and Clr. Collins spoke in support of Clr. Galvin's proposal.

Deputy Carty proposed that if the meeting is adjourned until another day, expenses would not be paid to the members for the original meeting.

The County Manager pointed out that if members attend a meeting, they are legally entitled to be paid expenses.

Eventually, on the proposal of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council adopted the County Manager's suggestion that in any case in which it is intended that a meeting will be adjourned, as an expression of sympathy, the Chairman will notify the Secretary in advance, whereupon the Secretary will notify all members of the adjournment and convey the expression of sympathy to the relatives of the deceased, and the members will not actually attend for the meeting.

974 - COTTAGE FOR MR. JAMES MAHONY: In connection with Deputy Carty's Notice of Motion No: 12 (a), the Secretary read a letter from Deputy Carty, giving particulars of the circumstances of Mr. James Mahony, Derryara, Bullaun, Loughrea, stressing the great need for housing accommodation and the bad condition of this man's present house. Clr. Carty emphasised that it is not intended that this would create a precedent in regard to provision of labourers' cottages for persons with rather high land valuation.

The Assistant County Manager agreed that the circumstances are as stated by Deputy Carty, and that the application was refused solely on the grounds of high land valuation, as in such cases, the usual course is that the applicant provides a house by obtaining a loan and grant; that if the applicant is physically incapable of providing a house, the matter could be considered again if the Council so desired.

Deputy Carty stated that the applicant is prepared to give a site free of charge and on Deputy Carty's proposal, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council requested that the County Manager would investigate this application again, and inform the Council of his decision.

975 - WATER SUPPLY EXTENSIONS: After discussion of Deputy Carty's Notice of Motion No: 12(b) it was decided that a report on the position in regard to all deferred water supply extensions would be placed before the Council at next meeting for consideration.

976 - KILKERRIN-MOYLLOUGH WATER SUPPLY: Clr. Mannion requested that he be informed of the present position in regard to the provision of a water supply scheme for Kilkerrin-Moylough.

977 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS SCHEME: Deputy Carty stated that certain certificates of approval for Government Grants for housing were cancelled, as at the time the applicants considered that they had no chance of obtaining a supplementary grant, but eventually fresh approval certificates were issued, and Deputy Carty requested that in such cases, where proof is forthcoming, applications for the supplementary grant would be accepted even though the fresh certificates were issued after 1st April, 1958.

It was decided that this matter would be considered at a special meeting on 5th July, 1958.

978 - ROAD SIGNS: In connection with his Notices of Motion Nos: 12 (c), 1 and 2, Clr. King explained that the sign at the Cahermorris Road Cross between Caherlistrane and Donaghpatrick is required to indicate the route to Headford, and that the sign at Healy's Cross, Knockdoe, is required to indicate the route to Turloughmore.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that road signs be bolted to the post, as the clips provided are weak, and easily damaged.

Clr. Ridge recommended that a sign indicating the direction to Galway be provided at Derrough Cross.

979 - WATER SUPPLY, ERRISLANNON: In connection with Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, No: 12 (d), the Secretary submitted the County Engineer's report giving the estimated cost of £1,840 plus, if required, £450, for slow sand filters, and £300 for a chlorinator. The carrying out of this work was proposed by Clr. Joyce, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan.

It was decided that a report be obtained from the County Medical Officer on the suitability of the water.

980 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS - OUGHTERARD SCHEME: In connection with his Notice of Motion, No: 12 (d), Deputy Geoghegan stated that the differential rent system is a hardship on the tenants of the Oughterard Scheme, owing to the irregularity of

employment in that district.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council had already agreed to apply the differential rent system to serviced cottages.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the principal objection to the system by the tenants of Oughterard is the nature and the frequency of enquiries necessary, particularly where the employment of the tenants is casual; that the revision of the system is being considered, so as to reduce the frequency of enquiries and to revise the gap between the minimum rent and the first differential level.

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the Assistant County Manager's proposals will be available to the Council.

981 - FLOODING AT CAPPAUGH RIVER: Clr. Hanley asked if it would be possible to supply a copy of the map of the drainage district.

The Assistant County Engineer stated that the maps are available but what was required by him was information in regard to the townlands in which the flooding occurs. Clr. Hanley undertook to supply this information to the Acting County Engineer.

982 - DRAIN AT MOYLLOUGH: Deputy Killilea stated that an old sewer drain at Moylough is in a very bad condition, and requested that it would be cleaned up by the Council.

The Council requested the County Engineer to investigate this matter.

983 - LABORATORY TECHNICIANS: Deputy Coogan requested that the County Manager would explain the revision of the working hours of technicians in the laboratory at the Galway Regional Hospital, as he maintained that in at least one case, it was set out in the Conditions of Appointment that the same working hours as apply to local government officials generally would apply to laboratory technicians.

984 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS, CLIFDEN: Clr. Joyce stated that in one case of which he was aware, the tenant's rent had been increased by 5/4d. per week, when the tenant received an increase in wages of 1/- a day.

The Assistant County Manager explained that this may be rectified by the proposed revision of the Differential Rents Scheme mentioned above in connection with the Oughterard Scheme.

985 - SYMPATHY: Votes of Sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

- The relatives of the late Mrs. O'Toole, St. John's Terrace, Galway.
- The widow of Mr. Bartley Lydon, Rbin, Carraroe.
- The widow and relatives of Mr. Brian O'Toole, late ambulance driver, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden.
- The relatives of the late Fater Lynch, R.P., Crossbbyne, Claremorris.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

K. Hanley - Rúnaí

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Conroy Chairman.

Date: 28/7/58

COMAIRLE CONRADH NA SÁILLIÓIRÍ.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a bheadh:

1. Cairdeál Uisge:-
 - (a) Tiosca a ceadaíod do'n éiláin 1958/59.
 - (b) Cairdeál - Ballindoolley 7 Lisheenkyle (Minute 886).
 - (c) Soláicár Uisge i Snabó, Rosmuck (Minute 869).
 - (d) Molad ó Clr. S. Ó Donnalláin (Tuam).
 - (e) Molad ó Clr. M. Ó Donnalláin.
 - (f) Molad ó Seasca M. Mac Siolla Léit.
2. 16 Tioscáin a soláicár i bTuam.
3. Tíge - Seineiráilca.
4. Bóicérs.

To Consider:

1. Pumps:-
 - (a) Preparation and approval of Priority List for current year.
 - (b) Pumps at Ballindoolley and Lisheenkyle (Minute 886).
 - (c) Water Supply for Snabo, Rosmuck (Minute 869).
 - (d) Clr. S. Donnellan, Tuam -
 1. I will propose that a pump or well be sunk for the village of New Rusheen's as they have no water for human consumption, they filled a petition form in 1934 and never got water yet.

2. I will also propose that a well be sunk for the village of Cloondroone as they have no water also.
3. I will also propose that a well or pump be sunk for the cottagers at Ballymote, Tuam.
4. Also that pump be sunk for the village of Lisavally as these people are waiting for years for water.
5. I will also propose that a pump or well be sunk for people of Woodquay and Pylane or Pollinmall as this is a very thickly populated district and are in need of water.

(e) Clr. M. O'Donnell -

"Molfad ag an gcead cruinniu eile de'n Comhairle Conndae caideal uisce a chur ar faghail de Muinntir Baile na hAbhann An Cloc Moir, Banrac (Caorain) agus An Crepin."

(f) Deputy M. Killilea -

"I will ask at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a pump be erected in the Townland of Woodquay, Tuam."

2. Provision of 16 additional houses at Tuam.
3. Housing - General, including Scheme for Supplementary Grants.
4. Roads -
 - (a) Works to be carried out under £7,500 provided for Members' Notices of Motion.
 - (b) County Roads Improvement - Progress made with completion of roads on plan.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 5th JULY, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

986 - PUMPS - PRIORITY LIST: Deputy Carty referred to the pump on the previous priority list for Bullaun Townland, which was deferred as a pump had been provided for the school by the school authorities. Deputy Carty recommended that the County Medical Officer's report on the necessity for a pump for the public at Bullaun be sought.

Clr. King stated that if pumps provided by the school authorities are made exclusive to the school, the Council should not undertake the provision of pumps for school supplies in future.

Deputy Killilea agreed that the school pumps should be made available for public use, and Deputy Carty recommended that the Department of Education be asked to allow the County Council to avail of the school water supply, when feasible.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Hanley stated that the pump at Srah School had been out of order for five weeks past, and that a pump is required at or near Derryoobor school.

Deputy Geoghegan asked if the amount provided for pumps in the year ended 31st March, 1958, was expended entirely; if it is expected that the amount provided in the current year will be expended, and the number of pumps which will be sunk in the current year.

Clr. Galvin stated that the pump listed for Killurebeg should be provided in the village - not alongside the main road which is some distance from the village.

Mr. Tracy, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the County Medical Officer had recommended a site on the roadside near Killure Castle. That site was not suitable and the County Medical Officer now recommends the provision of two pumps, one at Killure Castle and one at Killurebeg - the Killure Castle pump to be provided first.

Clr. Galvin agreed with this proposal, and the Council agreed to alter Killurebeg to Killure Castle.

In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's enquiry, Mr. Tracy gave particulars of the progress made up to the present time with pumps already selected for the priority list, from which it appears that availing of the Council's plan and contractors, approximately twelve pumps would be completed in each financial year.

Deputy Carty and Clr. Flaherty congratulated the Engineering Staff on the progress made with the provision of pumps.

Deputy Kitt stated that if, as indicated in the list, Gaoltacht Grants will be available towards the cost of some pumps on the list, it should be possible to provide a greater number than would be covered by the amount £13,500, and he proposed that 31 pumps be selected for the priority list.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. J. Lambert. Deputy Carty recommended the selection of five pumps for each electoral area.

Deputy Killilea objected to the selection of pumps by members of the Council, and considered that it would be better that the selection of the pumps be left to the County Medical Officer when the total number of pumps to be selected was decided on.

Clr. King stated that the number of pumps to be placed on the priority list should be restricted to a number which can be provided out of the balance available from the amount provided in the current year's estimate, after completion of the pumps already on hands, or already selected on an earlier priority list.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it would be advisable to have a list of 24 pumps at least, as sometimes there are

difficulties in securing sites and the larger number will give an opportunity for more economical organisation of the service; that the recommendation of the Council is being sought, rather than the recommendation of individual members.

Clr. Burke stated that many applicants would be satisfied with a reconstructed well instead of a pump, and that several such wells could be provided for the cost of a single pump.

Clr. Flaherty stated that the pump at Ballinass is being sought since 1943, and that this pump should have a very definite priority.

Deputy Killilea supported Clr. Flaherty's statement.

The County Manager stated that the age of the application would not necessarily imply that the pump was the most urgently required.

Clr. P. Ruane recommended that the Councillors for each area select the pumps for that area.

Clr. Ridge recommended that the Council avail of Gaeltacht Grants and provide pumps where such grants can be obtained.

Clr. Galvin stated that an improved well at Skycour would suffice, instead of the provision of a pump there.

In reply to Clr. James Donnellan, Mr. Tracy, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the average cost of a bored pump is £700, and that the average cost of a dug-well pump is £150 to £200.

In reply to Clr. O'Donnell, Mr. Tracy, stated that a site has been selected for Muckinagh pump, and in reply to Clr. J. Mannion, Mr. Tracy stated that where possible a drill is used by the Council for borings for dug wells.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Ruane that the Council select a list of 16 pumps, viz: Four for Tuam Electoral Area and Three for each other Electoral Area.

Clr. J. Donnellan stated that in a number of cases improved wells would suffice instead of pumps.

The County Manager suggested that the Council select a list of 31 pumps and that the County Medical Officer be requested to place these 31 pumps in order of priority.

Clr. King considered that the members are as well qualified to decide the urgency of a pump application as is the County Medical Officer and he adhered to his proposal that sixteen pumps be selected.

The County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer's recommendation can be submitted to the Council, but that difficulties may arise in strict adherence to the priority list in view of the difficulty in obtaining sites in some cases, etc.

Clr. King stated that he considered it inadvisable to decide on a list of pumps for which no financial provision has been made in the current year, but he, however, withdrew his proposal for provision of 16 pumps, and it was unanimously agreed that 31 pumps be selected - each Councillor to hand in to the Secretary the name of the pump which he selects.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That there should be greater co-operation between the different Departments of State and the local authorities in the matter of school and public water supplies, thereby eliminating a waste of public funds".

987 - HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR PATIENTS: Clr. Wall asked if the County Manager has power to deduct the amount of a hospital bill from the wages of an employee of the Council.

The Chairman stated that the County Manager has that power.

The County Manager stated that if the person concerned objects, he can take the matter to Court, and the County Manager asked if, instead of proceeding in this manner, it is suggested that the Council should incur extra expense in legal proceedings to recover the amount due.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.15 p.m.
AND ON RESUMPTION, DEPUTY M. CARTY TOOK THE CHAIR

988 - REPAIRS TO PUMPS: Deputy Geoghegan recommended that a repair outfit be available by the Council for carrying out repairs to pumps promptly, as there appears to be a long delay in attending to pumps which are out of order in cases where the repair required is not a matter covered by the maintenance contract.

Clr. M. Mannion stated that the pump at Ballinrune Moylough, has been repaired several times, and is again out of order for a month past; that it is not a matter for which the maintenance contractor is responsible.

Mr. Collins, Acting County Engineer, stated that if pumps remain out of order for a long time, the reason is that reports regarding them are not sent to his office, that a repair outfit as recommended by Deputy Geoghegan is already available; that several pumps are not actually out of order but during the summer water is not available.

Clr. Mannion stated that an extension of the pipe is required in the case of the Ballinrune pump.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that a pump at Mynish Island, Carna, has been out of order, although reported to the Council two months ago.

Clr. J. Glynn requested that the pump at Curragh, Dummore, would be deepened - this request having been made originally a year ago.

Clr. Dowd stated that the pump at Abbeylands No: 2, requires deepening.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

989 - ADDITIONAL COTTAGES FOR TUAM:

The Assistant County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer's report indicates that fifteen houses are required at Tuam, and that continuation of this scheme, as already designed for the site available at St. Joseph's Park permits the provision of sixteen cottages, which the Assistant County Manager recommended be provided at an estimated cost of £25,000.

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Burke that twenty houses be provided at least.

Clr. James Donnellan proposed that having regard to the County Medical Officer's recommendation, sixteen houses should be provided.

The Chairman stated that since the County Medical Officer's recommendation was for fifteen houses, the Council would be doing well in providing sixteen.

The Assistant County Manager, in reply to Clr. Collins stated that the rent collection for the Tuam new Housing Scheme is satisfactory, and that if 20 houses were provided he had no doubt that tenants could be obtained, but that the proposal was for provision of houses for applicants who are definitely resident in Tuam town; that there are several applications from rural areas convenient to Tuam town.

Clr. King stated that it is undesirable that there should be two housing authorities for one area, such as Tuam town.

Deputy Carty pointed out that the towns of Tuam and Loughrea are paying the full county rate, including the rate for housing, and in addition are paying the town rate, which in Tuam is very considerable, being 5/2d. in the £. in addition to the county rate.

It was agreed unanimously that sixteen additional houses be provided at Tuam, and that if feasible, this number be increased to twenty.

990 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: The Secretary stated that the total amount of loans sanctioned for supplementary housing grants was £673,000; that the amount for grants already allocated was £622,355; the amount paid to date in respect of these grants is £501,333; that the estimated total cost of all applications for grants received up to the present was £886,080.

Deputy Geoghegan suggested that it would be well to await the provisions of the new Housing Act before considering supplementary housing grants further, and recommended that where grants are allocated, the applicants be notified promptly, so as to facilitate them in obtaining supplies of building material.

Clr. Wall asked that the position be clarified in regard to cases where Government Grants were allocated some time ago but the building of houses was not commenced.

The Assistant County Manager stated that until the Housing Act comes into operation, it will not be possible to give an opinion in regard to its effect, but that generally, the new Housing Acts protect earlier applicants.

Deputy Carty explained that in the cases to which Clr. Wall referred the original approval certificate was cancelled, and the applicants when actually commencing the building of the house, were required to make fresh applications - such applicants having already applied for the Council's supplementary grant.

The County Manager agreed that where proof of the facts would be available, such applicants would be entitled to receive supplementary grants.

Clr. King asked if, in view of the new Housing Act, the Council would resume the scheme for supplementary housing grants.

The Chairman pointed out that this scheme was suspended only for a period of twelve months and that this suspension commenced as recently as 1st April, 1958. Clr. Joyce supported Deputy Geoghegan's request that notification of the allocation of supplementary grants in Gaeltacht Grant cases be made promptly.

991 - LABOURERS' COTTAGES: In reply to Clr. James Ruane, the Assistant County Manager stated that a survey of the housing needs of Athenry town had been carried out.

In reply to Clr. Joyce, Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that contracts had been placed for the provision of four cottages in West Connemara, and that the carrying out by direct labour of the provision of cottages for which suitable tenders were not received was being considered.

Deputy Carty requested that a vesting scheme for cottages not included in the earlier scheme be completed as quickly as possible - this scheme having been deferred due to pressure of other work in the Housing Section.

In reply to Clr. John Mammion, Mr. Cullinan stated that a tender for provision of a cottage at Ballyconneely had been received, accepted and sent for sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

Clr. P. Ruane requested that he be informed of the position regarding provision of a cottage at Cahortymore, Athenry.

Clr. King stated that one of the cottages at Tomhahulla is still not commenced.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that a cottage at Dunreaghan Cashel, has been vacant for two years, and he recommended that when a married applicant is not available for a cottage in a case such as this, the cottage should be given to a suitable unmarried applicant.

In reply to enquiries the Assistant County Manager stated that in any case in which possession of a cottage is recovered by the Council, the cottage is let promptly then, but that the legal process in regard to recovery of cottages is often very slow.

Clr. P. Joyce stated that the cottage which was tenanted by Mr. Patrick O'Toole at Tullyvoheen, has been unoccupied for three years, as the tenant is in England, and that this cottage is very badly needed by applicants in Clifden.

Clr. P. Galvin stated that the Rent Collectors should be required to report promptly any cases in which the tenant is not occupying the cottage.

The Chairman stated that he is aware of a case in the Athenry area, in which the applicant, who has about three acres of land, offered a site for a cottage, but the cottage was not provided, as the site is not beside a public road.

Mr. Cullinan stated that the Department of Local Government will not approve a site which is not beside a public road or a good private road.

In reply to Clr. Collins, the Assistant County Manager stated that the vested tenant is entitled to devise a cottage to a person who was living with the tenant in the cottage at the time of the tenant's death.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Kitt, Mr. Doyle, Staff Officer, stated that thirty-five tenders for erection of cottages had been accepted in the last two months, and that tenders for further cottages will be sought as soon as the sites are available for entry thereon by the Council.

992 - KILKERRIN-MOYLROUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. M. Mammion, Mr. Doyle, Staff Officer, stated that a tender for the general contract for this work had been accepted and sanctioned; that the outstanding matters in this case are the sanction to the acceptance of a tender for the mechanical contract, and the raising of a loan for the work.

993 - NEW ROAD WORKS: The list of proposals by Councillors in regard to roads to be completed under the amount £7,500 provided for members' notices of motion was submitted.

Clr. King recommended that the Council select all roads for which the estimate is less than £1,000.

Clr. Galvin recommended that as originally proposed, £1,500 be allocated to each electoral area.

This proposal by Clr. Galvin was supported by Clr. Hanley. Clr. Collins recommended that having regard to the small amount available, the selection of the roads be left to the County Engineer.

Deputy Kitt was informed that the roads to which he referred in his letter of 3rd July, 1958, have now been included by the County Engineer in the list, viz., Road at Castlogar, Thasoragh, and road at Gowla.

On the recommendation of Deputy Kitt, the Council agreed that the members for each area would consult regarding the selection of roads for that area.

The members for each electoral area then went into consultation in regard to selection of roads, and on resumption of the meeting, Clr. Wall objected to the allocation of £1600 for each electoral area, as he considered this would not permit a fair allocation to the Tuam electoral area.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. John Mammion that the Council will accept proposals for new roads only, i.e., that none of the amount £7,500 will be expended on roads already maintainable by the Council.

The roads selected by the members were as follows:-

Ballinasloe Electoral Area:

Roughan Road:	£160.
Killaen & Cloonahinch Road:	£400.
Castlegar road to English:	£640.
Ballybaun Bridge to Doonaun:	£300.
Total:	£1,500.

Galway Electoral Area:

Bothar an Camain, Menlo:	£745.
Road to Monastery Church, Ballyglunin:	£175.
Kilkeel to Mounteross:	£350.
Castlelambert and Lisheenkyle Road:	£230.
Total:	£1,500.

Loughrea Electoral Area:

Hollypark to Oldcastle:	£1,500.
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Oughterard Electoral Area:

Errislannan Lower:	£1,200.
Rosmuc Church:	£300.
Total:	£1,500.

While the roads for Oughterard Electoral Area were being selected, it was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Wall that the Council rescind the original minute regarding the provision of £1,500 for this purpose for each electoral area.

Clr. Galvin pointed out that his proposal, which had already been approved by the County Council at the Estimates Meetings, was perfectly clear, and the Chairman ruled that he could not accept Deputy Killilea's proposal.

Tuam Electoral Area:

Dillonbrook to Cloondroon:	£850.
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Clrs. M. Mammion, M. Wall and P. Sarr to select the road or roads for the balance, £650.

994 - COUNTY ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PLAN: The County Engineer's statement, which had already been circulated to the members, was submitted, giving particulars of the progress made with roads which are already listed on the plan for reconstruction of county roads, and since it was noted that 280 miles of roads already listed required to be reconstructed, the Council considered that it is unnecessary to make any addition to this plan at present.

Clr. Hanley stated that the road already listed, viz., No: 577, Power's Cross - Junction 578, is one of the worst roads in the County, and the Council requested the County Engineer to give this road early attention in the carrying out of the plan.

995 - SYMPATHY: A vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the Quirke family, Eyrecourt, on the death of their son.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

K. Hanley - Romli

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

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Chairman.

Date: 28/7/58

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21.7.1958.

Cuiz gac thail be'n Comhairle.

A CARA,

TARRCAR ORC leis seo beid i lár na d'áir ag cruinniú be Comhairle Comhd. na S. 1111ne a éiríodfar ins na Foirgnithe Comhd., S. 1111n, Dia luath, 28.7.1958, ag tosú ar 12.30.p.m. a éirí.

Mise, le meas,

M.S. Ó M. O'RURUINN.

Rúnai Sealadaí.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a bheadh:

1. Miontuairisí.
2. Coza pó-óistí na bPínean sean-aoise.
3. Cairn i mBaile Iosa Ríad a tábairt go dtí an Ghóc.
4. Liosta Cairdeil Uisce.
5. Insaic £400, Sóimáiníirí tuama - Mórzaiste a séalú.
6. Gráda an tIníúccóra.
7. Ceab pé'n tóir Cinematografaí 1909 - Hanraoi Ó Sealadasaí, Sorc Inse Suair.
8. Scéim Poilí - postanna sealadaí a éirí.
9. Post mar cléireac sealadaí a éirí.
10. Oifis mar cló-sgríobadóir a éirí.
11. Méadú tuarastail - Freastalaidhe Telefón.
12. Scéimeanna Scoiláireadaí, 1959.
13. Iníúccóra Cúntaisí 1957/58.
14. Méadú - Iníúccas sealadaí.
15. Molta ó Comhairleoirí.
16. Són eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Appointment of Old Age Pension Sub-Committees - Minute No: 950 of 28/6/1958.
3. Extension of Sewerage Main to the Hill, Loughrea.
4. Pumps Priority List.
5. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £400 for provision of ranges in Tuam Town Commissioners houses.
6. Auditor's Reports.
7. Issue of Cinema Licence, Henry O'Shaughnessy, The Square, Gort.
8. Polio Scheme - approval to creation of temporary offices of:
 - (a) One Vaccinator (Medical Officer).
 - (b) One Nurse.
 - (c) One Clerk-typist.
9. Extension of creation of temporary clerical officer in Galway Regional Hospital.
10. Creation of post of clerk-typist, X-Ray Department, Galway Regional Hospital.
11. Remuneration Variation, Switchboard Operator, County Buildings.
12. Scholarships Schemes, 1959.
 - (a) Formulation of Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools.
 - (b) Adoption of University Scholarship Scheme.
13. Abstract of Accounts Y.E. 31st March, 1958.
14. Increased cost of living bonus.
15. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. J. Flaherty: "I will propose at the next meeting that Rev. Fr. Patrick McDermott be appointed a member of the Glenamaddy Old Age Pension Sub-Committee."
 - (b) Clr. P. Ruane:
 1. That sign posts indicating Cross Roads be erected at Ballindooley.
 2. That signs indicating dangerous bends ahead be erected at Cullinane's corner and also Cregboy corner Claregalway.
 3. That the Liscauna Road be put on the five-year plan for steamrolling.
 4. That something should be done to relieve flooding at John Morris' house, Coolarne.
 5. That proper sign posts be erected at Carnmore Cross showing Roads to Tuam, Galway, Oranmore and Limerick, and also Monivea and Dublin.
 6. That the corners leading from sika Road to Galway-Tuam road be widened.
 - (c) Clr. J. Canning:
 1. That a dumping ground on the public road and in the immediate vicinity of the Convent, Convent Schools and in close proximity to the Catholic Church, be removed without delay. This dump is a rendezvous for itinerants and these people leave discarded garments etc. in this place before leaving.
 2. That due to the constant stream of traffic passing between Munster and Connacht over the Bridge at Portumna and through the town it is imperative for the safety of the public that "Go Slow" sign posts should be erected

- at the following points adjacent to the town - Woodford Road - Killimore Road - Ballinasloe Road and Bridge Road."
15. (d) Deputy M. Killilea: "That the road from Lr. Dalgan to Dalgan N.S. be repaired and maintained."
 - (e) Clr. M. O'Donnell:
 1. Molaim ag an gcead cruinniu eile de'n Comhairle Conndao go gcuirfir Roilig Nua ar fail de'n Ceathrun Rua.
 2. I will request the Co. Council to sink a wall at Derrreendaragh, Lettermore, and to avail of Grant from Dept. of Gaeltacht for same, as there is no suitable water supply in this area."
 - (f) Deputy M. Carty: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall ask the Co. Manager to make a short statement outlining -
 1. The terms of the agreement between Offaly Co. Council and Galway Co. Council for the provision of a new bridge over the Shannon at Banagher.
 2. The progress, if any, that has been made to date with the scheme."
 - (g) Clr. J. Dowd:
 1. "I will propose that the Council extend the Kylemore Road about 100 yds. in order to improve the dangerous bridge over the Canal.
 2. I will ask the County Engineer when he proposes carrying out operations on the bridge at Clonfert for which money is made available."
 - (h) Clr. T. Hanley: "Take notice that at next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will ask that a mile of road junction from Powers Cross to the wall-box at Cloonmoylean (already on Five-year Plan) be steamrolled this year to prevent accidents or claims on County Council."
 - (i) Clr. J. Lambert:
 1. At the next meeting of the Council I will ask what steps are being taken to stop flooding at Crowe Street, Gort.
 2. That the drain leading from Bolands Lane to Crowe Street be cleaned."
16. Other business.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28th JULY, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. James Donnellan, John Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, John Mannion, Martin Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, James Ruane, Patrick Ruane, Sirr and Wall.

996 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to 995 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

Clr. Ridge referred to Minute No: 993 of the 5th July, 1958, and said that he did not agree with the roads selected for the Oughterard Electoral Area, and he had advised the County Secretary accordingly by letter dated 11th July, 1958. The Acting County Secretary submitted his reply of the 14th July, 1958, to Clr. Ridge and the letter's further letter of the 17th July, 1958.

After a discussion, on the proposal of Clr. Joyce, seconded by Clr. Collins, the minutes were approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, Clr. Ridge stating that he objected to the contents of Minute No: 993.

997 - OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES:

Ballinasloe No: 1: William Callanan, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe & Patrick Finnerty, Killure, Ballinasloe, were appointed to the Sub-Committee.

Clifden: J.J. Casey was appointed to the Sub-Committee.

Glenamaddy: Rev. Fr. Patrick McDermott was appointed to the Sub-Committee.

Mountbellew: Rev. Fr. F. Murphy, Adm., Moylough, was appointed to the Sub-Committee.

Roundstone No: 2: On the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the following were appointed to the Sub-Committee:-
Fr. O'Donoghue P.P., Carna.
Fr. Carter, C.C., Carna.
Fr. Tobin, C.C., Kilkerrin.
Joseph Folan, Doogher, Carna.
Val Geary, Letterdeskerd, Carna.
Colman Geary, Letterdeskerd, Carna.
Michael Garaghty, Carna.
Michael Moran, Carna.
Coleman Feeney, Rushoonamagh, Carna.
Joseph McGrath, Glynsk, Cashel.
Pat O'Donnell, Moyrus, Carna.
Martin O'Donnell, Kylesalia, Kilkerrin, Carna.
John Geoghegan, Carna.

Tuam: Patsy Murphy was appointed to the sub-committee.

General: Notifications were submitted from members indicating that they had opted for sub-committees as follows:-

Deputy Carty:	Loughrea Sub-Committee.
Clr. Collins:	Mountbellew Sub-Committee.
Clr. James Donnellan:	Abbeyknockmoy, Headford & Tuam Sub-Committees
Deputy Geoghegan:	Roundstone Nos: 1 & 2, Lettermore, Spiddal & Oughterard Sub-Committees.
Clr. Hanley:	Portumna Sub-Committee.
Clr. King:	Headford, Oranmore, & Tuam Sub-Committees.
Deputy Kitt:	Ballinasloe No: 1 and Mountbellew Sub-Committees
Senator Lahiff:	Ardrahan, Gort & Kinvara Sub-Committees.
Clr. Ridge:	Spiddal Sub-Committee.

998 - EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE MAIN TO THE HILL, LOUGHREA: Deputy Carty proposed, Senator Lahiff seconded and it was resolved: "That the sewerage main be extended to The Hill, Loughrea, at an estimated cost of £2358."

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

999 - PUMPS PRIORITY LIST: As all members had not submitted notification of the pumps they wished to recommend, the Chairman, on the proposal of Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Clr. Sirr, decided to defer consideration of the list to the next meeting. He urged the members to make their recommendations before then.

1000 - LOAN FOR TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS: It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction from the National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of financing the cost of providing ranges in houses owned by the Tuam Town Commissioners 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."

1001 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's Reports on their audits of the accounts of the following bodies for year ended 31st March, 1958, were submitted and noted:-

- Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees.
- Shrule Joint Drainage Committee.
- Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee.

1002 - CINEMA LICENCES: On the proposal of Senator Lahiff seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council approved the issue of cinema licences to Mr. Henry O'Shaughnessy, Gort, and Mr. Fred Mallard, Ballyfa, New Inn.

1003 - VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS: On the proposition of Clr. Quinn and seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the creation of the following temporary posts for the operation of the vaccination against Poliomyelitis Scheme with remuneration at the scales approved for the offices by the Minister, and for a period of three months.

- One Vaccinator (Medical Officer).
- One Nurse.
- One Clerk-typist.

The meeting was now adjourned until 3.p.m. and on resumption Deputy Carty took the chair.

1004 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Killilea the Council approved the extension of the creation of the office of temporary clerical officer for work in connection with Specialist Clinics at Galway Regional Hospital for a further period of three months from 30th June, 1958, to 30th September, 1958, inclusive.

1005 - CLERK-TYPIST, X-RAY DEPARTMENT, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Mr. James Donnellan, the Council approved the creation of the office of clerk-typist, XRay Department, Galway Regional Hospital, with remuneration at the scale approved by the Minister for the office.

1006 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: The following remuneration variations were approved unanimously on the proposition of Deputy Coogan and seconded by Deputy Carty:-

- Switchboard Operator, County Buildings, Galway:
Revised remuneration of £7. 3. 6. a week with effect from 16th December, 1957, in lieu of existing remuneration.

1006 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS:

- (b) Tradesmen & labourers - existing wages rates increased by 2d. per hour with effect from 28th February, 1958, for tradesmen and labourers employed on Building & Civil Engineering work in Galway Borough, Ballinasloe Urban District and in the districts of Loughrea and Tuam Town Commissioners.
- (c) Foreman, charge hands, mechanical fitter, welder, blacksmith & wellborer - remuneration increased by 10/- per week from 26th January, 1958.

1007 - PORTER, COUNTY BUILDINGS: On the proposition of Clr. King and seconded by Deputy Hogan the Council unanimously recommended to the County Manager that the allowance of Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Porter, County Buildings, be increased to £1 for attendance at each County Council meeting in future.

1008 - Cost of Living Bonus: Deputy Carty proposed, Clr. Canning seconded and it was unanimously resolved that "Subject to the sanction of the appropriate Ministers, the Council hereby approve payment of an increased cost of living bonus of a maximum of 10/- per week for male officers and servants and 7/6d. per week for female officers and servants with effect from 1st April, 1958".

It was noted that the estimated net cost after recoupment of Health Service Grant was £6351 representing an increased rate of 3½d. in £ approximately.

It was confirmed that the proposed increase did not apply to probationer nurses, domestic staffs and those persons whose wages were related to local trade rates.

1009 - SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved "that the Council hereby formulate a Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational and other approved Schools for the year 1959, similar to the 1958 Scheme".

It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:- "that the Council hereby formulate a Scheme for University Scholarships (Ordinary and Agricultural) for the year 1959, similar to the 1958 Scheme".

1010 - GALWAY HARBOUR: Deputy Geoghegan proposed and Clr. King seconded that the Council make a presentation to the Captain of the Holland America Liner "Ryndam" which was due to call to Galway on Thursday July 31st, 1958, and which was the first Liner to call to the port in almost 20 years. It was unanimously decided that the members would subscribe to a roll of Irish tweed and that the Chairman Mr. M. Quinn would present it to the Captain at the reception on board the vessel.

Clr. John Donnellan proposed and Clr. King seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce for setting the Harbour Scheme through so quickly, and to Messrs. Malachy Burke Ltd., Building Contractor, Galway on obtaining the contract.

1011 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS Y.E. 31ST MARCH, 1958: It was decided to defer consideration to the next meeting.

1012 - AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE: Mr. Matthew Lyons was congratulated on his selection as a member of the Agricultural Institute.

1013 - BALLINDOOLEY CROSS: The Acting County Engineer stated in reply to Clr. P. Ruane that appropriate signs would be erected shortly at Ballindoooley Cross.

1014 - CULLINAN'S CORNER AND CREBOY CORNER, CLRICALWAY: The Acting County Engineer advised Clr. P. Ruane that further consideration would be given to the erection of signs at these corners.

1015 - LISCANNAUN ROAD: The Acting County Engineer told Clr. P. Ruane that the Council, at their last meeting, decided not to add to the Five Year Plan.

1016 - FLOODING AT JOHN MORRIS' HOUSE, COOLARNE: The Acting County Engineer informed Clr. P. Ruane that the Council was willing to assist in the abatement of flooding of road at John Morris' house, Coolarne if suitable drainage could be found in the area. He added that the work could be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act if funds under that heading became available.

1017 - SIGN POSTS, Carrmore Cross: The Acting County Engineer, in reply to Clr. P. Ruane suggested signs as follows:-

(a) Headford and Tuam (b) Galway (c) Oranmore, Limerick (d) Monivea. He added that signs (a) and (c) had already been erected.

1018 - KINISKA ROAD CORNERS: The Acting County Engineer told Clr. P. Ruane that the widening of the corners leading from Kiniska Road to Galway Tuam Road was a useful work estimated to cost £120 and that it could be carried out either as a Main Road or a County Road work. It was decided to widen the corners next year.

1019 - DUMPING GROUND NEAR CONVENT, PORTUMNA: In reply to Clr. Canning's Notice of Motion, the Acting County Engineer agreed to remove the dump on the public road and in the immediate vicinity of the Convent, Convent Schools, and in close proximity to the Catholic Church, Portumna.

1020 - ERECTION OF SIGNS, PORTUMNA: The Acting County Engineer told Clr. Canning that provided the Garda Authorities agreed, he had no objection to the erection of "Go-Slow" sign posts at the following points adjacent to Portumna town:- Woodford Road-Killimore Road - Ballinasloe Road and Bridge Road.

1021 - Lower Dalgan Road: The Council agreed on the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Carty, to repair the road from Lower Dalgan to Dalgan N.S. at an estimated cost of £20.

1022 - ROILIG NUA, CHEATHRAN RUA: Mhóil Cl. O'Donnail go gcuirfir roilig nua ar an t-áras Cheathran Rua agus chuidigh Sean Mac Eochagáin leis. Dubhairt an leas-Bhainisteoir Condae go raibh se ag feitheamh ar thuarsgobhail o'n Phríomh-Dhochtúir Cúigeachail an Chondae ar an adhbhar agus go mbeadh se ar faghail ag an gcead cruinnia síle.

1023 - Well at Darreendaragh, Lettermore: Clr. O'Donnell requested that the Council sink a well at Darreendaragh, Lettermore as there was no suitable water supply in the area, and that they avail of a grant from the Department of the Gaeltacht for same.

It was agreed that a report on the position be submitted to the next meeting.

1024 - NEW BRIDGE OVER SHANNON AT BANAGHER: Deputy Carty in accordance with his Notice of Motion asked what were the terms of agreement between Offaly County Council and Galway County Council for the provision of a new bridge over the Shannon at Banagher, and the progress if any that had been made to date with the scheme.

Letter dated the 23rd July, 1958 from Offaly County Council enclosing copy of their letter of 7th July, 1958 to the Department of Local Government and copy of the Department's reply of 17th July, 1958 was submitted requesting the Galway County Council's agreement to having preliminary plans and estimate prepared by the Consulting Engineer.

It was decided to write to Offaly County Council and ascertain what was the objection to the construction of a fixed bridge over the Shannon at Banagher.

1025 - KYLEMORE ROAD: Clr. Dowd proposed and Deputy Carty seconded that the Council extend the Kylesmore Road about 100 yards in order to improve the dangerous bridge over the Canal. Clrs. Hanley and Galvin urged that the work be carried out.

The Acting County Engineer said that the estimate was approximately £1200, but that this estimate had to be revised in order to meet C.I.E.'s and the Department's standards for loading. He added that it was not a public road.

Clr. Dowd said that he would submit a Notice of Motion for the next meeting that it be declared a public road.

1026 - CLONFERT BRIDGE: The Acting County Engineer told Clr. Dowd that the plans for Clonfert Bridge had not been finalised with C.I.E. He said that it was now proposed to erect the canal bridge with prestressed beams and that C.I.E. and the Department of Local Government would have to approve of that. He added that as it would be necessary to close the road during the building of the bridge, the period of the year during which the work would be carried out would, therefore, need consideration and discussion with the road users.

1027 - POWERS CROSS, CLOONMOYLAN ROAD JUNCTION: Clr. Hanley proposed and Clr. Canning seconded that a mile of road junction from Powers Cross to the wall box at Cloonmoylan be steamrolled this year to prevent accidents or claims on the County

Council.

The Acting County Engineer said the surface of this road was in good condition and that it cost approximately £2500 to steamroll it.

It was decided to consider the steamrolling of the road next year.

1028 - Flooding at Crow Street, Gort: In reply to Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion, the Acting County Engineer's report of the 15th July, 1958 was submitted recommending that under the provisions of Section 49 of the Local Government Sanitary Services Act, 1948, the main Gort River be cleaned along line BCDE as shown on map, from where flooding commences to disused Corn Mill, at an estimated cost of £400 subject to the prior consent of the Board of Works and of the owners of the land along the river to be cleaned.

The Council on the proposition of Clr. Lambert, seconded by Deputy Coogan approved the carrying out of the work in accordance with the Acting County Engineer's recommendations.

1029 - DRAIN AT BOLAND'S LANE AND CROW STREET, GORT: It was proposed by Clr. Lambert, seconded by Clr. Coogan, and resolved "that the drain leading from Boland's Land to Crow Street, Gort be cleaned annually, the annual cost not to exceed £24".

1030 - HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR PATIENTS: Clr. Flaherty suggested that the distribution to each County Councillor of lists of persons who owed bills for hospital treatment should be discontinued as people resented everyone knowing what they owed.

Deputies Carty and Coogan disagreed with the suggestion and pointed out that Councillors had very often helped former patients.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the system was being operated in accordance with the instructions of the Council.

Clr. Flaherty said he would submit a Notice of Motion for the next meeting that the distribution of the lists be discontinued.

1031 - KNOCKNACARRA PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Deputy County Manager told Deputy Coogan that the question of Knocknacarra Public Lighting was under consideration.

1032 - CASTLEBLAKENEY DERELICT SITES: The Deputy County Manager advised Deputy Kitt that the acquisition of the derelict sites at Castleblakeney was being pursued.

1033 - MR. M. A. MARTYN, B.E., CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER: Deputy Carty referred to the pending retirement of Mr. M. A. Martyn, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer and paid tribute to his long service with the Galway County Council and to his prominent service in the fight for Irish freedom.

Clrs. Collins, P. Ruane and Sirr associated themselves with the tribute.

The Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the staff wished him many years of happiness and good health.

1034 - CONGRATULATION: On the proposition of Clr. P. Ruane, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council unanimously congratulated Miss Philomena Garvey, Baltray Golf Club, County Louth, the international golfer, on her stand against wearing the new badge for the Curtis Cup Team to play America.

1035 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously passed with the following families:- Keary family, Fire Station, Loughrea, Donohue family, Shantalla, Galway, Keane family, Gort, McManus family, Cavan.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.
M. S. O. Maol Ranaidh, Chairman.

Date: 1st Sept 1958.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING
 HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 9th AUGUST, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Doctor M. J. Dyar, Doctor D.T. O'Driscoll, Doctor J.I. O'Sullivan, Acting County Medical Officer, Clr. M. O'Donnell.

Doctor T.K. White, Resident Medical Superintendent, Regional Hospital, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer, Mrs. E. Kelly, Clerical Officer and the County Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th June, 1958, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

2 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in relation to General Medical Service Cards:-

Total Number of Applications Received:	19,238.
Total Number Granted:	17,118.
Total Number of Persons covered by these cards:	53,551.
Number Refused:	1,676.
Number being dealt with:	444.
Number of Cards current now:	16,467.
Persons covered by current cards:	52,124.

Doctor Dyar stated that cardholders are not in all cases notifying the Council of a change in their circumstances, which would render them ineligible to hold a General Medical Service Card.

Clr. King stated that he knows of many cases in which cards were refused to persons in poor circumstances; that it would be desirable that members of the Council would have particulars of the holders of General Medical Service cards.

Doctor Dyar stated that a person who has a motor car for private use, i.e., not required for his work, should not hold a medical card.

The Chairman stated that Doctor Dyar could notify the Council of any such cases of which he is aware.

3 - DRUGS: Doctor Dyar stated that the system for ordering drugs is cumbersome; that he had issued one requisition for two items. One item was supplied, and there was a different contractor for supply of the second item; that it was only when the first item was delivered and the requisition was returned to him, Doctor Dyar became aware that he should issue a separate requisition for the second item. Doctor Dyar referred to a letter of 30th June, 1958 (A.1107/16) from the Department of Health, in which it was stated that samples of thyroid tablet gr.1 and gr.½ from the same batch as those queried by Doctor Dyar had been analysed by the State Chemist and found to be of B.F. standard. Doctor Dyar stated that the bottle of tablets which was eventually returned to the Council by the Department of Health and forwarded to him, was marked "Batch 10667" while the bottle which he had sent for analysis was marked "Batch 10236"; that it appeared that the tablets which had been analysed by the State Chemist, were taken from Batch 10667; that an independent analysis had shown that the tablets from Batch 10236 were only half strength.

Referring to letter of 29th July, 1958, from the Galway County Council, enclosing an extract from Circular Letter CP.16/58 of 14th July, 1958, from the Combined Purchasing Section, Department of Local Government, Doctor O'Driscoll stated that while doctors would be anxious to support an Irish drug-producing firm, it is essential that the quality of the drugs produced by any such firm should be good.

Doctor Dyar stated that Messrs. Antigen must be aware of the complaints which he had made in regard to the quality of the drugs supplied by them, yet that firm had not made any direct contact with him to discuss the position. Doctor Dyar requested that the Committee would recommend that District Medical Officers be entitled to avail of the services of an independent analyst when necessary to carry out analysis of drugs supplied to them.

The Chairman suggested that the Minister for Health be requested to send a Medical Advisor to discuss this matter with Doctor Dyar.

Doctor Dyar accepted this suggestion in lieu of his previous recommendation provided that the Department of Health Medical Advisor would be accompanied by the Medical Advisor to Messrs. Antigen, and recommended that the Medical Advisors would also discuss this matter with the Resident Medical Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital.

Doctor Dyar stated that he is aware that other firms have tendered for the supply of drugs to local authorities at a lower price than that tendered by Messrs. Antigen, and that these other firms have not obtained the contract.

Clr. King suggested that a central authority be established to order drugs for dispensaries and to supply them to the District Medical Officers as required. Clr. King also stated that questions in regard to the quality of drugs are, he considered, a matter for doctors, rather than for laymen.

It was eventually agreed to recommend to the County Manager that the Minister for Health be requested to send a Medical Advisor to discuss with Dr. Dyar and with the Resident Medical Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital, the quality of drugs supplied by Messrs. Antigen, and that the Department Medical Advisor be accompanied by the Medical Advisor to Messrs. Antigen.

4 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Doctor Dyar recommended that the conditions of employment for intern doctors at Galway Regional Hospital, be made the same as those recently approved for interns employed in St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork.

Referring to Minute No: 3 of 25th June, 1958, regarding delay in discharge of patients from Galway Regional Hospital, the Committee, on the suggestion of Doctor Dyar, recommended that the possibility of referring all T.B. Chest X-Rays to Merlin Park be investigated, so as to relieve congestion in the X-Ray Department at Galway Regional General Hospital.

Doctor O'Driscoll stated that the delay in discharge of patients at Galway Regional Hospital may also be attributable to the alleged under-staffing of the hospital.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Doctor O'Sullivan pointed out that for T.B. Chest- X-Rays, the Regional Hospital, Galway, is centrally situated, and that there is a poor bus service to Merlin Park.

Clr. King stated that if there are such delays in discharge of patients from the Galway Regional Hospital as stated by Dr. Dyar, a report on this matter should be made available from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital.

Doctor White, R.M.S., stated that the question of the nursing establishment for the Galway Regional Hospital is at present under consideration.

5 - MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars:-

Number of Maternity Grants approved for payment since 1st April, 1958:	572.
Agreements for Maternity Services signed by:-	

91 Doctors, of whom 39 are District Medical Officers.
71 Midwives, of whom 33 are employed by Galway Co. Council.

Doctor Dyar referred to a circular letter dated 29th July, 1958, from the Galway County Council, asking that the doctors should notify the Council when a case has been admitted as an emergency to the Galway Regional Hospital or to any other hospital. Doctor Dyar stated that it would be impossible for the doctors to comply with this direction; that if the outside doctor considers that an emergency exists, he should have the authority to send the case to hospital, rather than take the risk involved by keeping the patient at home.

On Doctor Dyar's suggestion, the Committee requested that this letter be reconsidered.

Doctor O'Driscoll stated that the maternity death rate for the country has risen rapidly, and that every facility should be given to doctors to have emergency cases admitted to hospital.

6 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary stated that:-

The Total Number of Applications received to date was:	3,068.
Number of Applications Granted:	1,451.
Number of Applications refused:	1,487.
Number of Applications still being considered:	130.

CLR. T. KING NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

7 - PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES: Doctor Dyar referred to the proposal to appoint a doctor and a nurse for the polio vaccination scheme, and stated that this manner of providing polio vaccination is very wasteful. He suggested that the whole-time staff be utilised in the large areas, and that in other areas, the vaccine be supplied to the District Medical Officers and that a small fee be paid to them for each case vaccinated.

The Committee agreed to refer this recommendation to the County Manager.

8 - SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE: Doctor Dyar repeated a recommendation made by him at an earlier meeting that District Medical Officers be regarded as School Medical Officers for the purpose of dealing with ailments discovered in children of school-going age - as the normal school medical examination is so infrequent.

9 - NEW DISPENSARIES: On the suggestion of Doctor Dyar, the Committee recommended that when the provision of a new dispensary is contemplated, the matter should be discussed with the District Medical Officer for that District.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMAIRLE CONNÓLA NA SAILLIÓI.

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍ,
NA FOIRGNÍOCHÉ CONNÓLA,
SAILLIÓI.

19th Lúnasa, 1958.

Cuirtear seo faoi ghlacáil ag Comhairle.

- ÓRA,

TARRTAR ORT leis seo faoi i líne agus cruinníú de Chomhairle
Connóla na SAILLIÓI a tionsólfaidh i nGairneirí na Foirgníoché Connóla, SAILLIÓI,
Uia Iúdaí, 25th Lúnasa, 1958, ag tosú ar 12.30.p.m. a ólos.

Mise, le meas,

J. Ó TUATHAÍ

Rúnaí.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a bfuil i gceist:

1. Miontuairiscí.
2. Uairis na Mairíseach - éirí.
3. Bóithre - Litr 8/8/58 - R.201/4/60. ó'n Roinn Rialtais Áitiúil.
4. Iasach seilbhach.
5. Fo-bliotá a bfuil i gceist le marzaidhe i mbaile locha Ríad.
6. Fo-bliotá a bfuil i gceist le marzaidhe i bPort Omha.
7. Fo-choiste na bPionsear sear-aois sa Spidéal - polúntas a líonadh.
(Moladh Uir. S. Mac an Iomaira go gceapfar Sean Tuohy, Cornarón, Knock)
8. Com-choiste Silein - loc measza i mBa Kóba - polúntas a líonadh.
9. Com-choiste silein, Sruéar - polúntas a líonadh.
10. Dairíocháirí Rátaí a bfuil i gceist do:-
(a) Ceannairde a 4. (an Uillean).
- (b) Ceannairde a 30 (Port Omha).
11. Oifig mar gheallúir seilbhach a bfuil i gceist le gceannairde an Uillean.
12. An Choiste Comhairlíoché Sliánca - Miontuairiscí 25-6-1958.
13. An Choiste Fiosraíoché Fiontairíocháirí -
12. 7. '58 - SAILLIÓI.
26. 7. '58 - Tuam.

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14. Cairdeil Uisge - liosta a bfuil i gceist.
15. Zubar i nDairíocháirí, Letter Mór (Minute 1023 de 18. 7. '58).
16. Roinn Ceannairde Rua - Minute 1022 de 18.7.'58.
17. Coilléir - Coiscáirí - Minute 761 de 25.1.1958.
18. Moladh ó Chomhairlíocháirí.
19. Ceisteanna ó Chomhairlíocháirí (Cumda isteach roimh-ré)
20. Sgáil.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Road Works - Letter 8/8/58 - R.201/4/6B from Department of Local Government.
4. Overdraft.
5. Adoption of Byelaws with respect to markets in the town of Loughrea.
6. Adoption of Byelaws with respect to markets in the Town of Portumna.
7. Spiddal Old Age Pension Sub-Committee - filling of vacancy (Clr. J. Ridge proposes Mr. Sean Tuohy, Cornarone, Knock).
8. Filling of vacancy on Lough Mask and River Robe Drainage Committee (to replace the late Mr. J.J. Nestor).
9. Filling of vacancy on Shrule Joint Drainage Committee (to replace the late Mr. P. Furey).
10. Appointment of Rate Collectors:-
(a) District No: 4 - Clifden.
(b) " " 30 - Portumna.
11. Creation of office of temporary engineer to Assistant in the Clifden District.
12. Consultative Health Committee - Minutes of Meeting 25. 6. 1958.
13. Visiting Committee Minutes:-
12. 7. '58 - Galway.
26. 7. '58 - Tuam.
14. Pumps Priority List.
15. Well at Derreendragh, Lettermore (Minute 1023).
16. Carraroe New Burial Ground (Minute 1022)
17. Central and Local Quarries - Minute 761 of 25. 1. '58.
18. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
(a) Deputies M. Carty, J. Geoghegan and M.F. Kitt: "That this Council hereby rescind its decision to suspend the scheme for the payment of supplementary housing grants in respect of the year ending 31/3/1959 and that a new scheme, in accordance with the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, be introduced and adopted whereby supplementary housing grants, and loans for the repair and purchase of old houses be made available to qualified applicants.

18. (b) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that the Council ask Bord Fálta for a grant for the repair of the road leading to Dooras-Cornamona."
- (c) Chr. T. Feeney:
1. "That a pump be provided near Corofin-Cummer Church.
 2. That a pump be provided at Chornahoon.
 3. That the road between Corbally and Bullaun be steamrolled.
 6. That well at Ballintubber be examined and reported on by the Co.M.O.H."
- (d) Mr. J. Flaherty:
1. "I will propose at the next meeting that lists of hospitals accounts issued to Co. Councillors be discontinued.
 2. I will ask the Co. Council to take over and maintain the road from Co. Road at Carraroe linking Co. Road at Dunblaney distance 850 yds."
- (e) Mr. J. Dowd: "I will propose that the County Council declare about 100 yds. of the Kylemore Road to be a public road in order to lower and make safe dangerous bridge over the Canal."
- (f) Mr. T. King:
1. "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that road be repaired or path made at New Street, Headford.
 2. That Council be informed of the position in regard to the provision of Dumping Ground and Public Latrine at Headford."
19. Replies to Questions already submitted by members.
20. Other business.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

County Buildings,
Galway.

21st August, 1958.

Phone.
Galway 2055.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

Please note that on the Chairman's directions, the meeting of the Galway County Council which was summoned for Monday next has been postponed until Monday, 1st September, 1958.

You are therefore requested to attend the meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday, 1st September, 1958 commencing at 12.30 p.m., the agenda being as already circulated.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Luanaigh.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Clr. M. Quinn.
(2) Deputy M. Carty.
(3) Deputy J. Geoghegan.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane, James, Sirr and Wall.

1036 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:

Mr. H. O'Toole, Fough West, Oughterard, a former member of the Council, on the death of his son.
The relatives of the late Mr. Brian Molloy, N.T., Castlegar.
Mr. John Canning and family, Barna, on the death of Mrs. Canning.

It was noted that as a mark of sympathy with the relatives of the victims of the recent air crash, the meeting, which had originally been summoned for 25th August, 1958, was postponed until 1st instant, and that the sympathy of the Council had been conveyed to the Royal Dutch Airlines.

1037 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to No: 1035 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1038 - MONIVEA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Deputy Kitt stated that a deputation was present from Monivea in regard to the provision of a water supply scheme for that town, and requested that the deputation would be heard.

The Chairman, having consented, Rev. Father McHugh, a member of the Deputation, addressed the meeting. He stated that an adequate source is available near Monivea Castle, and that the people of Monivea consider that it is very doubtful that bore-hole will provide the necessary supply of water.

Clr. Collins supporting Father McHugh, stated that several wells, which have previously been bored by the Council in the vicinity of Monivea, are now useless, as they are not yielding any water.

The Secretary explained that in the County Engineer's report of the 29th July, 1957, it was stated that if the water supply for Monivea must include a supply for fire-fighting purposes, the source must be the Killaclougher River, which is over a mile from the village, and that the estimated cost of a scheme using this source would be £13,000; that if a supply for domestic purposes only is required, it may be possible to get sufficient water by sinking a bore-hole at the site of the existing shallow dug-well on Mr. Michael Connor's land; that the estimated cost of the latter scheme would be £4,500. The Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government, in a letter of 3rd December, 1957, approved the sinking of a bore-hole and stated that the design of the scheme was to await the result of the boring; that the Council subsequently approved an expenditure of £600 for sinking a bore-hole and the County Engineer was so informed on 30th August, 1958.

Mr. Cullinane, Acting County Engineer, stated that he would investigate the alternative source suggested by Rev. Fr. McHugh and Clr. Collins.

Fr. McHugh thanked the Council for hearing the Deputation, and thanked especially Clr. Collins for his support.

1039 - HOUSING GRANTS: Deputy Geoghegan stated that at a recent meeting, he referred to the delay in the allocation of housing grants for persons to whom Gaeltacht Grants had already been allocated; that in the Press he was quoted as referring to housing loans, and he requested that the Press would correct this report.

1040 - GALWAY DOCKS: Clr. Collins referred to the arrangements at Galway Docks on the occasion on which the Liner "Ryndam" visited Galway.
The Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, stated that this matter was not on the Agenda, that it is outside the scope of the Council's business, and that this Council should not indulge in criticism of other Public Bodies.

Clr. Collins stated that on the occasion of the "Ryndam's" call to Galway, there was lack of order and much unnecessary delay at the Galway Docks, and he proposed, and was seconded by Deputy Kitt, that better facilities for passengers be made available on the next occasion that a Liner visits Galway.

Deputy Coogan pointed out that this was the first occasion for years that a liner had visited Galway, and that the experience gained through mistakes made on this occasion, will enable the authorities concerned to make better arrangements on the next occasion and in future.

The discussion then ended.

1041 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of Malicious Injury Claims received, viz.,

Kathleen Reynolds, George's Street, Gort - heifer, 28/6/58, £25.
James O'Toole, Sun Street, Tuam - car, 2/7/58, £70.
Stephen Flaherty, Trabane, Lettermore - turf, 6/7/58, £25.
Patrick Polan, Inisherk, Lettermullen - bicycle, 29/6/58, £18. 9. 0.
Margaret Higgins, Cranhill, Oranmore - house, 14/7/58, £1200.
Peter Burns, Moneyduff, Oranmore - house, 14/7/58, £1200.
John O Colmain, Ros Maire, Baile an Bhotair, Ath Cliath - caravan, 23/7/58, £500.
1042 - ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: Letter R.201/4/6B. of 8th August, 1958, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government, having been circulated to the members, was submitted and noted.

1043 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved,

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £75,000 on the Council's Revenue Account, for the period from 1st September, to 31st December, 1958."

1044 - LOUGHREA MARKETS: It was proposed by Deputy Michael Carty, seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane and resolved:

"That the Galway County Council hereby make and adopt the bye-laws with respect to the markets in the town of Loughrea, and that the seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the byelaws."

The bye-laws were then sealed with the seal of the Council.

1045 - PORTUMNA MARKETS: It was proposed by Deputy Michael Carty, seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane and resolved:

"That the Galway County Council hereby make and adopt the bye-laws with respect to the markets in the town of Portumna, and that the seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the bye-laws."

The bye-laws were then sealed with the seal of the Council.

1046 - SPIDDAL OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Clr. Ridge, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of the following on the Spiddal Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:

Mr. Sean Tuohy, Cornarong Knock.
Mr. Henry O'Flaherty, Cornaron East, Inverin.

1047 - PORTUMNA HORSE FAIRS: In reply to an enquiry by Clrs. Canning and Hanley, the Secretary explained that when the bye-laws which had been adopted now by the Council for Portumna markets are confirmed by the Minister for Local Government, the Council will be in a position to take action in regard to the location of the horse fairs at Portumna.

1048 - LOUGH MASK AND RIVER ROBE DRAINAGE COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council appointed Mr. Thomas Feeney, County Councillor, Corbally, Cummer, to fill the vacancy on the Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee, caused by the death of Mr. J.J. Nestor.

1049 - SHRULE JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council appointed Mr. Thomas Feeney, County Councillor, Corbally, Cummer to fill the vacancy on the Shrule Joint Drainage Committee caused by the death of Mr. P. Furey.

1050 - APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS FOR NOS. 4 and 30 DISTRICTS: It was proposed by Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, and resolved:

"That having regard to the nature of the duties of the offices of Rate Collector for Nos. 4 and 30 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 satisfactorily be 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."

1051 - RATE COLLECTOR, No: 4 DISTRICT: The list of candidates for this post was submitted, and the Secretary explained:-

- (a) That candidate No: 1, Mr. Sean Bartley, had since withdrawn his application.
- (b) That the conditions of appointment required that the candidates shall possess a competent knowledge of Irish, and since candidate No: 2 does not possess a competent knowledge of Irish, only one candidate is eligible for appointment in accordance with the conditions of appointment, viz., Mr. Francis J.K. Joyce, candidate No: 3.

Clr. King asked why, since the Council was aware in good time of the occurrence of these vacancies, arrangements for their permanent filling had not been made earlier.

The Secretary stated that the Council's proposals in regard to the revised remuneration for Nos: 4 and 30 Districts, had been sent to the Department of Local Government for sanction, on 31st January, 1958, and 3rd January, 1958, respectively, and that a reply had not been received from the Department of Local Government, until 16th April, 1958; that reply required a revision of the proposed remuneration, which necessitated bringing the proposal before the Council for approval again.

Clr. Lambert asked why, when a vacancy occurs, the rates for that District could not be collected through the banks.

The Chairman explained that collection of the rates, otherwise than by collectors, would require the appointment of extra staff in the Council's offices, and stated that where collection direct from the office has been tried, it has not been very successful.

The County Manager stated that the collection of rates and the pursuit of defaulters requires local knowledge and constant following-up which is not feasible when rates are collected direct from the Council's offices.

Clr. Lambert requested that having regard to the bad weather, the bad harvest, and the scheme for T.B. eradication, the time for payment of the first moiety of rates for the current year would be extended to 1st November, 1958.

This request was supported by Clr. P. Sirr. The Chairman explained that the Council cannot amend the law, which requires payment of the first moiety on service of the demand note, and payment of the second moiety at 1st October, and stated that any case of hardship in payment of rates, will be a matter for consideration when the arrears lists are being ruled on at the end of the financial year.

It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy M.F. Kitt, that Mr. Francis K.J. Joyce, Rockglynn, Clifden, be appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No: 4 Collection District, in accordance with the Conditions of Appointment for that post, subject to satisfactory medical report and sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

No other candidate was proposed, and the Chairman declared Mr. Joyce appointed, to the office of Rate Collector for No: 4 Collection District.

1052 - RATE COLLECTOR, No: 30 DISTRICT: The list of candidates for this vacant office was submitted, and the Secretary stated that subject to medical examination, each of these candidates was eligible for appointment.

It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, and seconded by Clr. J. Glynn, that Mr. Michael Doyle, Wallscourt, Kilrickle, Loughrea, be appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No: 30 District, in accordance with the Conditions of Appointment for that post, and subject to satisfactory medical report and sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. Nicholas F. Greaney, Kiltormer, Ballinssloe, was proposed by Clr. F. Galvin, and seconded by Clr. P. Sirr.

The appointment of Mr. Hugh Bracken, Kilmacshane, Banagher, was proposed by Clr. J.J. Ridge, and seconded by Clr. P. Collins.

A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR MR. MICHAEL DOYLE: Clrs. Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greenc, Hanley, Joyce, Paeney, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, and Ruane James (17).

FOR MR. NICHOLAS F. GREANEY: Clrs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Lambert, Mannion John, Sirr and Wall (10).

FOR MR. H. BRACKEN: Clr. Ridge (1).

Clrs. Ashe, Burke and Ruane Pat were not present.

The Chairman declared Mr. Michael Doyle, Wallscourt, Kilrickle, Loughrea, the candidate who had obtained a majority of the votes cast, appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No: 30 District, subject to satisfactory medical report, and sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

1053 - FLOODING AT CLONFERT: Deputy Carty stated that he and Clr. Dowd had visited the flooded lands at Clonfert, and as these lands will be flooded for almost seven months, and as the occupants are in a pitiful plight, Deputy Carty asked if the Council could come to their assistance by remitting rates levied on their holdings for the current year.

This request was supported by Clr. Dowd, who stated that the crop of hay on these lands is gone completely.

The Chairman stated that the members are aware of the fact that the people of Clonfert suffer annually from severe flooding, but that it is not feasible to grant a general remission of rates in such circumstances.

The County Manager stated that if any rates are to be struck off, the striking off can only be done on consideration of the rate arrears lists at the end of the financial year.

Deputy Carty stated that the valuation of these flooded lands is relatively high.

Clr. Glynn stated that conditions there can only be remedied by the carrying out of a major drainage scheme of the Shannon and Suck rivers.

Clr. Hanley suggested sending a resolution to the General Council of County Councils asking that steps be taken on a national scale to relieve the flooding of this area, but Deputy Carty stated that experts had already stated that they could not offer any solution of the conditions obtaining.

Clrs. Canning and Dowd stated that there are large estates in the area which, if taken over by the Land Commission, could be utilised for the accommodation of the occupiers in the flooded area. The discussion then terminated.

1054 - TEMPORARY ENGINEER FOR CLIFDEN DISTRICT: The correspondence in connection with the question of appointing a temporary Engineer to assist the Assistant County Engineer in the Clifden District was submitted, and Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, pointed out that the Clifden District is responsible for one-fifth of the roads expenditure for the entire county, and that the geographical nature of the district involved much travelling to cover the mileage of roads in that district.

Deputy Killilea suggested that rather than appoint an additional Engineer, the Council should consider re-arranging the Engineering Districts in the County.

The County Manager supported the statements made by Mr. Cullinan, and pointed out that the work in this district is a severe strain on the Assistant County Engineer.

Clr. John Mannion asked that the Council be informed of the number of supervisors in the Clifden Engineer's District five years ago and at present.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Quinn, and seconded by Deputy Killilea, that consideration of this matter be deferred until the vacant positions of County Engineer and Chief Assistant County Engineer will be filled.

Deputy Carty stated that the existing Assistant County Engineer deserves consideration, and he proposed that this temporary office be created for a period of six months only.

Clr. King stated that he did not consider that the work of an Assistant County Engineer should be proportionate to the amount of money expended in his district.

After further discussion, Deputy Carty withdrew his proposal, and it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter, until the permanent County Engineer takes up duty.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3 p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION DEPUTY CARTY TOOK THE CHAIR.

1055 - ROAD AT NEW STREET, HEADFORD: In connection with Clr. King's notice of motion, No: 18 (F) (1), the Acting County Engineer's report of the 29/8/58 was submitted, and the Council unanimously recommended that the road be repaired, or a footpath made at New Street, Headford.

1056 - HEADFORD LATRINE: In reply to Clr. King's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that the Council had not made any money available for this purpose in the current year's estimate.

Clr. King stressed the desirability for provision of a latrine at Headford, and requested that the possibility of utilising money available in this account for some other purpose in the current year, for the provision of a latrine in Headford, be considered.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

1057 - HEADFORD DUMPING GROUND: In reply to Clr. King's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that a site for a dumping ground at Headford has been selected and approved by the County Medical Officer, and that the Assistant County Manager intends visiting this site at an early date.

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

"That the Council recommend that the provision of a dumping ground at Headford be expedited, and that if necessary, any surplus monies available in the Sanitary Account for the current year be utilised for this purpose."

1058 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL STAFF: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. King, the Council approved the abolition of the post of Senior House Surgeon in the Maternity Department of Galway Regional Hospital, and the creation in lieu of the post of Registrar there, with remuneration at the rate of £862. 10. 0. a year.

The Council congratulated Dr. Donnell O'Sullivan, a former House Surgeon in the Maternity Department, on the distinctions recently obtained by him.

1059 - AIR DISASTER: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council congratulated the staff of the Galway Regional Hospital, Fire Service and the Civil Defence Service, for their work in connection with the recent air disaster.

1060 - WAGES OF PLANT AND LORRY DRIVERS: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved the revision of the wages of plant and lorry drivers, with effect from 1st April, 1958, as set out in Manager's Order No: 1198 of 29th August, 1958, i.e., an increase of 1/- per day.

1061 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: The minutes of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee held on 25th June, 1958, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted.

1062 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee set out hereunder, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted:-

- 12/7/58 - Galway Regional Hospital.
- 26/7/58 - Children's Home, Tuam.
- 21/8/58 - Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden.

Deputy Coogan complained that Galway Regional Hospital grounds are overrun with weeds. The County Manager stated that there was some difficulty

in this matter, as the grounds had not yet been handed over to the Council by the Contractors.

Deputy Carty stated that the clinic grounds are also overrun with weeds and that the clinic building is badly maintained.

1063 - PUMPS PRIORITY LIST: The Council approved the pumps listed by Councillors for the priority list for the current year, viz:-

Councillor.	Pump.
Collins, P.	Fairfield, (Mountbellow).
Coogan, F.	Shannaghreevough (Furbo).
Dowd, J.	Ballinskil, Eyrecourt, or Coolcarty West.
Galvin, F.	Darreen and Bohill or Killooney.
Geoghegan, J.	Snabo, Rosmuck.
Killilea M. and Donnellan James.	Lissavally and Woodquay. (To be put into most suitable area for Sylau and Woodquay).
Kitt, M.	Ashfield, Castleblakeney or Clough (Cappalusk, Woodlawn).
Lambert, J.	Ballyturn, Gort.
Mannion, M.	Oakwood.
Wall, M.	Killian, Ballinamore Bridge.
Henley, T.	Derrycober School.
Glynn, S.	Polshask, Williamstown.
Burke, William.	Liskeavy.
Joyce, P.D.	Aughrisbeg, Cleggan, or Crocrauns, Letterfrack or Middlequarter, Inishboffin.
Lshiffe, R.	Moy.
Sirr, P.	Skehard, Fairfield.
Ruane, Pat.	Lisheenkye or Gurfaun.
Canning, J.	Skehana.
Quinn, M.	Liscane.
O'Donnell, M.	Sconce, Lettermore.
Carty, M.	Woodville (Ballygarraun).
Feeney, T.	Corofin, Summer.

1064 - WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan regarding the future of Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital, the County Manager stated that the question of the taking over of this Institution by a religious order as a Home for mentally deficient children is under consideration.

The Council considered that it would be most desirable that the institution would be taken over for that purpose, as there is such an urgent need for accommodation for these children.

1065 - WATER DIVINER: Deputy Kitt recommended that having regard to frequent failure to obtain a Water Supply after boring to a considerable depth, the services of Water Diviners should be utilised more generally, and Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, stated that the Council does, in fact, avail of the services of water diviners very frequently.

1066 - WELL AT DERREEN DARAGH, LETTERMORE: In response to Clr. O'Donnell's Notice of Motion, at an earlier meeting (Minute No: 1023) the County Medical Officer's report was submitted, in which it was recommended that a pipeline be laid to a fountain to be provided at Derreen Daragh, but as there is a fountain three-fifths of a mile distant from that place, the County Medical Officer did not consider the provision of the fountain at Derreen Daragh an urgent matter. The Council unanimously supported Clr. O'Donnell's recommendation that the County Engineer's Estimate be sought for this work, and that application be made for a Gaeltacht Grant towards its cost.

1067 - CARRAROE NEW BURIAL GROUND: The County Medical Officer's report of the 18/8/58 was submitted, stating that it appears that a new burial ground will be needed at Carraroe in the near future, and that the ground adjacent to the existing burial ground is not suitable for an extension.

On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the provision of a new burial ground at Carraroe, and suggested that a notice inviting offers of sites might be posted at the Carraroe Dispensary.

1068 - QUARRIES: In accordance with Minute No: 761 of 25/1/58, consideration of the cost of material from central local quarries was brought before the Council.

The County Manager stated that the Industrial Consultant's report recommended the provision of three additional central quarries.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this item for a further period of three months.

1069 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1958, together with the County Manager's statement, both of which had been circulated to the members, were submitted.

It was unanimously decided that consideration of this report and statement would be adjourned until next meeting, so as to give the members an opportunity of considering the matters raised in the Auditor's Report.

1070 - INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Wall, the County Manager stated that a summary of the Industrial Consultant's recommendations will be circulated to the Councillors later.

1071 - COUNTY BUILDINGS: The Secretary referred to Minute No. 909 of the 14th June, 1958, in which the Council approved the provision of additional office accommodation at the County Buildings, without provision for the strong room, the amount so approved being £3,000. The Secretary explained that when seeking sanction to the extension of Mr. Hanafin's temporary employment on registration work, the Department of Local Government had requested that the Council would state what steps have been taken to transfer the registration work to the County Buildings; that in the meantime Mr. Hanafin had stated that he is prepared to transfer to the County Buildings if at any time the registration records are transferred into Galway.

On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council approved the additional expenditure necessary to make one room in the office extension suitable as a strong-room, viz., £250, making the total now approved for the office extensions in the County Buildings, and in the County Medical Officer's Department £3,250.

1072 - CINEMA LICENCES: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Collins, the Council approved the issue of cinema licenses for travelling cinemas to Mr. James Burgess and to Mrs. P. McCormack.

1073 - HOUSING GRANTS: Deputy Carty stated that since the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958 has come into operation, and that Act makes provision for issue of loans for reconstruction, it is a matter of urgency that the Council's Scheme for issue of supplementary grants should be resumed; that in order to give an opportunity of clearing the arrears of applications on hands, he would be prepared to defer the date of resumption to 1st January, 1959.

The County Manager suggested that a Housing Committee meeting be called to consider this matter and housing generally, and this suggestion was supported by Deputy Kitt, who stated however, that the scheme should be resumed with effect from 1st July, 1958.

The Council decided that the Assistant County Manager be requested to ascertain when approximately the arrears of housing grant applications on hands will be cleared up, and that as early as possible arrangements be made for the holding of a Housing Committee Meeting of the entire Council, to consider the resumption of the Housing Grants Scheme and other housing matters.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that Mr. Doyle and one or two of his staff be left entirely on housing grants for the next few weeks.

Deputy Kitt was informed by Mr. Doyle, Staff Officer, that all Section 12 applications which were on hands by the Council had been collected by a Department of Local Government Official last May.

1074 - ROAD FROM DOORAS TO CORNAHON: In response to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's Estimate for normal reconstruction of this road was submitted, amounting to £11,500.

Deputy Geoghegan explained that what was sought in this case was minor reconstruction, and it was requested that the Acting County Engineer would submit a revised estimate, for consideration by the Council at next meeting.

1075 - PUMPS: In connection with Clr. Feeney's Notices of Motion Nos. 18 (c) (1) and (2), the Chairman explained that at this stage each Councillor was entitled to nominate one pump for the current year's priority list, and the Council had already approved the nomination of Corbally (Cummer) pump by Clr. Feeney, and that no action

could be taken at present regarding his proposal that a pump be provided at Cahernahoon.

1076 - COUNTY ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PLAN: In connection with Clr. Feeney's Notice of Motion, 18 (c) (3), the County Engineer's Estimate for reconstruction of the road from Corbally to Bullaun was submitted, amounting to £8,000, and it was recommended that this road be noted for consideration by the County Engineer when the County Roads Reconstruction Plan will next be revised.

1077 - WELL AT BALLINTUBBER, COROFIN: In connection with Clr. Feeney's Notice of Motion 18 (c) (4), the County Engineer's Report of the 29/8/58 was submitted, and it was recommended that a sample of water be taken from this well and analysed.

1078 - WELL ON GORTMORE ROAD: Deputy Geoghegan requested that the County Engineer would examine a well on the side of the road from Screebe to Gortmore, near the new Power Station which since the reconstruction of the road, is being contaminated by surface water.

1079 - HOSPITAL PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS: It was proposed by Clr. J. Flaherty, and seconded by Clr. P. Sarr, that the circulation of lists of patients' accounts in respect of which legal proceedings are contemplated, be discontinued.

A direct negative to this proposal was proposed by Senator Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter until the next meeting of the Council.

1080 - CARRAROE-DUNBLANEY ROAD: Referring to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, No. 18 (d) (2), the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the estimated cost of the work would be £1,600.

DEPUTY J. GEOGHEGAN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Flaherty, supported by Deputy Killilea, asked if the Council would be prepared to contribute to an E.S.V. Scheme for this road.

It was decided to adjourn consideration until the next meeting, so that Clr. Flaherty might ascertain if the Commissioners of Public Works are prepared to expend money on this road.

1081 - ROAD AT KYLEMORE, LAURENCETOWN: Clr. Dowd stressed the urgent need for the lowering of Kylemore Bridge, and stated that economy could be effected by utilising the plans already available for the lowering of Clonfert Bridge. He pointed out that the only difficulty in dealing with this bridge is that the small section of road approaching it is not maintained by the Council, and Clr. Dowd proposed that the Council take steps to declare this section of road to be a public road.

This proposal was seconded by Senator Lahiffe, who stated that if the road is maintained by the Council, a Government Grant for its improvement will be available, as well as a grant for the cost of improving the bridge.

The County Manager stated that he would take the matter up with the Department of Local Government, pointing out that the Council is prepared to declare the road to be a public road and enquiring if in that event a grant will be made available towards the cost of improving the bridge.

1082 - KINVARA HOUSING: Senator Lahiffe complained of the long delay in dealing with the housing needs of Kinvara, and asked for an assurance that a very dangerous house there, which is occupied by one old lady, will be put in a safe condition for the winter.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he would see what action can be taken within the Council's powers.

1083 - CASTLEMOYLE BRIDGE: Clr. James Donnellan requested that a letter be sent to him explaining what action is being taken to have this work completed.

1084 - ROAD SIGNS: Deputy Coogan stated that during the holiday season, many visitors travelled to Aran, and therefore a sign indicating the way to the docks should be placed at Eyre Square, and at some other place in the Shop Street vicinity.

Deputy Coogan also recommended that a "Stop" sign be provided where the road from St. Bridget's Place joins the Headford Road.

1085 - ENGINEERING STAFF: Deputy Geoghegan suggested that the Council would make a presentation to Mr. J.B. Collins and Mr. M.A. Martyn who have retired recently.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.
Chairman.

Date: 29th Sept. 1958

COMAIRLE CONHDAE NA SAIBLIH

Suídh:
Saibhlin 2055.

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍ,
NA FOIRGNIGHTE CONHDAE,
SAIBHILÍN.

18ú Meán Fómhair, 1958.

Óuiz gáó báil de'n Comhairle.

LÓARA,

IARRTAR ORT leis seo beic i léadar az cruinniu de Comhairle
Conhdae na Saibhlinne a éirighlepar ins na foirgnithe Conhdae, Saibhlin,
Dia Saéairn, 27ú Meán Fómhair, 1958.

Mise, le meas,

1. Ó Tuairis.

Rúnaí.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a éirighle:

1. Miontuairisí.
2. Damáiste Mairiseadó - éilim.
3. An Fómair - Litar 8/9/58 ó'n Roimh Riailtais.
4. Iasáde £1150 d'páigáil - Oifis an Innealltóra i mDailo loca Riad.
5. Iasáde £4840 d'páigáil - Droicéad i nUaire buide.
6. Iclann i zorr na Móna - Cíos agus aobairéad.
7. Réam-órduite pé'n léc um Iaitreáin tréigze do éógáin, 1940 a
éirighlepar ins na foirgnithe Conhdae, Saibhlin, Dia Saéairn, 27ú Meán Fómhair, 1958.
8. Réam-órduite pé'n léc um Iaitreáin tréigze do éógáin, 1940 a
éirighlepar ins na foirgnithe Conhdae, Saibhlin, Dia Saéairn, 27ú Meán Fómhair, 1958.
9. Ioscaí Fiaáda oéair - Miont. Uim. 1079 de 1. 9. 1958.
10. Costas tuisbail comhairleoirí - Litar 23/8/'58 ó'n Roimh Riailtais.
11. Dóire nua - Litar 8/9/'58 ó'n Innealltóir Conhdae.
12. Dóir, Corr na Móna - Dub-Ros - Miont. 1074 de 1.9.'58.
13. Dóir, Ceáirú Rua - Dunbláin Miont. 1080 de 1.9.1958.
14. Tráde an Innealltóra. 27. go 31.3.1956 - Comhairle Conhdae na
Saibhlinne.
15. Molta ó Comhairleoirí.
16. Ceisteanna ó Comhairleoirí (curá istead roim-ré).
17. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Harvesting - Letter 8. 9.'58 from Department of Local Government.
4. Raising of loan of £1150 for provision of an office in Loughrea for the Assistant County Engineer.
5. Raising of loan of £4,840 for this Council's portion of the cost of Derrywee Bridge.
6. Cornamona Dispensary - Rent and caretaking allowance.
7. Making Preliminary Orders under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 for Sites Nos: C.2 and C.3, Castleblakeney.
8. Making a Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for Site No: D.4, Kinvara.
9. Lists of Hospital Patients accounts - Minute No: 1079 of 1.9.1958.
10. Members' subsistence allowance - letter 23.8.1958 from Department of Local Government.
11. New Roads - Letter 8.9.1958 from the Acting County Engineer.
12. Road from Cornamona to Dooras - Minute 1074 of 1. 9. 1958.
13. Road from Carraroo to Dunblaney - Minute 1080 of 1. 9. 1958.
14. Auditor's Report on accounts of the Galway County Council for 2 years to 31. 3. 1956.
15. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. J. Lambert: "At the next meeting of the Council I will propose that the road leading from Roxboro to Castledaly be declared a public road."
 - (b) Clr. P.D. Joyce:
 1. "That a proper water supply be provided for the people of Patches, Claddaghduff.
 2. That sewerage schemes be carried out at Renvoyle, Tullycross and Letterfrack."
 - (c) Clr. J. Glynn: "I will move that the following be appointed to be members of the Glenamaddy Old Pension Committee:
Edward Phelan, Glenamaddy.
Thomas Smyth, Cloonminda, Castlereagh.
Thomas Divilly, Cloonacat, Clonbeirn.
Phil O'Reilly, Boyonaugh, Castlereagh."
 - (d) Clr. P. Ruane:
 1. "That the appointment of a Dispensary Doctor be made as early as possible for the Turloughmore area.
 2. That the corners leading from Corofin road to the Galway-Tuam road be widened and also the corners from the Corbally Road to the Galway-Tuam road be widened as soon as money can be made available."
16. Replies to Questions already submitted by members.
17. Other business.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.SC/MM.
109/1/6(1)County Surveyor's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

8th September, 1958.

Runai:

New Works - £7,500.

R/Y. 3rd instant, I hereby give further information on the four road which were looked upon as being rather doubtful in connection with Councillor's Notices of Motion. In examining those roads I have taken cognizance of the fact that general public utility means that the roads must serve some other purpose than serving those houses or farms which exist on the road; that the road connects two existing public roads; general situation regarding cost etc.

Roaghan Road (Portunna area) This is a stopend road branching from C.R.585. Available width between fences 21 ft. Carriageway 12 feet. The road serves 4 houses and a farm at the end away from C.R.585. It has never been maintained or repaired by the County Council and the estimated cost is £160. In view of the fact that the road is not a road of public utility I cannot recommend it.

Killaan Cloonahinch Road: This road does connect two County Roads, C.R.310 and C.R.477. It has a total length of 370 perches and would require approx. £1850 to complete. The existing width between fences varies from 18 to 25 ft. It has a carriageway of 7 to 9 ft. and one bridge having a width of 10 ft. There are 3 houses on the road and some 7 families have land on either side. The amount of £500 would only allow for the making up of about 150 perches with 12 ft. carriageway with passing places. In view of the fact that only part of the road could be done I consider that the whole proposition is of doubtful value.

Lisheenkyle Road: This road is about 500 yds. long and loops from and back to C.R.185 and therefore strictly speaking does not connect two public roads. The road was repaired under an R.L.S. Scheme but no expenditure was ever incurred by the County Council on it. The existing surface of the road is good but needs widening for about 300 yds. Estimated cost £250. The road serves 6 houses and cannot be classified as being of general public utility.

Bothar an Canhain: This is a loop road off Road 139 and hence does not strictly connect two public roads. Its length is about 1350 yds. and the existing width between fences is 10 ft. It is liable to severe flooding and would require heavy filling in one section. It does not directly for its whole length serve any houses as houses are located on the one end which is served by the County Road. The estimated cost of widening to 16 ft. between fences and 14 ft. carriageway would be £2,500. I would not, on account of the cost, recommend it. As pointed out also, it does not connect two public roads.

Mise, le meas,
Sean Cullinan
Innealtoir Conndae/Seal.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.Phone:
Galway 2055.
-----Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

18th September, 1958.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

The meeting of the Galway County Council which was summoned for Saturday, 27th instant has, on the Chairman's direction, been postponed until Monday, 29th September, 1958, in sympathy with Councillor John Mannion in his bereavement.

You are requested to attend the meeting at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 29th September, 1958, commencing at 12.30.p.m. the agenda being as circulated.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.Phone:
Galway 2055.
-----Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

23rd September, 1958.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

County Council Meeting - Monday 29th September, 1958.

Please note that as arranged by the Chairman, the County Council meeting on Monday, 29th instant, will commence at 2.p.m. instead of at 12.30.p.m. as previously notified.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,
ON MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Ald. P. Greene.
(2) Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

1086 - CHAIRMAN:

In the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, it was proposed by Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That Ald. P. Greene take the Chair".
Ald. P. Greene then took the Chair.

1087 - MINUTES: Minutes of previous meeting to No: 1085 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

1088 - PRIORITY LIST OF PUMPS. Arising out of the Minutes, Clr. J. Flaherty, requested that his nomination of Curramoyle pump, Toomard, Ballinasloe, be included in the priority list, and this request was approved by the Council.

1089 - STATE SOLICITOR: The Council congratulated Mr. J. Simon on his appointment to the position of State Solicitor for County Galway.

1090 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

The relatives of the late Col. Fox, O.C., Western Command.
The relatives of the late Mr. Donal McEvoy, Newcastle, Galway.
The Rooney family, Wood Quay, Galway.
Mrs. Bridie McDonagh, Shruffane, Carraroe, on the death of her husband.

1091 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received since the last meeting, viz:-

Mr. John Concannon, Montiagh, Claregalway - hay, £20.
Mr. Thomas O'Neill, Fursey Park, Ardahan - Reaper and Binder, £80.
Messrs. Patrick and Coleman Jennings, Townparks, Galway - Fishing Boat, £30.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

1092 - HARVESTING: Letter E.L.3/58 of 8th September, 1958, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the release of Council workers for harvesting was submitted and noted, and, on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council approved the making of the necessary arrangements in accordance with the terms of this circular letter.

1093 - ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, LOUGHREA: Letter of 5th September, 1958, from the Acting County Engineer was submitted, giving the estimated cost of the office for the Assistant County Engineer at Loughrea, as £1150.

Clr. King stated that the Agricultural Committee is seeking office and storage accommodation in Loughrea for an Agricultural Instructor, and that the Council might consider whether the necessary accommodation for this officer could be provided along with the Engineer's Office - an appropriate rent to be paid by the Agricultural Committee.

On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council agreed to adjourn consideration of this item pending investigation of the recommendation that an office and store be provided for the Agricultural Instructor.

1094 - DERRYVEE BRIDGE: On the proposition of Senator Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Lambert, the Council approved the raising of a loan of £4,840 from the National Bank Ltd., to meet the Council's proportion of the cost of providing a bridge at Derryvee; the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of ten years, with interest at the rate fixed by the bank from time to time for such loans.

1095 - CORNAMONA DISPENSARY: The Secretary reported that premises for a dispensary are being made available by Mrs. Maura O'Malley, Cornamona, and, on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council approved payment of a rent of £32 and an allowance of £16 per annum for caretaking, fuel and light and cleaning of the proposed dispensary at Cornamona.

1096 - GALWAY FIRE STATION - STAFF: The Chief Fire Officer's recommendation that in replacement of a permanent driver who resigned from the Galway Fire Station staff recently, a Divisional Officer be appointed with a salary scale of £550 to £650 per annum, inclusive of temporary allowance, was submitted, and the Chief Fire Officer explained that the Divisional Officer would act as Driver also.

After some discussion, the Chairman, seconded by Clr. Sirr, proposed that consideration of this matter be adjourned until the next meeting, as it had not appeared on the agenda. This proposal was adopted.

Clr. Ashe requested that the Council be informed of the condition of the houses provided at the Galway Fire Station, and it was directed that a report on the condition of these houses be also made available to the Council at the next meeting.

1097 - DERELICT SITES, CASTLEBLAKENEY: It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and resolved:

"That the Council make Preliminary Orders for the acquisition of the undermentioned sites at Castleblakeney, under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940:-

Site No: C.3 in the Townland of Castleblakeney, area 4 perches, Owner - the Representatives of Mr. James Talbot, C/o. Golden's, Castleblakeney.

Site No: C.3 in the Townland of Castleblakeney, area 1 rood 5 perches, Owner - Mrs. Maura McGoy, Lettermacward, Co. Donegal."

The Preliminary Orders were then sealed

with the seal of the Council.

1098 - DERELICT SITES, KINVARA: It was proposed by Clr. J. Lambert, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane and resolved:

"That the Council hereby make a Preliminary Order under the acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for acquisition of Site No: D.4 in the Townland of Kinvara, area 2 perches, owner Mr. Edward Connolly, Post Office Street, Kinvara."

The Preliminary Order was then sealed with the Seal of the Council.

1099 - ARAN DERELICT SITES: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Geoghegan, the Secretary stated that some time ago, notices were served on the owners of a number of Derelict Sites at Kilmurvy, Aran, and eventually, all the sites but one were cleared up; that a Preliminary Order and a Vesting Order were made in respect of the site which had not been cleaned up.

The Secretary stated that a further list of Derelict Sites was furnished by the County Engineer, in 1958, these sites being mostly located in Kilronan vicinity. Notices were served on the owners, who were given a period to render the sites non-derelict, and the County Engineer was requested to report if the owners had not complied with the terms of the notices; that the County Engineer's report had not been received up to the present.

1100 - HOSPITAL PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS: It was proposed by Clr. J. Flaherty, and seconded by Clr. P. Sirr, that the Council rescind the previous resolution that lists of patients' accounts in respect of which legal proceedings are about to be instituted, be circulated to the members, and that the circulation of these lists to the members be discontinued in future.

Deputy Coogan read a letter which he stated had been sent by a member of the Council to a person whose name was included in one of these lists, requesting that the patient concerned would call on the member if he wished the latter to intercede for him.

It was proposed by Clr. Joyce, and seconded by Senator Lahiff, that the existing arrangement whereby the lists are circulated to the members, be continued.

Clr. Wall stated that it is objectionable that a member of the Council should send circular letters to the patients, which implied that the patients should not pay what is legally due by them.