

The Assistant County Manager stated that these lists had been sent to the Council at the Council's own request; that the making of a Manager's Order is essential prior to the institution of any legal proceedings, and that the Order, when made, is available for inspection by members when the Manager's Order Book is produced at meetings of the Council.

Clr. Flaherty, Clr. Wall and Deputy Coogan objected to the sending of unsolicited circular letters of the type mentioned above to individual patients.

Clr. King stated that he would be prepared to support the non-circulation of the lists; that the object was to ensure that legal proceedings would not be taken against persons who, to the members' knowledge, were unfit to pay the amount demanded from them; that the members can still obtain this information by reference to the Manager's Order Book.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

For Clr. Flaherty's proposal - Clrs. <sup>Collins, Coogan,</sup> Flaherty, King, Lambert, Quinn, Ridge, Sirr and Wall - 9.

Against: Clrs. Ashe, Donnellan Joh, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Joyce, Feeney, Killilea, Lahiff, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ruane James, Ruane Pat - 14.

The Chairman declared Clr. Flaherty's motion lost, and Clr. Joyce's proposal carried, i.e., that the lists be still circulated to the members as heretofore.

**1101 - MEMBERS' SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE:** Department of Local Government Circular Letter No: G.6/58 of 23rd August, 1958, in regard to revised rate of subsistence allowance for members attending conferences of local authorities, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council approved payment of subsistence allowance to members at the revised rate in accordance with the terms of Circular Letter G.6/58 of the 23rd August, 1958.

**1102 - NEW ROAD WORKS; £7,500:** Letter of 8th September, 1958, from the Acting County Engineer, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

The Chairman stated that over 20 years ago the Council had spent considerable sums of money on the Killaan-Cloonahinch road; that it appeared from this that in fact the road should have subsequently been maintained by the Council.

In regard to the Rooghan road, Clr. Dowd stated that there are four houses already on this road, and that more will be built in the near future, that as he himself resides on this road, it is very much used by persons calling on him in his capacity as a member of the Council.

Deputy Coogan stated that the road at Bothar an Camhain, Menlo, does have a number of houses and a school.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, stated that this road is not joining two County roads, but is a loop road coming back on the same road from which it sets out; that the school is actually on the County road, and that the houses are at one end of Bothar an Camhain.

The Assistant County Manager stated that in any case in which the Acting County Engineer has stated that in his opinion the road is not of public utility, the Council should have regard to this report, in deciding whether the road should be declared a public road; that the County Manager will re-examine the representations made by the members, to consider whether the expenditure of the Council's funds on these roads would be justifiable.

The County Manager stated that if the Council declare a road to be a public road, contrary to their Engineer's advice, it will be the Council's responsibility to justify their action at the audit of the accounts; that there is already a very large mileage of roads, and that the Council should be slow in adding to this mileage until the existing roads are put into proper condition.

Clr. P. Ruane stated that the Lisheonkyle road serves sixteen houses and a school, and that there is a public pump on this road.

Clr. Dowd proposed that all four roads be declared public roads.

Deputy Coogan proposed that a more detailed report on these four roads be obtained from the County Engineer.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Powell, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer, could give information in regard to the expenditure of

money already on the Killaan-Cloonahinch road.

Eventually, on the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Coogan, it was decided that consideration of these four roads be deferred until the next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime, a detailed report on each of these four roads be obtained from the Acting County Engineer.

**1103 - CORNYMOHA-DOORAS ROAD:** The County Engineer's report of 24th September, 1958, was submitted, explaining that there would not be any prospect of doing effective work on this road less than his previous estimate of £11,500.

Deputy Geoghegan explained that this is an important road for tourists and fishermen, and that he considered that a grant towards its reconstruction may be made available by Bord Failte.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, agreed that this is an important road, and it was decided that application be made to Bord Failte for a grant for its improvement.

THE CHAIRMAN NOW LEFT THE MEETING AND ALD. P. GREENE AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1104 - CARRAROE-DUNBLAYNEY ROAD:** In accordance with Minute No: 1080 of 1st September, 1958, this item was re-submitted.

Clr. Flaherty explained that a contribution of £66 is being sought from the people who reside on this road, and that it would be unfair that they should pay this large amount, as the road, if improved, will be used as a short-cut by everybody.

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr, seconded by Clr. Flaherty, and resolved:

"That the General Council of County Councils be requested to make representations to the Government to introduce legislation which will give County Councils authority to contribute to the cost of rural improvements schemes of this nature.

**1105 - AUDITOR'S REPORT:** The Auditor's Report on the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1958, having been circulated to the members, was submitted and noted.

Clr. Flaherty drew attention to the amount stated to be due to the Council in respect of County Mayo patients maintained and treated in the Galway Regional Hospital.

The County Manager explained the steps which had been taken in regard to the admission of patients from other counties, and explained the difficulty in refusing admission to a patient who arrives at the hospital seriously ill.

Clr. Sirr stated that it is unfair that patients from outside counties should be admitted while there is a waiting list of County Galway patients.

The Assistant County Manager stated that Mayo County Council is now notified immediately of the admission of a Mayo patient to the Regional Hospital, and asked if they are accepting liability.

**1106 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL STAFF:** Deputy Coogan stated that some temporary nurses have been discharged at the Galway Regional Hospital; that some nurses are on night duty for four months or more; and that he has been informed that probationers are left in charge of wards in the hospital at night. Deputy Coogan also asked if a wage of £4. 11. 0. per week is adequate for attendants on patients.

The County Manager stated that no reduction is being made in the authorised staff of permanent nurses and probationers, but that it is proposed that the authorised staff of probationers be increased with a view to reducing the number of temporary nurses employed; that the attendants on patients are employed casually and usually are persons who are not suitable for any other work.

**1107 - LOUGHREA BRIDEWELL:** The Secretary submitted correspondence regarding Loughrea Bridewell and explained that the Bridewell had been leased by the Galway County Council to the Loughrea Town Commissioners for a period of 999 years from 1st January, 1928; that subsequently the Bridewell Yard had been leased by the Commissioners to the Galway County Council (as a site for a pound) for 975 years from 1st January, 1952.

It appears that the Commissioners do not require the part of the Bridewell premises which they still hold on lease, and the Secretary asked if the Council would be prepared to accept surrender of this lease from the Town Commissioners - so that one authority would have control of the entire Bridewell premises.

As this matter was not on the agenda, the Chairman directed that consideration of it be adjourned until the next meeting, and that in the meantime, the Town Commissioners of Loughrea, be requested to state if they are prepared to surrender the lease of their portion of the premises to the Galway County Council.

**1108 - POLIO VACCINATION:** The Secretary explained that in Minute No: 1003 of 28th July, 1958, the Council had approved the creation of the position of temporary clerk-typist for the Polio Vaccination Scheme for a period three months, and that the clerk-typist had actually been employed continuously from 3rd June, 1958.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved the extension of the creation of the position of temporary clerk-typist for the Polio Vaccination Scheme for a further period of three months from 3rd September to 2nd December, 1958, inclusive.

**1109 - TRADESMEN ON BUILDING WORK AND COTTAGE REPAIRS:** On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the terms of Manager's Order No: 1177 of 28th August, 1958, increasing the wages of tradesmen employed on building work and cottage repairs in the County Health District by 2d. an hour with effect from 28th February, 1958.

**1110 - TRAINEE ENGINEERS:** On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the proposal that one trainee Engineer be retained for a second period of one year, with remuneration at the rate of £1. 1. 0. a week in excess of the remuneration of ordinary Trainee Engineers.

**1111 - TEMPORARY BONUS:** On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council approved the County Manager's proposal to grant temporary allowance of 7/6d. per week from 1st April, 1958, to probationer nurses, female attendants, and other whole-time non-nursing personnel who are in receipt of cash remuneration plus emoluments, subject to a deduction of 6d. per day in respect of the emolument of rations, the valuation of which for pension purposes will be increased accordingly. The above applies to those 21 years of age or over, and for those under 21 years the temporary allowance will be 5/- per week instead of 7/6d.

**1112 - ROAD FROM ROXBORO' TO CASTLEDALY:** In the absence of Clr. Lambert at this stage, consideration of Notice of Motion No: 15 (a) was adjourned.

**1113 - WATER SUPPLY FOR PATCHES, CLADDAGHDUFF:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that this matter had already been investigated in 1953, when it appeared that the extension of the Claddaghduff Water Supply to Patches, was not feasible without provision of an entirely new scheme, and, on Clr. Joyce's recommendation, the Council directed that the possibility of providing a pump at Patches be investigated.

**1114 - SEWERAGE SCHEMES FOR RENVYLE, TULLYCROSS AND LETTERFRACK:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that the Council had not previously considered the provision of sewerage schemes for these three places, and that there are already six schemes on the priority list which have not been commenced.

It was directed that the County Engineer be requested to submit a preliminary estimate of the cost of providing sewerage schemes at Renvyle, Tullycross and Letterfrack.

**1115 - GLENAMADDY OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, and resolved:

"That the following be appointed members of the Glenamaddy Old Age Pension Committee:-

Edward Phelan, Glenamaddy.  
Thomas Smyth, Cloonminda.  
Thomas Divilly, Cloonaont, Clonberne.  
Phil O'Reilly, Boyonough, Castlereagh.

**1116 - TURLOUGHMORE DISPENSARY DISTRICT:** In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that Dr. Devine, who had been appointed temporarily to this District, has been directed to take up residence in the Dispensary Residence.

Clr. Ruane requested that this be done as Abbeyknockmoy is much too far away from Turloughmore.

The Secretary also explained the difficulty in obtaining a loom for the Medical Officer in Orammore, who was absent for a short period on sick leave.

**1117 - Corofin-Tuam Road Junction:** In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 26th September, 1958, was submitted, and it was decided that this matter be referred to the County Engineer for consideration at the next Road Works Meeting.

**1118 - ROAD WORKS:** Deputy Geoghegan requested:-

1. That an arrow sign be provided at Oughterard Bridge, indicating the route to Maam Cross, as traffic is inclined to travel straight on towards the church entrance.
2. That the trees at Maam Bridge be cut as they are a serious obstruction to the view of road users.

**1119 - SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME:** Deputy Coogan referred to the University Scholarships Scheme, and stated that there is a hardship on a candidate who undertook a six or seven years course of study at a time when he thought his parents would be able to afford the additional expense - the parents' circumstances having disimproved in the meantime.

The County Manager pointed out that the scheme adopted by the Council provides for the granting of scholarships for a period of four years only, and that candidates when commencing their studies should have regard to the fact that the scholarship money would be paid to them for a period of four years; that it is not possible to amend the scheme for one individual; that any amendment made should apply to all, and that it is not at all certain that an extension of the period to six years could be approved in any case; that any such amendment would require the provision of additional funds.

**1120 - GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:** The Chairman stated that he was requested by the Galway Harbour Commissioners to convene a special meeting of the Galway County Council, Galway Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners, to consider the question of providing tender facilities for liner traffic.

It was unanimously decided that the following would represent the Galway County Council at the special meeting:-

Clrs. M. Quinn, T. King, M.A. Ashe.  
Deputies M. Killilea, M. Carty, M. Kitt, J. Geoghegan, F. Coogan.  
Senator Laffey.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*K. Killian, Ronai*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*M. Carty <sup>Chairman</sup>*

*Date: 8/11/58*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH  
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY,  
11th OCTOBER, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. M.J. Dyar, Doctor D.T. O'Driscoll, Dr. C.F. MacCon, Clr. J. Mannion,  
Clr. T. King, Clr. M. Wall.

Mr. T.F. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, Dr. T.K. White, R.M.S.,  
Regional Hospital, Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer and Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer,  
and the County Secretary.

1 - CHAIRMAN: Clr. King explained that Clr. M. Quinn, was unable to attend the  
meeting owing to illness, and that he tendered an apology to the Committee for  
Clr. Quinn's absence.

Deputy M. Carty then took the chair.

2 - SYMPATHY: A resolution was adopted unanimously expressing the sorrow of the  
Committee on the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and it was decided that  
a message of sympathy be sent to His Excellency, Cardinal D'Alton.

The Assistant County Manager joined in this expression of sympathy,  
and Dr. O'Driscoll stated that he wished to be associated with this message of  
sympathy, on behalf of the Medical Practitioners of County Galway.

A resolution of sympathy with Clr. John Mannion on the death of  
his father was also adopted unanimously.

3 - MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting on 9th August, 1958, having  
been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in  
relation to General Medical Service Cards:-

Total number of applications received:	19,907.
Total Number granted:	17,689.
Number refused:	1,723.
Number under consideration:	495.
Number of cards now current:	16,892.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	52,932.

Doctor Dyar stated that the number of persons in  
respect of whom Medical Cards have been issued is increasing steadily, while the  
number of persons in receipt of home assistance has been steady for some years;  
that if cards are issued to persons who could afford to pay for their treatment,  
the Council's resources for assisting the deserving poor are limited to that extent.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that  
other social benefits have been made available by the Department of Social Welfare  
to relieve persons who would otherwise be destitute, and that the disablement  
allowances paid by the County Council have also reduced home assistance expenditure.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. O'Driscoll, the  
Chairman stated that a widow with £1 a week widow's pension and no other means,  
would, if unable to work, be granted home assistance.

Clr. Mannion suggested that since a person who,  
prior to receipt of a Disablement Allowance, was receiving £1 a week home assistance,  
still receives 10/- a week home assistance along with the Disablement Allowance,  
a similar arrangement might be made in regard to a person receiving a widow's pension.

The Assistant County Manager explained that normally  
it is not the Council's policy to supplement social welfare benefits paid by the State  
which benefits are presumed to have been fixed at a subsistence level.

With reference to Dr. Dyar's statement, Clr. King  
stated that he is not aware of any case in which a medical card had been issued to  
a person to whom it should not have been issued; that a person in need of home

assistance is well aware of the steps which should be taken to apply for it.

The Chairman stated that refusals of applications for home assistance  
are, in fact, very rare.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the Assistant County Manager stated  
that possession of a general medical service card entitled the holder to the  
services of the District Medical Officer and to necessary medical supplies free of  
charge, as well as entitling him to free institutional service; that the Regional  
Hospital accepts the Medical Card as entitling the patient to free treatment.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. O'Driscoll, the Chairman stated that at the  
next Estimates Meeting, the Council will consider the adequacy of the amount provided  
for home assistance.

Dr. O'Driscoll suggested that the possibility of ascertaining the infant  
mortality rate among itinerants be investigated.

Dr. Dyar stated that the number of medical cards current in each District  
Medical Officer's District, should be reviewed periodically, so as to ensure that  
no individual District Medical Officer would be overloaded with Medical Cards.

5 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Dr. Dyar stated that he understands that the  
thyroid now in use at the Galway Regional Hospital is supplied by  
Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co., and recommended that District Medical Officers  
be permitted to obtain supplies of this drug from that source also.

Dr. Dyar produced a bottle of Glycerol  
Trinitrate Gr.1/130, supplied by Messrs. Antigen Ltd., and on the label stated  
to have been made by that firm. Dr. Dyar stated that the tablets supplied in  
that bottle, are stamped "Tabloid brand", and that they are actually made by  
Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Company Ltd.

The Assistant County Manager stated that  
this matter is not properly one for consideration by the Consultative Health  
Committee; that in regard to thyroid drug, the Committee made its recommendation  
already at a previous meeting.

Dr. Dyar stated that the point he is making  
is that the existing machinery to ensure that drugs are of standard quality,  
is inadequate.

Dr. Dyar stated that changes of which  
outside doctors are not aware, are made from time to time in the arrangements for  
out-patients clinics, and he requested that the outside doctors be notified of  
the dates, times and doctors for out-patient clinics at the Galway Regional Hospital.

On the recommendation of Dr. Dyar,  
the Committee unanimously recommended that there be a considerable increase in the  
hours for attendance of the dentists at the Galway Regional Hospital for the  
extraction of teeth.

Doctor White, R.M.S., stated that there is  
a long waiting list and that the question of the extension of the dental sessions  
at the hospital is under consideration.

Doctor Dyar questioned the legality of  
the charges under Section 30 of the Health Act, made to out-patients attending  
at the Galway Regional Hospital. He stated that the services rendered to such  
patients encroach on the time which doctors may devote to patients for whom the  
Council is properly liable.

The Assistant County Manager gave particulars  
of such cases treated during the month of September, 1958, viz:-  
X-Rays - 5; Dressing - 12; Physiotherapy - 5; Orthopaedic - 3; Paediatric - 1;  
Surgical - 3; Cardiac - 1; Maternity - 1; and pointed out that  
the number of such cases involved is not large.

Clr. Wall stated that he is aware of a case  
in which an outside doctor has suggested to an ordinary patient going to Galway  
Regional Hospital, that if that patient gave a fee to the doctor concerned, the  
patient would obtain better treatment at the Galway Regional Hospital.

Clr. Wall was informed by the Assistant  
County Manager that an ordinary patient admitted to the Regional Hospital  
(not as a private patient of any member of the medical staff), is not obliged to

pay any fee to any doctor in the hospital.

Dr. Dyar stated that in many cases patients are told to return to the hospital later for a check-up; that the hospital might in such cases inform the patient's doctor of this request for the patient's return, and that the patient should, before returning to the hospital, attend the outside doctor; which attendance would, in many cases, eliminate the necessity for the patient's return to the hospital.

**6 - MATERNITY SERVICES:** The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Maternity Cash Grants:-

Number of Grants approved for payment since 1st April, 1958:	811.
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The Secretary stated that agreements for provision of maternity services have been completed by 100 doctors, 41 of whom are District Medical Officers, and that such agreements have been completed by 72 midwives, 33 of whom are employed by the Galway County Council.

Dr. Dyar pointed out that polio vaccination may be required by a Maternity patient being treated by a doctor under his agreement with the Council, and recommended that in such case the vaccine should be supplied free by the Council to the Doctor concerned.

**7 - OBSTETRICIAN AND GYNAECOLOGIST:** Dr. Dyar requested that the Conditions of Appointment of the recently appointed Obstetrician/Gynaecologist at the Galway Regional Hospital be investigated, to ascertain whether that officer is entitled to carry out operations outside the Galway Regional Hospital, as Dr. Dyar stated that the officer concerned is operating outside the Galway Regional Hospital.

**8 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES:** The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Disablement Allowances:-

Total Number of Applications Received to date:	3,129.
Number of Applications Granted:	1,641.
Number of Applications Refused:	1,553.
Number of Applications still under consideration:	88.

Doctor Dyar requested that the means investigation of an application for a Disablement Allowance would be completed before the medical report from the patient's doctor would be sought.

The Assistant County Manager stated that compliance with this request would require consideration of the application by the Council on two occasions.

Clr. King stated that the Assistance Officers are already burdened with many duties.

The discussion ended.

**9 - POLIO VACCINATION:** On the recommendation of Dr. Dyar, the Committee requested that particulars be supplied of the number of vaccinations completed since the present polio scheme started, as well as particulars of the cost of this work.

**10 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE:** Clr. King referred to the desirability of having a representative of the Pharmacy Trade on the Committee, and Dr. Dyar made a similar recommendation in regard to the Dental Profession.

The Chairman pointed out that the only manner in which such representation could be given would be by reducing the number of County Councillors on the Committee.

**11 - MISCELLANEOUS:** In reply to an enquiry regarding the provision of cortisone for sarcoidosis in Merlin Park, of the upper income group, the Assistant County Manager stated that the Section 26 Rules would apply, i.e., that the patient would be charged a fixed charge per day to cover all treatment within the Institution.

Doctor Dyar enquired and was informed of the arrangement, whereby in cases where such are necessary, patients discharged from the Regional Hospital are issued with a small supply of drugs required for their continued treatment to tide them over the period between discharge from the hospital, and the date on which the patient's own doctor will be obtaining the drugs through the normal sources.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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8/11/58



3. (c) Clr. J. Dowd:

1. "I will propose that the County Council take over the repair and declare the Bellvue Road to be a public road and that this road be the main road between Laurencetown and Kiltormer which is about one mile shorter than the existing main road.
2. I will propose that work begin as soon as possible on the dangerous bridges over the Canal at Clonfert and Kylemore Laurencetown, so as to have them safe for traffic by the 1st April, 1959."

(d) Senator R. Lahiiffe:

1. "That Public Lighting be provided at the Co. Council housing area of Garrabeg, Gort, and also at the corner of Co. Council yard at old Workhouse, leading to Council plots.
2. That the sewerage opening on to old stagnant drain at Crow Street, Gort, be connected to main.
3. That the open sewer under bridge at Bridge Street, be connected to main."

## 19. Other business.

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

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IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Ctrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Glynn, Hanley, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Ctrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Ruane James, Sirr and Wall.

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

"That the Council expresses its deep sorrow and its sympathy with the Apostolic Nuncio on the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and that as a mark of respect to the memory of the Late Holy Father, the meeting be adjourned until Saturday, 8th November, 1958, commencing at 12.30.p.m."

Deputy Carty stated that on behalf of the Council, he had already sent a message of sympathy to the Apostolic Nuncio, and that an acknowledgement of that message of sympathy had been received.

The members present and the County Manager, joined in the expression of sympathy and in the tributes paid to the late Holy Father.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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*L. Mannion - Ronai*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Michael Carty Chairman*

*Date: 8/11/58*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.  
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Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

28th October, 1958.

To Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

The meeting summoned for Saturday, 25th instant, was adjourned until Saturday, 8th November, 1958, as an expression of sympathy and respect on the occasion of the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

You are requested to attend the adjourned meeting, which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 8th November, 1958, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

The Agenda will be as circulated for the meeting on 25th instant.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH,

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.  
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Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

5th November, 1958.

To Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

The Chairman has arranged that as a token of sympathy with Mr. Neil Blaney, Minister for Local Government, in his bereavement, the meeting of the Council summoned for Saturday next will be postponed for one hour.

Please note, therefore, that the meeting will commence at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, 8th November, 1958.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1958.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, 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.

1121 - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, the Council unanimously adopted a resolution of deep sympathy with Deputy N. Blayney, Minister for Local Government on the death of his mother - the meeting having been postponed for one hour as a mark of respect.

The Assistant County Manager associated himself with this expression of sympathy on behalf of the officials of the Council.

1122 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous two meetings to 1120 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1123 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that the Council had not received any malicious damage claims since the previous meeting.

1124 - ESTIMATES, 1959/60: Letter 4th October, 1958, from the County Galway County Committee of Agriculture, was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Flaherty, the Council approved the provision of £16,000 in the Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1960, for contribution to the County Galway Committee of Agriculture.

1125 - ENGINEERING STAFF: The Chairman and members welcomed to the County Mr. M.J. Dunne, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. Dunne thanked the Council for their good wishes.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

1126 - COUNTY BUILDINGS: It was proposed by Deputy G. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,250 from the National Bank Ltd., for provision of additional office accommodation at the County Buildings, Galway - the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of five years, with interest at the rate approved by the bank from time to time for such loans".

1127 - EYRE COURT SEWERAGE SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Deputy M. Carty and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £16,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of the Sewerage Scheme at Eyrecourt; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of twenty-five years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council.

1128 - KILKERRIN-MOYLLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. J. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £43,750 for provision of a water supply scheme for Kilkerrin-Moylough; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of twenty-five years, with interest at the rate prevailing of the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Sirr, the Secretary stated that after taking into account the contribution to the loan charges, the net cost to the Council of the repayment of this loan would be approximately 1d. in the £. on the rates for the first year of repayment, reducing gradually over the twenty-five year period, so that the average annual cost would be approximately 1/2d. in the £. on the rates in the County Health District.

Clr. J. Ridge proposed that the Council do not approve the raising of the loan for Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Supply Scheme. This proposal was not seconded.

1129 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Clr. John Donnellan complained of the delay in providing a water supply scheme for Moycullen.

1130 - BYE-LAWS - LOUGHREA MARKETS: It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby make application to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the bye-laws with respect to markets in the town of Loughrea, and that the application for confirmation be sealed with the seal of the Council."

The application for confirmation of the bye-laws was then sealed with the Seal of the Council.

1131 - BYE-LAWS - PORTUMNA MARKETS: It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Canning and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby make application to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the Bye-laws with respect to markets in the town of Portumna, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the application for confirmation of the bye-laws".

The application for confirmation of the Bye-laws, was then sealed with the seal of the Council.

1132 - MR. M.A. MARTYN, B.E.: On the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, the Council approved the making of an ex-gratia payment at the rate of £50 a year, to Mr. M.A. Martyn, Chief Assistant County Engineer, for the period from 2nd June, 1954, to 28th July, 1958, inclusive, as compensation for Mr. Martyn's services to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board.

Clr. King asked if the Council would approve payment of this ex-gratia allowance at the rate of £100 a year, and in reply the County Manager explained that considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining sanction to this payment at the rate of £50 a year.

1133 - GALWAY FIRE BRIGADE: Consideration of Item No: 10 - creation of office of Divisional Officer in Galway Fire Brigade - was adjourned until next meeting.

1134 - LIBRARY CENTRES IN CONNEMARA: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council approved the proposal to pay an honorarium of £7. 10. 0. a year to each of the honorary librarians in the nine library centres proposed to be established at Cleggan, Tully-Renvyle, Clonbur, Cornamona, Ballyconneely, Rosmuc, Lettermore, Lettermullen and Moycullen.

1135 - ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER: The proposal to create one additional office of Assistant County Engineer to replace one Engineer continuously employed temporarily was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Galvin, that the additional office of Assistant County Engineer be created.

The County Manager explained that the Engineer continuously employed temporarily is employed on work in connection with road improvement grants; that these grants are likely to continue and the Minister for Local Government is of the opinion that the office should be filled in a permanent capacity, and that if the grants are terminated the office could, if necessary, be suppressed on the next following occasion that a vacancy for an Assistant County Engineer would occur; that normally temporary engineer's employment is limited to a period of three years, and that it will be difficult to obtain sanction to the continued employment of the Engineer at present employed, and that his replacement by an inexperienced Engineer would not be desirable.

Clr. Sirr proposed that the office of Assistant County Engineer be not created, and stated that he finds difficulty in obtaining employment for a few road workers in his area.

Deputy Geoghegan proposed that consideration of this item be adjourned until the new County Engineer will take up duty. This proposal was seconded by Clr. King.

The County Manager pointed out that when the new County Engineer takes up duty it may be six months or a year before he would be in a position to furnish his proposals; that the Council should have regard to the recommendation of the Acting County Engineer, who was equally competent to submit his recommendation on this matter.

Deputy Killilea suggested that the County Manager examine the adequacy of the existing Engineering staff.

It was eventually decided to leave over consideration of this matter until the permanent County Engineer would take up duty.

**1136 - NEW ROADS, £7,500:** As directed in Minute No: 1102, the Acting County Engineer's report of 31st October, 1958, was submitted, and the County Manager stated that it appears that the Council will have to declare the Killiam-Cloonahinch road a public road.

The County Manager stated in reply to an enquiry by Clr. Wall, that the Local Government Act, 1953, is not an adoptive Act; that this Act is part of the general law of the State, and that the declaring of a road to be a public road is the function of the Council, and that the Council is responsible to the Auditor for ensuring that any road declared to be a public road is a road of general public utility.

Clr. Dowd stated that the Rooghan road is used by the general public, and is therefore a road of general public utility and it was proposed by him and seconded by Clr. Galvin, that the Rooghan road be taken over by the Council for future maintenance.

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

**FOR:** Clrs. Camming, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Glynn, Joyce, Feeney, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, Mannion, John, Mannion Martin, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall (24).

**AGAINST:** Nil.

Clr. John Donnellan was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken, and Clrs. Burke and O'Donnell did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. Dowd's proposal carried.

Clr. R. Ruane stated that the Lisheenkyle road serves six families and a school-house, and that it is a road of general public utility, and it was proposed by him, and seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane, that the Lisheenkyle road be taken over by the Council for future maintenance.

A vote taken on Clr. P. Ruane's proposal resulted as follows:-

**FOR:** Clrs. Burke, Camming, Collins, Coogan, Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Glynn, Joyce, Feeney, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, Mannion, John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall (26).

**AGAINST:** Nil.

The Chairman declared Clr. P. Ruane's proposal carried.

Deputy F. Coogan stated that that Bothan an Camhain, Menlo, serves sixteen houses and fourteen land-owners, as well as a national school, and requested that the Council would hear the Principal of the school, Mr. B. O'Sullivan, N.T.

Mr. O'Sullivan then spoke of the deplorable condition of the road through which many children travel to his school.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. John Mannion that Bothan an Camhain, Menlo, be taken over by the Council for future maintenance.

A vote taken on Deputy Coogan's proposal resulted in twenty-six for and none against, the members supporting the proposal being the same as those who voted for the taking over of the Lisheenkyle road.

The Chairman declared Deputy Coogan's proposal carried.

It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:- "That the Council take over the Killiam-Cloonahinch road and be responsible for its future maintenance."

In regard to the balance still available for the Tuam Electoral Area:-

Clr. M. Mannion and Clr. Wall, requested that their allocation be devoted to the Cloonkeen-Abbott road.

Clr. P. Sirr requested that his allocation be devoted to the road from Mr. T. Moloney's, Monte, to Gurtmadieve.

DEPUTY M. KITT NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1137 - EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS:** Deputy Coogan and Clr. John Mannion referred to the practice of giving preference for employment on roads to married men, and stated that an equal preference should be given to the son of a widow in a case where the son is the sole support of the family.

The County Manager stated that for ordinary road work, he was confident that the County Engineer would give consideration to such an applicant, but the County Manager pointed out that the Council had previously requested that preference for employment be given to pensionable servants, and explained further that in the case of roads, the cost of which is being met in whole or in part by Government Grants, the men, if otherwise suitable, have to be employed in the order set out in the list furnished by the Employment Exchange, and that the same order has to be observed in laying the men off the works.

**1138 - PROBATIONARY NURSES, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** The County Manager explained that the proposal to increase the establishment of probationary nurses was originally submitted by the Day Superintendent, when economies were being sought, as the Council was paying temporary nurses for work which could be performed by probationers; that An Bord Altranais had now approved the proposal to increase the establishment of probationary nurses from 110 to 140, in addition to 24 trainees undergoing midwifery and fever training.

It was proposed by Senator Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved: "That the Council approve the increase in the establishment of probationer nurses from 110 to 140."

Deputy Coogan stated that he has been informed that some nurses at the Regional Hospital are being employed continuously on night duty for a period of four months.

**1139 - WESTERN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BOARD:** It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that the Council protest against the refusal by the Minister for Health of the Council's request that representation on the Western Health Institutions Board be in proportion to the amount of the contribution to the expenses of that Board made by each of the counties in the Region.

The County Manager pointed out that the character of this Institution has changed since its establishment, and that patients are now being taken into Merlin Park Sanatorium from counties which have no representation on the Board.

Clr. King's proposal was adopted unanimously.

**1140 - LOUGHREA BRIDEWELL:** Consideration of this item (No: 15 on the Agenda) was adjourned until next meeting, pending receipt of a further reply from the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

**1141 - ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, LOUGHREA:** The Secretary read the Acting County Engineer's report of 6th November, 1958, which stated that the

total cost of providing the additional accommodation required by the County Committee of Agriculture would be £900, making the total cost of the building £2,050.

On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council approved proceeding the work at a cost of £2,050 - arrangements in regard to the rent to be paid by the County Committee of Agriculture to be made by the County Manager.

**1142 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:** Letter of 1st October, 1958, from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, requesting notice of matters to be included in next Agenda.

Clr. Flaherty recommended that a resolution be sent to the General Council, requesting that the Minister for Health would prescribe a reduced scale of charges for persons whose valuation is slightly over £50, or whose income is slightly over £600 - in respect of hospital treatment.

The Assistant County Manager explained that the Minister has already prescribed a scale of charges for such marginal cases which are described as "hardship" cases.

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr and seconded by Clr. Wall, that a resolution be sent to the General Council, requesting the Minister for Local Government to restore the grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, but the Chairman pointed out that this question is raised at every meeting of the General Council.

**1143 - HOSPITAL PATIENTS IN PRIVATE WARDS:** Deputy Coogan requested that it would be made very clear to patients being admitted to the hospital, that they will be responsible for certain additional charges if they are accommodated in private wards.

The Assistant County Manager stated that in practice this point does not cause much difficulty, as the question of issue always is whether the patient was admitted to the private ward at his or her own request; that unless accommodation in a private or semi-private ward was provided at the patient's own request, the additional charge is not levied.

**1144 - RATE COLLECTOR, NO: 23 DISTRICT:** The Secretary informed the Council that Mr. G.M. Carty, Rate Collector for No: 23 District had resigned, and that the County Manager's recommendation is that, in view of the long delay which will be involved in filling the position permanently, the rates for the current year ending 31st March, 1959, be collected by Mr. P.J. Finnegan, Loughrea, permanent Collector in an adjoining District.

It was proposed by Senator Lahiff, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane and resolved: "That the Council approve the appointment of Mr. P.J. Finnegan, Dunkellin Street, Loughrea, as temporary Rate Collector for No: 23 District, up to 30th April, 1959, to collect the warrant for the current year, with remuneration at the rate which applies to No: 23 District, viz., 8d. in the £, with a penalty of 1d. for failure to comply with each of the four conditions, i.e., a total penalty of 2d. in £.

**1145 - RATE COLLECTORS, GENERAL:** Clr. King pointed out that the Rate Collectors for Nos: 4 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts, who took up duty recently, are obliged to collect the full warrant for the current year, although their salaries are being paid only from the dates on which they took up duty. Clr. King considered that this is not fair to the Collectors concerned.

Deputy Killilea stated that the cost of summonses issued against ratepayers in arrears are not recouped to Rate Collectors being paid on salary basis.

The County Manager stated that the same remark applies to Rate Collectors being paid on poundage, and that when the salaries of Rate Collectors were fixed, they were on a scale comparable with the amount of remuneration that would be payable by way of poundage in the same district.

**1146 - RURAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:** In connection with the Council's resolution to the General Council that local authorities be empowered to contribute to the cost of rural improvements schemes, the Secretary read letter of 14th October, 1958, from the County Councils' General Council, explaining that this request had already been refused by the Minister for Local Government, and that the General Council will, at the December, meeting, consider the sending of a deputation on this question to the Department of Finance.

**1147 - TEMPORARY BONUS:** The Secretary explained that the Council have already approved payment of temporary bonus at the rate of 10/- a week to male officers and at the rate of 7/6d. per week to female officers with effect from 1st April, 1958, that in the meantime this additional bonus of 10/- a week had been sanctioned by appropriate Ministers for female officers employed in grades not restricted entirely to females.

It was proposed by Clr. J.J. Ruane seconded by Clr. Flaherty and resolved: "That the Council approve payment of additional temporary bonus with effect from 1st April, 1958, to officers whose remuneration does not exceed the limits prescribed by the appropriate Ministers, on the following basis:-

5/- a week for male or female officers under 21 years of age.

10/- a week for male officers over 21 years of age, and female officers over 21 years of age who are employed in grades not restricted to females.

7/6d. a week for female officers employed in grades restricted solely to females.

The above rates to apply to whole-time officers. Additional bonus for part-time officers to be proportionate to above.

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Sirr and resolved:

"That the Council consider that the same rate of additional bonus, viz., 10/- per week, should be paid to all officers, whether male or female".

The County Manager explained that the rate of bonus approved is related to that which was approved for Civil Servants.

**1148 - BORD FAILTE GRANTS:** The Council unanimously approved the carrying out of the following works, the cost of which will be met in full by grants from Bord Failte, and approved the additional expenditure involved, viz., £2,750:-

1. Repairs to Kylemore Abbey Avenue - £250.
2. Improvement of Parking Space at Gurteen Strand, Roundstone - £250.
3. Construction of Car Park and Mooring Pier at Collinamuck - £1,000.
4. Construction of a mooring pier and shelter at Annaghdown - £300.
5. Construction of break-water, pier and car park at Greenfields - £700.

It was noted that the Council will be responsible for the future maintenance of works 2 to 5 above.

**1149 - WHELAN MEMORIAL, CLIFDEN:** The Council unanimously approved the carrying out of work requested by the Whelan Memorial Committee at the estimated cost of £20, the actual cost to be recouped to the Council by the Committee.

**1150 - DONATIONS BY K.L.M. AIRLINES:** The Council noted that K.L.M. Airlines had donated £200 to the Galway Regional Hospital and £100 to the Civil Defence and Fire Brigade Units, and approved the County Manager's proposals for the disposal of these amounts by provision of a suitable plaque at Galway Regional Hospital, and by provision of a piano and other facilities for the Civil Defence, etc. Units, as described in letter 29/10/58 from the Civil Defence Officer.

**1151 - ROXBORO'-CASTLEDALY ROAD:** In connection with Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion, the Acting County Engineer's Report of 18th September, 1958, was submitted, and it was decided that further consideration of this item would be deferred until the next road works estimates meeting.

**1152 - ROAD TO GURTEEN BEACH, ROUNDSTONE:** The County Manager explained that a grant to meet the cost of this work is being sought from Bord Failte, and consideration of Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion was therefore adjourned pending receipt of a reply from Bord Failte.

**1153 - BELLEVUE ROAD, LAURENCETOWN:** Consideration of Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion was adjourned until the next road works meeting, but Clr. Dowd requested that the County Manager and the County Engineer would examine the road in the meantime.

1154 - CLONFERT AND KYLEMORE BRIDGES: In reply to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's Reports were submitted, stating that it is proposed to erect the canal bridge at Clonfert with pre-stressed beams, and that the approval of C.I.E. and the Department of Local Government will have to be obtained to these plans; that the Land Commission has indicated that it will make a contribution towards the cost of the work at Kylemore, and that the final estimate for that job has not yet been prepared.

Clr. Dowd requested that both these works would be completed by April next.

1155 - GORT PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to Senator Lahiff's notice of motion, the Secretary stated that the provision of a light at Garrabeg has already been approved, and that the E.S.B. have been instructed to provide that light; that the provision of a light at the old workhouse was previously proposed, and was not approved by the County Manager, as the County Council plots to which the road leads are worked only during daylight. Senator Lahiff requested that a light at the workhouse would be provided to prevent improper use of the darkness which exists in the vicinity of the residences there.

1156 - GORT SEWERAGE: In reply to Senator Lahiff's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 6th instant was submitted, stating that a survey is being made to ascertain whether the levels are such that the houses of the people residing in Crowe Street, who are not at present connected with the sewer, can in fact be connected with it; that a further report will be made when the survey is completed. Senator Lahiff complained of the long delay in completing this survey, and he and Deputy Coogan stated that the existing conditions are creating a most objectionable nuisance in this place.

In regard to the open sewer at Bridge Street, the Acting County Engineer's report of the 6th instant was submitted, stating that a list of the sixteen owners who are not connected with the public sewer had already been submitted, and recommending that the County Medical Officer be requested to report whether the first eight householders on the list, who are at present connected with the open sewer, be compelled to connect with the main sewer; also whether the remaining eight householders on the list, who are connected direct to the river, should be compelled to connect with the main sewer. Senator Lahiff stressed the urgent need for attention to this matter, which also creates serious nuisance.

1157 - WATERMAIN TO GAEL-LINN FACTORY, CARNA: Deputy Geophagan requested that some fountains be provided on the main which will be laid to above factory. The Assistant County Manager stated that the water will be analysed and, if it is fit for human consumption, the fountains can be provided.

1158 - SYMPATHY: The Council unanimously adopted resolutions of sympathy with the following in their bereavement:-

- Mrs. O'Connell, Tuam, on the death of Mr. Jarlath O'Connell, Solicitor.
- Mr. P.C. Delaney, Ard-na-Mara, Salthill, on the death of his mother.
- The Power Family, White Strand Road, on the death of Captain P. Power.
- The Connolly Family, Raven Terrace, Galway, on the death of Mr. John Connolly.
- The relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Young, Waterside, Galway.
- The Coen Family, Gort.
- The Archbishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Tuam on the death of Very Rev. Canon Waldron, P.P., Kilkerrin.
- The Costello Family, Ballinruane, Menlough, on the death of Mr. Walter Costello.
- Mr. Thomas Sharkey, Co. Library and Miss E. Sharkey, County Buildings, on the death of their father.

1159 - MEETINGS: It was noted that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday, 22nd November, 1958, and it was unanimously decided that a Housing Meeting of the Council will be called for Saturday, 29th November, 1958.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Carb Chairman. 22/11/58 Date:

COMHARLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIHE

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NA FOIRGNÍDE CONNDAE,  
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Súdáin:  
SAILLIHE 2055.

14ú Samhain, 1958.

Cuiris áfach ábalta de'n Comhairle.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a bhráchtáil:

1. Miontuairisí.
2. Damáiste Maillisead - éilim.
3. Coláiste na h-Íolsgoile Saillim - Uallla ceapad do'n buidéal Rialtais.
4. Iasacht 2000 b'páigil i gcóir oifis an tInnealltóra RL. i nDail le 10ú Rialt.
5. Iasacht sealadach - Ráite go dtí 31.3.1959.
6. Réamh-Orduite fé'n áit um léiteáin tréighe do chógait, 1940 a béannáir maibor le léiteáin tréighe Uim. 2,4,5,6,7,8,9 110, Dail le 10ú Rialt.
7. Cúntaisí Comhairle Conndae na Saillimhe b'l. go dtí 31ú Márta, 1958.
8. Dreis-éartheadhas sa b'l. go 31.3.1958.
9. Dúilíteoirí Rialt - Ictar 4.10.1958 ó'n Roinn Rialtais Áitiúla.
10. Cleiread do Coste na b'Insean Sean-Aoise - Postaité. a leanúint go dtí 31.5.1959.
11. Oifis mar Roinn-Oifigead sa Dúisáid Cúiteáin i nSaillimhe a éruú - in ionad éiomáin b'áirí as a post.
12. Tuairisc aodaire íclaithe Óinn Mára.
13. Oifigead úirb i nDá.
14. Iarratas pa 12.9 de'n áit um límisteoirí Deán Forbairt, 1958.
15. Iabairleann tairseal a soládar.

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16. Cuan Inse Bó Finne - Com-áreasarás leis an Roinn Cailce.
17. Cruinníú Meastóirín Bóitre - Lá a Sócrú.
- 17 (A) - Éirí sa bFuireann Doctúirí in Ospidéal Réigiúnaí na Sallíne.
18. Coiléir-costaí: Miont. 1068 de 1.9.1958.
19. Molta ó Comairleóirí.
20. Molta Seineireáilta.
21. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Appointment of a representative on the Governing Body of University College, Galway.
4. Raising of Loan of £2,050 for Assistant Engineer's and Agricultural Instructor's Offices in Loughrea.
5. Overdraft for qr. to 31.3.1959.
6. Making of Preliminary Orders under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for Derelict Sites Nos: 2,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10, Lawrencetown.
7. Abstract of Accounts of Galway County Council for Y.E. 31. 3. 1958.
8. Excess Expenditure over Estimate for year ended 31.3. 1958.
9. Rate Collectors' qualifications etc. - letter 4.10.'58 from Department of Local Government.
10. Extension of employment of Temporary Clerk to the County Old Age Pensions Committee.
11. Appointment of a Divisional Officer on Galway Fire Brigade in lieu of a driver who has resigned.
12. Caretaking of Kinvara Dispensary - Increase in Remuneration.
13. Organisation and Methods - allowance to officer and to his substitute.
14. Application from Finsbury Manufacturing Co. Ltd., for revision of rates under Section 9 of the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952.
15. Provision of a Mobile Library.
16. Inishboffin Harbour - correspondence with Department of Lands.
17. Fixing day for Roads Estimate Meeting.
- 17 (a) Alteration in establishment of Intern Doctors and Junior House Doctors at Galway Regional Hospital.
18. Central and Local Quarries - Minute 1068 of 1.9.1958.
19. Members' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that the Council ask the Minister for the Gaeltacht for a grant for the reconstruction of a new bridge leading to Meenish, Carna."

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19. (b) Clrs. M. Killilea, R. Lahiffe, M. Wall, W. Burke and P. SIRR: "That the Council are of opinion that the time is opportune for a reduction in the Engineering Service and that the Co. Manager be requested to examine the whole position before we make any further appointments."
- (c) Deputy M. F. Kitt: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that this Council agree that where the local people contribute and get a grant under the Rural Improvement Scheme for a road work and put the road into a good state of repair so as to satisfy the Co. Engineer and comply with the 1953 Act as regards width etc. the Co. Council take it over and maintain it."
- (d) Deputy M. Killilea: "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the road leading from Kilbarnon Cross to Kilbarnon Church be widened and rolled."
- (e) Clr. P. SIRR: "I will propose that road from Thomas Maloney's house, Moate, to Gortnadieve main road, known as Moate Avenue, be declared a public road."
- (f) Clr. M. Mannion: "At the next Coe Council meeting I propose that the Cloonkeen Abbert Road be declared a public road, and done in this year's works, under the £7,500 on the estimate for Co. Councillors' Notices of Motion."
- (g) Clr. W. Burke:
  1. "I will ask the Assistant County Engineer the reason for delay in starting work on the Russelstown bridge.
  2. I propose that £40 of free grant be given to tenants of Labourers' Cottages for the installation of water and sewerage in or around the town of Tuam.
  3. That a dangerous bend at Castletown, Tullinadaly on the Tuam-Claremorris Road, be removed."
- (h) Deputies M. Carty and J. Geoghegan: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council we or some other Councillor acting on our behalf shall ask the Co. Manager to make a statement on the Co. Council's proposals regarding the future of Woodlands Sanatorium."
- (i) Deputy M. Carty:
  1. "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall ask the Co. Manager to explain the delay in carrying out the Water-extension Scheme in Killimor.
  2. At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall ask the Co. Manager to indicate what progress, if any, has been made with regard to the sewage extension scheme for the Hill, Cosmona and Galway Road, Loughrea."
- (j) Clr. J. Flaherty: "That I will propose that Martin Joe Freney, Lisheenahelta be appointed a member of Glenamaddy Old Age Pension Sub-Committee."
- (k) Clr. T. Feaney:
  1. "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the road connecting the Galway-Tuam road through the townland of Clough to the Cummer Monastery Co. Road be declared a public road.
  2. That Pump at Mirah, Turloughmore be inspected and repaired.
  3. That two yards of concrete wall be built on both sides of the pump at Deerpark, Turloughmore, to prevent trespass on the land where the pump is erected."
20. Resolutions from other Bodies.
21. Other Business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER, 1958.

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, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion, John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

1160 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to Number 1159 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1161 - PROBATIONARY NURSES: In reference to Minute No: 1138, Deputy Coogan stated that the County Manager had informed the Council that the proposal to increase the establishment of probationary nurses to 140 had been approved by the Medical Staff, while in the meantime Deputy Coogan had been informed that this proposal had not been approved by the Medical Staff.

The Chairman stated that this question was raised at a meeting of the Visiting Committee held at the Regional Hospital on 21st November, 1958, and he requested that the Council would be informed definitely as to whether the proposal had, in fact, been approved by the Medical Staff.

1162 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE: Referring to Minute No: 1129, Clr. John Donnellan requested that he be informed of the present position in regard to provision of an improved water supply and a sewerage scheme for Moycullen.

1163 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary stated that the following claims had been received since the last meeting:-

Land Commission - fences of Dooras, E.D. Cong:	£120.
Land Commission - Gates at Dalystown Demesne:	£75. 10. 0.
Mr. Thomas Murray, Athlone - scaffolding etc. damaged:	£20. 0. 0.

In the course of a discussion, Clr. King stated that the Land Commission could be blamed for the damage which is the subject of the claims made by their Commission, due to their delay in allocating land acquired.

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved: "That the Council protest against the Land Commission's practice of acquiring land and holding it unallocated for several years."

Deputy Killilea stated that the effect of this resolution would be to incite people to cause further damage.

1164 - UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY: Letter 10th September, 1958, from the Secretary, University College, Galway, was submitted, and on the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council appointed Mr. Martin Quinn, County Councillor, to represent the Council on the Governing Body of University College, during the three-year period from 1st February, 1959, to 31st January, 1962.

Later, Clr. Quinn, on his arrival at the meeting, thanked the Council for appointing him on the Governing Body of University College, Galway.

1165 - ENGINEER'S OFFICE, ETC. IN LOUGHREA: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,050 from the National Bank Ltd., for provision of office accommodation in Loughrea for the Assistant County Engineer and for the Agricultural Instructor; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of five years, with interest at the rate approved by the bank from time to time for such loans."

1166 - OVERDRAFT: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, the Council approved the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account not exceeding £75,000 for quarter ending 31st March, 1959.

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Deputy Carty and Clr. Collins referred to the loss of interest sustained by the Council through the delay in payment of Government Grants.

1167 - DERELICT SITES: It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council hereby make Preliminary Orders under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for the acquisition of the undermentioned Derelict Sites at Laurencetown:-

Site No: 2, Area 28 perches,	Owner - Mr. Michael Walsh, Laurencetown.
Site No: 4, Area 15 perches,	Owner - Reprs. of Mr. John Dervan, Laurencetown.
Site No: 5, Area 4 perches,	Owner - Mr. Thomas Connolly, Laurencetown.
Site No: 6, Area 19 perches,	Owner - Mr. Patrick McLoughlin, Laurencetown.
Site No: 7, Area 14 perches,	Owner - Mr. Michael Colohan, Laurencetown.
Site No: 8, Area 27 perches,	Owner - Representative Church Body (Church of Ireland).
Site No: 9, Area 36 perches,	Owner - Mr. Jerome Shiel, Laurencetown.
Site No: 10, Area 19 perches,	Owner - Mr. Thomas Dervan, Laurencetown.

The Preliminary Orders were then sealed with the seal of the Council.

1168 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The Abstract of Accounts of the Galway County Council for year ended 31st March, 1958, was submitted and noted.

1169 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE: On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan, the Council approved excess expenditure for years ended 31st March, 1957, and 31st March, 1958, as set out hereunder - this approval to be in lieu of that previously given in Minute No: 209,335 and 831:-

ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR Y.E.31/3/1957 - EXCESSES.

ROADS:	Total £.	C.A.L. £.	C.H.D. £.
Special Grant Works	34,876.	----	34,876.
HEALTH:			
Institutional Services	15,796	15,796	--
Rehabilitation & Maintenance of Disabled Persons	4,353	4,353	--
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:			
Home Assistance	2,470	2,470	--
Government Grant Schemes	77	77	--
Other purposes.	1,931	1,931	--
SANITARY:			
Water Supplies	213	--	213
Public Lighting	74	--	74
GENERAL PURPOSES:			
L.A.W. Act Schemes	1,398	1,398	--
Fire Brigade	527	--	527
Total:	61,715	26,025	35,690.

## ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR Y.E.31/3/1958 - EXCESSES.

ROADS:	Total £.	C.A.L. £.	C.H.D. £.
Special Grant Works	1,386	---	£1,385
Government Grants	8,409	---	8,409
Other Purposes	9,270	4,341	4,929
<b>HEALTH:</b>			
General Medical Services	1,796	1,796	---
Institutional Services	17,983	17,983	---
Maternity & Child Health Services	1,690	1,690	---
Specialist Services	260	260	---
Ambulances and Transport	1,134	1,134	---
<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:</b>			
Home Assistance	228	228	---
<b>SANITARY:</b>			
Drainage & Sanitary Works	102	--	102
<b>GENERAL PURPOSES:</b>			
Public Libraries	876	876	--
Fire Brigade.	1,018	---	1,018
Materials Expense	847	847	--
Total:	44,998	29,155	16,843.

1170 - INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANTS' REPORT: Deputy Coogan asked if there would be a reduction in the rate for the coming year as a result of the report made by the firm of Industrial Consultants.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Consultants' investigation was confined to roads, for which the Council normally provides a similar amount in each year, and that in this case, therefore, the result would be the obtaining of more work for the amount provided, rather than a reduction in expenditure. In the course of the resulting discussion, Clr. Hanley complained of a misuse of Council's trucks in his area, in conveying men to work, i.e., a lorry sometimes travelling a considerable distance to pick up or set down one individual, and Deputy Kitt stated that there is a sum of £90 only made available for maintenance of four miles of a county road near his home.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that in due course a synopsis of the Consultants' Report would be supplied to the members.

It was therefore decided to defer further consideration of this item until the summary of the report will be before the Council, but it was requested that this summary be made available before the Roads Meeting, which will be held in December, 1958.

1171 - RATE COLLECTORS' QUALIFICATIONS: Letter E.L.4/58 of 4th October, 1958, from the Department of Local Government, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, that in future vacancies for the post of Rate Collector be filled by competitive examination.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

The Chairman (Clr. M. Quinn) pointed out that the qualifications for the post of Rate Collector are prescribed by the Minister for Local Government.

Clr. Ridge recommended that Irish should be made an essential qualification in all Districts.

Clr. Wall proposed that any decision to alter the system of filling vacancies for the post of Rate Collector, be deferred until the Council will be considering the filling of the next vacancy.

Clr. Collins considered that any examination held should be of a standard which would not eliminate candidates with a National School education.

The Chairman ruled that since the Council is not actually dealing with the filling of a vacancy, Clr. John Mannion's proposal could not be considered.

The discussion then ended.

1172 - COUNTY OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council approve the continued temporary employment of David Egan as temporary clerk to the Galway Old Age Pension Committee for a period of six months from 1st December, 1958, to 31st May, 1959, inclusive, with remuneration at the rate already approved."

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION CLR. M. QUINN AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

1173 - HOUSING: Deputy Carty requested that at the Housing Meeting on the 29th instant, particulars be made available of the number of cottages being erected at present, and the number of cottages still remaining to be erected.

Deputy Carty, supported by Deputy Coogan and other members, stated that the Council should record its approval of the excellent effort which has been made to overtake the arrears of work in dealing with housing grants.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that particulars would be made available of a few sample cases in which sites were offered for cottages, the particulars to give the date on which the site was offered, time taken for transfer of the site to the Council, the time taken to advertise for tenders and the time taken to complete the erection of the cottage. Deputy Geoghegan stated that he was referring particularly to the delay in completion of cottages near Flannery Bridge.

1174 - FIRE BRIGADE DIVISIONAL OFFICER: Consideration of Item No. 11 on the Agenda was adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

1175 - CARETAKING OF KINVARA DISPENSARY: On the proposition of Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved remuneration at the rate of £20 a year for the caretaker of Kinvara Dispensary, with effect from 1st October, 1958, this figure to include cleaning, supply of solid fuel and laying fires as well as caretaking (The Council paying the cost of electricity for lights and electric fires).

1176 - ORGANISATION AND METHODS OFFICER: On the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr, the Council approved the making of an allowance to Mr. T. Griffin, Staff Officer at the rate of £100 per annum, plus temporary allowance at the full rate approved from time to time, while he will be engaged on organisation and methods work, and the making of an allowance at the rate of £50 per annum plus temporary allowance at the full rate approved from time to time, for the clerical officer in the County Engineer's Section, who will be acting as Staff Officer while Mr. Griffin is engaged on above work.

1177 - UNDEVELOPED AREAS ACT, 1952: Application and correspondence were submitted and it was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby grant remission in rates in accordance with Section 9 of the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952, to the Finsbury Manufacturing Company Ltd., for their premises in Oughterard for the period of ten years commencing 1st April, 1959."

Clr. J. Ridge proposed that this remission be not given, but this proposal was not seconded.

1178 - MOBILE LIBRARY: The Secretary submitted particulars of the proposal to provide a mobile library - the Unit to cost approximately £1600 and explained that in addition to fuel cost, repairs etc., it would be necessary to employ a driver

assistant, with salary scale £400 to £600 a year approximately.

Deputy Coogan opposed the provision of this Unit, and stated that at present books are being distributed economically by C.I.E. service.

Clr. P. Galvin proposed that the provision of the Mobile Unit be approved, and pointed out that this Unit can serve as a library for small villages and by its use need for a branch library in an area can be ascertained before such branch library would be provided.

Deputy Carty seconded Clr. Galvin's proposal, and stated that the mobile Unit could take the place of eight branch libraries.

This proposal was supported by Deputy Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Sirr, and Clr. Joyce.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Ridge, that consideration of the proposal for the establishment of a branch library be deferred.

The Assistant County Manager stated that there had been complaints of the delay in changing books at branch libraries and centres; that considerable expenditure is involved in the establishment of a branch library and the use of the mobile unit would ensure that such branches would not be established where they would not be necessary; that a delivery van for distribution of books is essential, and the increased cost of the mobile unit is not very much greater than that of the delivery van.

Clr. John Mannion considered that Branch Librarians who are performing their duties properly should be able to send books in frequently under the present arrangements.

The County Manager endorsed the statements made by the Assistant County Manager.

Clr. Wall pointed out that the proposal need not necessarily involve an increase in the rate, as the total amount provided for the library service is that determined by the Council at the Estimates Meeting.

Clr. King stated that the proposal could result in a saving compared with the alternative of establishing branch libraries.

A vote taken resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Clrs. Burke, Carty, Collins, Dowd, Galvin, Geoghegan, Joyce, Feeney, Killilea, King, Kitt, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ruane James, Sirr and Wall - 17.

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Glynn, Mannion John and Ridge - 6.

The Chairman declared Clr. Galvin's proposal carried.

DEPUTY M. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1179 - INISHBOFFIN HARBOUR:** Letter of 30th October, 1958, from the County Manager to the Department of Lands was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. John Mannion, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council approved the expenditure of £100 on removal of a bank of shingle on the south side of Inishboffin Pier, so as to make some improvement to the entrance channel.

Clr. Joyce stated that the local people consider that the erection of a wing to the pier would prevent the accumulation of sand.

Clr. John Mannion recommended that a little work be done in clearing this accumulation every year.

Deputy Geoghegan suggested that the shingle recovered be offered for sale to the Office of Public Works.

**1180 - ROADS MEETING, 1958:** It was decided that the Roads Estimate Meeting would be held on Saturday, 13th December, 1958; that the Consultative Health Committee Meeting be held on Monday, 15th December, 1958, and that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 29th December, 1958.

**1181 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - MEDICAL STAFF:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the proposal that the establishment of Junior House Surgeons-Physicians at the Galway Regional Hospital be increased by two, and that there be a corresponding decrease in the number of intern doctors approved for that Institution.

**1182 - RE-NAMING OF GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** Deputy Carty stated that the Medical Staff at the Regional Hospital recommend that the name of the hospital be altered to "Galway Regional and University Hospital" or some other name which will

incorporate the word "University"; that it is considered that the adoption of this recommendation would enhance the status of the hospital as well as improving chances of obtaining employment in outside countries by doctors trained in the hospital.

The County Manager stated that he would consider this recommendation.

**1183 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS:** Deputy Coogan requested information in regard to the amount £10,000 alleged to be due to the Council by Mayo County Council. He stated that he considered it wrong that there should be a waiting list of county Galway patients, while patients from Mayo are being admitted to the hospital.

The County Manager stated that it is not a fact that any acute case from County Galway is awaiting admission to the Galway Regional Hospital, and explained that most of the Mayo cases being referred to the hospital by doctors residing near the border of the county; that in some cases the patients obtain admission to the hospital by the subterfuge of residing for some time with friends in County Galway.

The Assistant County Manager explained that patients within the appropriate eligible class who prepared to pay part of the cost of their treatment in hospital are entitled to exercise their choice of hospital, even though they are not resident in the county Galway; that approximately £3,000 of the amount due has been recovered and that the question of recovering the balance is still the subject of correspondence with Mayo.

**1184 - QUARRIES:** Consideration of Item No: 18 on the Agenda was adjourned until the Roads Estimate Meeting - which will be a Committee Meeting of the Galway County Council.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Clr. Flaherty that the Press be admitted to the Roads Estimate Meeting.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Deputy Killilea, that the Press be not admitted to the Roads Estimate Meeting.

It was pointed out that it would not be convenient for the Press representatives to attend a meeting on 13th prox. and the matter was not pressed further.

**1185 - RATE COLLECTOR - NO: 9 COLLECTION DISTRICT:**

The Secretary reported that Mr. Michael Mulryan, Rate Collector for No: 9 District, is absent owing to illness since 7th November, 1958, and will be absent up to 31st December, 1958.

On the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the appointment of Mrs. Christina Mulryan of Kiltulla, Cranmore - Mr. Michael Mulryan's wife - as Deputy Rate Collector for No: 9 District, during the period from 7th November, 1958, to 31st December, 1958, inclusive.

**1186 - BRIDGE AT MVEENISH, CARRA:** In response to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's Report of 22/11/58 was submitted, giving the estimated cost of the improvement of the causeways to Mveenish Island as £3,500, and it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, and resolved:

"That the Minister for the Gaeltacht be requested to make a grant available for the cost of this work".

**1187 - ENGINEERING STAFF:** The Chairman stated he considered that this item (19 (b) on the Agenda) should be deferred until the Roads Estimate Meeting.

The County Manager suggested that consideration of this matter should be deferred until the new County Engineer will have taken up duty, and will have an opportunity to consider the Engineering Establishment. The County Manager also requested that in the meantime Deputy Killilea and the other Councillors submitting the Notice of Motion would state the reasons why they consider that the time is opportune for reduction in the Engineering Service, as in fact the volume of work being performed by that Department has increased considerably; that the Council had already deferred a proposal to appoint an additional temporary Engineer for the Clifden District and to replace an existing temporary Engineer by a permanent Officer, and that therefore it is unlikely that it would be possible to reduce further the existing permanent establishment of Engineers.

It was decided to defer consideration of this item until some time subsequent to the date on which the new County Engineer will take up duty.

**1188 - RURAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - ROADS:** It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, and seconded by Clr. Wall, that the Council agree that where the local people contribute and get a grant under the Rural Improvements Scheme for a road work, and put the road into a good state of repair so as to satisfy the County Engineer and to comply with the 1953 Act, as regards width, etc., the Council shall take over the road and maintain it.

This proposal was supported by Clrs.

Sirr and Galvin.

The County Manager pointed out that if the road is one of general public utility, the Council already has the right under the Local Government Act, 1953, to declare it a public road, irrespective of whether a Rural Improvements Scheme has or has not been obtained for the road - but that it is necessary that every such road should be considered individually; that the object of the Rural Improvements Scheme is to improve roads which could not legally be taken over by the Council.

The County Engineer's Report of November, 1958, was submitted, in which it was pointed out that the rapid deterioration of roads reconstructed under the Rural Improvements Scheme is mostly due to the fact that such roads are not sealed by a surface-dressing, and thus cannot resist weather and traffic; that the County Engineer considered that the life of such roads would be greatly increased if, during the fixing of the grant, an allowance was made for surface-dressing to be carried out by the County Council.

Deputy Kitt pointed out that in the past when the Council has proposed that such roads be taken over, the County Engineer has invariably submitted an Estimate showing that it would cost £2,000 or more to put the road in order before taking it over for maintenance.

It was then proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded

by Clr. Sirr and resolved:

"That the principle of this motion be accepted by the Council - each road to be considered on its merits and individually".

**1189 - ROAD FROM KILBANNON CROSS:** It was decided to adjourn to the Roads Estimate Meeting, consideration of Notice of Motion No: 19 (d).

**1190 - NEW ROADS £7,500:** It was proposed by Clr. P. Sirr and seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty, that the road from Thomas Maloney's house, Moate, to Curtnadieve, Main Road, known as Moate Avenue, be taken over by the Council for maintenance and that one-third of the balance, £650 available in the current year's estimate for the Tuam Electoral Area be devoted to reconstruction of this road.

A vote was taken on this proposal, resulting as follows:

**FOR:** Clrs. Burke, Carty, Coogan, Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Feeney, Killiken, Kitt, Mannion Martin, Ruane James, Sirr and Wall - 14.

**AGAINST:** Nil.

Clr. King, who was also present when the division was taken, did not vote.

The proposal was declared carried.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Clr. Wall and resolved, that the Cloonkeen-Abbert road be taken over by the Council for maintenance, and that the amount available in the current year's estimate, viz., two-thirds of £650, be devoted to its improvement.

In regard to these new roads to be improved out of the amount £7,500 provided in the Estimate, it was decided that it be left to the County Engineer to decide whether all the money shall be expended on a small section of the road, or whether a little work be done over the entire road in each case.

**1191 - ROAD FROM TUAM ROAD TO BALLYBRIT RACECOURSE ENTRANCE:** Clr. T. King requested that the County Engineer would report on the cost of widening the carriageway and surface-dressing the additional width of this section of road, which is approximately half-mile in length.

**1192 - RUSSELLTOWN BRIDGE:** In response to Clr. W. Burke's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 21/11/58 was submitted, stating that it is intended to advertise both Castlemoyle and Russeltown Bridges together and to have one Resident Engineer in charge of the two jobs; that Castlemoyle has been approved and that Russeltown proposal has been held up pending agreement with the Department of Local

Government on certain details; that the Department's sanction to the Russeltown work is expected in the near future, on receipt of which an advertisement will be issued.

**1193 - WATER AND SEWERAGE FOR TUAM COTTAGES:** It was proposed by Clr. Burke and seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, that £40 free grant be given to tenants of Labourers' cottages for installation of water and sewerage services in or around the town of Tuam.

The Assistant County Manager explained that proposals for provision of these services to cottages in various towns in the county have been under consideration already, but that there has not been any reasonable response by the tenants to the request that they contribute towards portion of the cost; that if the tenants respond in sufficient numbers the proposal as in the Notice of Motion could be considered.

Clr. King stated that it would cost little to extend the service to eight or nine cottages in Headford, as the main is already extended to the new cottage scheme.

Clr. James Ruane stated that five years ago certain tenants in Atheny had agreed to an increase in their rent, but that the services had not been provided for them.

The Assistant County Manager stated that if the cottages were vested they would be eligible for sewerage grants in cases where a main sewer is not available.

On the proposal of Deputy Carty, it was eventually agreed to adhere to the previous recommendation that water and sewerage services be extended to the cottages in Headford, Gort, Loughrea and Tuam; that the tenants be permitted to connect with the mains at their own expense; and that two-thirds of the cost of such connection (based on the County Engineer's Estimate) be paid by the Council to the tenants when the work has been carried out to the Engineer's satisfaction.

**1194 - DANGEROUS BENDS AT CASTLETOWN, TULLINDALY:** In response to Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that this work is being included in the Main Road Improvements for next year, and will be brought before the Council at the Roads Estimates Meeting.

Deputy Killilea recommended that the improvement of two further dangerous bends on the same road be also considered.

**1195 - ROAD SIGNS:** Clr. King recommended that a warning sign be erected at Headford where the road from Greenfields enters the town.

**1196 - WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL:** In response to Notice of Motion by Deputies Carty and Geoghegan, the County Manager stated that the Department of Health is still endeavouring to get some religious order to take over this Institution as a home for mentally deficient children.

Deputy Geoghegan and other Councillors referred to the urgent need for such accommodation, and it was requested that further efforts be made to have the Institution taken over for this purpose.

**1197 - PUBLIC LIGHTING:** On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the proposal to provide six public lights at Knocknacarra, Galway, at a cost of £200. 20 0. for installation, plus the cost of current to be consumed.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the provision of six public lights at Carraroe, at a cost of £168. 10. 0. for installation plus the cost of current to be consumed.

**1198 - KNOCKNACARRA WATER SUPPLY:** Deputy Coogan requested that he be informed of the position in regard to the extension of the watermain at Knocknacarra, Galway.

**1199 - KILLINOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** In reply to Deputy Carty's Notice of Motion, the County Manager explained that the contractor claimed that he had made an error when submitting his tender, and that an agreement could not be come to between himself and the Consulting Engineer as to the amount of the tender, it was decided that he be permitted to withdraw, and that a further advertisement inviting tenders will be issued.

**1200 - GLENAMADY OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Deputy Carty and resolved:

"That Mr. Joseph Freney, Lisheenahelita, be appointed a member of Glenamaddy Old Age Pension Sub-Committee."

1201 - ROAD AT CLOUGH, CUMMER: In connection with Clr. Feeney's Notice of Motion, No: 19 (k) (1) a deputation attended and addressed the meeting, stressing the urgency for improvement of the road connecting the Galway-Tuam road through the townland of Clough to Cumer Monastery. It was decided that consideration of this item would be adjourned until the next Road Works Estimate Meeting.

1202 - PUMP AT MIRAH, TURLOUGHMORE: In connection with Clr. Feeney's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that the pump at Mirah, Turloughmore, is being repaired.

1203 - PUMP AT DEERPARK, TURLOUGHMORE: In connection with Clr. Feeney's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's Notice of Motion was submitted, stating that the cost of this work is £10 and that he intends having it carried out as the proposal is reasonable and practical.

1204 - RESOLUTIONS: A resolution from the National Fishermen's Organisation, Dublin, calling on the Government to extend the Irish Fishing Limits to twelve miles was submitted and was marked "read".

1205 - SYMPATHY: Votes of Sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-  
The wife and family of the late Mr. Michael Howly, Dunmore.  
The relatives of the late Mr. James Curley, Mayor of Boston, U.S.A.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Michael Carby  
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TO CONSIDER:

1. Labourers' Acts (Cottages).
2. Housing Grants.
3. Housing Loans.
4. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL (HOUSING) MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,  
ON SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 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, Clrs. Glynn, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, SIRR and Wall.

1 - LABOURERS' ACTS: The Secretary gave particulars of the position in regard to the provision of new cottages:-

	Serviced.	Unserviced.	TOTAL.
Built	110	211	321.
In Progress		17	17.
Tenders accepted (work not commenced)		2	2
Tenders Invited		15	15
Sites being transferred by Co. Solicitor		22	22
Further Sites Acquired	16 (Tuam)	-	16
Sites being selected by Co. Engineer		60	60
Sites selected and approved by C.E. & C.M.O.		5	5
Applicants approved by C.M.O.		5	5
Recent applications received - being investigated		14	14
Other cottages required:			
Invara 5)			
Athenry 5)	10	-	10
	138	349	487.

Deputy Geoghegan referred to an investigation by Department Inspector of the Housing needs of applicants for cottages for which tenders have already been sought, viz., at Kylesalia and Roundstone. Deputy Geoghegan considered that when the Council had decided to provide cottages, and when the applicants are still available, the cottages should be provided by direct labour if the tender obtained is too high, and that it should not be necessary to refer the matter again to the Department of Local Government.

The Assistant County Manager explained that when the proposal to provide the cottages has been approved by the Department of Local Government, the County Council is entitled to proceed with the provision of the cottages, but that there is a thorough examination of the applications before the Department approves a Scheme; that in order to make a direct labour scheme economic, it would be necessary to provide a large number of cottages simultaneously in the same area. The Assistant County Manager explained that the introduction of a trades-contract system is now being considered, whereby the Council will supply the material and tenders will be invited for the erection of the cottages.

Deputies Geoghegan and Carty spoke in favour of the proposed trades-contract scheme. Clr. King objected to the practice of rejecting a satisfactory contractor whose tender is slightly higher than that of another contractor, and he referred to the very long delay in providing a second cottage at Tomahulla.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, explained that the second cottage in this case had been cancelled, but Clr. King maintained that even recently there has been an application for a cottage in this area.

The Assistant County Manager stated that introduction of the trades-contract system is being considered for the western part of the county, in which it is difficult to obtain tenders for erection of cottages; that the number of cottages to be provided in the eastern part of the county is approximately 24.

On being informed by the Assistant County Manager that it is intended to proceed with a scheme of 10 houses at Tuam, Clr. James Donnellan stated that 10 houses would not be sufficient and proposed that 16 cottages be provided there.

Clr. John Mannion stated that several years ago a site was obtained for a cottage at Derryrimla, but that the cottage has not yet been provided.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, stated that a tender for erection of this cottage has been obtained and has now been sent for sanction.

Clr. Collins also complained of the long delay in provision of cottages.

Clr. Galvin recommended that the trades-contract system be extended to all parts of the county.

Clr. Ridge requested that he be informed of the position in regard to the provision of a cottage for Mr. Tom Toole, Carraroe.

Clr. Ruane stated that recently there were fourteen applicants for a vacant cottage in Athenry; that a site was obtained over three years ago and that at least twelve houses should be provided.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, stated that it is intended that a scheme of five cottages will be provided in Athenry, and Clr. Ruane requested that the remaining applications be re-investigated.

Clr. Burke stated that there is a need for much more than ten houses in Tuam; that he is aware of one applicant who is residing in a room in St. Joseph's Park, and has been so residing for a year; Clr. Burke considered that 20 houses should be provided at Tuam.

The County Manager drew attention to the high cost of providing cottages, and stated that it would be very bad policy for the Council to provide cottages up to the full extent of the applications received.

The Assistant County Manager explained that the Council has authority to proceed immediately with the provision of ten houses at Tuam, which can be done without prejudice to the introduction of a future scheme for additional houses, if necessary.

Clr. Canning requested that he be informed of the position in regard to provision of a cottage at Coole and a cottage at Rossmore for applicants named White and Minogue.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, stated that the plot for Mr. White's cottage is at present being transferred to the Council by the County Solicitor.

Clr. King objected to the practice of building several cottages in little towns where employment is not available for the tenants, and he proposed that the second cottage be provided at Tomahulla, as it is needed there.

Clr. Martin Mannion requested that a fence be provided on a cottage plot at Carrowtober.

Clr. John Mannion stated that the lack of a fence for a cottage plot at Renvyle is causing much hardship to the tenant.

Mr. Cullinan stated that the provision of this fence was not included in the contract, but that the fence would be provided by the Council's staff as soon as possible.

Clr. John Dowd stated that three or four cottages are needed at Clonfert, and that a site for these cottages may be obtained from a Mr. Cudiffe; he referred particularly to the application made by Mr. Thomas Colohan.

Clr. P. Ruane referred to the need for a cottage at Glenmore; that no tender had been received in response to the advertisement, but that a contractor who

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is engaged on erection of other cottages in the vicinity would be prepared to build the cottage at Glenmore.

The Assistant County Manager stated in reply to an enquiry by Deputy Geoghegan that the cottages at Kylealia and Roundstone would be provided under the trades-contract system.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Deputy Geoghegan referred to an applicant for a cottage, whose house has been condemned, and who was making a site available on his own land and stated that this applicant had recently been offered the tenancy of a cottage at Leenane, which is ten miles distant from his holding.

The Assistant County Manager explained that since the cottage in Leenane would not suit the applicant, he will not be required to go there.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that there are vacant houses for sale on Aran Islands which would suit applicants for cottages there, and he recommended that a survey of these vacant houses be made.

Deputy Geoghegan referred to the urgent need for provision of a cottage for a family in Kilmurvey.

Clr. Wall was informed by Mr. Doyle that there is one application for a cottage in Ballygar. Clr. Wall recommended that the Council, when acquiring a site, would acquire sufficient land to enable a further cottage to be provided later if needed.

The County Manager stated that of the cottages still to be provided, many of the applications were received recently; that having regard to the unavoidable delay in obtaining sites, reasonable progress has been made with provision of the houses required.

Deputy Carty, Chairman, pointed out that three out of every four applicants have been housed, and that the exceptional delay occurred only in a few isolated cases.

Clr. John Donnellan complained of the delay in preparing a vesting scheme which would enable tenants to have their cottages vested and to seek a grant for improvement.

The County Manager stated that the housing section has been over-burdened with housing grants work and has been unable to prepare the necessary vesting scheme.

2 - HOUSING GRANTS: Deputy Kitt considered that the scheme for housing grants should be resumed, and that a scheme should be prepared for issue of reconstruction loans.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Flaherty, the Chairman stated that the applicants will be entitled to the higher grant authorised by the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, if it is shown that the work commenced after 30th June, 1958.

The County Manager read a statement of the position in regard to issue of housing grants, showing that the total number of applications received was 6,557; that grants had been allocated to 4,718 applicants; that 321 applications had been refused, and that 1,518 applications are still on hands.

The statement showed that the total amount required to meet all applications received would be £46,452; that the loans already sanctioned amounted to £673,000 and that the amount of grants actually paid to date was £541,108.

The Chairman pointed out that as a result of the increased valuation placed on the new and reconstructed houses, the Council will eventually and permanently be obtaining an increased revenue on the rates on these houses.

Deputy Kitt proposed that the housing grants scheme be resumed with effect from 1st July, 1958.

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The County Manager pointed out that there would be difficulty in dealing with a flood of new applications before disposing of the applications already on hands.

The Chairman suggested that new applications should not be considered until the start of the next financial year, even though the scheme would be resumed from, say, 1st July, 1958.

Clr. Collins considered that the Council should not consider re-introducing the Housing Grants Scheme until all applications already received would have been disposed of. Clr. Collins complained that the Valuation Office does not discriminate between the valuation placed on a new house situated on a holding of bad land and the valuation of a new house situated on a holding of good land. He stated that this practice causes hardship to the occupant of the house on the poor holding.

Clr. John Mannion agreed with Clr. Collins' complaint.

Deputy Killilea stated that the valuation is not always a criterion of the value of a holding of land.

Clr. King stated that he would not agree that consideration of new applications for supplementary grants should be deferred until all existing applications would have been dealt with.

Clr. King seconded Clr. Kitt's proposal that the supplementary housing grants scheme be re-introduced with effect from 1st July, 1958.

It was decided unanimously that the housing grants schemes be resumed with effect from 1st July, 1958, the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, to apply to new applications received from 1st July, 1958, inclusive, in respect of houses, the work on which was commenced after 30th June, 1958.

It was also decided unanimously that:-

- (a) Applications for supplementary grants received by the Council during period from 1st April, to 30th June, 1958, inclusive, shall be considered.
- (b) That where the certificate of approval is for a date prior to 1st July, 1958, the old scale of grants and the old scale of means will apply.
- (c) That the following shall be the scale of means for supplementary grants for new houses, the work on which commenced after 1st July, 1958, and the application for which supplementary grant was received on or after that date:-
  - (1) Not exceeding £512 a year - Full amount of Government Grant.
  - (2) Exceeding £512, but not exceeding £416 a year - 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of Government Grant.
  - (3) Exceeding £416, but not exceeding £469 a year - 50% of Government Grant.
  - (4) Exceeding £469, but not exceeding £520 a year - 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of Government Grant.
  - (5) Exceeding £520 a year - Nil.
- (d) Valuation Scale for supplementary reconstruction grants and supplementary sanitary services grants:-
  - (1) <sup>Not</sup> Exceeding £12. 10. 0. Valuation - Full amount of Government Grant.
  - (2) Exceeding £12. 10. 0. but not exceeding £25 valuation - 75% of Government Grant.
  - (3) Exceeding £25 but not exceeding £50 Valuation - 50% of Government Grant.
  - (4) Exceeding £50 Valuation - Nil.

Income scale to be related to the valuation scale above, up to the limit £520, which shall be taken as equivalent to £60 valuation.

(e) Repair and Improvement Grants:-

The maximum grant to be increased from £80 to £100 from 1st July, 1958.

The supplementary grant of £100 should be paid to applicants receiving a State grant of £140; where the State Grant is less than £140, the supplementary grant shall be five-sevenths of the State Grant.

3 - LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION: On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, the Council unanimously requested that a scheme providing for issue of housing loans for reconstruction, in accordance with the terms of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, be prepared.

4 - MISCELLANEOUS: Clr. Glynn stated that he would supply particulars of two cases each of less than £5 valuation of land, who made application for cottages and were refused.

Clr. Wall pointed out that a long delay in payment of housing grants upsets traders who have supplied material to the applicants; that periodical suspension of the grant schemes would help the traders as the flow of grant allocations and payments would be more steady.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that a protest be made against the practice of the Gaeltacht Housing Department in issuing grant notifications in the form of lists at rare intervals, instead of individually.

Clr. Burke requested that re-consideration be given to the case of an applicant who was not paid his State Grant because he was not residing in the house for which the grant was allocated.

5 - CARETAKER, PORTER AND CLEANERS: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council unanimously approved the granting of increases in remuneration related to the increase granted to road workers in the Galway Borough Area to:

Mr. P. O'Brien, Caretaker, Co. Buildings - Increase of 8/6d. per week from 16th December, 1957, inclusive.

Mr. E. Griffin, Porter, County Library - Increase of 8/6d. per week from 16th December, 1957, inclusive.

Mr. C. Joyce, Cleaner, Co. Buildings. )  
Mrs. W. Joyce, Cleaner, Co. Buildings. ) - Increase 4/3d. per week from  
Mrs. B. Grane, Cleaner, Galway Courthouse) 16th December, 1957, inclusive.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Michael Carr 29/xii/58.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

5th December, 1958.

To:  
Each Member of the Council.

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ROADS MEETING.

You are requested to attend a Committee Meeting of the entire Galway County Council which will be held at the Galway County Buildings, on Saturday, 13th December, 1958, commencing at 12.30.p.m.

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L. O. LUANAIGH.

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A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Hearing a deputation regarding the road from Loughrea via Cloonoo and Boherduff to Ballymana Church.
2. The County Engineer's report and Estimate for Road Works for the year ending 31st March, 1960.
3. Councillors' Proposals, viz:-
  - (a) Clr. W. Burke: "That road leading from Millon Brook through Cloondroon Cloonreine to Ballindine be declared a County Road."
  - (b) Clr. W. Burke:
    1. "That Road leading from Tuam to Milltown through the village of Clashaganny and Parkroe on to the Milltown Kiloonly road be declared a public road.
    2. That road leading from Kilbannon to Woodway be declared a Public Road.
    3. That road leading from Milltown to Kiloonly through the village of Granons on to Belmont Road be taken over and declared a public road."
  - (c) Clr. P. Collins:
    1. "I will move at the Roads Meeting that the steep hill on the Corgary road be put in order so that a large number of farmers can get to their lands. For the Engineer's information this road leads from the Babers Road to the Fair Hill Road, all mentioned roads on county roads.
  - (d) Clr. J. Dowd: "That the Canal Bridge at Kylemore, Laurencetown, be improved."
  - (e) Clr. J. Dowd: "I will propose that the County Council take over and repair and declare the Belvue Road to be a public road and that this road be the main road between Laurencetown and Kiltormer which is about one mile shorter than the existing main road."

3. (f) Clr. T. Feeney: "That the road connecting the Galway-Tuam road through the townland of Clough to the Cummer Monastery County Road be declared a public road."
- (g) Clr. J. Flaherty:
1. "I will ask that the road from Castletown Cross Kilkerrin on to Clonbern be steamrolled.
  2. That the road from Clonbern Cross to Cashel be put on the list for steam-rolling."
- (h) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will ask the County Engineer when he proposes to raise the road to prevent flooding on the road leading from Comamona Bridge to Cloughbrack."
- (i) Deputy M. Killilea:
1. "To Repair and reconstruct the road leading from the Dunmore-Claremorris Main Road near Rhattigan's House, through Cloonfane and Guinaltigh to the Garrafrauns-Cloonfad and maintain above afterwards.
  2. To reconstruct and maintain the road through Cloondrone and Clonrairie joining Galway and Mayo Co. Roads."
- (j) Deputy M. Killilea: "I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the road leading from Kilbannon Cross to Kilbannon Church be widened and rolled."
- (k) Deputy M. Killilea:
1. "That taking into consideration the high cost of maintenance of the road leading from the Ballydotic Belclare Co. Road, through Caherhugh to Glenafosha Hill on the Claretuam, Galway main road, the County Council put this road on their five-year plan for rolling and tarring.
  2. That where a school or burial ground is situated on a road not a public road or maintained by the Co. Council, the Council take over and maintain such road or roads."
- (l) Senator R. Lahiffe: "I or some member on my behalf will propose that the grass margin be removed to the walls on both sides of the road, for about 100 yards, from the gate of the cemetery at Kiltomas to allow two cars to pass at that point leading towards Peterswell."
- (m) 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."
- (n) Clr. M. Mammion:
1. "At the next meeting I will propose that the road at the Kilkerrin graveyard be widened for at least a distance of 100 yards.
  2. That a dangerous corner at Killascobe be removed.
  3. To have gullet or pipes put down at point on the Shankill, Cloonmore Co. Road where road is flooded.
  4. To have bridge on Road No: 504 repaired and also dangerous bend removed.
  5. To put road from McGann's Cross to Castletown Cross in the five-year plan.
  6. To have concrete path continued from Gilmore's gate to Fallon's shop Moylough and mound of clay removed.
  7. At the next meeting I will propose that a gullet be put across main road at Doreen Moyne to relieve flooding from road and also adjoining lands."

3. (o) Clr. M. O'Donnell: "I will propose -
- (1) That dangerous bends be removed and road widened from Derrree Cross-Roads to Carraroe.
  - (2) That road leading to Lettermore Garda Barracks be declared a public road.
  - (3) That road between County Road, Lettercallow and Lettercallow road be declared a public road."
- (p) Clr. J. Ridge: "I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that the road into Trabane be made a public road."
- (q) Clr. P. Ruane: "That the corners leading from Corófin road to the Galway Tuam Road be widened as soon as money can be made available."
- (r) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will ask the Co. Council to take over and maintain the road leading to Portocarron, Cughterard, where at present there is a substantial grant being spent by the Rural Improvement Scheme."
- (s) Deputy M.F. Kitt: "I will propose -
1. That County roads Nos: 461: 423: and 464 be put on the five-year plan for steamrolling.
  2. That the very steep portion of hill at Corgary, branch road of 421 be lowered as it is most dangerous.
  3. That the road from Kingstown Pump on "hasoragh-Castlefrench road, Gowla and on to John Ryan's house on Castlefrench Ballyforan Road which has been improved by local contribution and a big Grant from Special Employment Schemes Office under Rural Improvements Scheme, be taken over and maintained as a county road as it is of general public utility."
4. Central and Local Quarries (Minute 1184 of 22/11/1958.)
5. Other Business.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH  
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY,  
15th DECEMBER, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: Doctor B.T. O'Driscoll.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. M.J. Dyar, Dr. C.F. MacCon, Mr. M. Wall, Co.C., Mr. John Mannion,  
Co.C., Deputy M. Carty, Co.C.

Mr. T.M. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, Dr. T.K. White,  
Resident Medical Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff  
Officer, and Mr. L. Leoney, County Secretary.

1 - CHAIRMAN: At the time arranged for the commencement of the meeting, there  
being only three members present, viz., Dr. M.J. Dyar, Dr. D.T. O'Driscoll, and  
Dr. C.F. MacCon, it was proposed by Dr. Dyar, seconded by Dr. MacCon and resolved:  
"That Dr. D.T. O'Driscoll take the Chair."

Dr. O'Driscoll then took the Chair.

2 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th October, 1958,  
having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the  
Chairman.

3 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave particulars of names entered in  
the General Medical Services Register, viz:-

Total Number of Applications received:	20,470.
Total Number granted:	18,314.
Number refused:	1,790.
Number under consideration:	366.
Number of cards current now:	17,416.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	54,172.

Dr. Dyar suggested that the lists of card holders  
which are issued to the District Medical Officers might give particulars of the  
number of persons covered by each card issued.

The Assistant County Manager explained that this  
would involve a good deal of extra work which is scarcely necessary, as fairly  
accurate estimate of the number of persons covered by the cards issued can be  
obtained by multiplying the number of cards by 3.1.

Dr. Dyar referred to the arrangement for granting  
District Medical Officers a half-day of study leave in each fortnight to enable  
them to attend a course of studies in Dublin.

Dr. Dyar pointed out that a half-day is of no use  
to doctors whose district is far distant from Dublin, and that in such cases a full  
day's leave would be necessary.

Dr. Dyar stated that there are 1000 cases on the  
dental waiting list for adults which is kept at the Galway Regional Hospital, and  
he considered that the situation could be relieved by availing of the services of  
local dentists.

Dr. White, R.M.S. stated that he had recommended  
additional sessions for the permanent dentist to be appointed, and that this proposal  
is awaiting the approval of the Department of Health.

Clr. Wall asked if it could be arranged that patients  
requiring dental treatment would be called to the hospital at a time which would be  
subsequent to the time at which the bus from their district arrives in Galway, or  
alternatively, if a number of patients could be called from the one area on the same  
day, so that they might travel in one car.

Clr. John Mannion supported Clr. Wall's statement.

Dr. White, R.M.S., explained that dental cases  
requiring an Anaesthetic are dealt with in the forenoon; that when any patient, so  
requests a later appointment is made.

Dr. Dyar stated that the ambulance which collects  
children to be taken to clinics at Portiuncula sometimes, due to the delay in

collecting all the children, arrives at Portiuncula Hospital after the dentist has  
departed.

Dr. Dyar again recommended that dental cases not requiring an "anaesthetic,  
should be referred to outside dentists.

It was proposed by Dr. Dyar, seconded by Deputy Carty and resolved:

"That the  
Committee recommend that two representatives of the dental profession be invited to  
attend the next meeting of the Visiting Committee, so that their views may be  
obtained."

4 - DRUGS AND APPLIANCES: Dr. Dyar recommended that an Official Order Book for  
special drugs be made available to District Medical Officers, so that the District  
Medical Officer might list his requirements on one form from this book, leaving it to  
the Council's staff in the County Buildings to issue the separate Orders to the various  
firms who are the official contractors; Dr. Dyar stated that this subject had been  
agreed with the Department of Health.

The Secretary stated that so far as he is aware, a  
notification to that effect had not been received by the Council from the  
Department of Health.

Dr. Dyar stated that he would supply to the Assistant  
County Manager particulars of a case in which an appliance was sought by an old-age  
pensioner; that the cost of the appliance would be £12. 10. 0. and that the  
applicant was informed that it would not be put on order until the cost would be paid  
to the firm in advance, i.e., to Messrs. Surgical Appliances Ltd.

5 - ADMISSION FORMS FOR PATIENTS: Dr. Dyar stated that the form for admission of  
patients to hospital which has been in use for many years is obsolete, and recommended  
that the form be revised, so that it might be somewhat similar to the laboratory  
forms.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the  
outside doctors are not using the laboratory forms in the manner in which it was  
intended that they should be used.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that at the next  
meeting of the Galway Branch of the Irish Medical Association, the doctors would be  
requested to fill in these forms as required.

6 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Dr. Dyar stated that there is a long waiting  
list of patients requiring admission to the Galway Regional Hospital, and that he  
understands that sometimes patients are taken out of their order from this list  
and admitted as a result of representations made by somebody other than the  
patient's doctor.

Dr. Dyar considered that if there was any  
question of priority, it should be on medical grounds only and on the representations  
of the patient's doctor only.

Clr. John Mannion stated that while in fact  
it is rarely done, he considers that the members of the Council have every right  
to make representations for the admission to hospital of a patient whose name is  
already on the waiting list as a result of an application by the patient's doctor.

The Assistant County Manager stated that  
a patient in urgent need of treatment has never been refused admission to the  
Regional Hospital, and Dr. Dyar agreed that that is the position.

7 - GYNAECOLOGIST: In response to Dr. Dyar's request, the Assistant County Manager  
gave particulars of the Conditions of Appointment of the Gynaecologist at the  
Galway Regional Hospital.

Dr. Dyar stated that when this position was created, the  
Council understood that it would be a whole-time post and that the person appointed  
would not have the right to perform operations anywhere outside the Galway  
Regional Hospital or some other Institution under the Council's control.

Dr. Dyar asked if in fact the Gynaecologist is allowed to  
operate in, for instance, Calvary Hospital or St. Bride's Hospital.

The Assistant County Manager, while pointing out that this is  
primarily a function of the County Manager rather than of the County Council,  
read the appropriate paragraph in the Conditions of Appointment of the Gynaecologist.  
The Assistant County Manager stated that it had not been  
intimated to the Council that there had been any departure from the Conditions of  
Appointment and that if there is any such intimation, it must be related to a  
specific case.

8 - MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary stated that the number of Maternity Grants approved for payment since 1st April, 1958, was 1201 and that the number of doctors and midwives who had completed agreements for provision of maternity services was unchanged since the previous meeting.

9 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave particulars of applications for disablement allowances received, viz:-

Total Number of Applications Received:	3,190.
Number of Applications Granted:	1,506.
Number of Applications refused:	1,605.
Number being dealt with:	79.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Wall, the Assistant County Manager explained that possession of a general medical services card does not of itself entitle an applicant to receive a disablement allowance.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. John Mannion, the Assistant County Manager explained that where an applicant for home assistance is already in receipt of a Disablement Allowance, the first 10/- a week of the latter allowance is ignored in considering the applicant's eligibility for home assistance.

On the proposal of Clr. John Mannion, the Committee recommended that when an applicant for a Disablement Allowance is already in receipt of home assistance, that applicant, if eligible for the Disablement Allowance should be paid at the full rate of £1 per week.

Clr. John Mannion stated that he would send to the Assistant County Manager, particulars of one case of which he is aware, in which the applicant was already in receipt of home assistance and is not receiving the full £1 per week disablement allowance.

10 - PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES: Dr. O'Driscoll referred to a recommendation made at a previous meeting of the Committee, and again recommended that the District Medical Officers be allowed to carry out the polio vaccination scheme.

Dr. O'Driscoll referred to the difficulty arising in a case in which an expectant mother, who is entitled to the service free of charge, seeks polio vaccination through the existing Council's Scheme; that in view of the unavoidable delay entailed the vaccination is not provided until long after the occasion on which it was needed.

The Assistant County Manager stated that this is a new scheme, and for the present the Department is not prepared to depart from the arrangements made; that the Committee's views have been conveyed to the Department, and that it is quite possible that the scheme might be modified in this manner eventually.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

12th December, 1958.

To:  
Each Member of the Council.

ROADS MEETING.

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Please note that the Roads Estimate Meeting which was summoned for 13th instant has, after consultation with the Chairman, been postponed until Saturday, 20th December, 1958, in respect to the memory of His Excellency, Most Reverend Alberto Levane, Papal Nuncio, and of the late Mr. Michael Newell, a former member of the Council.

The Roads Meeting on 20th instant will commence at 12.30.p.m.

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MINUTES OF ROADS ESTIMATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1958.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Deputy M. Carty,  
(2) Clr. M. Quinn.  
(3) Deputy M.F. Kitt.

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

1 - ROAD FROM LOUGHREA TO BOHERDUFF TO BALLYMANA: Mr. Finn and Mr. Buckley, members of the deputation introduced by the Chairman, spoke on the bad condition of this road, which has been on the Five-Year Plan for a number of years, and the members of the deputation requested that work on the road would be started as quickly as possible.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, pointed out, as explained in his report of the 4th December, 1958, that this road runs between two existing main roads, viz., that from Loughrea to Galway, and that from Loughrea to Gort, and that there are reconstructed roads connecting the road in question with the two main roads mentioned above.

While agreeing that the route from Loughrea to Ballymana is an important one, the Acting County Engineer would not agree that it should be given priority during the coming year.

After further discussion, during which the Chairman, Deputy Carty and Clr. Lambert supported the request made by the Deputation, the Acting County Engineer agreed that provided the Reconstruction Grants for County Roads will be available in the coming year to the same extent as in the current year, he will endeavour to have one mile of the Loughrea-Ballymana road reconstructed during the coming financial year.

The Deputation thanked the Council and then withdrew.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

2 - ROADS ESTIMATE, 1959/60: The Acting County Engineer's Report and Estimate of 10th December, 1958, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

In regard to new works proposals, Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, suggested that the Council should not undertake any further new road works during the coming year, until they will have completed those which have already been taken over.

Deputy Carty stated that as shown in the Acting County Engineer's Report £5,700 will be required to complete the works on the new roads taken over during the current year; that a further £9,300 would be required to provide £300 for each of the 31 members.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that a total sum of £15,000 be provided for New Road Works in the current year, this sum including the sum of £5,700 required to complete the roads already taken over.

This proposal was supported by Clr. SIRR.

Clr. Collins considered that a still greater amount of the grant for reconstruction of roads should be switched from Main Roads to County Roads.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that he would not agree that any sum made available for new road works in the current year, should be devoted to completion of the roads taken over last year, rather than to the improvement of new roads to be taken over.

Clr. King considered that the amount £5,700 should be included in the Maintenance Estimate rather than as new works.

Clr. King proposed and Deputy Geoghegan seconded, that a sum of £9,300 be made available for new road works for the year 1959/60.

Deputy Kitt proposed and Deputy Carty seconded, that a sum of £7,750 be made available for new road works in the year 1959/60, i.e., £250 for each member of the Council.

Clr. King withdrew his proposal in favour of that made by Deputy Kitt. Clr. King recommended that where, in the County Engineer's view,

it would be useless to spend the sum of £250 on a road, two or more members should combine and pool their monies so as to do an effective job on some road in their area.

Clr. John Mannion proposed that the Council do not provide any monies for new road works for the year 1959/60. This proposal was not seconded, and it was then resolved that the Council shall provide £7,750 for new road works in the year 1959/60.

The County Manager stated that the Council should, before the Estimates Meeting, which will be held in February, 1959, decide on the particular roads which shall be improved out of the amount £7,750.

Clr. Wall stated that he considered that the Engineering Staffs submit inflated Estimates for reconstruction of County Roads, e.g., an Estimate of £1700 for reconstruction of one mile of County Road; in view of this Clr. Wall stated that it would not be feasible to do as the County Manager suggests.

The County Manager suggested that the monies provided for new road works should be devoted to roads in, say, two electoral areas in each year.

Mr. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, objected to Clr. Wall's statement regarding estimates for road improvement works, and pointed out that the Engineers are only concerned with having a good job done on the road taken over.

Deputy Carty stated that he is aware of one case in which two estimates submitted for the same road at different times differed widely.

Deputy Carty stated that the Office of Public Works would give grants for improvement of roads if the Commissioners of Public Works were assured that the Council would then take over the maintenance of the roads; Deputy Carty suggested that before the Estimates Meeting, Councillors for each area would meet and come to agreement with regard to the works to be done in each area and for which such grants might be obtained from the Office of Public Works.

Clr. John Donnellan referred to a road which is on the Five-Year Plan and on which a bridge is now being reconstructed by the Office of Public Works, and stated that the reconstructed bridge will probably be too narrow for the improved road.

The Acting County Engineer stated that he is aware of this case and has been in communication with the Office of Public Works who will probably make the bridge as wide as will be necessary.

Clr. John Dowd stated that when a road which connects two existing main roads provides a short-cut, this connecting road should be maintained by the Council.

Clr. Hanley considered that if the reconstruction of main and county roads is continued on such an elaborate scale, there will not be sufficient funds available for carrying out the necessary improvement work on small minor roads.

Clr. King considered the Council should await the result of the General Council's approach to the Government in regard to empowering the Council to contribute to Minor Relief and Rural Improvement Road Schemes.

Clr. Collins considered that the Council should ascertain which road on the Office of Public Works programme could legally be taken over by the Council, and should then consider the making of a contribution for these latter roads.

Deputy Killilea read a letter which he had received from the Office of Public Works to the effect that provided the local contribution is maintained and the Council would be prepared to make a contribution also, the Office of Public Works would be prepared to revise their specification for road works.

At this stage, the meeting was adjourned until 3.p.m. and on resumption,

CLR. M. QUINN AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Clr. King, that the amount provided for Main Roads Maintenance for 1959/60, viz., £103,800 be reduced to the figure for the current year, viz., £98,960.

The County Manager stated that as a result of improved methods, it may be possible to carry out the work with the current year's figures, despite the increase in wages for which provision was not made in the current year's maintenance figure.

Clr. King's recommendation was that the main roads maintenance figure be left as in the current year, but that some increase be given for county road improvements.

Senator Lahiffe stated that the use of the Grader has made the road at Rahasane impassable.

Clrs. Dowd and Collins considered that the Grader does very good work but that it is necessary that the road should be rolled immediately after the Grader has been used on it.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Clr. John Mannion, that the Council approve providing £103,800 for Main Roads Maintenance for 1959/60, i.e., the amount set out in the County Engineer's Estimate.

Clr. O'Donnell recommended that the Main Roads Estimate be reduced, but that the County Roads Estimate be provided as set out in the County Engineer's Estimate.

On a show of hands seven members voted for Deputy Garty's proposal, and twelve members voted for Clr. Flaherty's proposal, and it was therefore decided that the amount to be provided for Main Roads Maintenance for the year 1959/60, shall be £98,960.

The Acting County Engineer pointed out that as a result of this reduction, it will be necessary to reduce the standard of maintenance.

Maintenance of County Roads: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Glynn, that the Council provide the amount set out in the County Engineer's Estimate, viz., £150,660 for the year 1959/60 for County Roads Maintenance.

Clr. King suggested adding £2,000 to this amount, the total amount £152,660 to provide for completion of the improvement of the additional roads taken over in 1958/59.

The Acting County Engineer, Mr. Cullinan, stated that it would not be possible to do this, as two of these roads to be completed, viz., that at Menlo and that at Errislanon are very difficult works.

Clr. Galvin stated that the money spent in maintenance of county roads which have not been reconstructed is wasteful expenditure; that any increase in county roads expenditure should be devoted to improvement of these roads.

Clr. John Mannion disapproved of surfacemen working alone, and recommended the extension of the mobile gang system for maintenance of rolled and tarred roads.

The Acting County Engineer agreed that the mobile gang method is the best and more economical; that as surfacemen retire they are not being replaced; but that it is not so easy to dispense with existing surfacemen who have given many years good service.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Sirr, the County Manager stated that if the strength of a gang is less than eight, the Ganger in charge works with the gang.

Deputy Killilea suggested that the provision for maintenance of county roads be reduced by £10,000, as great savings were promised by the use of machinery which the Council had obtained.

The County Manager in reply stated that while the introduction of machinery had resulted in a considerable saving, there had, at the same time been a very large increase in the rate of wages.

The County Manager suggested that the Council provide the same amount for County Roads Maintenance as in the current year, viz., £145,510.

Clr. T. King suggested that the mileage of main roads be increased so that the Council might avail of the grant for main road maintenance to a greater extent.

The County Manager explained that this mileage could only be increased by sanction of the Minister for Local Government, which had on a previous occasion been sought and refused.

It was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Clr. P. Collins, that £146,160 be provided for county roads maintenance in the year 1959/60, i.e., the same amount as in the current year plus £650 for maintenance of the additional roads taken over.

Clr. Wall stated that what the Council should consider is whether or not it is prepared to increase the rate for all services.

Deputy Killilea proposed that the roads estimate be reduced by 10%.

Deputy Killilea also objected to the manner in which the amount £7,500 was allocated evenly over each area in the current year.

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Deputy Killilea asked where the use of central quarries and machinery has resulted in a saving.

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NA h-ÁBÁIR SEO LEANAS ABREATHÚ:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan £4840 for Derrywee Bridge.
4. Appointment of a Divisional Officer on Galway Fire Brigade in lieu of a driver who has retired.
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6. Extension of period of employment for three Temporary Clerical Officers.
7. Revision of wages of labourers employed on building work in Galway Borough Area.
8. Revision of wages of Foreman on Housing and Sanitary Works in Gort area.
9. Galway Regional Hospital - Expenditure on Maintenance etc. in current year.
10. Galway Fever Hospital - work proposed per County Engineer's letter 27.11.'58.
11. Visiting Committee Minutes.
12. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
  - (a) Senator R. Lahiffe:
    1. "That measures be taken to slow down traffic at junction of Crow Street and The Square, Gort, and that a white line be painted in centre of that junction.
    2. That immediate steps be taken to remedy the persistent flooding at Druminalough.
    3. That the whole question of the differential rents system be reviewed".
  - (b) Clr. John Dowd: "I will propose that the Dept. of Local Government be

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  - (c) Cirs. Garing and Hanley: "That a public latrine will be erected in the vicinity of the Fair Green at Portumna, and that provision for same will be embodied in the Estimates for the coming year. A previous notice of motion brought before the Council in 1957 and recommended by them was not put into effect."
  - (d) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "That the Council go ahead with a pipe water supply for Kilkerrin and avail of the grants given for such schemes in Gaeltacht Areas."
  - (e) Clr. W. Burke: "I will propose at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that a public lavatory be erected at Dunmore."
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  - (g) Clr. James J. Ruane: "At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall ask the Co. Manager to explain why notices to quit have been served on a number of tenants of Council houses at Caheroyan, Athenry, having regard to the fact that the tenants concerned have always promptly paid the rents fixed by the Co. Council and demanded of them by the collector."
  - (h) Clr. M. O'Donnell:
    1. "I will propose that a fountain be provided opposite Lettercallow N.S., Lettermore.
    2. That proper lights be provided for Rossaveal Pier, in view of the fact that present system is not satisfactory."
  - (i) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
    1. "I will ask the Co. Engineer to state why he has not put the pump at Onagh Village into proper repair.
    2. That the Co. Council make provision to cover two wells in Killeaney also, one at the back of Colman Flaherty's house and the other at McDara Joyce's house."
  - (j) Clr. John Flaherty:
    1. "I will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that public sanitary accommodation be provided for in Dunmore without further delay.
    2. I will ask that consideration be given to the extension of the piped Water Supply in Glenamaddy as was promised some years ago."
13. Other Business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1958.

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

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

1206 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting, held on 22nd November, 1958, to 1205 inclusive of Special (Housing) Meeting held on 29th November, 1958, and of Roads Estimate Committee Meeting held on 20th December 1958, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1207 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: It was noted that no claims had been received since the previous meeting.

1208 - LOAN FOR DERRYVEE BRIDGE: It was proposed by Senator Lahiffe, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 18th October, 1958 of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £4840 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of a bridge over the Owendallulleah River at Derryvee West to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

1209 - FIRE BRIGADE DIVISIONAL OFFICER: Consideration of item No: 4 on the Agenda was adjourned.

Deputy Coogan and Clr. SIRR suggested that a man from the ranks be promoted to the position.

1210 - POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION SCHEME: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, and seconded by Clr. SIRR, the Council approved the extension of the creation of the office of temporary Vaccinator (Medical Officer) for the operation of the vaccination against poliomyelitis scheme for a further period of three months from the 1st January, 1959, with remuneration at the scale approved for the office by the Minister for Health.

On the proposition of Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Deputy Carty, it was agreed that the Minister for Health be requested to consider the advisability of District Medical Officers administering the Poliomyelitis Vaccination Scheme.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. O'Donnell the Council approved the extension of the creation of the office of temporary nurse for the operation of the vaccination against poliomyelitis scheme for a further period of three months from 1st January 1959 with remuneration at the scale approved for the office by the Minister for Health.

Deputy Coogan asked why the nurse who was recommended by the Interview Board for appointment under this Scheme and who was notified that she had been appointed was not finally appointed.

The County Manager said that the Minister for Health had refused to sanction her appointment as she had only a good knowledge of Irish whereas another candidate, the nurse whose appointment was sanctioned, had a competent knowledge.

On the proposition of Deputy Carty and seconded by Deputy Coogan it was recommended that in future there should be at least three persons, one of whom had technical knowledge, on Irish examination Interview Boards.

1211 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF: On the proposition of Clr. Flaherty, and seconded by Clr. SIRR, the Council approved the extension of the creation of the following temporary offices:

- (a) Temporary Clerk-Typist for the Poliomyelitis Vaccination Scheme from 3rd December, 1958, to 30th June, 1959, inclusive.

- (b) Temporary Clerical Officer for work in connection with housing grants from 1st October, 1958, to 30th June, 1959, inclusive.
- (c) Temporary Clerical Officer for work in connection with Specialist Clinics at Galway Regional Hospital from 1st October 1958, to 30th June, 1959, inclusive.

1212 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: The following remuneration variations were approved unanimously:-

- (a) On the proposition of Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. King, the wages of labourers and of keymen employed on building work in the Galway Urban Area were increased to 26/- per day and 27/9d. per day respectively as from 1st January, 1959.
- (b) On the proposition of Senator Lahiffe and seconded by Deputy Carty the wage of the foreman employed in the Port Area on Housing and Sanitary Works was increased to 4/4d. per hour as from 9th December, 1958.

1213 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE, 1958/59 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE:

The County Manager's report of the 25th November, 1958 was submitted, stating that the total estimated expenditure on the Galway Regional Hospital maintenance during 1958/59 was £9,905. 11. 8. and that only £6000 had been provided in the estimate of 1958/59 so that there was excess expenditure of £3905. 11. 8. of which sum £2334 would be expended by the County Engineer and the balance was in respect of the contract for the heating of the Fever Hospital. The report added that the Minister for Health was anxious that so far as possible the temporary units and the old Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department be demolished, that the temporary chapel and mortuary be taken down when no longer required and that the temporary Unit near the entrance gate which was used for the accommodation of Medical Staff, be transferred to another part of the site.

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Deputy Coogan requested that a copy of the County Manager's report be circulated to the members of the Council and this was agreed to.

Clr. SIRR suggested that the contract for the demolition of these buildings should be advertised for public tender.

The County Manager told Clr. John Donnellan that he thought the Council was committed to the contractors on the site for this demolition work similar to their obligations regarding the demolition of the old Central Hospital and he informed Clr. Burke that the Quantity Surveyor determined whether the present contractor's price was reasonable or not.

Clr. Ridge thought it would be more profitable for the Council if people were allowed to come in and bid for the buildings to be demolished.

Eventually it was decided to defer consideration of the demolition of these buildings to a future meeting of the Council.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

1214 - FEVER BLOCK, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The Acting County Engineer's report of the 27th November, 1958, was submitted recommending the following works at the Fever Block, Galway Regional Hospital:-

- (a) The overhaul of the cold water service pipe work at an estimated cost of £185.
- (b) The connection of six towel rails to the hot water system at a cost of £20 each or a total of £120.

On the proposition of Clr. King and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan the Council approved the execution of the proposed works and the provision of the necessary funds.

1215 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The minutes of meeting of Visiting Committee held at St. Mary's Home, Tuam, on 1st December, 1958, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted.

**1216 - JUNCTION OF CROW STREET AND THE SQUARE, GORT:** In reply to Senator Laffie's Notice of Motion, the Chief Assistant County Engineer said that "Drive Slowly" signs were in course of erection, but to paint white lines at the junction might prove a greater hazard. He added that a scheme was being prepared for the place and would be completed shortly.

**1217 - FLOODING AT DRUMINALOUGH, GORT:** The Chief Assistant Co. Engineer said that he would investigate Senator Laffie's suggestion to control the river and so ease the flooding at Druminalough, Gort. He undertook to report to the Co. Manager thereon.

**1218 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SYSTEM:** Referring to Senator Laffie's Notice of Motion, the Assistant County Manager said that in Circular Letter No. H.15/58 dated 11th October, 1958, to all local authorities the Minister for Local Government had recommended that there be a review of the differential rents system at an early date and that the matter was receiving attention.

Clr. King proposed that the Council should consider bringing in a vesting scheme to enable tenants to purchase their houses and Deputy Coogan seconded.

It was decided to hold a special committee meeting at a future date to discuss the differential rents system and a new vesting scheme.

**1219 - PUBLIC LATRINES:** Clr. Canning proposed and Clr. Hanley seconded that a public latrine be erected in the vicinity of the Fair Green at Portunna and that provision for same be embodied in the Estimates of Expenses for the coming year.

Clr. Joyce proposed and Deputy Geoghegan seconded that priority be given to the erection of one public latrine in each of the four towns, provision for which was deleted from the current year's Estimates.

Clr. King, saying that no action had been taken regarding his proposal that a public latrine be erected in Headford, proposed that all towns over a certain population and which had waterworks should be provided with public latrines.

It was agreed that the Co. Manager would consider Clr. King's proposition and report to the Council thereon.

**1220 - WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR KILKERRIN, CARNA:** The County Manager said, in reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, that the conditions at present prevailing in the Kilkerrin area would not appear to justify the provision of a piped water supply scheme, the estimated cost of which was £18,100. He added that it was possible that the Council could get a grant of 25% of the cost from the Department for the Gaeltacht and 43 1/3% of the loan charges on the balance of the cost.

Deputy Geoghegan said sixteen of the twenty householders there were prepared to connect with the scheme. He added that a seaweed factory was located there and that there was a possibility of another factory. It also had a dance hall, cinema and two public houses.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Joyce it was resolved to provide a piped water supply scheme for Kilkerrin, Carna.

**1221 - PUBLIC LATRINE, DUNMORE:** Clr. Burke proposed and Clr. Flaherty seconded that a public latrine be provided in Dunmore without further delay. It was decided to await the Co. Manager's report on public latrines as agreed in Minute No: 1219.

**1222 - KNOCKNACARRA WATER SUPPLY:** The Co. Manager in reply to Clr. John Donnellan's Notice of Motion referred him to his report of 24/12/1958 on the Development of the Knocknacarra and Barna Areas which had been circulated to the members. He said that the Council had agreed to extend the watermain in the Knocknacarra area if a total contribution of 2800 was paid by the residents but that so far only £180 had been promised to be paid.

Clr. John Donnellan proposed and Deputy Coogan seconded that the watermain in the Knocknacarra area be extended by approximately 1500 yards and that payment of the contribution of £600 by the residents therefor be waived.

The Co. Manager advocated an increase of from 2/- to 4/- in the £. valuation for water rent until the loan was paid off if the residents were not prepared to contribute the £600 already approved by the Council.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Clr. M. Mannion seconded that the watermain in the Knocknacarra area be extended by approximately 1500 yds. and that the water rent be increased from 2/- to 4/- in the £. valuation there until the loan was paid off.

Eventually Clr. Donnellan withdrew his proposal and Deputy Killilea's proposal was approved.

**1223 - CONGRATULATIONS:** On the proposition of Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council congratulated Clr. Lambert on his recent marriage.

**1224 - TENANTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES AT CAHEROVAN ATHENRY:** Clr. J. Ruane referred to the notices to quit served on a number of tenants of Council houses at Caherovan Athenry and he said that as the tenants concerned always promptly paid the rents fixed by the Co. Council and demanded of them by the Collector, the Council should accept the offers made by the tenants towards their arrears.

The Assistant Co. Manager said that the difficulties arose because of the incorrect statements of incomes made by these tenants and he added that reasonable instalments towards the payment of the arrears would be accepted.

**1225 - FOUNTAIN AT LETTERCALLOW, LETTERMORE:** On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan it was agreed to provide a fountain opposite Lettercallow, Lettermore at an estimated cost of £30.

**1226 - ROSSAVAL PIER LIGHTS:** The Chief Assistant County Engineer told Clr. O'Donnell that he was awaiting an estimate from the E.S.B. regarding the provision of proper lights at Rossaval Pier.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until the estimate was received.

**1227 - FLOODING - LAURENCETOWN AND COUNTY ROADS NOS: 582 and 585:** Clr. Dowd proposed that the Department of Local Government be requested to give a grant under the Local Authorities Works Act 1949 for the improvement of the river from Laurencetown to the River Duck to relieve flooding of houses in the village of Laurencetown and County Roads Nos: 582 and 585.

Clr. Lambert suggested that the Council request the Government to re-introduce the operation of the L.A.W. Act.

The Chairman said that the L.A.W. Act was no longer in force but that a deputation from the General Council of County Councils had interviewed the Minister for Local Government requesting its re-introduction, and he promised to consider the matter.

**1228 - ONAGH VILLAGE PUMP:** Deputy Geoghegan proposed that the pump at Onagh Village, Aran, be put into proper repair, and this was agreed to. He added that if the Caretaker was given the necessary materials he could carry out the repairs himself.

**1229 - KILLEANEY WELLS:** On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. King the Council agreed to cover two wells in Killeaney, Aran - one at the back of Colman Flaherty's House and the other at McDara Joyce's house.

**1230 - GLENMADDY WATER SUPPLY:** The Co. Manager told Clr. Flaherty that the extension to the Glenmaddy Water Supply Scheme had been planned together with some others in the county but the Department of Local Government had asked the Council to select six schemes and go ahead with them first and the Glenmaddy Scheme was not amongst those chosen. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £2346.

Clr. Flaherty proposed that the Glenmaddy Water Supply Scheme be given priority when the next group to be done was selected.

The County Manager said he would prepare a list of the schemes which had not been done for a future meeting of the Council and they could then decide the works to be carried out.

**1231 - COUNCIL MACHINERY OPERATIVES:** Clr. J. Mannion proposed and Clr. Joyce seconded that local men get preference whenever a vacancy occurred in the operation of Council machinery throughout the county.

The County Manager said that the whole county was one locality as far as the rates were concerned.

1232 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

- Kilkelly Family, Coheroyan, Athenry.
- Mr. Sean Ward, Agricultural Station, Athenry.
- Supt. J. Kelly, Garda Síochána, Athenry.
- Eagle Family, Clonane, Athenry.
- Mr. Cummins Kelly, Shruffane, Carraroe.
- Mr. Paddy Naughton, Porter, Galway Regional Hospital.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. S. Ó Madruaidh  
Leas-Rúnaí.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirzín Ó Cúinn Chairman

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1959.

COMAIRLE CONNDÁE NA SAILLIŢHE

Suíón:  
SailliŢh 2055.

Oifis an Rúnaí,  
na Foirgnitíche Conndáe,  
SailliŢh.

16 Eanáir, 1959.

Óuiz gáó Óáil de'n Comairle.

A Óara,

TARRCAR ORC leis seo beic i lácair az cruinníú de Comairle  
Conndáe na SailliŢhe a tionsólpar ihs na foirgnitíche Conndáe, SailliŢh  
Óia Saicáir, 24<sup>th</sup> Eanáir, 1959, az tosú ar 12.30.p.m. a ólos.

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Na hábair seo leanas a breaicní.

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Damáiste Mailliseac - Éilín.
3. Scáim Síolta-Soiláir.
4. Baillitíocháir Rátaí - Ceannair A 9.
5. Tuarascál - Aodaire íclanne, builín.
6. Coiste Fiosraíche Fúndúireadtaí Ceannair - Miontuairisgí:-  
SailliŢh 21/11/58 agus 10/1/59.  
Locha Ríac 13/9/58 and 5/12/58.  
An Clocháin 3/1/59.
7. Ainmíú Oispidéal Réigiúnaí na SailliŢhe.
8. Foirgnitíche seiladais az an Ospidéal Réigiúnaí a leasairt (Mionc. 1213.)
9. Dátaí cruinnitíche a sócrú:-  
(a) Cruinníú Coiste Meastadán.  
(b) Cruinníú Meastadán.
10. Tírreáca de 28/11/58 ó Roimh na Saicáca maíur le saoráibí  
cálaitíca az  
(a) Doirín Daraó, Sorumha.  
(b) Aírín, Sorumha.
11. Lasac Seiladaí.
12. Molca ó Comairleóirí.
13. Ceisteanna Cúca iscaí roim-ré.
14. S h ó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Adoption of Scheme for supply of seeds and fertilizers in the period to 31.7.1959.
4. Appointment of wife of late Rate Collector of No: 9 District, as temporary Rate Collector to 30/4/1959.
5. Remuneration of Caretaker of Bullaun Dispensary.
6. Visiting Committee Minutes:-  
Regional Hospital, Galway - 21/11/58 and 10/1/59.  
St. Brendan's Home - 13/9/58 and 5/12/58.  
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital - 3/1/59
7. Renaming of Galway Regional Hospital.
8. Demolition of Temporary Buildings at Galway Regional Hospital - Minute No: 1213 of 29.12.58.
9. Fixing of dates for Estimates Committee Meeting and Estimates Meeting.
10. Letters 28/11/58 from the Gaeltacht Department regarding provision of piers at (a) Dorin Dorash; Gorumna and at (b) Aircin, Gorumna.
11. Overdraft for 31/3/59.
12. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. P. Ruane:
    1. To request the Galway Corporation to concrete ground in sheep pens in the Galway fair green.
    2. That sign posts be erected indicating school houses at Claregalway, Lackagh and Coolarne, Schools.
    3. That water lodging at Claregalway school gate be taken away as to the satisfaction of Engineer.
    4. That this Council extend the proposed addition to the Claregalway cemetery as soon as possible, as there are only a few vacant plots in old cemetery.
    5. That this Council call on the Authority concerned to release the Internees in the Curragh, and close down the concentration camp, as it is the only concentration camp outside the "Iron Curtain" of Russia.
  - (b) Clr. Martin Mannion:  
"At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that the Cloonkeen Abbert Road be maintained as it was previously."
  - (c) Deputy Killilea and Clr. Feeney:  
"We will move at the next meeting of Galway County Council that the road leading from near Christy Burke's House on the Coolarne Convent Domestic Schools be repaired and maintained."
  - (d) Clr. John Flaherty:
    1. I will ask the County Engineer to have gullet put across the road to relieve flooding on far side, at Old Road, Abbey, Ballyglunin.
    2. I will ask the Co. Engineer the reason for the delay in construction of bridge at Castlemoyle (near Tuam)."
  - (e) Deputy M. Killilea:  
"I will move at the Roads Meeting of the Co. C., that the Road leading from P. Gannon's through the townland of Cluid to the Public Road at Haverty's Woodfield (Dunmore) be repaired and maintained".
13. Replies to questions already submitted.
14. Other business.

COMHAIRLE COINDAE NA GAILLIMH:

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

20th January, 1959.

To:  
Each Member of Galway County Council.

A Chara,

The meeting of Galway County Council which was summoned for 12.30.p.m. on Saturday, 24th instant has, on the direction of the Chairman, been adjourned until 1.30.p.m. on Saturday, 24th instant - as a token of sympathy with Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager, in his bereavement.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1959.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clr. Burke, Deputy Carty, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Senator Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martion, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

1233 - CONGRATULATIONS: The Chairman, Deputy Coogan, and the other members of the Council congratulated Mr. C.A. Warner on his appointment to the office of County Engineer for County Galway, and welcomed Mr. Warner to this county.

Mr. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, joined in this expression of welcome and congratulation, and Mr. Warner expressed his thanks.

The Chairman and members also congratulated Mr. John Silke on his appointment to the office of Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. E. Kennedy, on his appointment to the office of Assistant County Engineer.

1234 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman and members of the Council expressed their deep sympathy with the County Manager, Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, on the death of his sister, the meeting having been postponed for one hour as a mark of respect and sympathy.

Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following in their bereavement:-

The relatives of the late Canon Walsh, P.P., Glenamaddy.  
The relatives of Mr. James McDermott, Glenamaddy.  
The relatives of Mr. John Glynn, Maunsell's Road, Galway.  
Mr. P.J. Collieran, Ballygar, on the death of his father.  
The Burke Family, Summerville, Moylough, on the death of their sister.  
The Rodger Family, Kilrickle, Loughrea, on the death of their father.  
Mr. T.M. McDermott, Assistant Co. Manager, on the death of his niece.  
The relatives of the late Mr. John J. O'Malley, Westport.  
Mrs. Joan Cosgrove, Newcastle, Galway, on the death of her mother, Mrs. McMenamin, New Road.

1235 - MINUTES: Minutes of previous meeting to No: 1232 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1236 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received as follows:-

Mr. Joseph Golden, Ballyhale, Headford - House and contents	- £3,000.
Mr. Patrick Moran, Carrowbrowne, - oats	- £40.
Mr. Patrick McDonagh, Moanbaun, Athenry - electric fence	- £25.
Mr. Patrick McDonagh, Itinerant, Clooddaragh, Kilorone - Caravan	- £70.
Peter & Mary O'Halloran, Carrowpeter - house	- £150.
Miriam Glynn, Bridge Street, Gort - straw	- £18.
Mr. Collins, Prospect, Athenry - bicycle	- £16.

1237 - SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby make and adopt a scheme for the supply of seeds and fertilizers on loan terms during the period ending 31st July, 1959, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the scheme as submitted to the Council on this day."

The Scheme was then sealed with the seal of the Council.

1237 - RATE COLLECTOR, NO: 9 DISTRICT: The Secretary reported that Mr. Michael Mulryan, Rate Collector for No: 9 District, died on 30th December, 1958, and requested approval to the appointment of his widow, Mrs. Christina Mulryan, Kiltulla Oranmore, as temporary Rate Collector to 30th April, 1959.

It was proposed by Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved: "That

the Council hereby appoint Mrs. Christina Mulryan, Kiltulla, Oranmore, as temporary Rate Collector for No: 9 District, during the period from 31st December, 1958, to 30th April, 1959, inclusive."

1238 - CARETAKER, BULLAUN DISPENSARY: On the proposition of Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr, the Council approved payment of remuneration at the rate of £20 a year to Mrs. Bridie Kelly, Bullaun, for caretaking, fuel and cleaning of the new Bullaun Dispensary.

1239 - POLIO VACCINATION SCHEME: Deputy Carty stated that when this matter was being discussed at the previous meeting he, Deputy Carty, stated that he considered that the candidate for the position of temporary nurse for the Polio Vaccination Scheme, who had the best nursing qualifications should have been appointed, provided that candidate also had a satisfactory knowledge of Irish. Deputy Carty stated that in the Press report his reference to a satisfactory knowledge of Irish was omitted, and he requested that as much publicity would be given to his statement at this meeting, as was given in the Press to his statement at the previous meeting.

Clr. Wall considered that the candidate with the best nursing qualifications should be appointed, if that candidate had a sufficient knowledge of Irish to perform the duties of the post, that it is a bad system which would make medical or nursing qualifications only a secondary consideration to a knowledge of Irish.

Deputy Coogan referred to the appointment of a Rate Collector in County Mayo, and the Chairman stated that the Conditions of Appointment for the post of Rate Collector as prescribed by the Minister for Local Government, and that they require competent knowledge of Irish in the district includes part of the Gaeltacht.

Clr. John Donnellan recommended that there be a different system of marking a candidate's knowledge of Irish, as he considered that the existing system of marking a candidate "good" or "competent" is misleading.

Deputy Geoghegan opposed any objection to the appointment made, which was that of a properly qualified person, who also had a competent knowledge of Irish and who will be dealing with Irish-speaking children in the fionn-gaeltacht.

1240 - VISITING COMMITTEE: Minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee as follows, having been circulated to the members, were submitted:-

Regional Hospital, Galway	- 21/11/58 and 10/1/59.
St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea	- 13/9/58 and 5/12/58.
Our Lady of Fatima Hosp., Clifden	- 3/1/59.

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from the Galway Retirees' Association, in which it was stated that the Press should be present at the Visiting Committee Meetings "as is done at Merlin Park". The Chairman pointed out that a Visiting Committee for the Western Regional Sanatorium at Merlin Park does not exist.

Deputy Coogan referred to the minutes of the Visiting Committee at Clifden on 3rd instant, and stated that there was no justification for calling seventeen members to Clifden on that date to discuss three items.

Clr. Wall suggested that the Councillors for west Galway form the Visiting Committee for Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

Clr. King objected to criticism of the performance of public representatives at meetings.

Clr. James Donnellan stated that this is not the place to raise such criticism; that if there is such criticism, it should be raised at the meeting at which the Visiting Committee is being appointed.

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Collins, the Visiting Committee minutes as above were noted.

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1241 - RE-NAMING OF GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The Secretary read a letter of the 10th instant from the County Manager, submitting for the Council's consideration that the name of the Galway Regional Hospital should not be altered, but that in all advertisements, and particularly in those inviting applications from doctors and nurses for appointment, the hospital might be described as the Galway Regional Hospital, followed by the words, in brackets, "(Teaching Hospital for Galway University)".

The County Manager also recommended that headed notepaper of the hospital might also indicate that the hospital is a medical teaching hospital, for medical degrees of the National University of Ireland, and explained why it is undesirable that the hospital should be described as a University Hospital.

Deputy Coogan stated that this appears satisfactory, provided that the University authorities and the Department of Health were agreeable.

The County Manager explained that this matter had already been taken up with the Department of Health, who replied in letter of 5th January, 1959

Deputy Carty stated that he also agreed with the County Manager's recommendation, and the Manager's recommendation was adopted by the Council.

1242 - DEMOLITION OF TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AT THE HOSPITAL: Minute No: 1213 of 29th February, 1958, was submitted, along with the County Manager's letter of the 25th November, 1958.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council had already approved the demolition of St. Joseph's Unit.

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

"That consideration of the demolition of the temporary buildings at Galway Regional Hospital, other than St. Joseph's Unit, the proposed demolition of which is hereby confirmed, be deferred to the next meeting of the Visiting Committee at Galway Regional Hospital."

The Chairman stated that in the letter from the Galway Ratepayers' Association, reference had been made to a loss sustained by the ratepayers when the old hospital was demolished. The Chairman stated that the ratepayers had not sustained any such loss.

The County Manager confirmed this and stated that the entire cost of the demolition of the old hospital came out of Hospital Trust Funds.

Clr. Burke referred to a statement in the letter from the Galway Ratepayers' Association, regarding the amount due to Galway County Council for treatment of patients from County Mayo, and stated that the allegation made in the letter from the Ratepayers' Association is not true, and should be corrected.

Clr. Burke complimented the Assistant County Manager on the excellent job which he has done with the collection of the monies due for treatment of patients at Galway Regional Hospital.

The Assistant County Manager stated that County Mayo had paid a considerable amount in respect of patients from that county treated in Galway Regional Hospital and had accepted liability for payment of a further amount on that account; that the residue relates to services provided before the Health Act provisions came into operation; that in these cases proceedings were taken where the means of the patient warranted the taking of such proceedings.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the Assistant County Manager explained that in the case in question, the account of the County Mayo patient was divided into two parts, Mayo County Council being responsible for payment at the rate of 14/8d. per day and the patient being responsible for paying at 6/- a day.

1243 - ESTIMATE, 1958/59: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. King, the Council approved the following additional expenditure for work at the Galway Fever Hospital:-

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Overhaul of Cold Water Service Pipework:	£185.
Connection of Towel-Rails to Hot Water System:	£120.
Total:	£305.

1244 - ESTIMATE, 1959/60: The County Manager referred to the desirability of holding the Estimates Meeting as late as possible, so that all relevant information might be available when the meeting is held, and the Council unanimously approved the fixing of the dates of the Estimates Meetings as follows:-

Estimates Committee Meeting:	Saturday, 7th March, 1959, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon.
Estimates Meeting proper:	Saturday, 21st March, 1959, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

1245 - PIERS AT GORUMNA: Letters S.29 and S. 28, of 28th November, 1958, from the Gaeltacht Department were submitted in regard to the provision of landing facilities at Dóirin Daraoh and Aircin, Gorumna, at an estimated cost of £2,800 and £1,450 respectively, which will be met in full by Government Grant, provided the Council will agree to undertake the future maintenance of these works.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, the Council unanimously approved taking responsibility for the maintenance of these works, subsequent to their completion.

1246 - OVERDRAFT: The Secretary stated that sanction had already been received to overdraft accommodation not exceeding £75,000 for the current quarter; that due to the tardy receipt of Road Grants, it is unlikely that this overdraft accommodation will be sufficient, and that an overdraft of up to £150,000 may be required for a short period during the current quarter.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Ruane, the Council approved the provision of overdraft accommodation on general account not exceeding £150,000 for the quarter ending 31st March, 1959 - in lieu of the amount £75,000 already approved in Minute No: 1166.

1247 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the River Fergus Joint District Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1958, was submitted and noted.

1248 - GALWAY FAIRGREEN: Clr. P. Ruane proposed that Galway Corporation be requested to concrete the ground in the sheep-pens in the Galway Fairgreen.

Clr. Ruane explained that the surface of these pens has ravelled and that the loose chippings hurt the feet of sheep who have to stand in the pens for a long time.

The County Manager stated that he would bring this matter before the Galway Corporation.

1249 - SIGN-POSTS: In response to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 21st instant, was submitted, stating that signs will be erected at Claregalway, Lackagh and Coolarne Schools, as part of the general policy, as soon as the signs, which are on order, are delivered.

Deputy Geoghegan was informed that the intention is that the signs will be provided at all schools, which are located beside public roads.

1250 - FLOODING: The County Engineer's report of 21st instant was submitted, stating that he is attending to the lodging of water at Claregalway School - as mentioned in Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion.

1251 - CLAREGALWAY BURIAL GROUND: In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that reports on the necessity for the extension had been sought from the County Engineer and from the County Medical Officer; that the County Engineer's Report had been received and that the report from the County Medical Officer is being awaited.

Clr. P. Ruane recommended that when this extension is provided, the graves should be allocated consecutively, as hitherto there has been scattered allocation of graves in the existing burial ground, and that better use could be made of the space available by allocating the grave plots in series.

**1252 - POLITICAL PRISONERS:** Clr. P. Ruane proposed: "That this Council call on the Authority concerned, to release the internees in the Curragh and close down the concentration camp, as it is the only concentration camp outside the 'Iron Curtain'."

Clr. Ruane stated that these persons are being detained for a charge under the Offences against the State Act, while in fact any "offence" which they may have committed was committed outside this State.

Clr. James Donnellan seconded Clr. P. Ruane, as he, Clr. Donnellan, stated it is unreasonable that any Irishman should be interned without having committed any offence.

Deputy Coogan also supported Clr. P. Ruane, as he considered that it is not right to detain any person without trial. Deputy Coogan stated that he has requested in the Dail that there be an amnesty.

The Chairman stated that the proposal was a purely political one and on that account he ruled out any further discussion on this Notice of Motion.

**1253 - ROADS:** Clr. Martin Mannion proposed that the Cloonkeen-Abbott road be maintained as it was previously. Clr. Mannion pointed out that this is not the road which is being done out of the amount £7,500 provided in the current year for Councillors' Notices of Motion, and stated that he would give details of this road to the County Engineer.

At this stage Clr. P. Ruane stated that as a protest against the fact that his resolution would not be discussed, he would leave the meeting. Clr. Ruane then left the meeting.

DEPUTY M.F. KITT NOW TOOK THE CHAIR, the Chairman, Clr. Quinn, having left the meeting, and the Council having approved Deputy Kitt taking the Chair, on the proposition of Clr. Sirr, seconded by Clr. Collins.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Clr. Feaney seconded, that the road leading from near Christy Burke's house to the Coolarne Convent Domestic School be repaired and maintained.

The County Engineer's report of the 23rd instant was submitted, and it was decided that further consideration of this item be adjourned until the Estimates Committee Meeting on 7th March, 1959.

**1254 - FLOODING:** Clr. J. Flaherty proposed that the County Engineer have a gullet put across the road to relieve flooding on the far side, at Old Road, Abbey, Ballyglunin.

The County Engineer's Report of the 23rd instant was submitted, stating that it is understood that the gullet in this case is required for the purpose of facilitating the drainage of four holdings, and that the County Council is therefore not liable for its provision; that the Land Project Office may possibly help.

Clr. Flaherty stated that the people in this case are not seeking a Land Project, and that therefore it is not expected that the Land Project Office will have the work carried out or provide any grant for it.

The County Engineer stated that in that case all the Council could do would be to provide the gullet at the expense of the landowners.

Deputy Kitt stated that the Council is entitled to spend its own money, or to raise a loan for the carrying out of works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

Clr. Dowd referred to his previous notice of motion regarding flooding in the Clonfert area, and requested that it be brought up for consideration

at meeting on 7th March, 1959.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Lambert, Deputy Kitt informed the meeting that the Minister did not say when the grants under Local Authorities (Works) Act would be resumed.

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Lambert, the Council resolved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to resume the issue of grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

**1255 - CASTLEMOYLE BRIDGE:** In reply to Clr. Flaherty's Notice of Motion, No: 12 (b) (2), the Secretary stated that an advertisement had been issued inviting tenders for erection of the bridge at Castlemoyle, the latest date for receipt of tenders being 30th January, 1959.

Report of 23rd instant from the County Engineer was submitted, stating that the Castlemoyle project was held up for a while due to some delay in finalisation of the plans for Russeltown, as it was considered desirable to have these two jobs proceed at the same time, so as to reduce the cost of supervision.

**1256 - ROAD AT CLUID, DUNMORE:** Consideration of Deputy Killilea's Notice of Motion No: 12 (b) (2) was adjourned until the next Roads Estimate Meeting, and Deputy Killilea requested that a copy of the County Engineer's report of the 23rd instant be supplied to him.

**1257 - GLENAMADDY PUBLIC LIGHTING:** Clr. Sirr requested that an extra light be provided at Glenamaddy near Mooney's house.

**1258 - WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL:** In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the Assistant County Manager stated that there has been no change in the position in regard to the future utilisation of above.

Deputy Coogan suggested that this building be used for the accommodation of chronic cases from the Galway Regional Hospital.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed*

*Mark Quincey, Chairman.*

*Date: 6th. March, 1959*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIŪ

Suċán:  
SailliŪ 2055.

Oifis an Rúnáí,  
Na Foirgnitġe Conndae,  
SailliŪ.

1946 Feabhra, 1959.

Óuiz ġac ħuiz be'n Comhairle.

A Ćara,

IARRĊAR ORĊ leis seo beic i ġġġair az cruinnu' be Comhairle  
Conndae na SailliŪ a ġionólfar ihs na foirgnitġe Conndae, SailliŪ,  
Oia Saġairn, 28ab Feabhra, 1959, az tosġu ar 12.30. p.m. a ġlos.

Mise, le meas,

ġ. Ó Tuadháġ.

Rúnáí.

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Na h-áġair seo leahas a ġreġnŪ:-

1. Mionchuarisġí.
2. Ĥamġisġe Maġisġeġ - ġiġiŪ.
3. Morġisġí le h-azġiġ ġasaġġaf a ġġalŪ:-
  - (a) Scġim Uisġe-ġolġġair, Cill Ćarġin azus Mġġ ġoġa, £43,750.
  - (b) Scġim Sġarġġ, DŪn an Oġġa, £16000.
  - (c) Oifisġ Comhairle Conndae, £3,250.
4. Coisġe Fiosraġġe funġŪireġġaf Ceannġar - Mionchuarisġí:-  
Cuaim - 31.1.1959.
5. Bóġġe a ġeardŪ mar bóġġe poibġí (Sceiġeal ġġiġ leis seo).
6. Ĥaisġe ġalmġan az Ćloġ na Róġ a ġíol - Póġra 10.2.1959.
7. Ĥaisġe ġalmġan ġ ġSailliŪ a ġíol - Póġra 12.2.1959.
8. Ĥailġġeóġir Rġġaf, Ceannġar a 9 - aġrŪ ġuarrasġal.
9. Ĥailġġeóġir Rġġaf, Ceannġar a 23 - aġrŪ ġuarrasġal.
10. Scġimeahġa ġeasŪ bóġġe 1959/60.
11. Oifisġ a ġruġŪ:-
  - (a) Sġasabóġir poibġí.
  - (b) Cumascóġir Ĥairġ-Ĥimsireġġ.
  - (c) Ćġeireġġe seġlaġġe.

12. Ĥuarrasġal an Inneahġoġra Conndae - ġġir 31/1/59 ó'n Roġnġ Rġalġġais ġġiŪ.
13. AġrŪ ġuarrasġal:-
  - (a) Cumascóġir Ĥairġ-Ĥimsireġġ
  - (b) Ćġġirġ Rġġaf.
  - (c) Aoġaire, Ĥeġġ ĆŪirġe na SailliŪ.
  - (d) Aoġaire ġoġġahġe - (1) Cill Ćarġin.  
(2) Ĥobar Ĥeġġair.  
(3) Sġġġ na Muġġe Ĥarraġnġ.
14. Ćraġnġ-ġuireġġobóireġġe - ġġir 6/2/59 ó'n Roġnġ Ĥaġġe.
15. Ĥaġġe a ġur ġġeġġe sa ġomóġas pé Bóġġ Ĥáġġe, 1959.
16. ġoġġahġ ġġamŪs a ġŪġab.
17. Foirgnitġe seġlaġġe az an Oġpġbeġl, SailliŪ a ġeġġahġe.
18. Moġġa ó Comhairleóġirġ.
19. Ceisġeahġa ġurġa ġġeġġe roġġ ré.
20. Sġó eġġe.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Sealing of Mortgage Deeds for Loans:-
  - (a) Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Supply, £43,750.
  - (b) Eyrecourt Sewerage, £16,000.
  - (c) Office Extension, County Buildings, £3,250.
4. Visiting Committee Minutes:-  
St. Mary's Home, Tuam, 31. 1. 1959.
5. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - Schedule attached.
6. Disposal of plot of land at Roundstone - Notice circulated 10.2.1959.
7. Sale of plot of land at Galway - notice circulated 12.2.1959.
8. Rate Collector, District No: 9 - Alteration of Remuneration.
9. Rate Collector, District No: 23 - alteration of remuneration.
10. Road Works (grants) proposals for year 1959/60.
11. Creation of Offices:-
  - (a) Analyst.
  - (b) Part-time Compounder.
  - (c) Temporary Clerical Officer.
12. Salary of County Engineer - letter 31/1/59 from the Department of Local Government.
13. Alteration of Remuneration:-
 

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Part-time Compounder.</li> <li>(b) Rate Inspectors.</li> <li>(c) Caretaker of Galway Courthouse.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(d) Dispensary Caretakers:-               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Killoconnell.</li> <li>(2) Peterswell.</li> <li>(3) Woodford.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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## AGENDA - 28/2/1959 - ITAM 5.

SCHEDULE

No.	Location	Terminal Points	Length.
<u>Ballinasloe Area:</u>			
1.	Rooghan, Laurencetown	From C.R. 585	0.7 mile
2.	Killaan-Cloona-hinch	Connects C.R. 477 with M.R. 310	1.2 miles
3.	Castlegar-Eglis	Connects M.R. L. 4a/470 with C.R. 517	816 perches.
4.	Ballybaun-Deonaun	Connects B.R. 431 with C.R. 425	290 perches.
<u>Galway Area:</u>			
5.	Bothar an Camhain, Menlough	Loop off C.R. 139	0.7 mile.
6.	Ballyglunin	From M.R. 100 to the Monastery	29 perches
7.	Kilkeel-Mounteross through Lisheengeelia and Kiltrasna	Loop off C.R. 124	172 perches.
8.	Castlelambert-Lisheenkyle	Loop off C.R. 184	0.25 mile.
<u>Loughrea Area:</u>			
9.	Hollypark-Oldcastle.	Connects C.R. 383 with M.R. 480	1 mile.
<u>Oughterard Area:</u>			
10.	Ballinaboy-Errislannon via Derrygimlagh, Ballinboy, Maum and Derryeighter	Connects L. 102/160 with C.R. 15	1.25 miles.
11.	Rosmuc Church	Connects C.R. 57 with Rosmuc Church	200 yds.
12.	Lettermullen	From Junction near Lettermullen Church to Lettermullen Post Office	121 perches.
13.	Oughterard.	From Camp Street to C.R. 82	51 perches.
<u>Tuam Area:</u>			
14.	Dillonbrook-Cloondroon	Continuation of C.R. 231 - from Mayo boundary N.W. to Mayo Boundary S.E.	600 perches.
15.	Upper and Lower Dalgan	Connects two branches of C.R. 231	100 yards.
16.	Moate-Gortnadieve	Connects M.R. 260 with C.R. 276	90 perches.
17.	Cloonkeen/Abbert.	Connects M.R. L550 with C.R. 196	256 perches.

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

23rd February, 1959.

To Each Member of the Council.

Agenda for Meeting 28th February, 1959.

A Chara,

The following items are added to the agenda for above meeting:-

3 (a) Raising of Loan £4,850 for acquisition of houses and land for Promenade Extension Scheme at Salthill, Galway.

13 (e) Revision of remuneration of Chief Assistant County Engineers and Assistant County Engineers.

(f) Wage increase for office cleaner, County Medical Officer's Department.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.  
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27th February, 1959.

To Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Committee Meeting which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 7th March, 1959, commencing at 12 o'clock noon, to consider the Estimate of Expenses of the Galway County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1960.

A copy of the Estimate will be sent to you later.

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,  
28th FEBRUARY, 1959.

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IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Hanley, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiffe, Ctrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ruane, James, Sirr and Wall.

1259 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman, Deputy Carty, proposed that the deep sympathy of the Council be conveyed to Deputy F. Coogan on the death of his father, and that as a mark of respect the business of the meeting be adjourned until 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 6th March, 1959.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. John Mannion, and unanimously adopted.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with Mr. John Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, on the death of his sister, and with the relatives and the Clergy of the diocese on the death of His Grace, Most Rev. Doctor Kinnane, and Very Rev. Monsignor Kissane, Maynooth, and with Mrs. J. Gilmore, Moate, Moylough, on the death of her sister.

1251 - ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING: It was unanimously decided that the Estimates Committee meeting to be held on Saturday, 7th March, 1959, will commence at 11 a.m. (instead of at 12 noon as already arranged).

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Mark Sweeney, Chairman

Date: 6th March, 1959.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.  
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Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

2nd March, 1959.

To Each Member of the Council.

MEETINGS.

A Chara,

The business of the ordinary meeting of the Council summoned for 28th ultimo was, in sympathy with Deputy Coogan in his bereavement, adjourned until Friday next.

It is requested that you will attend the adjourned meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 6th March, 1959, commencing at 12.30.p.m.

Also please note that the Estimates Committee Meeting summoned for Saturday, 7th March, 1959, will commence at 11.a.m.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY,  
6th MARCH, 1959.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Deputy Carty, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

1252 - CHAIRMAN: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Collins, and unanimously resolved:

"That

Deputy M. Killilea take the Chair."

Deputy Killilea then took the Chair.

1253 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 1251 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

It was then proposed by Clr. Wall, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, and unanimously resolved;

"That the meeting be adjourned for lunch until 2.p.m", and the meeting was then adjourned.

ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING, IT WAS PROPOSED BY DEPUTY GEOGHEGAN, SECONDED BY CLR. FEENEY AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT CLR. T. KING TAKE THE CHAIR.

Clr. King then took the Chair and continued as Chairman until the close of the meeting, Deputy Carty, Vice-Chairman being present at the meeting for a brief period only.

1254 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of Malicious Damage Claims received, viz:-

From Mr. William Higgins, Cashaa, Athenry - for damage to car at Taylor's Hill, Galway on 25/1/59 - £350.

From Mr. Jeremiah O'Connor - damage to wireless aerial on car at Lower Salthill, Galway on 5/2/59 - £3. 10. 0.

1255 - LOAN, KILKERRIN-MOYLROUGH WATER SUPPLY: It was proposed by Clr. J. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr 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 £43,750, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

The Mortgage was then sealed with the Seal of the Council.

1256 - LOAN - EYRECOURT SEWERAGE: It was proposed by Clr. J. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr 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 £16,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952".

The Mortgage Deed was then sealed with the Seal of the Council.

1257 - LOAN FOR OFFICE EXTENSIONS: It was proposed by Clr. J. Flaherty seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and resolved;

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated

6th January, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,250 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of additional offices at the County Buildings, Galway, 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 Ltd."

The Mortgage Deed was then sealed with the Seal of the Council.

**1258 - LOAN - SALTHILL PROMENADE EXTENSION:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Mr. T. Feeney and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,850, from the National Bank Ltd., for acquisition of houses and land for extension of the promenade at Salthill, Galway; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years with interest at the rate charged by the bank from time to time for such loans".

**1259 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTIONS:** The Minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee as set out hereunder, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted:-

St. Mary's Home, Tuam - 31/1/59.  
Galway Regional Hospital - 6/2/59.  
St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea - 19/2/59.

Mr. Glynn referred to the absence of the Resident Medical Superintendent, Regional Hospital, on sick leave, and stated that he did not consider it correct that a substitute had not been provided during this Officer's absence.

The Chairman pointed out that the Visiting Committee had not made any recommendation to this effect, and that discussion of the matter should be left in abeyance until a definite recommendation would be made by the Visiting Committee.

**1260 - PUBLIC ROADS:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council hereby declare the following roads to be public roads, viz:-

No.	Location	Terminal Points.	Length.
<b>Ballinasloe Area:</b>			
1.	Rooghan, Laurencetown.	From C.R. 585	0.7 miles
2.	Killaan-Cloonahingh.	Connects C.R.477 with M.R. 310.	1.2 "
3.	Castlegar-English.	Connects M.R.L.4a/470 with C.R.517	816 perches.
4.	Ballybaum-Doonaun.	Connects C.R.431 with C.R.425.	290 "
<b>GALWAY AREA:</b>			
5.	Bothar an Camhain, Menlough.	Loop off C.R. 139	0.7 mile.
6.	Ballyglunin.	From M.R. 100 to Monastery	29 perches.
7.	Kilkeel-Mountcross through Lisheengeelia and Kiltrasna	Loop off C.R. 124	172 "
8.	Castlelambert-Lisheenkyle	Loop off C.R. 184	0.25 mile.
<b>LOUGHREA AREA:</b>			
9.	Hollypark-Oldcastle	Connects C.R. 383 with M.R. 480	1 mile.

No.	Location	Terminal Points.	Length.
<b>OUCHTERARD AREA:</b>			
10.	Ballinaboy-Errislannon via Derrygimlagh, Ballinboy, Maum and Derryeigher	Connects L.102/160 with C.R. 15	1.25 miles.
11.	Rosmuc Church	Connects C.R.57 with Rosmuc Church	200 yards.
12.	Lettermullen.	From Junction near Lettermullen Church to Lettermullen Post Office	121 perches.
13.	Oughterard.	From Camp Street to C.R. 82.	51 perches.
<b>TUAM AREA:</b>			
14.	Dillonbrook-Cloondroon	Continuation of C.R.231 - from Mayo boundary N.W. to Mayo Boundary S.E.	600 perches.
15.	Upper and Lower Dalgan	Connects two branches of C.R. 231	100 yards.
16.	Moate-Gortnadievo	Connects M.R.260 with C.R. 276	90 perches.
17.	Cloonkeen-Abbert.	Connects M.R. L550 with C.R. 196	256 perches.

**1261 - ROUNDSSTONE DISPENSARY RESIDENCE:** The notice dated 10th February, 1959, in regard to the proposed disposal of a plot of land at Roundstone Dispensary Residence was submitted, and it was proposed by Mr. J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby approve transfer of a plot of ground at Roundstone Dispensary Residence, area 1 sq. perch or thereabouts, statute measure, to Mr. A. O'Grady, Proprietor, Seal Rock Hotel, Roundstone, in lieu of a plot of ground at Murvey, area 1 rood or thereabouts, statute measure, required for road widening, and to be transferred from Mr. A. O'Grady to the Galway County Council. The Council shall be responsible for the legal costs of both transfers."

**1262 - PLOT OF LAND AT SICKEEN:** The notice dated 12th February, 1959, in regard to the proposed disposal of a plot of land at Sickeen was submitted, and it was proposed by Mr. P. Sirr, seconded by Mr. T. King, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the transfer to the Galway Corporation of a plot of land at Sickeen, Galway, area 3.6 sq. perches or thereabouts, statute measure, required as part of the grounds of the former tuberculosis dispensary - the Galway Corporation to pay £10. 16. 0. compensation for this land, plus the legal costs of the conveyance of the plot to the Corporation."

**1263 - RATE COLLECTOR NO: 9 DISTRICT:** On the proposition of Mr. P. Collins, seconded by Mr. J. McDonnellan, the Council approved the proposed remuneration for the vacant office of Rate Collector in No: 9 District, viz:-

Salary Scale: £275 x £25 to £325 a year, plus bonus £100 a year, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, and full temporary allowance on both salary and bonus; franchise fees to be payable in addition to this remuneration.

The bonus of £100 a year will be divided into five parts; £20 being payable for compliance with each of the following conditions:-

For lodgment of amounts not less than:-

- (1) 75% of the total of the first moiety and arrears by 30th September.
- (2) the first moiety and arrears by 31st October.
- (3) 65% of the warrant by 31st December.

- (4) 95% of the warrant by 31st March.  
 (5) 97½% of the warrant by 31st March.

1264 - RATE COLLECTOR No: 23 DISTRICT: On the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, the Council approved revised remuneration for the vacant office of Rate Collector for No: 23 District, viz:-

Salary Scale: £375 x £25 to £450 a year plus bonus £100 a year for compliance with the conditions set out below and temporary allowance on both salary and bonus at the full rate; franchise fees to be payable in addition.

The bonus of £100 a year will be divided into five parts, £20 being payable for compliance with each of the following conditions:-  
 For lodgment of amounts not less than:-

- (1) 75% of the total of the first moiety and arrears by 30th September.
- (2) the first moiety and arrears by 31st October.
- (3) 65% of the warrant by 31st December.
- (4) 95% of the warrant by 31st March.
- (5) 97½% of the warrant by 31st March.

1265 - ROAD GRANTS PROPOSALS, 1959/60: The Roads Grants Works proposed as set out in the Schedule received with the County Engineer's letter of the 20th February, 1959, having been circulated to the members, were approved on the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr.

1266 - HOUSING SITES: Consideration of Notice of Motion 18 (h) was, on the request of Deputies Kitt and Carty, adjourned until next ordinary meeting.

1267 - COTTAGE FOR MR. P. LEONARD, EGLISH: Deputies Kitt and Carty, referring to their Notice of Motion No: 18 (i) explained that having regard to the very bad state of the health of the applicant's wife, provision of a cottage in this case would not be creating a precedent, even though the P.L.V. of the applicant's holding is £14. 18. 0.

Deputy Carty stated that in fact the applicant is employed by the Forestry Department.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council unanimously recommended that a cottage for this applicant be provided on a plot to be given by the applicant on his own land.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. J. Dowd, the Assistant County Manager stated that where an applicant is employed in an adjoining county, it is normally the Council of the County in which the applicant resides that is responsible for providing a cottage for him.

The County Manager stated that in some particular case which arose he did not consider it reasonable that the applicant should not seek the provision of a cottage in the county in which he was employed, as there did not seem to be any good reason why he should continue residing in this county.

1268 - AHASCRAUGH SEWERAGE SCHEME: In reply to Deputy Kitt's Notice of Motion, 18 (m) (1), Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, explained that plans for this scheme have been approved by the Department of Local Government, and that arrangements are at present being made for acquisition of the necessary land and way leaves.

1269 - WATER SUPPLIES FOR MENLOUGH, ETC: Deputy Kitt stated that the information requested in his Notice of Motion (m) (2) had already been supplied to him.

1270 - RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROADS: It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, and seconded by Clr. Collins, that Roads Nos: 461, 423 and 464 be put on the five-year plan for steamrolling of county roads.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ridge, that no additions be made to the five-year plan for reconstruction of County Roads until the roads already on that plan have been reconstructed.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Clr. Wall and seconded by Clr. Burke, that consideration of Clr. Kitt's Notice of Motion be deferred until the next Roads Estimates Meeting.

Clr. Joyce spoke in opposition to any addition to the five-year plan until further progress will have been made - as was previously decided by the Council.

A vote taken on Clr. Wall's amendment (by a show of hands) resulted as follows:-  
 For the Amendment: 11; against 7.

The Amendment was declared carried.

A vote, by show of hands, was then taken on the proposal that consideration of this item be deferred until the next Roads Estimate Meeting, resulting in 13 for and 7 against.

Consideration of this item was therefore deferred until the next Roads Estimates Meeting.

1271 - ANALYST: The County Manager explained that Miss M. McNeill, Analyst, had died, and that a temporary Analyst is performing her duties, pending the making of other arrangements; that it is intended that an Analyst will be appointed in Galway to serve the western region; payment for samples from outside counties in the Region to be made to Galway County Council by the Counties concerned; that it is intended that one of the temporary buildings will be equipped to serve as a laboratory for this purpose.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Council approve the creation of the office of Regional Public Analyst under the Galway County Council, with remuneration at the rate of £1500 x £/£50 to £1650 per annum fully inclusive, with duties and conditions as set out in County Manager's Order No: 2566 of 3rd February, 1959.

1272 - COMPOUNDER: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Council approve the creation of the permanent part-time office of Compounder under the Galway County Council, with salary of £322 a year for employment of 24 hours in each week - in lieu of the existing office of temporary part-time Compounder."

1273 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL OFFICER: It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Council approve the creation of the office of temporary Clerical Officer in the Health Services Section for the period from 21st July to 30th August, 1958, inclusive, and from 6th October, 1958 to 31st January, 1959, inclusive."

1274 - COUNTY ENGINEER: The Secretary explained that the rate of remuneration which Mr. Warner was receiving as County Engineer in County Kerry exceeded his remuneration as County Engineer in County Galway by £50 a year plus full temporary allowance.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Council approve additional remuneration of £50 a year plus full temporary allowance for Mr. C.A. Warner, County Engineer, County Galway, as sanctioned in Department of Local Government letter E.L.7/21 of 31st January, 1959."

1275 - REMUNERATION OF COMPOUNDER, COUNTY CLINIC: The Secretary explained that since the Medical Officer for the third Dispensary District in Galway took up duty on 1st October, 1958, the Compounder at the County Clinic has been required to work eighteen hours a week instead of twelve hours as previously; that the appropriate rate of remuneration for employment of the Compounder for eighteen hours per week is £299. 9. 9d. a year.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Clr. T. King, the Council approved payment of remuneration at the rate of £299. 9. 9. a year to the Compounder in the County Clinic with effect from 1st October, 1958, inclusive.

1276 - RATE INSPECTORS: On the proposition of Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved the revised salary scale for each of the two Rate Inspectors as set out hereunder, with effect from 1st April, 1959, inclusive:-

£400 x £20 to £600 a year, plus full temporary allowance.

1277 - CARETAKER, GALWAY COURTHOUSE: The Secretary explained that at present the remuneration of the Caretaker of Galway Courthouse is £159. 11. 0d. a year, with apartments, fuel and light; that the County Manager proposes revising this remuneration with effect from 1st April, 1959, inclusive, so that the revised remuneration will be £250 a year, fully inclusive, with apartments, but excluding fuel, light or any other emoluments.

On the proposition of Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved the revised remuneration for the Caretaker of Galway Courthouse with effect from 1st April, 1959, inclusive, viz., £250 a year salary, and apartments, but excluding any other emoluments.

1278 - KILCONNELL DISPENSARY CARETAKER: On the proposition of Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved remuneration at the rate of £25 a year for the Caretaker of Kilconnell Dispensary, with effect from 1st October, 1958, inclusive.

1279 - PETERSWELL DISPENSARY CARETAKER: On the proposition of Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved payment of £35 a year for rent, caretaking, fuel and light for Peterswell Dispensary with effect from 1st April, 1959, inclusive.

1280 - WOODFORD DISPENSARY CARETAKER: On the proposition of Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved payment at the rate of £10 a year to the caretaker of Woodford Dispensary, for caretaking, cleaning, fuel and light for the dispensary for one day per week when required by the Assistance Officer - with effect from 1st January, 1959, inclusive.

1281 - DOUGHREA COURTHOUSE CARETAKER: On the proposition of Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved payment of increased remuneration at the rate of £18 a year, to the Caretaker of Loughrea Courthouse, for caretaking, cleaning fuel and light for the apartment required by the Assistance Officer, with effect from 1st January, 1959, inclusive.

1282 - REMUNERATION OF ENGINEERING STAFF: The County Manager explained that negotiations had been in progress between the Engineers and the Department of Local Government over a very long period in regard to the remuneration of Chief Assistant County Engineers and Assistant County Engineers; that this dispute is now settled subject to the Council's approval.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council approved revised remuneration for the Chief Assistants and Assistant County Engineers as set out hereunder, with effect from 1st April, 1958, inclusive:-

Chief Assistant County Engineers:	£1190 x £35 to £1400 a year fully inclusive.
Assistant County Engineers:	£980 x £27. 10. 0. to £1200 a year plus 1958 temporary allowance.

1283 - OFFICE CLEANER, COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT: The Secretary explained that the Office Cleaner in the County M.O.'s Department, had not been granted any increase, since the increase of 8/6d. per week was given to road workers in the Galway Borough Area; that it is proposed to grant an increase to this caretaker, equivalent to 2/6d. per week, with effect from 16th December, 1957.

On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. T. Hanley, the Council approved revised remuneration at the rate of 27/6d. per week for the caretaker in the County Medical Officer's Department with effect from 16th December, 1957 inclusive.

1284 - TREES: Letter 9/2/1959, from the Minister for Lands, requesting the Council's co-operation in promotion of the private planting of trees, having been circulated to the members, was submitted and noted.

1285 - BORD FAILTE COMPETITION, 1959: The Council unanimously approved the County Manager's proposal to enter the following towns for the Bord Failte Competition 1959:-

Gort, Headford, Oughterard, Portumna, Clifden, Spiddal, Clarenbridge, Ballygar.

1286 - CAMUS DISPENSARY: The Secretary explained that only 24 patients presented themselves at Camus Dispensary during the year 1958; that four of these required certificates of incapacity once a month, and of the others only three repeated their calls a second time; that on several dispensary days no patient attended; that the County Manager proposed that the dispensary be closed.

On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Ridge, the Council resolved that this dispensary be continued for a further period of one year and that the matter be then reconsidered.

1287 - DEMOLITION OF TEMPORARY BUILDINGS, REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The Secretary read letter of 3rd February, 1959, from the Department of Health.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. King and resolved: "That the Council approve the demolition of the hut adjoining the new entrance to the Regional Hospital and confirm the approval previously given to the demolition of the old St. Joseph's Unit opposite the Nurses' Home, and recommend that an advertisement be issued inviting offers for the demolition of these buildings; that consideration of the demolition of the former Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital be deferred."

1288 - LETTERMORE WATERWORKS: In the absence of Clr. O'Donnell, consideration of his Notice of Motion No: 18(a) was adjourned until next meeting.

1289 - COUNTY ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PLAN: In reply to Clr. Feeney's Notice of Motion, No: 18 (d) (2), the Secretary read the County Engineer's report of the 9th February, 1959, stating that the road leading to Kilmoylan Cemetery from O'Brien's House, Brockagh, Corofin, is on the five-year plan and that it is expected that it will be reconstructed during the year ending 31st March, 1960; that Cumber Monastery Road to Cumber Cemetery is not on the five-year plan, and that therefore the County Engineer cannot do anything in regard to it.

1290 - ROAD NO: 400 - DANGEROUS BEND: In response to Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion No: 18 (c), the County Engineer's report of the 27/2/59 was submitted, stating that full improvement of this bend would cost £400; that funds for this work are not available, but that it is hoped to do a small improvement job on this bend during the coming year, which will ease matters.

1291 - SRUTHAIN QUAY, CARRAROE: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council resolved that an application be made to the Gaeltacht Department for a grant for cleaning and improvement of Sruthain Quay, Carraroe.

1292 - ROAD AT MOYGLASS: In reply to Clr. Hanley's Notice of Motion, No: 18 (e) (1) the County Engineer's report of 10th October, 1958, was submitted, stating that the cost of reconstructing this road would be £1710, and that it was not considered to be a road of general public utility.

1293 - ROAD AT BRACKERNA GLEND AND PALLAS: In reply to Clr. Hanley's Notice of Motion, No: 18 (e) (2), the County Engineer's Report of the 26/2/59 was submitted, giving the cost of the work as £400 and stating that this is purely a local road accommodating six houses.

It was decided that consideration of this item would be deferred until the next Roads Estimate Meeting.

1294 - DRAIN AT TYNAGH: In reply to Clr. Hanley's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 26/2/59 was submitted, recommending that this drain be cleaned at an estimated cost of £150. The proposal was approved by the Council and Clr. Hanley asked that a report would be submitted in regard to the improvement of the well at Tynagh.

1295 - ROAD AT LOOSCAUN - ROSSMORE- POWER'S CROSS JUNCTION: In reply to Clr. Hanley's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's Report of the 26/2/59 was submitted, stating that the part of County Road No: 578 involved is on the five-year plan and is suitable for reconstruction; that the part of County Road No: 577,

Power's Cross to Rossmore, is on the five-year plan, but is not suitable for reconstruction.

Clr. Hanley stressed that this is an important road on the route to Lough Derg and the Council requested the County Engineer would be asked to reconsider this matter.

**1296 - CASHEL BURIAL GROUND:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, No: 18 (g)(1) the County Engineer's report of the 27/2/59 was submitted, recommending the provision of a new burial ground along the Cashel, Roundstone road, instead of an extension of the existing burial ground, and stating that a site for the new burial ground is being sought.

**1297 - BALLINAKILL BURIAL GROUND:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion 18(g)(2) the Secretary stated that a report on this matter had been sought from the County Medical Officer.

Clr. Joyce recommended that a site be sought from the Land Commission on the land acquired from Mr. Matt Duane, Ross, Moyard.

**1298 - DENTURES FOR ADULTS:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, 18 (g) (3) the Secretary stated that 350 applications are still on hands and that at the present rate of progress it would take about two and a half years to complete this waiting list.

Clr. Joyce complained that some very old applications have not yet received attention, while later applicants have been provided with dentures. It was requested that applicants would be called in strict order of the age of the applications.

**1299 - CLIFDEN WATERWORKS:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, 18 (g) (4) the County Engineer's report of the 5th March, 1959, was submitted, indicating that this work will receive attention during the coming financial year.

**1300 - OMNIBUS SERVICE:** It was proposed by Clr. John Flaherty, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan and resolved:

"That Coras Iompair Eireann be requested to provide a bus service for the route Gurteen-Clonberne-Mahanagh-Lavally-Tuam."

**1301 - ROADS, GORT AREA:** It was directed that consideration of Senator Lahiffe's Notices of Motion 18 (k) (1) (2) and (3) be adjourned until the next Roads Estimate Meeting.

**1302 - BORD FAILTE GRANTS FOR ROADS:** In reply to Clr. Glynn's Notice of Motion (18) (f) (1) the County Engineer stated that road improvements under Bord Failte Grants had been carried out at Barna, Furbo, Spiddal, and Carraroe, and that it is expected that a grant will be received from Bord Failte towards the cost of extension of the promenade at Salthill.

**1303 - ROAD AND FOOTPATH AT WILLIAMSTOWN:** In connection with Clr. Glynn's Notice of Motion 18 (f) (2), it was requested that the County Engineer investigate the request that the position of the E.S.B. poles at Williamstown be altered and that the footpath there be repaired.

**1304 - KYLEMORE ABBEY, CONNEMARA:** It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Canning and resolved:

"That the Council request the Government and Bord Failte to make a substantial grant available towards the cost of repairing the fire damage at Kylemore Abbey, which is an important tourist attraction in Connemara."

**1305 - WATER SUPPLY FOR MILLTOWN:** In reply to Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion 18 (1) (1), the Secretary explained that the provision of a Water Supply Scheme for Milltown is very low on the priority list.

Clrs. Burke and King considered that this scheme should not be so low on the priority list, and it was proposed by Clr. Burke, seconded by Clr. Flaherty and resolved:

"That a preliminary report on this scheme be obtained from the County Engineer and from the County Medical Officer, and that this report be submitted to the Council along with the priority list."

**1306 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:** Consideration of Clr. Burke's Notices of Motion, Nos: 18 (L) (2) to (5) inclusive, was adjourned until the next Road Works Estimates Meeting.

**1307 - ROAD FROM KILGEVRIN CROSS TO KILBANNON:** In response to Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion No: 18 (L) (6), the County Engineer's report of the 26th February, 1959, was submitted, stating that the reconstruction of this road is included in the programme for the year ending 31st March, 1960.

**1308 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS:** Deputy Geoghegan amended his Notice of Motion and proposed that the minimum and maximum rents for differential cottages in all districts in the County be reconsidered.

After a discussion, it was decided to defer consideration of this item pending the outcome of correspondence with the Department of Local Government with regard to the possibility of revising the Differential Renting Scheme.

**1309 - WELL AT KITERAUN, BARNIA:** In response to Clr. Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, 18 (n) (2), the Secretary stated that a report on this matter had been sought from the County Medical Officer.

**1310 - BALLINDOOLEY PUMP:** Clr. King stated that the pump at Ballindooley which never had been satisfactory has been abandoned entirely, and he proposed that a pump be provided immediately in lieu of that abandoned. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, and Clr. King stated that it is expected that a grant from the Gaeltacht Department, up to 50% of the cost of the work, would be available. Mr. J. Silke, Chief A.C.B. stated that a quotation for provision of a pump at Ballindooley on a "no-water, no fee" basis is being invited.

**1311 - WATER SUPPLY FOR BALLYBRITT COTTAGES:** Clr. P. Ruane requested that consideration would be given to extension of the watermain from Mervue to provide a water supply for the cottages at Ballybritt.

The County Manager stated that a reply to this recommendation will be sent to Clr. Ruane.

**1312 - OUGHTERARD WATERWORKS:** Deputy Geoghegan recommended that a fountain be provided for the five cottages near the reservoir at Oughterard, and that this be done quickly, as the contract is nearing completion.

**1313 - ROAD WIDENING - KILTULLA VILLAGE JUNCTION:** In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion, 18 (o) (1), the County Engineer's report of the 26/2/59 was submitted, giving the estimated cost of the work as £200, and stating that it is a very desirable work.

It was recommended that this work be carried out as soon as money is available.

**1314 - BALLINACOURTY PIER:** In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion 18 (o) (2) the County Engineer's report of the 25/2/59 was submitted, stating that the pier is in very good repair and that when inspected twelve boats were tied up at the pier and were well sheltered.

It was requested that Clr. P. Ruane would give further particulars of the pier and of the work required.

**1315 - COUNTY ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PLAN:** In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion 18 (o) (3) the County Engineer's report of the 21/2/59 was submitted, stating that this work will be selected for reconstruction during the coming year, since the Council has agreed to the transfer of 25% of the Main Road Grant to County Roads in the year ending 31st March, 1960.

**1316 - KNOCKNACARRA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** Deputy Coogan requested that he be informed of the present position in regard to extension of the water supply to Knocknacarra, Galway.

**1317 - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD:** On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council appointed Clr. Martin Quinn, Chairman, to represent the Council and to vote at general meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

**1318 - PUMPS AT KILCURRIVARD AND RAFFEE:** Clr. King read letter of 26/2/59 from the Secretary, stating that tenders for sinking wells in these two areas were invited in October, 1957, but that the work had not yet commenced. He stated that he protested in

the strongest possible way against the delay in completion of these works, and against the inability of the staff to ensure that the works would be completed within a reasonable time.

This protest was seconded by Clr. John Dowd.

Clr. King asked the Council to inform the Department of the position in regard to the delay in the provision of these two pumps, and to ask the Department of Local Government to investigate the cause of the delay in the provision of pumps in rural areas in this county.

Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the contract for this work had been given to a contractor in Kilmallock, Co. Limerick; that there was much delay in having a bond completed by the contractor; that all formalities were completed four weeks ago and that the contractor then came to inspect the site, and promised to start the work immediately; that the work has not since been started and that it will be necessary now to take action to terminate the contract.

Clrs. Flaherty and Canning considered that this explanation of the delay is satisfactory.

Clr. King withdrew his proposal regarding investigation by the Department of Local Government but considered that a time should be set for completion of the bond for such works, and that the Council should insist on completion of it within the said time, or otherwise cancel the contract.

The County Manager stated that a complaint of this nature should be referred to him by the Council before it would be referred to the Department of Local Government.

**1319 - M'KENISH BURIAL GROUND, CARNA:** Deputy Geoghegan stated that due to burrowing by rabbits, this burial ground is in an appalling condition, and requested that some steps be taken immediately to protect the burial ground from rabbits.

**1320 - ORGANISATION:** Deputy Coogan asked when the County Manager will be circulating to the members of the Council the efficiency expert's report.

The County Manager explained that it was necessary to return the report to the Consultants; that it expected that the Consultants will furnish a preliminary report within the next couple of weeks; that it will be necessary to discuss this preliminary report with the County Engineer before it can be submitted to the Council.

**1321 - SYMPATHY:** A vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with Mr. Michael Devane, Rusheenamanagh, Carna, on the death of his mother.

**1322 - BALLYCONNELLY BURIAL GROUND:** Clr. P. Joyce requested that he be informed of the position in regard to the closing of Ballyconneely Burial Ground.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*M. J. Moran - Ronci*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Maurín D. Uí Uiginn*  
Chairman

*Date: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1959*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,  
GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 7th MARCH, 1959.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Deputy M. Carty.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Burke, Canning, 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, Ridge, Ruane, James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

**1 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES:** The Estimate of Expenses for the Year Ending 31st March, 1960, was submitted, showing for county charges total expenditure £2,413,655, and receipts £1,072,470.

The County Manager explained that when preparing the Estimate for the current year ending 31st March, 1959, credit balances at 1st April, 1958, amounting to £90,000 were taken into account; that credit balances to this extent will not be available at the 1st April, 1959, and that although a credit balance of £50,000 has been estimated at 1st April, 1959, a balance to that extent may not be available. In fact,

The Chairman asked if the Committee would examine the Estimate in detail.

Clr. Collins proposed that the rate be left at the same amount as in the current year.

The Chairman stated that he could not accept Clr. Collins' proposal, as it is essential to point out the items which should be reduced.

Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Lambert, proposed that the Estimate be examined in detail, and it was agreed that this be done.

The County Manager pointed out that while there is criticism of the high rate in County Galway, regard should be had to the valuation of the county as compared with other counties in which the rate is lower; that in fact the rate per head of population in County Galway is low as compared with other counties, where the rate in the £. is less than that in County Galway.

It was decided that the Health Account be examined first by the Committee.

**2 - HEALTH SERVICES:** Clr. John Mannion requested that information be sent to him later as to the increase in the rate which was caused by the introduction of the Health Acts, 1953 and subsequently.

After careful examination of the Estimate the following reductions were made in the figures set out in the Statement for Health Services Expenditure:-

**General Medical Services:**

Medicines:	Reduction	£1,000	to	£15,000.
Rates, Rents, etc:	Reduction	£400.	to	£1,000.
Structural Alterations,	"	£400	to	£2,500.
etc:				

Total Reduction for General Medical Services: £1,800.

**Institutional Services:**

Galway Regional Hospital:	Reduction	£5,400	to	£285,450.
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital:	"	£250	to	£11,050.
St. Brendan's Home:	"	£1,450	to	£45,820.

Total Reduction for Institutional Services: £7,100.

The details of the reduction for Institutional Services as follows: -

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Salaries and Wages:

Regional Hospital:	£1,000.	
St. Brendan's Home:	£200.	
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital:	£100.	£1,300

Food, Drink, Etc:

Regional Hospital:	£1,000.	
St. Brendan's Home:	£500.	£1,500

Medicines:

Regional Hospital, Galway:		£500
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Heating, Light & Water Supply:

Galway Regional Hospital:	£1,000	
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital:	£100	£1,100

Medical and Surgical Appliances:

Galway Regional Hospital:		£500
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Structural Repairs, etc:

Galway Regional Hospital:	£200	
St. Brendan's Home:	£750	
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital:	£50	£1000

Printing, Stationery, etc:

Galway Regional Hospital:		£500
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Rent, Rates and Insurance:

Galway Regional Hospital:		£250
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Blood Bank:

Galway Regional Hospital:		£250
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Miscellaneous:

Galway Regional Hospital:		£200
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TOTAL REDUCTION FOR INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: £7100.

At this stage it was decided that the meeting would be adjourned until 2.30.p.m. and the meeting was then adjourned, and on resumption, Deputy Carty again took the Chair, and the Council resumed consideration of the Health Services Estimate of Expenditure.

Extern Institutions: It was decided that no change would be made in this Estimate.

Maternity and Child Health Services: The following reductions in estimated expenditure were made:-

Maternity Cash Grants:	£400.	
School Health Service:	£950.	£1,350.

Tuberculosis:

Infectious Diseases: The following reductions in the Estimated Expenditure were made:-

Dispensary Clinic and Health Centre:	£750.	
Maintenance Allowances:	£2,000.	£2,750.

Dental, Ophthalmic & Aural Services:

The following reductions were made:-

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Fees for Professional Services:	£300.	
Dental etc. Appliances:	£750.	
Clinic and Health Centre Expenses:	£150.	£1,200.

Specialist Services:

The following reductions in estimated expenditure were made:-

Salaries and Fees:	£250.	
X-Ray Services:	£100.	£ 350.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

No alteration made in estimate.

Boarding-out of Children:

The following reduction was made:-

Approved Schools:		£ 1,000.
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Ambulances:

It was decided that no alteration would be made in the Estimate for Ambulance Services, i.e., that the amount estimated £13,850 would be let stand pending the formal Estimates Meeting, and it was directed that the County Engineer's Report on Ambulance costs would be available at the Estimates Meeting, as it appeared to the members that the cost of repairs to ambulances is unduly high.

General Administration:

The following reductions were made:-

Printing, Stationery, Advertising: etc:	£250.	
Maintenance - Woodlands Hospital:	£200.	
Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurances:	£150.	
Expenses of Post Graduate Courses:	£100.	£700.

Retiring Allowances and Gratuities:

A reduction of £1,300 was made in this figure bringing the revised Estimate to £13,000.

3 - ROADS ESTIMATE: The following reductions in this Estimate were made:-

Stationery, Printing and Advertising:	£200, viz. £100 C.A.L. and £100 C.H.D.
Insurance:	£500, viz. £250 C.A.L. and £250 C.H.D.

As the Committee meeting commenced at 11.a.m. and at this stage it was 5.40.p.m. it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimate until a meeting which will be held on Saturday, 14th March, 1959, commencing at 11.a.m. and adjourning for lunch from 1.p.m. to 2.p.m.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. W. Wainwright - Ronai*

Submitted, approved and confirmed.  
*Maureen O'Connell - Chairman* Date: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1959

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.  
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Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

9th March, 1959

To Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Committee Meeting which will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 14th March, 1959, commencing at 11.a.m. to consider the Estimate of Expenses of the Galway County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1960.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.  
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Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

11th March, 1959.

To Each Member of the Council.

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, 21st March, 1959, commencing at 12.30.p.m. to consider and adopt the Estimate of Expenses of the Galway County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1960, and to determine the rate in the pound for County Charges, Separate Charges, and Town Charges.

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MINUTES OF THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1959.

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 (Jas) Donnellan (John), Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Feeney, Deputies Killilea and Kitt, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion (John), Mannion (Martin), Ridge, Ruane (James), Ruane (Pat), SIRR and Wall.

1. - HEALTH SERVICES:

AMBULANCES: The County Engineer's report of 10th March, 1959 was submitted giving particulars of Ambulance repairs, costs for the nine months ending 31st December, 1958. This report showed an expenditure of £437.3.3d on Ambulance No. B.51 and £442.3.9d on Ambulance No. C.49.

Clr. John Mannion questioned the wisdom of spending so much money on such old vehicles.

Mr. J. Woods, Mechanical Engineer stated that the body work of each of these two ambulances is in good condition and that after completion of the overhaul these two ambulances should be good for service for two years at least; that the total mileage for all ambulances for the year ending 31st March, 1958 was approximately 182,000 miles and that the cost per mile excluding wages was 7d.

Clr. John Donnellan asked if in view of the Council's experience of various types of ambulances, a statement would be made as to the type of ambulance considered best.

Clr. Hanley also objected to the expenditure of a large sum of money on old ambulances.

The County Engineer stated that in future prior to an Estimates meeting a report will be submitted by the County Engineer giving his recommendations in regard to withdrawal and replacement of ambulances.

The County Manager suggested that one new ambulance should be purchased in every year and that in addition a second new ambulance should be purchased each alternate year.

Clr. Glynn referred to the effect on patients of the use of an old ambulance.

Deputy Coogan considered that the County Engineer's report should be accepted and Clr. Lambert stated that having regard to the Roads over which the ambulances have to travel and the services which they perform the Council should not quibble at the cost of the ambulance service.

It was eventually decided to reduce the Estimate for Ambulances by £1000.

FOOD SUPPLIES: Deputy Coogan stated that he understood that a Tender had been submitted for supply of un-bottled milk to the Galway Regional Hospital and that the acceptance of this Tender would result in a very considerable saving.

The County Manager stated that the Tenders for milk supplies for the Regional Hospital are under consideration; that the Tender for the supply of bulk milk quoted at a price of 2/7d per gallon for the half year ending 30th September, 1958, while the average price per gallon for bottled milk as tendered for that same period is 3/2d and 1/6th; that the saving by acceptance of bulk milk would be £12.19.2d a week but from this saving should be deducted the additional cost of distribution; the Lay Superintendent reported that the medical staff of the hospital recommend the acceptance of a Tender for bottled milk for the prevention of contamination and owing to the difficulties in storage and distribution.

The Chairman (Deputy Carty) stated that he has been informed that although the Tenders of outside individuals have been accepted for the supply of milk to St. Brendan's Home, the milk will in fact be supplied by Comhlucht Baine na Gaillimhe.

The County Manager stated that he is considering accepting the Tender for

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bottled milk for the half year ending 30th September, 1958 (since in fact the Tenders sought by the Council for that milk were for bottled milk only) and that he will, during the coming half year go into the question of distribution and storage of milk to ascertain whether it would be feasible to invite Tenders for both loose milk and bottled milk in future.

Deputy Coogan pointed out that it would be a responsibility of the Contractor to deliver pure milk at the hospital and that from the time delivery of the milk would be taken, it would be the responsibility of the Council to ensure that the milk delivered would be supplied to the patients without contamination.

HEALTH SERVICE RECEIPTS: Clr. Donnellan was informed by the Assistant County Manager that between £4000 and £5000 is still due for County Mayo patients treated in the Galway Regional Hospital before the Health Act was introduced and as Mayo County Council is not legally responsible for payment in respect of these patients, there is little prospect of recovery of the amount due. The Assistant County Manager states that this is a problem which arises in all counties and that since the amount involved is an accumulation over several years, it is not in fact a serious problem in this county.

The Chairman requested that the Assistant County Manager would repeat this statement at the formal Estimates Meeting.

The County Manager stated that the amount £800 may be included in the estimated receipts in respect of the demolition of the temporary buildings at the Galway Regional Hospital and this amount £800 was included.

Clr. John Mannion wished that he would be informed of the extra cost to the Council of the operation of the Health Act. The County Manager stated in reply that it would be difficult to give an accurate figure as in the intervening period there was also a considerable increase in wages and prices of commodities.

2. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Deputy Geoghegan considered that recipients should be given permission to purchase foot-wear other than official footwear on Footwear Vouchers, e.g. wellington boots if necessary. This suggestion was opposed by Clr. Galvin who considered that wellington boots are a most unhygienic type of footwear for school children.

It was decided to make the following alterations in the estimated expenditure for Public Assistance:-

Turf to H.A. recipients increased by £50  
Printing, Stationery etc. reduced by £50

It was unanimously decided that the Meeting be adjourned for lunch until 2.15 p.m.

The Meeting was then adjourned and on resumption of the meeting, Deputy M. Carty again took the Chair.

3. SANITARY SERVICES:

WATER SUPPLIES: Following a discussion on the amount provided it was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan

"that the amount £33,000 provided for Water Supplies be left unaltered".

It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty and seconded by Clr. Galvin that the amount provided for Water Supplies expenditure be reduced by £3000 (to £30,000).

A vote taken on Deputy Carty's proposal resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Carty, Collins, Donnellan (James), Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Lambert, Mannion (John), Quinn, Ruane (James), SIRR and Wall. (13)

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Donnellan (John), Geoghegan, King and Ridge (5)

Deputy Carty's proposal was declared carried and the Estimated Expenditure for Water Supplies was reduced by £3000.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

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The following reductions were made in other items of sanitary services expenditure:-

Domestic Scavenging - £300  
Burial Grounds - £500  
Travelling Expenses - £50

The total reduction in Sanitary Services expenditure was therefore £3,850.

CLR. QUINN NOW LEFT THE MEETING AND CLR. T. KING TOOK THE CHAIR.

SANITARY SERVICES (continued): Deputy Killilea recommended that public lighting be provided at Abbeyknockmoy.

SANITARY SERVICES RECEIPTS: Deputy Kitt considered that the individual water rents charged by the Council are very low as they have been unchanged for several years. The Chairman, **Clr. King** suggested that the amount be left unaltered and that the County Manager consider whether the rents should be increased.

Clr. James Donnellan stated that there is dissatisfaction in Tuam town in regard to Water Rents which have been paid by some consumers while they have not been paid by others.

#### 4. HOUSING:

PRINTING, STATIONERY, etc. The estimated expenditure was reduced by £100 (to £600) and this was the only alteration made in the estimated expenditure or receipts for Housing Account.

#### 5. GENERAL PURPOSES:

SCHOOL MEALS: Clrs. Collins and Dowd considered that this Scheme should be terminated entirely and that the amount provided for it should be deleted from the Estimate. **Clr. Galvin** stated that the principle of providing meals in a school is a bad one; that the meals should be provided by the homes of the children.

The County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer's recommendation was that the provision of a hot drink for the children in the Gaeltacht Schools be continued but that the provision of bread be discontinued; that if necessary home assistance allowance could be granted to the parents who are unable to provide bread for their school children. **Clr. Wall** suggested reducing the estimated expenditure to £5000 which is for provision of a hot drink) and that if necessary home assistance be given to the parents who are unable to provide bread for their children. **Clr.M. Mannion** supported **Clr. Wall**.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by **Clr. John Donnellan** that the estimated expenditure for School Meals be left unaltered.

It was proposed by **Clr. Wall** and seconded by **Clr. Dowd** that the estimated expenditure for food for School meals be reduced from £13,300 to £6600, i.e. a reduction of £7,300.

It was proposed by **Clr. P. Galvin** and seconded by **Clr. James Donnellan** that the estimated expenditure for School meals food be reduced to £6000 and that the estimate for Home Assistance be increased by £3000.

It was proposed by **Clr. J. Glynn** and seconded by **Clr. T. King** that the estimated expenditure for school meals be reduced to £10,000 (from £13,300). It was proposed by **Clr. John Flaherty** and seconded by **Clr. W. Burke** that the amount £13,300 be reduced to £8000.

A vote taken on Deputy Geoghegan's proposal resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Clrs. Donnellan (John), Geoghegan, Feeney, King, Mannion, Ridge, Coogan. (7)

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan (James), Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion (Martin), Ruane (James), Sirr and Wall. (14)  
**Clr. Hanley** did not vote.

A vote was then taken as between **Clr. Flaherty's** proposal that the estimated expenditure be reduced to £8000 and **Clr. Glynn's** proposal that the estimate be reduced to £10,000, resulting as follows:-

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**FOR CLR. FLAHERTY'S PROPOSAL: (£8,000)** Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan (James), Dowd, Flaherty, Hanley, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion (Martin), Ruane (James), Sirr and Wall. -(13)

**FOR CLR. GLYNN'S PROPOSAL (£10,000)** Clrs. Coogan, Galvin, Glynn, Feeney, King, Mannion - (6)

Clrs. Donnellan (John), Deputy Geoghegan and **Clr. Ridge** did not vote.

It was therefore decided that the estimated expenditure for School Meals - Food be reduced by £5,300 (to £8,000).

The following additional reductions were made in the estimated expenditure for a General Purposes Accounts:-

Salaries - £500  
Cost of Rate Collection - £500  
Tuam Palace Grounds - £800  
Stationery, Printing etc. £500  
Expenses of Courthouses - £2,000  
County Buildings - £300.

The total reduction in the estimated expenditure for General Purposes Account was therefore £9,900.

In the course of discussion of the General Purposes estimate, Deputy Coogan stated that two years ago an entire housing scheme was omitted during the revision of the Voters List.

Deputy Coogan stated that he was opposed to the provision of a mobile unit for the Library Service. The Assistant County Manager gave particulars of the cost of this proposal and pointed out that it would obviate the provision of Branch Libraries where such Branches were not really necessary. **Clr. Dowd** opposed the deferring of the provision of a Branch Library for Byrecourt.

FIRE BRIGADES: **Clr. Galvin** stated that the Fire Brigade is often called out to deal with fires which were started deliberately in bogs by the owners and recommended that such occurrences should be reported to the Gardai.

It was decided that consideration of the estimate for Fire Brigades and Civil Defence be adjourned until the Estimates Meeting when **Cent. P. B. Sugrue**, Fire Chief will be available.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS: Deputy Coogan protested against the fact that the National Monuments Council had ignored the appeal in regard to preservation of the Lions Tower, Galway. The County Manager explained that the National Monuments in Galway city are not the concern of the Galway County Council which deals with such monuments (in so far as they are under the Council's control) in the Galway County Health District only.

6. MISCELLANEOUS: Consideration of the Estimate then terminated, it being arranged that at the formal Estimates Meeting on 21st March, 1959, the Council will again consider the following items:-

Road Works - Clrs. Notices of Motion.  
General Purposes:-  
Fire Brigades  
Civil Defence.

**Clr. Kitt** requested that at the Estimates meeting on 21st instant particulars will be available of the break-up of the Road Works Estimate showing the amount for each Engineering District in the county.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.  
*Mairin O'Leary* Chairman. Date: 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 1959

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAIBLIHIE

OIFIS AN RUDAI,  
DOGAR MÓR,  
SAIBLIHIE,  
14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 1959.

Suádh:  
Saiblihí 55.

Óuis zac báil de'n Comairle.

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TO CONSIDER:-

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Road to Cloonkeen Village (Minute 1253 of 24/1/59)
4. Creation of office of Assistant County Engineer (Minute 1135 of 8/11/58)
5. Creation of office of Cardiographer at Galway Regional Hospital.
6. Members' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. M. O'Donnell:  
"I will request the Co. Council to extend Lettermore Water Works in order to serve the villages of Slate, Crimminagh, Curryulha and Bun an Aill".
  - (b) Deputies M. F. Kitt and M. Carty:  
"That in accordance with the terms of Sections 24, 31 and 35 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, this Council be directed to acquire land, either by agreement with the consent of the Minister for Local Government or compulsorily for leasing or sale, after developing such land, to workers employed by the Sugar Company in Gowla Bog in order to facilitate the erection of houses by private enterprise."
  - (c) Clr. J. O'Flaherty:  
No.1 "That the road that leads to Lavally Post Office be taken over and maintained by the Co. Council."  
No.2 "That the road from Castletown, Kilkerrin, through the village of Derreen on to Clonbern be put on the Five Year Plan for rolling."
  - (d) Clr. S. Canning:  
"In view of the fact that fifteen owners of cottages on St. Bridget's Road, Portunma are anxious to avail of the water supply and sewerage to be installed in their houses, I will propose that this should take effect without delay. There are fifteen householders concerned and they have agreed to comply with the regulations governing same."

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- (e) Deputy J. Geoghegan:  
No.1. "I will propose that the watermain be extended across from the Reservoir in Lettermore to Derryneengloss village."  
No.2. "I will propose that all furniture needed for Dispensaries in the County will be made by our own carpenters."  
No.3. "that all water extensions will be carried out by our own Engineers."
- (f) Clr. J. Glynn and Deputy M. Killilea: "We propose that a Council type cottage be erected for Edward McDermott, Farm, Williamstown."

7. Other Business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY,  
21st MARCH, 1959

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, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Sirr and Wall.

1323 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1960: The County Manager explained that the Estimate of Expenses as originally prepared, provided for an increase of 1/3d. in the £. in the rate as compared with the rate for the current year; that after lengthy Committee Meetings of the Council held on 7th and 14th instant, various items of expenditure were reduced and that the estimate now being submitted, as amended at the Committee Meetings, provided for an increase of 4 1/2d. in the rate for the coming year.

The Estimate of Expenses was then submitted, showing:-

County Charges - Expenditure:	£2,380,555.	
County Charges - Receipts:	£1,064,270.	
Rate for County Charges:		547.221d.

Separate Charges - Expenditure:	£50,982. 14. Od.
Separate Charges - Amount to be raised:	£42,528. 3. 3d.

Town Charges - Amount to be raised:-

	Loughrea:	£526.	
	Tuam:	£2,628.	
Town Charges Rate -	Loughrea:	21d.	
" " "	Tuam:	61d.	

Clr. Ridge objected to the reduction in the Estimated Expenditure for School Meals (Gaeltacht).

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Ridge, the Secretary stated that the Agricultural Grant for the current year amounts to £459,299.

When Clr. Ridge referred to the cost of members' travelling expenses, it was pointed out by Clr. Flaherty that members receive no other payment for the loss of their time and expense incurred in postage and stationery. Clr. Flaherty's statement was supported by Clr. Sirr.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved: "That the Council consider the Estimate of Expenses as amended at the Committee Meetings held on 7th and 14th instant."

The County Manager stated that credit had been given for an estimated balance in favour of £50,000 at 1st April, 1959; that it now appeared that it will hardly be possible to take credit for a balance of that amount at 1st April next, and that since the Council at the recent Committee Meetings has cut the Estimate very finely, it is not anticipated that there will be any saving in the estimated expenditure in the year ending 31st March, 1960.

Clr. Collins proposed that the Council consider only the three items left over for consideration at the Committee Meetings, viz.:

Roads - Councillors' Notices of Motion.
General Purposes - Fire Brigades.
" " Civil Defence.

It was proposed by Clr. Joyce and seconded by Deputy Carty, that the estimated expenditure for school meals - food, be increased by £1,000 to £9,000.

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr and seconded by Clr. Canning that the Council adhere to the amount set out in the estimate for School Meals - Food, viz., £8,000.

The County Manager pointed out that if the School Meals Scheme is to

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operate in the coming year as in the current year, the amount £13,300 originally estimated will be required; that if there is a reduction in the amount, it will be necessary to curtail the period for supply of the meals;

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Clr. Ridge, that the same amount as in the current year, viz., £12,300 be provided for School Meals - Food.

Clr. Hanley stated that on further consideration of this item, he agrees with Clr. Mannion's proposal.

Clr. James Donnellan seconded the proposal made by Clr. P. Collins.

Clr. Wall stated that it is not reasonable to suggest that approximately 1,400 parents in the Gaeltacht are unable to provide food for their children; that if there are some parents who cannot afford to provide bread for their school children some other arrangement should be made for the provision of the bread in such cases. Clr. Wall recommended that coon only be provided and that an addition of £1,000 be made to the estimated expenditure for home assistance, so as to permit the provision of bread, where necessary.

The Chairman, (Clr. M. Quinn), suggested that a sum of £10,000 or £10,150 be provided for School Meals - Food.

Deputy Carty agreed with the Chairman's suggestion.

Clr. Flaherty opposed the continuation of the existing scheme.

A vote now taken as between the proposals for an estimated expenditure of £12,300 or £10,000 or £8,000 for School Meals - Food, for the year ending 31st March, 1960, resulted as follows:-

£12,300: Clrs. Coogan, Geoghegan, Mannion John, O'Donnell and Ridge (5).

£10,000: Clrs. Carty, Donnellan John, Galvin, Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, King, Lahiffe, and Quinn (10).

£8,000: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion Martin, Ruane James, Sirr and Wall (12).

The Chairman declared the proposal that £12,300 be provided lost, and the five members who voted in favour of that proposal were then requested to vote as between the proposals for £10,000 and £8,000.

The vote taken resulted as follows:-

£10,000: Clrs. Coogan, Geoghegan, Mannion John, and O'Donnell (4).

£8,000: Nil.

Clr. Ridge did not vote.

The position then was that 14 Councillors had voted for the provision of £10,000 while 12 Councillors had voted for provision of £8,000, and it was therefore decided that the sum of £10,000 be included in the Estimate for provision of School Meals - Food, for the year ending 31st March, 1960.

Roads: It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Deputy Coogan, that the amount £7,750 provided in Roads Account for Councillors' Notices of Motion, be deleted.

It was proposed by Clr. Sirr and seconded by Deputy Carty, that the amount £7,750 provided in Roads Account for Councillors' Notices of Motion be allowed to stand in the Estimate.

A vote taken on the question of retaining or deleting this amount resulted as follows:-

For retention of the amount £7,750: Clrs. Burke, Carty, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, King, Kitt, Lahiffe, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane James, Sirr and Wall. (22).

For deletion of the amount £7,750: Clrs. Canning, Coogan, Lambert, Mannion John. (4).

The proposal for deletion of the amount £7,750 was declared lost, and it was therefore decided that this amount be retained in the Estimate.

AT THIS STAGE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH UNTIL 3.30 P.M.  
AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING CLR. M. QUINN AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**Fire Brigades:** Captain P.B. Sugrue, Chief Fire Officer, gave particulars of the estimated expenditure for Fire Brigades, and after discussion, it was proposed by Clr. Quinn, Chairman, seconded by Clr. Sarr and resolved:

"That this Estimate be reduced by £800 to £11,000".

**Civil Defence:** Captain Sugrue pointed out that although the Civil Defence Scheme has been in existence for a long time, it is only during the last two years that recruiting for that service started.

After discussion, it was, on the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Quinn, decided to leave this estimated expenditure stand at £16,000.

**Insurances:** The Chairman stated that Irish Insurance Cos. are operating in Ireland, and are investing their money in Ireland, and that it is his view that the tenders of Irish Insurance Companies for the Council's insurances should be accepted.

The County Manager stated that the investment of monies in Ireland by foreign Insurance Companies is as large as that by Irish Companies.

**Burning of Furze, etc:** Clr. Galvin stated that he referred to this matter as normally the Guards do not take any action against the offenders, but he considered that if it was made a normal practice to report such cases to the Gardai for discreet investigation, there might be a reduction in the number of calls for the Fire Brigade.

The Chairman suggested that rural organisations should also co-operate in this matter.

**Libraries:** In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the County Manager pointed out that particulars of the cost of the proposed mobile library van, had been given at the Committee Meetings.

In reply to an enquiry by the Chairman, the Assistant County Manager stated that the rate of remuneration for Branch Librarians is being increased from 2/9d. to 3/- per hour with effect from 1st April, 1958.

Deputy Coogan opposed the provision of the Mobile Library Unit, as he stated that only the idle rich can avail of the service which it will provide.

**Estimate:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. S. Canning and resolved:

"That the Council adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B, C, D and E as submitted to and as amended at this meeting."

It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. S. Canning and resolved;

"That the Council determine, in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses, the rate set forth in the final column of Table C, Column 13 of Table D, and in the final Column 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, 1960"

**1324 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE - Y.E. 31st March, 1959:** On the proposition of the Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty, the Council approved excess expenditure in the current year as set out hereunder, amounting to a total of £70,690, it being noted that £36,945 of this amount will be recouped by grants, and that savings on other headings will amount to £44,550:-

**Excess Expenditure for Year Ending 31st March, 1959 -**

**Roads:**

Government Grants:			
County at Large:	£520.		
County Health District:	£12,000.		£12,520.
Other Purposes - County at Large:			£2,315.

**Health:**

General Medical Services:	£7,270		
Institutional Services:	£30,700		
Tuberculosis and other Infectious Diseases:	£2,180		
Rehabilitation, etc. of Disabled Persons:	£4,500		
Boarding out etc. of Children:	£1,500		
Ambulance Service & Transport of Patients:	£2,700		£48,850.

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	Brought Forward:		£63,685.
<b>Public Assistance:</b>			
	Home Assistance:	£2,500.	
	Other Purposes:	£2,340.	£4,840.
<b>Sanitary:</b>			
	Drainage and Public Sanitary Works:	£200	
	Baths, Wash Houses and Bathing Places:	£10	
	Public Lighting:	£1,500	£1,710.
<b>Housing:</b>			
	Labourers' Acts:		£255.
<b>General Purposes:</b>			
	Fire Brigade:		£200.
	<b>TOTAL EXCESS EXPENDITURE:</b>		<b>£70,690.</b>

**1325 - GLENAMADDY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE:** On the proposition of Clr. John Flaherty, seconded by Mr. M. Quinn, Chairman, the Council appointed Ref. Father Skehill, C.C., Glenamaddy, a member of the Glenamaddy Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

**1326 - ORGANISATION:** The County Manager, in reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, stated that while the final report of the Industrial Consultants is not yet available, the original report recommended the establishment of three further central quarries; that the Engineering Staff did not agree with this recommendation, in view of the alteration in the method of construction of roads; that one further central pit might be established, which would result in a saving of £9,000 a year.

Deputy Carty stated that much publicity had been given to irresponsible statements made by persons who were unaware of the facts in regard to the economies which might result from the introduction of the recommendations of the Consultants.

Clr. King suggested that there be a special meeting of the Committee held to consider the recommendation of the Industrial Consultants.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1327 - MILK SUPPLIES:** The County Manager explained that for the period commencing 1st April, 1959, tenders had not been sought for unbottled milk; that an unsolicited tender had been submitted by a person who is not registered as a dealer; that the Medical Staff of the hospital oppose the use of unbottled milk in view of the danger of contamination.

Deputy Coogan repeated the statement made by him at the Committee Meeting, viz., that it would be the responsibility of the contractor to deliver pure milk at the Institution, and that subsequent to the delivery of the milk, it would be the responsibility of the Council to ensure that it would reach the patients free from contamination.

The County Manager pointed out that an increase in the handling of milk would increase the danger of contamination, and that the expenditure on provision of utensils and labour for distribution would offset much of the apparent saving.

**1328 - PATIENTS FROM COUNTY MAYO:** As requested by the Chairman, the Assistant County Manager stated that prior to 1st April, 1956, the responsibility of outside counties for the cost of the maintenance and treatment of their patients in the Galway Regional Hospital was not defined clearly; that the amount outstanding in respect of such County Mayo patients treated in the hospital prior to 1st April, 1956, is approximately £4,000, which is an accumulation of arrears over at least four years, and that there is no legal responsibility on County Mayo for payment of this amount to Galway County Council; that this problem of the cost of treatment of patients from

other counties arises in every county; that in the current year Galway County Council has received from Mayo County Council approximately £10,300 for maintenance and treatment of patients.

The County Manager explained that it is impossible to refuse treatment to an emergency case, irrespective of what part of the country the patient belongs to.

1329 - ROAD WORKS EXPENDITURE: The County Engineer, in reply to a request by Deputy Kitt, gave particulars of the make-up of road works expenditure for the coming year, excluding minor items such as road signs, which are common to all districts, viz:-

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Clifden District:	86,220.
Galway "	84,270.
Gort "	57,120.
Loughrea "	55,090.
Portumna "	68,700.
Ballinasloe "	49,650.
Mountbellew "	54,130.
Miltown "	77,100.
Tuam "	50,190.
Athenry "	67,370.
TOTAL:	649,840

Clr. Hanley objected to the expenditure of all the Tourist Grant in the West of the County.

The County Manager explained that there are more tourist routes in the west; that regard also has to be had to the different nature of the road foundations in Connemara.

The Chairman requested that at the next meeting the County Engineer will have available particulars of the area in square miles and the road mileage in each Engineer's District.

Clr. Glynn asked if the County Engineer would consider changing the system of allocation of Bord Failte Grants in future.

The County Engineer explained that these grants, which are relatively small are usually allocated by Bord Failte after consideration of representations made by local bodies such as Anglers' Associations etc.

1330 - SYMPATHY: Votes of Sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

Miss Mary Byrne, Fairhill, Galway, on the death of her father.  
The McCullough Family, St. Helen's Street, Galway, on the death of Mr. Wm. McCullough.  
Mr. John Joyce, Mill Street, Galway, on the death of his brother.  
Mr. P. Harney, Aghrim, on the death of his brother.  
Miss Phillips, Canal Road, Galway, on the death of her sister.  
The relatives of the late Mr. John O'Flaherty, Derrynea, Costello.  
The Hogan Family, Laught, Moylough.  
Mrs. J. Gilmore, Moate, Moybough, on the death of her sister.

1331 - ADJOURNMENT: Consideration of the items on the Agenda for the ordinary meeting to be held on 21st March, 1959, was adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Maurice O'Connell Chairman.*

*Date: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1959*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 11th APRIL, 1959.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. John Mannion, T. King, M. O'Donnell, M. Wall, Dr. C.F. MacCon, County Medical Officer, Dr. M.J. Dyar and Dr. D.T. O'Driscoll.  
Mr. T.F. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, Miss A. Walsh, Mr. P.J. Duffy and Mr. B.J. Cannon, Staff Officers, and Mr. L. O Luanaigh, Secretary.

1 - CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman, at the commencement of the meeting, it was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. J. Mannion and resolved, "that Deputy M. Carty take the Chair."  
Deputy Carty then took the Chair.

2 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting held on 14th February, 1959, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: Deputy Carty stated that Miss Josephine Diskin, Tynagh, Loughrea, is six weeks waiting for a surgical boot, and that until she obtains this appliance she is unable to resume her employment.

Dr. Dyar stated that he is being requested by the Council to certify and return for payment a requisition for unsuitable drugs supplied to him in 1958.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that Dr. Dyar can certify that he received the drugs, and that he can then make any remarks he chooses in regard to the quality of the drugs supplied; that it will be a matter for the Council to arrange payment or otherwise.

Dr. Dyar stated that itinerants who are seeking home assistance, are being sent to him for medical certificates, and that he considered that the Home Assistance Officer should decide on the application without referring the itinerants to the Doctor.

The Assistant County Manager explained that home assistance is not given to an able-bodied person normally, unless some such person is medically unfit to work.

Dr. Dyar stated that patients seeking admission to the Regional Hospital are asked if they hold a medical card. The Assistant County Manager stated that it is essential to ask this question in order to determine the appropriate rate of charge for the patient.

Clr. King asked if Dr. Dyar was raising this matter on behalf of persons who have cards, or on behalf of persons who have not got cards.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. John Mannion gave the Assistant County Manager for investigation particulars of a case in which a medical card was refused to an applicant who has seven children and only small means.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, the Assistant County Manager explained that patients who on discharge from the Regional Hospital, require continued treatment with drugs which are not normally available in dispensaries, are given a supply of these drugs to cover the period between the date of discharge, and the time at which the drugs should be available in the dispensary. Dr. Dyar considered that in such cases a note should be sent to the patient's doctor, regarding the necessity for the drugs, rather than that the prescription should be handed to the patient.

The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to General Medical Service Cards:-

Total number of applications received:	21,568.
Total number granted:	19,236.
Number refused:	1,991.

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Number under consideration: 341.  
 Number of cards current: 18,077.  
 Number of persons covered by current cards: 55,807.

**4- GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:** Dr. Dyar stated that it has been stated in County Mayo that the cost of maintaining a patient in a Dublin hospital is less than the cost of maintaining a patient in Galway Regional Hospital.

The Assistant County Manager explained that the cost of maintenance and treatment of a patient in a Dublin hospital, does not cover the entire expenditure involved, and that the deficit is met from other sources, e.g., Hospital Trust Fund.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that the service at the Galway Regional Hospital might be improved by a rigid system of discharge of patients who are fit for discharge from the hospital.

Dr. Dyar stated that it would be desirable that the actual cost of maintenance and treatment of a patient in the Dublin Hospitals would be available.

**5 - MATERNITY SERVICES:** The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Maternity Cash Grants:-

Number of grants approved for payment since 1/4/58: 1,680  
 Total number approved since beginning of scheme: 7,960.

The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to agreements for provision of Maternity Services:-

Agreements for provision of services completed by 41 District Medical Officers and 63 private doctors, and by 33 district midwives and 31 private midwives.

Dr. Dyar recommended that a sterile drum be provided for outside doctors performing operative obstetrics.

Clr. King stated that the arrangement for agreements for provision of maternity services was intended to encourage an increase in domiciliary confinements, but that it is doubtful that any such increase has resulted or will result due to the convenience of institutional confinements, and the fact that the service is available free of charge.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that in all countries the tendency is that there is an increase in confinements in institutions; that if domiciliary confinements are to be encouraged, a proper mobile emergency service should be organised.

The Assistant County Manager explained that a "flying squad" is already available operating from Portlinculla Hospital, and that a second "flying squad" is being organised to operate from Galway Regional Hospital.

Dr. Dyar recommended that a circular be sent to all doctors in the county, giving particulars of this emergency service and that an emergency phone-call number be assigned in respect of each of the two "flying squads".

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that the availability of a "flying squad" does encourage domiciliary confinements and both Br. O'Driscoll and Dr. Dyar recommended that the "flying-squads" should include the most Senior Obstetrician available at the time of the call.

Dr. Dyar referred to a letter dated 7th April, 1959, which he received from the County Manager in regard to the use of the ambulance by Dr. Dyar for sending a patient to Holles Street Hospital, Dublin; Dr. Dyar stated that he did not requisition the ambulance for this purpose, but that if such an emergency arose, he considered he should be empowered to send the patient to Dublin, without prior reference of the patient to Galway Regional Hospital.

The Assistant County Manager stated that unless it has been established that the necessary services are not available at Galway, authority is not given for the sending of a patient to a Dublin Hospital.

In reply to an enquiry by Dr. O'Driscoll, the Assistant County Manager stated that the Council's ambulances may be called out to any accident case, and that the ambulances are available on a payment basis to persons not entitled to free treatment.

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**6 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES:** The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances:

	3,306.
Number of applications received:	1,572.
Number of applications granted:	1,621.
Number of applications refused:	113.
Number being dealt with:	
Number of allowances discontinued by reason of death, award of State Pensions, etc:	260.

Dr. Dyar asked if any progress had been made with implementation of the rehabilitation provisions of Section 50 of the Health Act, 1953, and he was informed by the Assistant County Manager that the appropriate regulations have not been made.

Deputy Carty stated that the Assistance Officers should not be encouraging old age pensioners and recipients of widows' pensions to apply for disablement allowances, when, in fact, such persons will not get any such allowances.

**7 - POLIO VACCINATION SCHEME:** Dr. Dyar stated that he still considered that the polio vaccination scheme could be more efficiently operated by the patients' doctors.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Carty, Doctor MacCon stated that the scheme for polio vaccination is confined to children of not more than ten years of age, and that the vaccination of applicants within the approved age group, will soon be completed; that he, Dr. MacCon, is about to recommend that the age limit be extended to fifteen years.

**8 - DENTAL SERVICES:** Dr. Dyar stated that in other counties the local authorities have an arrangement with private dentists for the carrying out of the dental service for school children, and recommended that similar arrangements be made in this county.

Dr. MacCon stated that a proposal to this effect was sent for the sanction of the Minister for Health several months ago.

Deputy Carty stated that he has been informed by teachers that in the past year, there has been a marked improvement in the dental service for school children.

**9 - CANCER CLINICS:** Dr. Dyar stated that the doctors had received a circular stating that Dr. O'Jordan would be holding clinics at the Galway Regional Hospital on certain days; that there is no use in conveying this information to outside doctors who refer any cancer patient to the Regional Hospital immediately.

Both Dr. O'Driscoll and Dr. Dyar recommended that this clinic be given some name other than Cancer Clinic, e.g., "Radiotherapy Clinic".

Dr. Dyar recommended that it be left to the patient's doctor to arrange for the sending of a patient to a Dublin clinic if necessary.

The Assistant County Manager stated that this is not permitted, unless the specialist in the Regional Hospital concurs.

Dr. Dyar stated that when a patient has already been given examination and treatment at the Regional Hospital, it is an impossible arrangement that such patient cannot be referred by the patient's doctor to a Dublin Hospital if necessary, as under the present arrangement the Regional Hospital is being asked to criticise its own work.

Dr. Dyar stated that there should be a full regional service available in Galway for cancer patients, and that it is not good that a patient who is seriously ill should have to travel the long journey to Dublin for examination and treatment.

In regard to extern institutions generally, Clr. King stated that he did not consider that a patient receiving free treatment should be empowered to ignore the local services and to go elsewhere and expect the Council to pay for his maintenance and treatment in the extern hospital.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAIBLIHNE

OFIS AN RÚNAÍ,  
NA FOIRNIOGHE CONNDAE,  
SAIBLIHNE.

Suétán:  
Saibhlinn 2055.

15ad Aibreáin, 1959.

Cuiz gac bairle be'n Comairle.

A CARA,

TARRTAR ORTLEIS seo beic i rictair az cruinniu de Comairle  
Conndae na Saibhlinne a tionsolpar ins na foirnioche Conndae, Saibhlinn,  
Dia Saetairn, 25ad Aibreáin, 1959, az cosnu ar 12.30.p.m. a eios.

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1. O TUAONAIS.

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Na h-áthair seo leanas a breahtu:-

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Damáiste Maibsead - eilim.
3. bótar az Cluan Óinn (Min. 1253 de 24/1/59).
4. gasactái d'fagáil:-  
(a) Droichead bairle an Ruiséalais - £4,200.  
(b) " Caislean Maolne - £3,700.
5. bóitire - leatad agus fad bóitire in zac ceanhtar. (Min. 1329 de 21/3/59)
6. Scéim gasactái le h-áthair tigte a beisiú, agus rún ó'n  
leatad M. Mac Cártaig.
7. Ofis mar Innealltóir Conzanta a éruú (Min. 1135 de 8/11/58).
8. Ofis mar Innealltóir Conzanta sealadac a éruú (Min. 1054 de 1/9/58)
9. Ofis mar Cardiographer 'san Ospidéal a éruú.
10. Postaoíct foirne Polio a leanúint, viz. Doctúir, Daghaltara agus  
Cléiread.
11. Atrú tuarastail -  
Stáisiún-Ofisgac sa Droichead Coitheadin.
12. Fó-clitce maidir le marzá i mbaile loca Riad agus Portomha:-  
(a) Cosg a éur ar marzá a beic in aon áit aet i bplás an  
marzáic.  
(b) ...

13. Tuir ó Árd Comairle na gCondae maidir le cruinniu i mí na  
Bealtaine.
14. Moltá ó Comairleóirí.
18. Shó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Road to Cloonkeen Village (Minute 1253 of 24.1.59).
4. Raising of Loans for:-  
(a) Russelltown Bridge - £4,200.  
(b) Castlemoyle Bridge - £3,700.
5. Area and road mileage for each Engineering District (Minute 1329 of 21/3/59).
6. Scheme for Loans for Reconstruction, repair, or improvement of dwelling-houses,  
and Notice of Motion by Deputy Carty, viz:-

"At next meeting of the Co. Council I or some other member acting  
on my behalf shall ask the Co. Manager to submit for approval by  
the Council a scheme enabling qualified persons to secure loans for  
repair, reconstruction and purchase of suitable old houses."

7. Creation of permanent office of Assistant County Engineer - in lieu of temporary  
Engineer employed continuously (Minute 1135 of 8/11/58).
8. Creation of one additional office of Assistant County Engineer (Temporary)  
for West Galway (Minute 1054 of 1.9.'58).
9. Creation of permanent office of Cardiographer at Galway Regional Hospital.
10. Continuation of employment of Temporary Doctor, Nurse and Typist for Polio  
Vaccination Scheme.
11. Increase in remuneration of Station Officer, Galway Fire Brigade.
12. Confirmed Bye-Laws for Loughrea and Portumna Markets:-  
(a) Restriction of markets to market place.  
(b) Tolls.  
(Copies of Bye-laws enclosed).
13. County Council's General Council - matters for inclusion in next agenda.
14. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-  
(a) Clr. M. O'Donnell: "I will request the Co. Council to extend Lettermore  
Waterworks in order to serve the villages of Slate, Crimminagh, Curryulha  
and Bun an Aill."  
(b) Deputies M.F. Kitt and M. Carty: "That in accordance with the terms of  
Sections 24, 31 and 35 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, this Council be  
directed to acquire land, either by agreement with the consent of the Minister  
for Local Government or compulsorily for leasing or sale, after developing  
such land, to workers employed by the Sugar Company in Gowla Bog in order  
to facilitate the erection of houses by private enterprise."  
(c) Clr. J. O'Flaherty: No.1 "That the road that leads to Lavally Post Office  
be taken over and maintained by the Co. Council."

14. (c) Clr. J. O'Flaherty:  
No.2. "That the road from Castletown, Kilkerrin, through the village of Derreen on to Clonbern be put on the Five Year Plan for rolling."
- (d) Clr. S. Canning:  
"In view of the fact that fifteen owners of cottages on St. Bridget's Road, Portumna, are anxious to avail of the water supply and sewerage to be installed in their houses, I will propose that this should take effect without delay. There are fifteen householders concerned and they have agreed to comply with the regulations governing same."
- (e) Deputy J. Geoghegan:  
No.1. "I will propose that the watermain be extended across from the Reservoir in Lettermore to Derryneengloss village."  
No. 2. "I will propose that all furniture needed for Dispensaries in the County will be made by our own carpenters."  
No: 3 "That all water extensions will be carried out by our own Engineers."
- (f) Clr. J. Glynn and Deputy M. Killilea: "We propose that a Council type cottage be erected for Edward McDermott, Farm, Williamstown."
- (g) Deputy J. Geoghegan:  
No.1. "I will ask the County Manager if he is satisfied at the rate of progress made in the erection of cottages in the county."  
No.2. "I will ask the County Engineer what is the hold-up regarding the water supply for Cornamona."
- (h) Clr. J. Glynn:  
"The amount of money provided by the Tourist Board this year for the following - Carragee Strand, Piddal Strand, East and West, Furbo Strands, Barna Silver Strand, Renvyle Strand, Letterfrack, and Roundstone Gurteen Strand, and how allocated, and when proposed to start work, if total is £10,000."
- (i) Clr. J. Dowd:  
"I will propose that the Council take over and maintain the Bellview/Lawrencetown Road."
- (j) Clr. J. Ridge:  
"I will propose at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council that the Manager reduce the travelling expenses of officials and members of the Council to refund the £2,500 he has cut in his estimate for school meals. I also propose that the same scheme be given to the poor districts in south Galway."
- (k) Senator R. Lahiffe and Deputy M. Carty:  
"At the next meeting of the Co. Council one or other of the undersigned shall ask the Co. Manager to advise him on position regarding the provision of new B.O.H. cottages at Kinvara."
- (l) Deputy M.F. Kitt:  
"At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that as regards roads which connect two public roads or stop-end roads, where there are four or more ratepayers residing thereon, or from where £100 or more is paid in rates to the County Council; that this Council supply material free for the upkeep of these roads, provided the ratepayers concerned make application for same and give an undertaking to spread it on the roads themselves."
- (m) Clr. P. Ruane:  
No.1. "That the road from Rosshill to link with loop road at Race Course, through marble quarry and Ballynew village be rolled as early as possible."  
No.2. "That the road from Carnmore East via schoolhouse to Claregalway be placed on the 5-year plan."

14. (m) Clr. P. Ruane:  
No.3. "That this Council meeting ask the Galway Corporation to erect a gate entrance to the sheep portion in the Galway Fairgreen."
- (n) Clr. J. Dowd:  
No.1. "I will propose that the Council take over the existing village green at Kiltormer and have it generally cleaned up."  
No:2 "I will propose that a path be laid from Curley's shop to the school at Kiltormer as the present path is dangerous to children."
- (o) Deputy J. Geoghegan:  
"I will propose that the sluice on the river between Kilroe East and Kilroe West be re-constructed so as to relieve flooding."
15. Other business.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE FIRE BRIGADES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,  
ON SATURDAY, 26th APRIL, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. James Cox and F. Breathnach, Galway Corporation,  
Mr. C. Soden, Ballinasloe Urban District Council,  
Mr. James J. Ruane, Co. Councillor.  
Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager, Captain P.B. Sugrue, Chief Fire  
Officer, Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer and Mr. L. O Luanaigh,  
County Secretary.

1 - REPORT ON FIRE SERVICE: Captain Sugrue's report of 22nd April, 1959, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Breathnach requested an explanation of the increase of approximately £2,500 in the estimated expenditure for 1959/60 as shown in page 3 of the report.

Captain Sugrue explained that the Estimate in the current year was not sufficient to enable him to replace equipment which is becoming worn out; that in addition, there was an increase in the remuneration of the members of the Fire Brigades; that the estimate for the current year includes provision for the salary of a Divisional Officer, but that this does not cause any increase in the estimate, as the minimum of the Divisional Officer scale will be approximately the same as the salary which is being paid to the driver.

Later, particulars of the estimate were obtained by the Secretary showing that the increase in expenditure is mainly under the headings of "Replacement of Equipment" and "Maintenance and Fuel", as well as a small increase under the heading of "Salaries".

Clr. Breathnach asked if the driver who had resigned, had left because of the condition of the house which he was occupying in the Fire Station.

Captain Sugrue stated that generally there is little soakage in the ceilings of flat-roofed houses; that this is noticeable particularly in Galway, where sometimes there is an abrupt change from a cold spell to a warm, moist spell of weather, resulting in condensation on the walls of flat-roofed apartments. Captain Sugrue stated that the question of the dampness in the driver's house at the Fire Station has been taken up with the Architect but that it is doubtful if this was the reason for the driver's departure.

Clr. Breathnach agreed that dampness due to condensation was universal in Galway City during the past year, and the Chairman pointed out that concrete buildings take many years to dry out entirely.

2 - AGREEMENTS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTIES: The Chairman referred to Paragraph 3 of the report, and stated that the Fire Chief's recommendations therein are important.

Mr. Doyle stated that this Council has been in correspondence with Tipperary County Council; that Tipperary would be willing to pay the actual cost of a trip by the Galway Fire Brigade to a particular fire, but that it has not been possible to get agreement to a charge which would allow for Capital expenditure.

Clr. Cox stated that if a Fire Brigade in an outlying town has to be improved so that it may efficiently serve an area in an adjoining county, it would be only fair that the latter Council should bear part of the capital cost of improving the fire brigade.

On the proposal of Clr. Cox, it was agreed to recommend to the County Council that this matter be referred to the County Councils' General Council for consideration at their next meeting.

3 - DIVISIONAL OFFICER: Clr. Breathnach stated that he considered that this is a matter which should have been brought before the Advisory Committee before being referred to the County Council.

Captain Sugrue explained that it is desirable that in the Fire Service there should be an officer who would be in a position to take charge of the entire Fire Service during any period of absence of the Chief Fire Officer; that as matters are at present the Station Officer of the local brigade is in charge at a fire unless the Chief Fire Officer is present, and if the Chief Fire Officer is absent on holidays, the local Station Officer is in complete charge. Captain Sugrue explained that so far this matter has not been arranged definitely as all that has happened is that there has been correspondence with the Department of Local Government in regard to the conditions of appointment, and that the County Council provided in the Estimate sufficient money to

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ensure that the appointment, if eventually approved, could be made.

Clr. Breathnach agreed with Clr. Cox that this matter should have been brought before the Fire Advisory Committee, and the County Manager explained that the necessity for this appointment arose since the last meeting of the Advisory Committee, and it was desirable that something should be done in regard to provision of funds before the adoption of the Estimate for the current year.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Ruane, the County Manager agreed that if the Fire Advisory Committee rejected the proposal to appoint a Divisional Officer, the County Council could, if it so desired, still approve the creation of the position.

Clr. Cox, stated that having heard the explanations, he was quite satisfied, and on his proposal, seconded by that of Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Committee approved the creation of the position of Divisional Fire Officer.

4 - MEETINGS: The Chairman referred to the long delay in holding a meeting of the Advisory Committee, and it was decided that the next meeting will be held during the month of October, 1959, on a date to be arranged with the Chairman.

5 - BALLINASLOE FIRE STATION: The Committee approved the Chairman's recommendation that there be a formal opening of the Ballinasloe Fire Station on a date to be arranged later, and that the following be invited to the Official Opening:-

The Members of the Fire Advisory Committee.  
The remaining members of Ballinasloe Urban District Council.  
Representatives of the Clergy, i.e., Catholic and Church of Ireland.  
The Architect and Clerk of Works.  
The County Manager, the Chief Fire Officer and Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer.

6 - ATHENRY FIRE STATION: On being informed that the Department of Local Government was raising objection to the proposed site for the Athenry Fire Station on the grounds that it is adjacent to a National Monument, the Committee, on the proposal of Clr. Ruane, recommended that the Department be requested to withdraw their objection and to issue approval to the site.

7 - FIRE ENGINES: Mr. Soden requested that a new Fire Engine be provided at the new Fire Station at Ballinasloe.

Captain Sugrue explained that unless good drivers with fair mechanical knowledge are available, new equipment can speedily be rendered useless; that the drivers of the required standard are not available on the Ballinasloe Fire Brigade at present, but it is hoped that this situation will be remedied, and when it is put right, the question of providing a new appliance will be considered.

In reply to Mr. Soden, Captain Sugrue explained that the delay at a recent fire (hay-rick) was due to the fact that a priming lever on a new pump broke. There was a delay of 25 minutes before the pump could be put into services again; that a good mechanic could probably have prevented this occurrence.

8 - CHIMNEY FIRES: Clr. Soden recommended that a notice be inserted in the paper in regard to the illegality of chimney fires.

The Chairman stated that chimney fires had always occurred, but they have received more attention and prominence in recent years, due to the fact that they have resulted in large claims on Insurance Companies.

Clr. Breathnach suggested that publication of the Fire Chief's report in the Press might be of assistance in this matter.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 25th APRIL, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

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

1332 - MINUTES: The Minutes of previous meetings to No: 1331 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1333 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of the malicious damage claims received, viz:-

- Jeremiah O'Connor - car wireless ariel damaged at Lower Salthill 5/2/59 - £3-10.0.
- Peter Daly, Roseville, Oramore - car damaged at Galway 28/2/59 - £200.
- Stephen Lawless, Wakefield, Shrute - Wires damaged 13/3/59 - £30.
- Michael Folan, Lettermullen - cattle and stable - 26/1/59 - £50.
- Cecil M. Blake, Rosemary Ave., Eyre Square, Galway - car damaged 31/3/59 - £300.
- John Guy, Emlaghara, Clifden - hay, 29/3/59 - £25.
- B. Hynes Ltd., Galway - roof of store, 12/4/59 - £75.

Deputy Coogan considered it would be unfair that awards for damage to stolen cars be levied in Galway City, as usually the person taking the cars came from outside the city.

The County Manager stated that the court, before fixing the area of levy, would have regard to all the evidence, Clr. King suggested that the law be amended so that a fine might be imposed on any person leaving a car unlocked in a public place.

Clr. Glynn asked if the Council could obtain insurance indemnity in respect of malicious damage claims. In reply, the County Manager stated that probably the premium for such insurance would be more expensive than the claims awards.

Clr. Galvin recommended that the law be amended, as it is unfair that people who did not cause the damage should be penalised by being required to pay the cost of it, and it was agreed that this matter be referred to the County Councils' General Council for inclusion in the next Agenda of that Body.

1334 - RUSSELLTOWN BRIDGE: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Senator R. Lahiffe and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,200 from the National Bank Ltd. for reconstruction of a bridge at Russelltown; the 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."

1335 - CASTLEMOYLE BRIDGE: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Senator R. Lahiffe, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,700, from the National Bank Ltd. for reconstruction of a bridge at Castle Moyle; the 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."

1336 - ENGINEERING DISTRICTS: As requested in Minute No: 1329 the County Engineer gave particulars of the area in square miles and the road mileage for each Engineering District, viz:-

District	Area - Sq. Mls.	Road Mileage.
Clifden.	617	339
Galway.	345	345
Tuam.	172	243
Milltown.	256	387
Athenry.	206	317
Gort.	192	290
Portumna.	227	320
Ballinasloe.	165	233
Mountbellew.	186	336

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District.	Area - Sq. Miles.	Road Mileage.
Loughrea.	197	260
	2,563	3,070

On Clr. John Mannion objecting to the fact that work on the improvement on the Galway-Clifden road is not being continued this year, the Chairman pointed out that the list of road works proposals for the current year was submitted to and approved by the Council - a copy of the list having been circulated to each member.

Clr. Mannion stated that when this was done he did not realise that the improvement of the Galway-Clifden road was being discontinued. Clr. P. Joyce supported Clr. Mannion, and stated that this is a road of major importance.

The County Engineer pointed out that the section of this road from Galway to Oughterard has been improved and is now in excellent condition; that the amount spent on the section of this road between Oughterard and Clifden in the year ending 31st March, 1959, was only £4,522; that due to the nature of the country through the road west of Oughterard passes, the large sums of money spent on that road over several years have not effected a proportionate improvement; that the County Engineer is now considering whether a better method of construction can be introduced and that, if so, he may have a proposal in regard to it for submission to the Council for the year ending 31st March, 1961.

Deputy Geoghegan enquired in regard to the number of supervisors in each Engineer's District.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. John Mannion:

"That particulars of the area in square miles, road mileage, number of supervisors and expenditure proposed for the current year for each Engineer's District be circulated to the members of the Council within the next couple of weeks, and that consideration of items Nos: 5, 7 and 8 on the Agenda for this meeting be deferred until the next meeting of the Council".

The County Engineer stated that particulars of the expenditure had been given at the March meeting, and these particulars were shown in the minutes of that meeting; that the question in regard to supervisors is not very important; that if a change in the Engineering Districts is to be made, it is important that it should be made at the start of the financial year, and that the County Engineer is satisfied that the Assistant Engineer in the Clifden District is over-burdened, and that in fact the same remark applies to the Assistant Engineer in the Galway District.

Clr. Sirr suggested a re-arrangement of the districts so as to equalise the burden on the Assistants.

Clr. Galvin proposed that the Council deal today with Items 5, 7 and 8 together.

Clr. Sirr referred to a case of a cottage tenant whom he stated was sacked to effect economy.

Clr. Lambert opposed the creation of any further offices.

Deputy Carty then proposed that information requested in Clr. King's proposal, viz., area, mileage, supervisors and expenditure in each Assistant Engineer's District be circulated to the members, along with the County Engineer's recommendation, and that consideration of Items Nos: 5, 7 and 8 in the Agenda be adjourned until next meeting.

Clr. Galvin then stated that he would with reluctance withdraw his proposal, but that he placed reliance on the County Engineer's recommendation and that he did not consider that any useful purpose was being achieved by deferring consideration of these items.

It was then decided to defer consideration of Items Nos: 5, 7 and 8, and it was directed that these items be placed at the head of the Agenda for the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

1336 - LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION, ETC. OF DWELLING HOUSES: The proposed scheme for issue of advances for reconstruction, repair, or improvement of dwellinghouses, having been circulated to the members, was submitted, and the Council, on the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane, approved the terms of the proposed scheme.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING CLR. QUINN AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1337 - RADIOGRAPHER AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** On the proposition of Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved the creation of the temporary, part-time office of Radiographer at Galway Regional Hospital, with salary at the rate of £3 a week.

**1338 - POLIO VACCINATION SCHEME - STAFF:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. M. O'Donnell, the Council approved the extension of the creation of the temporary posts of doctor, nurse and clerk-typist for the polio vaccination scheme, up to 30th September, 1959, inclusive, with remuneration at the rate already approved.

The Secretary submitted circular No. 11/59 stating that the Minister for Health has decided that the scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis during the year 59/60, should follow the same lines as that in operation last year, i.e., a free scheme for the lower income group and a contributory scheme for the middle income group, subject to the modifications set out in the letter, including the raising of the age limit for eligible children to fifteen years of age instead of ten years of age, and providing that arrangements may be made for the vaccination of expectant mothers eligible to participate in the free scheme by practitioners who wish to arrange for such a service under their maternity care agreements with health authorities.

Clr. King, referring to the raising of the age limit to fifteen years, stated that in practice very few patients attend at a particular clinic, and that it would be better that all members of the family to be vaccinated, should receive vaccination at the same time. Clr. King proposed that the upper age limit be extended to 20 years.

The County Manager stated that it would be advisable to have the views of the County Medical Officer before adopting any such proposal.

The Assistant County Manager explained how the scheme has been expanding in regard to the upper age limit since its initiation, and stated that the expansion is to some large extent related to the availability of a sufficient supply of the vaccine.

Clr. King stated that he still considered it objectionable that such schemes should be introduced in stages.

**1339 - FIRE BRIGADE - REMUNERATION OF STATION OFFICERS:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Coogan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the payment of a differential rate of 8/- per week to the Station Officer of Galway Fire Brigade over the rate of remuneration being paid to other whole-time firemen employed in the Galway Fire Station. This differential, which is to apply with effect from 1st April, 1959, inclusive, will bring the total remuneration of the station officer from that date up to £10. 0. 6d. a week.

**1340 - ROAD TO CLOONKEEN VILLAGE:** With reference to Minute No. 1253 of 24/1/59, the County Engineer's report of 18th February, 1959, recommending that this road be re-declared to be a county road, so that it may be added to the County Road schedule; the amount required for maintenance being £20 a year.

On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. M. Wall, the Council approved the County Engineer's recommendation, which had also been approved by the County Manager.

Deputy Carty referred to a road at Hollyhill - Carra on which money had been expended under a Councillor's Notice of Motion in the nineteen thirties.

Clr. King proposed that the Council provide the necessary funds to maintain any such roads in which it has been established that money had in former years been expended out of the rates in the making of the roads.

The County Engineer stated that if details of any such roads are furnished, the cases will be investigated, and if the facts are established, these items will be brought before the Council in the same manner as the road to Cloonkeen village above.

**1341 - ROADS - COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:** Clr. P. Sarr requested that his share of the money provided in the current year's estimate for road works - Councillors' Notices of Motion - be devoted to the Moate - Cortnadieve Road.

**1342 - LOUGHREA AND PORTUMNA MARKETS:** The Assistant County Manager explained that the bye-laws for the Loughrea and Portumna markets have been confirmed by the Minister for Local Government and that it is now necessary to define the market-place in each of these towns, and that for this purpose he would like to confer with

the Councillors from Loughrea Electoral Area; that the question of the collection of tolls also requires consideration. It was decided that at a time and on a date to be arranged with the Assistant County Manager, the Councillors for the Loughrea Electoral Area, and representatives of the other local agricultural interests will meet in Loughrea and Portumna to consider these matters.

**1343 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:** Letter 2/3/1959 from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, requesting notice of items to be included in the next Agenda, and it was decided to refer to the General Council the following items:-

1. Recommendation that County Councils enter into agreements regarding the provision for fire-fighting services in border areas of adjoining counties, so as to ensure that when the fire brigade of one county is called to attend a fire in an adjoining county, the Council of the former county will be paid at the approved rate for the service provided.
2. Recommend to the Minister for Local Government that grants under Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, be restored.
3. Recommending that the law relating to malicious injury claims be amended, so that the levy will not fall on the ratepayers who did not cause the damage and had no means of preventing the damage caused.

**1344 - LETTERMORE WATER SUPPLY:** With reference to Clr. O'Donnell's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 27th February, 1959, was submitted, giving the total estimated cost of the necessary work as £5,233, pointing out that the main difficulty, apart from the cost, is to ensure that the supply available will be adequate.

The Council approved the recommendation by Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, that tests on the supply available be carried out during the coming summer, and that a report on this item be submitted to the Council in the Autumn of 1959.

**1345 - SCHOOL MEALS (GAELTACHT):** In accordance with his Notice of Motion, No. 14 (j) Clr. J. Ridge proposed that the travelling expenses of officials and members of the Council be reduced so as to provide for the School Meals (Gaeltacht) the amount by which the estimate for this expenditure for the current year was reduced.

The Chairman pointed out that the amount now provided in the Estimate for School Meals was fixed after consideration of the estimate over a period of three days.

Clr. Ridge's motion was not seconded, and it was ruled that there be no further discussion on it.

**1346 - COTTAGES - KINVARA:** In response to Senator Lahiffe's Notice of Motion, 14 (k), the County Manager explained that the Architect has prepared draft lay-out and house plans for two houses at Main Street, Kinvara; that amendments be made in these plans after examination by the County Manager and Chief Assistant County Engineer; that the Architect is now preparing amended plans, which are expected within the next fortnight; that the Architect has also been instructed to prepare lay-out and house plans for another site in Kinvara, which will accommodate three further houses.

Senator Lahiffe stated that he was given to understand that the Architect was submitting the plans for these houses several months ago.

**1347 - FURNITURE FOR DISPENSARIES:** In accordance with his Notice of Motion No. 14 (B) (2), Deputy Geoghegan proposed that all furniture needed for dispensaries in the county be made by the Council's carpenters.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that he was referring particularly to Carraroe Dispensary, which, although available for some time, has not been opened to the public due to lack of some item of furniture.

Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the main item outstanding is a couch which was ordered from the Official Contractors a long time ago, and which, despite several requests, has not so far been delivered.

It was directed that this matter be pursued so as to ensure early delivery of outstanding items.

**1348 - KNOCKNACARRA WATER SUPPLY:** Deputy Coogan requested that he be informed of the present position in regard to the extension of the water supply to Knocknacarra, Galway.

1349 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:

Tadhg O'Seaghdha, O.S., Rossaveel, on the death of his father.  
The relatives of the late Mr. Martin Ward, Loughrea,  
Mr. John J. McNamara and family, New Road, Galway, on the death of Mrs. McNamara.  
The Heavey Family, Abbeygate Street, Galway, on the death of Mrs. Healy.  
Mr. Thomas O'Malley, Derryrush, Rosmuc, on the death of his mother.

1350 - ADJOURNMENT: Consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda, viz., Councillors' Notices of Motion, Nos: 14 (a) to 14 (e) (1) inclusive, and 14 (e) (3) to 14 (i) inclusive, and 14 (1) to 14 (o) inclusive, was adjourned until the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*W. J. O'Sullivan, Runai*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Chairman. Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1959*

*Tomás Mac an Ríog*

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COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIÚ

Oifis an Rúnaí,  
na Foirgníche Conndae,  
Saillíú.

Suíomh:  
Saillíú 2055.

1<sup>st</sup> Bealtaine, 1959.

Cuirtear i gceist le h-ádhair seo le h-ádhair na Comhairle.

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TARRTAR ORC leis seo beic i léitear ag cruinniú de Comhairle Conndae na Saillíú a éiríodh ar ins na Foirgníche Conndae, Saillíú, D<sup>ia</sup> Saicair, 9<sup>th</sup> Bealtaine, 1959, ag tosú ar 12.30.p.m. a éiríodh.

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Na h-ádhair seo leanas a bheadh:-

1. Mioncuairisí.
2. Damáiste Mailísead - éiríodh.
3. Bóire - leatad agus fad bóire in gac ceannear. (Mion. 1329 de 21/3/59).
4. Oifis mar innealltóir Conzanta a éiríodh (Mion. 1135 de 8/11/58).
5. Oifis mar innealltóir Conzanta sealadac a éiríodh. (Mion. 1054 de 1/9/58).
6. Sean-Aonad Naomh Iosef san Ospidéal Régiúnac.
7. Cozácán Uachtaráin - lictar 27.4.'59 ó'n Roimh Rialtais Áitiúil.
8. Iasac sealadac.
9. Molta ó Comhairleoirí.
10. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Area and road mileage for each Engineering District (Minute 1329 of 21.3.59).
4. Creation of permanent office of Assistant County Engineer - in lieu of temporary Engineer employed continuously (Minute 1135 of 8/11/58).
5. Creation of one additional office of Assistant County Engineer (Temporary) for West Galway (Minute 1054 of 1.9.58).
6. Disposal of St. Joseph's (Old) Unit at Galway Regional Hospital.
7. Presidential Election - Letter G(F) 213/12 of 27/4/59 from the Secretary, Department of Local Government.

## 8. Overdraft.

## 9. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

(a) Deputies M.F. Kitt and M. Carty:

"That in accordance with the terms of Sections 24, 31 and 35 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, this Council be directed to acquire land, either by agreement with the consent of the Minister for Local Government or compulsorily for leasing or sale, after developing such land, to workers employed by the Sugar Company in Gowla Bog in order to facilitate the erection of houses by private enterprise."

(b) Clr. J. O'Flaherty:

1. "That the road that leads to Lavally Post Office be taken over and maintained by the Co. Council."
2. That the road from Castletown, Kilkerrin, through the village of Derreen on to Clonbern be put on the Five Year Plan for rolling."

(c) Clr. S. Canning:

"In view of the fact that fifteen owners of cottages on St. Bridget's Road, Portumna, are anxious to avail of the water supply and sewerage to be installed in their houses, I will propose that this should take effect without delay. There are fifteen householders concerned and they have agreed to comply with the regulations governing same."

(d) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

1. "I will propose that the watermain be extended across from the Reservoir, in Lettermore to Derryneengloss village.
2. That all water extensions will be carried out by our own Engineers."

(e) Clr. J. Glynn and Deputy J. Killilea: "We propose that a Council type cottage be erected for Edward McDermott, Farm, Williamstown."(f) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

1. "I will ask the County Manager if he is satisfied at the rate of progress made in the erection of cottages in the county.
2. I will ask the County Engineer what is the hold-up regarding the water supply for Cornamona."

(g) Clr. J. Glynn:

"The amount of money provided by the Tourist Board this year for the following - Carraroe Strand, Spiddal Strand, East and West, Furbo Strands, Barna Silver Strand, Renvyle Strand, Letterfrack and Roundstone Green Strand, and how allocated, and when proposed to start work, if total is £10,000."

(h) Clr. J. Dowd:

"I will propose that the Council take over and maintain the Bellview/Lawrencetown Road."

(i) Deputy M.F. Kitt:

"At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that as regards roads which connect two public roads or stop-end roads, where there are four or more ratepayers residing thereon, or from where £100 or more is paid in rates to the County Council: that this Council supply material free for the upkeep of these roads, provided the ratepayers concerned make application for same and give an undertaking to spread it on the roads themselves."

(j) Clr. P. Ruane:

1. "That the road from Rosshill to link with loop road at Race Course, through marble quarry and Ballynew village be rolled as early as possible.
2. That the road from Carnmore East via schoolhouse to Claregalway be placed on the five-year plan."

9.. (k) Clr. J. Dowd:

1. "I will propose that the Council take over the existing village green at Kiltormer and have it generally cleaned up.
2. I will propose that a path be laid from Curlev's shop to the school at Kiltormer as the present path is dangerous to children."

(l) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

"I will propose that the sluice on the river between Kilroe East and Kilroe West be re-constructed so as to relieve flooding."

(m) Clr. J. Dowd:

1. "I will propose that the County Council raise a loan to widen and deepen the river from Laurencetown to the Canal or Suck.
2. I will propose that the Council lower two dangerous bridges at Clonfert, Eyrecourt and Kylemore Laurencetown. I will recommend that work commence without further delay.
3. I will recommend to the County Engineer to have boundary wall on the Tyreville Estate at Kiltormer repaired and made safe as it is dangerous and unsightly."

(n) Clr. S. Canning:

1. "That the road from Hogan's public house to Alleney Bridge in the Townland of Gurteeny be maintained by the Council. This road was accepted and declared a Council road in 1941, and maintenance was carried out on same until 1949. Since then work has ceased on this road.
2. Due to the delay in starting the Sewerage at Woodford I would be anxious to know if and when it is intended to start this work as residents have complained to me about sanitary conditions in that town."

## 10. Other business.

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## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone No:  
Galway 2055.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

30th April, 1959.

To:  
Each Member of Galway County Council.

Old St. Joseph's Unit - Galway Regional Hospital.

A Chara,

The Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board is desirous of acquiring the old Unit known as St. Joseph's Unit at Galway Regional Hospital, and the Minister for Health has recommended that it be given free of charge to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board, which will be responsible for taking it down, transferring it to Ballinasloe, and removing it to the Mental Hospital where it would be utilised for the purpose of providing extra accommodation to relieve staff overcrowding.

The building and equipment of this temporary Unit originally cost a total of £23,428. 17. 9d. made up as follows:

Heating Installation:	£4,384. 5. 9d.
Furniture:	£2,918. 13. 6d.
Building:	£10,749. 19. 8d.
TOTAL:	£17,052. 18. 11d.
Add Cost of Operation Suite subsequently Built:	
Building:	£4,585. 14. 5d.
Heating and Light:	£1,207. 3. 7d.
Architects Fees:	583. 0. 10d.
TOTAL:	£23,428. 17. 9d.

Finances were provided as follows:

Grant from Hospital Trust Funds:	£8,526. 9. 5d.
Contributions from Other Counties of the Orthopaedic Region:	£3,361. 2. 10d.
Galway County Council's Contribution:	£11,541. 5. 6d.
	£23,428. 17. 9d.

All furniture and moveable equipment was subsequently utilised in the Galway Regional General Hospital and what is now for sale consists of the building, which is for the most part corrugated asbestos sheeting with the exception of the Operating Theatre Suite, which was built in weatherboard, together with the heating installation and sanitary fittings.

The contributions from the counties other than Galway were towards the cost of the Orthopaedic Unit, and were fixed on the agreement that the equipment would be transferred to the Galway Regional Hospital and that the materials resulting from the demolition of the old building would be the property of the Galway County Council. It was in consideration of that the Galway County bore the greater portion of the cost.

The demolition of St. Joseph's Unit has already been approved by the Galway County Council, but it was intended to sell it and the proceeds of the sale would largely go on the taking out of the foundations and the cleaning up of the site, and the sealing off of the services to the Unit. I understand that the Minister is likely to agree that the taking out of the foundations and the clearing up of the site and the sealing off of the services will be paid for from Hospital Trust Funds as part of the cost of the construction of the Galway Regional Hospital and the development

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of the grounds thereof.

In recommending that the Unit be disposed of free of charge to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board, I wish to direct attention to the fact that two-thirds approximately of the patients in the Mental Hospital are from the County of Galway, and that the County of Galway shares in the benefit derived from the provision of the temporary Units which were provided at Castlerea Mental Hospital without any charge to the Galway County Council.

St. Joseph's Unit has served its purpose, and County Galway undoubtedly enjoyed the greater benefit from it during the period when it was in use. The building is now old, some the corrugated asbestos sheeting is damaged, and there is likely to be unavoidable damage done in the process of demolition. In the circumstances I think the Galway County Council would be well advised to agree with the Minister's proposal to allow the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board to take the Unit, including the heating installation and sanitary fittings free of charge.

The matter will come before the next meeting of the County Council for consideration, and this outline of the position is given to you so that you may consider it in the meantime.

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C.I. O'FLYNN.

County Manager.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 9th MAY, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, Feeney, King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Marnion John, Marnion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane, James, and Sirr.

1351 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman expressed the deep sympathy of the Council with Deputy Michael Carty on the recent death of his father, and the Chairman proposed that as a mark of respect to Deputy Carty, the meeting be adjourned to a future date.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Geoghegan.

All the other members present, and the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and Secretary joined in the expression of sympathy with Deputy Carty.

It was unanimously decided that the meeting would be adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, 15th May, 1959.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

The relatives of the late Mr. Phillip Coyne, Minna, Inverin.  
Mrs. Coleman McDonagh, Drim, Lettermore, on the death of her husband.  
The O'Regan Family, Bowling Green, Galway.  
The Dillon Family, Springlawn, Mountbellew.

It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously agreed, that on the termination of the formal meeting, the Council would meet as a Committee to deal with some urgent business.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Thomas Mac an Ríog Chairman: 15th May, 1959 Date.*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY  
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1 - ADDITIONAL ENGINEER FOR CLIFDEN DISTRICT: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the County Manager stated that the post of Assistant Engineer for the Clifden District, whether temporary or permanent, cannot be created without the Council's approval. Clr. Sirr stated that he would not agree to the creation of any additional engineering post.

Deputy Geoghegan referred to a recommendation made by the Council about two years ago that supervising gangers, when retiring, should not be replaced, and asked why an additional two supervising gangers were appointed to the Clifden District since that recommendation was made.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the number of important road reconstruction works in progress in the Clifden District is five, and that the Assistant County Engineer should be able to supervise the five works.

Clr. Lambert stated that there is only one Supervising Ganger in the Gort Engineering District, and that since one supervisor is sufficient in that district, it is not apparent that more than one should be employed in each other district.

In reply to an enquiry by the County Manager, Deputy Geoghegan stated that the additional two supervising gangers had been employed in the Clifden District for approximately two years.

Clr. John Mannion stated that in the Clifden District, two men who were originally supervising gangers, were taken into the Assistant County Engineer's Office and employed as clerks; that these gangers were replaced and that therefore there are really six supervising gangers in the Clifden District.

Clr. Collins considered that if any Assistant County Engineer is over-burdened, the situation should be remedied by a re-arrangement of the Engineering Districts.

Clr. Galvin referred to the construction of a footpath opposite the Assistant County Engineer's Office in Ballinasloe, and stated that this work would be seen by the Assistant County Engineer at least twice in each day; that notwithstanding this, a supervising ganger called to inspect the work; that frequently the supervisor has less qualifications than the men whom he supervises.

Clr. Galvin stated that supervision should be by a properly qualified person, and that if the County Engineer considers that it is essential for this purpose he, Clr. Galvin, will support the creation of the post.

Clr. Hanley stated that on the 8th instant, he had seen an Assistant County Engineer and three gangers, at a place at which only one man was actually working. He opposed any addition to the Engineering Staff.

The County Manager stated that regard should be had, not only to the mileage of roads in a district, but to the type of work in progress, as reconstruction works required much more attention and supervision by the Assistant County Engineer, than works of maintenance only.

Mr. S. Cullinan, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, pointed out that the area of the Clifden District is approximately a quarter of the area of the entire county; that the Department of Local Government require greater supervision of reconstruction works if the grants are to be maintained on the level hitherto existing; that adequate supervision requires a vast amount of travelling by the Assistant County Engineer; that the number of men employed on road works frequently reaches the figure 1,400, and that the number of Engineers employed is very low in relation to that number of men.

Clr. King complained that supervising gangers do not assist with the carrying out of the work. He stated that if all supervising gangers were reduced to the grade of working ganger, he would approve the creation of the additional post of Assistant County Engineer.

Clr. King referred to the unnecessary

transfer of chippings during the previous week, between works in progress at Rusheens, Tuam, Lackagh, Turloughmore and Currandulla - the complaint being that instead of taking the chippings direct from Tonabrucky to the job, they were subsequently shifted about from one job to another.

Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the alternative to creation of an additional post of Engineer would be to transfer one of the existing Assistant County Engineers from the east of the County to the west.

Clr. Ruane referred to the great quantity of tar passing through the depot at Athenry. He stated that this position does not apply in any other district except Galway. Clr. Ruane stated that he could not see in view of this why the Athenry District should be abolished.

The County Manager explained that Athenry District being situated in the centre of the county lends itself more conveniently to amalgamation with adjoining districts.

Clr. Flaherty stated that even if it is desirable to employ an additional Assistant County Engineer, the fact is that the ratepayers of the county cannot afford this additional appointment.

Clr. Lambert recommended that this matter be left in abeyance until the report of the Efficiency Experts will be made available to the Council.

Clr. Dowd supported the recommendation that the Engineering Districts be re-arranged. He also recommended that more reliance be placed on the supervising ganger by the Assistant County Engineer.

The County Manager stated that the ultimate responsibility is on the Assistant County Engineer while the daily supervision of the work is carried out by the supervising ganger.

Deputy Coogan stated that the jobs which have been carried out by the Engineering staff are a credit to them.

Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the members do not appear to be aware of the vast amount of paper work which has to be carried out by the Engineers and Gangers in addition to their work of supervision; that frequently the Engineers and Gangers have to work on Sundays to keep their work up-to-date.

Clr. Collins considered that there is an excess of paper work involved.

The County Manager in reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, stated that as a result of the experts' report some of the paper work has been transferred from the Head Office to the District Engineers' Offices.

Clr. King stated that the Council would oppose increased mechanisation of road work, and he did not agree that such increased mechanisation would result in economy, taking into account the cost of machinery some of which machines would have seasonal use only, and would wear out more when idle than when working.

Clr. Burke asked what reduction in rates had resulted from the use of all the machinery already purchased.

The County Manager stated that it would be a bad practice to use manual labour on a large scale to carry out works which could be performed more efficiently by machines; that labour should be used as far as possible to increase the national output and that the logical result of the use of machinery should be a reduction in working hours.

Clr. Hanley stated that he would not be the cause of sending anybody to the emigrant ship.

Clr. King asked if the Council would consider reverting to the contract system for some classes of roads.

The County Manager stated that the use of machinery by farmers is widespread and asked why in view of this farmers should object to the use of machinery by the Galway County Council.

Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that it is the Engineer's responsibility to have the works carried out as economically as possible.

Clr. John Mannion asked why the Council does not purchase more lorries for its work instead of utilising C.I.E. lorries; that there is still only one Council lorry utilised in the Clifden Engineering District.

The County Manager stated that the points raised at this meeting would be considered by him and he suggested that the Council would again consider in committee items 4 and 5 on the agenda for meeting on 9th May, 1959, before coming to a decision in regard to these items.

It was agreed that this would be done, a date for further consideration of the items in committee to be arranged at the meeting on 15th May, 1959.

2 - ROUNDSTONE BEACH ROAD: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. John Mannion, Mr. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that he understood that Bord Failte would make a grant available for the road to Roundstone Beach, if that road was declared a public road by the Galway County Council.

Clr. Mannion asked that the reason for delay in declaring

the road a public road be investigated.

3 - ST. JOSEPH'S UNIT, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: With reference to the letter of 30th April, 1959, from the County Manager to the members of the Council, it was proposed by Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane and resolved:

"That the Committee recommend to the Galway County Council that the old St. Joseph's Unit at the Galway Regional Hospital be given free of charge to Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board, which will be responsible for taking the Unit down and transferring it to Ballinasloe".

4 - HUT AT REGIONAL HOSPITAL ENTRANCE: The County Manager stated that he was being pressed by the Department of Health to have this hut removed, and that the Department agree that the hut be removed in sections and retained until a decision will be made as to whether the hut should be erected elsewhere in the hospital grounds for use as a "day hospital" by the Mental Hospital Board.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Collins, the County Manager stated that the "day hospital" would be a type of clinic at which existing members of the Mental Hospital Staff would attend when necessary, and where patients attending for treatment would be retained for the day only.

Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, explained that when the hut was erected it was not expected that it would eventually be required for use elsewhere; consequently much of the material in the hut may be damaged in the course of dismantling; that it might be possible to shift the entire hut to another site on rollers.

It was agreed that Mr. Silke would investigate the possibility of doing this, and would report thereon to the County Manager.

5 - WAGES OF LORRY DRIVERS: The County Manager stated that he had received from the workers' Union a demand for an increase of 10/- a week in the wages of lorry drivers, in lieu of the increase of 6/- a week which was granted to them; that after negotiations the County Manager had agreed, subject to the Council's approval, to the following revised remuneration for lorry drivers:-

Drivers of Lorries under 7 tons: 23/6d. per day, rising by two annual increments to 25/6d. a day.

Drivers of Lorries over 7 tons: 25/- a day, rising by 2 annual increments to 27/- a day.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that the above proposal be approved.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. O'Sullivan - Ronai*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Thomas Wae as Proxy Chairman.*

*Date: 15th May, 1959*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

11th May, 1959.

To;  
Each Member of the  
Galway County Council.

A Chara,

In sympathy with Deputy Michael Carty in his bereavement the Council adjourned the meeting summoned for 9th instant.

It is requested that you will attend the adjourned meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on FRIDAY, 15th May, 1959, commencing at 2 p.m.

The agenda will be as already circulated.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 15th MAY, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Thomas King.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Donnellan, James, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Clr. Glynn, Ald. Greene, Cllrs. Hanley, Joyce, Feeney, Deputy Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Wall.

1352 - CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Mr. Martin Quinn, Chairman, and Deputy Michael Carty, Vice-Chairman, it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Sirr and unanimously resolved; that Clr. T. King take the Chair.

Clr. King then took the chair, and expressed his deep regret at the absence of the Chairman due to serious illness, and wished the Chairman a speedy recovery.

Deputy Geoghegan joined in wishing the Chairman a speedy recovery from his illness, and also expressed the same wish in regard to Clr. John Donnellan.

1353 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No. 1351 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Clr. Sirr stated that a statement made by him in regard to the termination of employment for economy reasons of a man who had been employed by the Council for thirty years was incorrectly reported in the Press.

Clr. Ridge stated that on the previous Saturday in a downpour of rain, he had seen a ganger and six men working on the road. Clr. Ridge considered that the ganger should have set instructions to cease working in such circumstances.

The County Engineer stated that the termination of work is left to the ganger's discretion.

1354 - ENGINEERING STAFF: Consideration of Items Nos. 3, 4 and 5 on the Agenda was adjourned until a later meeting, so that in the meantime, the Council will have an opportunity of considering these items in committee again.

1355 - ST. JOSEPH'S (OLD) UNIT, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: On the proposition of Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane, the Council approved the disposal of the St. Joseph's (Old) Unit at Galway Regional Hospital to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board free of cost and including the heating installation and sanitary fittings - as recommended in the County Manager's letter of the 30th April, 1959.

1356 - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 1959: Department of Local Government Letter G(F) 213/12 of 27th April, 1959, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

Letter 27th April, 1959, from Mr. Eoin O'Mahony, B.L., was also submitted, requesting that the Council would nominate him as a candidate for the office of President. Mr. O'Mahony was not present at this stage, but the Chairman explained that even if the Council wished to make a nomination, it was too late to do so, since three clear days' notice of the intention to propose any such resolution should be given in writing to each member of the Council.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins and seconded by Clr. Sirr, that no action be taken.

It was proposed by Clr. Ridge that the Council do nominate a candidate.

Clr. Ridge's proposal was not seconded, and the Chairman declared the proposal made by Clr. Collins carried.

1357 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account not exceeding £75,000 for the period ending 30th June, 1959."

1358 - WAGES OF DRIVERS: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved the revised wages proposed for lorry drivers, with effect from 1st April, 1958, inclusive, as set out hereunder:-

Drivers of Lorries under 7 Tons:	23/6d. per day rising by two annual increments to 25/6d. per day.
Drivers of Lorries over 7 tons:	25/- a day, rising by two annual increments to 27/- per day.

The Chairman, Clr. King, recommended that the maximum rate of wages be paid to all drivers with ten years' service or more, regardless of the weight of the lorry the driver is operating.

**1359 - SALTHILL PROMENADE EXTENSION:** It was proposed by Clr. M. Ashe, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 10th day of April, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £4,850 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the acquisition of houses and land for the extension of the promenade at Salthill, Galway, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged by the bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

The Mortgage Deed was then sealed with the seal of the Council.

Deputy Coogan asked if there is any prospect of additional employment of men on the promenade extension. The County Engineer stated that he would investigate this matter and would reply direct to Deputy Coogan.

**1360 - KITCHEN STAFF, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** The letter of 6th May, 1959, which was sent to each member of the Council, was submitted, explaining that the kitchen staff of the Galway Regional Hospital consisted of a Catering Superintendent, 1 cook and 9 domestics, and that it was proposed that this staff should be revised to: 1 Catering Superintendent, 1 Assistant Catering Superintendent, 1 Cook, 1 Assistant Cook, and 6 domestics, i.e., the substitution of an Assistant Catering Superintendent and an Assistant Cook for three domestics. The letter gave particulars of remuneration as follows:-

Assistant Catering Superintendent:		
Salary, including temporary allowance:	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
	387. 19. 0.	£441. 4. 0.
Assistant Cook:		
Salary, including temporary allowance:	£327. 10. 0. if untrained or	£349. 10. 0. if trained.

In both cases above, there would be appropriate deductions for emoluments provided.

In the course of a discussion, Clr. Ashe considered that it would be best to appoint a properly qualified chef. The County Manager agreed but stated that the salary being offered would not attract a good chef.

Clr. Sarr agreed with Clr. Ashe.

Clr. Flaherty considered that the food being provided at the hospital is of good quality.

The proposal as set out above was approved, on the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell.

The Chairman, Clr. T. King, recommended that if feasible, one of the existing staff would be promoted to fill the vacancies.

The County Manager stated that it would be open to the members of the existing staff to make application for the post.

**1361 - MAIN ROADS:** Correspondence, including letter of the 24th April, 1959, from the Department of Local Government to the County Manager was submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. M. Ashe, that the Council approve the proposal that the following road be declared a main road, viz., the road from Eyre Square to Fr. Griffin Road, via Victoria Place (Part of), Merchant's Road (Part of), New Docks Street (Part of), Flood Street (Part of), Fish Market (Part of), Wolfe Tone Bridge and Claddagh Bridge, and approve the making of formal application to the Minister for Local Government to declare this road to be a main road.

for the cost of It was explained to the Council that this road is at present an urban road, the maintenance of which the Galway Corporation is responsible entirely; that when the road would be declared a main road, the cost of its maintenance would fall on the county-at-large, but it would be eligible for 40% maintenance grant.

It was proposed by Clr. Mannion and seconded by Clr. Hanley, that the Council do not approve the declaring of this road to be a main road.

After further discussion, Clr. Mannion stated that he would withdraw his proposal, on the understanding that the members of the Council, who are also members of the Galway Corporation, would press for the abolition of tolls in Galway City. Deputy Coogan's proposal was then declared carried.

**1362 - SITES FOR LEASE OR SALE:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Clr. P. Collins:

"That in accordance with the terms of Section 24, 31 and 35 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, this Council acquire land by agreement with the consent of the Minister for Local Government, for leasing or sale after developing such land, to workers employed by the Sugar Company in Gowla Bog, in order to facilitate the erection of houses by private enterprise."

The Assistant County Manager stated that there is no objection to the proposal, except for the fact that the applicants are already occupying houses which are in a good state of repair.

The Assistant County Manager gave details of the present housing of the people concerned.

Deputy Kitt stated that one of the applicants is not well housed, and that consideration should also be given to the rents being paid by them.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the scheme would not involve the Council in expense, as the cost of development would be recouped by charging a ground-rent for each site.

Deputy Kitt and Clr. Collins requested that the matter be investigated further, and that the possibility of utilising the derelict sites be investigated also.

The County Manager stated that it appeared to him that it would be better to provide cottages for those who are in need of alternative housing - if possible on the derelict sites.

**1363 - COTTAGE AT ORANMORE:** In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Ashe, Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, stated that the cottage being erected for an applicant named Mr. McCormick at Oranmore, has been started.

**1364 - ROADS - FIVE-YEAR PLAN:** Clr. Flaherty stated that he was withdrawing his Notice of Motion, No: 9 (b) (1).

In reference to his Notice of Motion No: 9 (b) (2), the Chairman stated that since all funds available have been allocated, this Notice of Motion cannot be considered during the current year, and it was decided therefore that consideration of this Notice of Motion would be adjourned until the next Roads Meeting in December, 1959.

The Chairman suggested that a list of roads be prepared for consideration of their addition to the reconstruction plan for county roads.

The County Engineer drew attention to the decision of the Council a year ago, which was to the effect that additions to the Five-Year Plan would not be reconsidered for the present, as the mileage of roads already on the plan and not yet reconstructed, is sufficient to fill the programme for the next four years approximately.

**1365 - SANITARY SERVICES FOR COTTAGES IN PORTUMNA:** Referring to Clr. Canning's Notice of Motion No: 9 (c), the Assistant County Manager stated that the estimated cost of providing the services is £80 per cottage, and in accordance with the scheme already approved, tenants can arrange for the carrying out of the work to the Engineer's specification, 50% of the cost to be met by the tenants and the remaining 50% of the cost to be met by the County Council. Alternatively, the tenants may pay their contribution to the Council and the work will then be carried out by the Council.

**1366 - EYRECOURT SEWERAGE:** In reply to an enquiry by Clr. J. Dowd, the Assistant County Manager stated that the County Solicitor had been requested to prepare the Agreement and Bond for the Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme contract.

**1367 - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (CONTINUED):** At this stage, the Chairman informed the members that Mr. Eoin O'Mahony was present at the meeting, and he informed Mr. O'Mahony that if he addressed the meeting the members would be quite willing to hear him.

Mr. O'Mahony thanked the Council for honouring him by hearing him, and requested that the Council would exercise its power of nomination, which had so far been exercised only by the Dail and Seanad.

Mr. O'Mahony paid tribute to the candidates already nominated, and stated that one other, Dr. McQuarrie has been nominated by one Council and that he, Mr. O'Mahony, would

be prepared to withdraw in favour of Dr. McCartah if this Council would nominate the latter.

The Chairman explained that the Council had already dealt with this item earlier on the agenda, and pointed out that at this stage it is not legally possible for the Council to make a nomination, in view of the requirement that three clear days notice of the intention to propose the resolution should be given to each member.

**1368 - LETTERMORE WATERWORKS:** Deputy Geoghegan explained that his notice of motion No: 9 (d) (1) had been dealt with at an earlier meeting on another member's notice of motion.

In regard to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, No: 9 (d) (2), Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, explained that the Council is already carrying out by direct labour several watermain extensions.

**1369 - KNOCKNACARRA WATER SUPPLY:** In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that information required by the Department of Local Government had been supplied and that the Council is ready to start with the extension of the watermain at Knocknacarra when the Department sanctions the work.

**1370 - COTTAGE AT FARM WILLIAMSTOWN:** In reply to a Notice of Motion by Clr. J. Glynn and Deputy Killilea, the Assistant County Manager stated that the provision of a cottage for Mr. Edmund McDermott, Farm, Williamstown, has been approved, but that it would be necessary to obtain a suitable site; that the site on Mr. McDermott's own land is not suitable, since it does not adjoin any public road.

**1371 - ERECTION OF COTTAGES:** With reference to his Notice of Motion, No: 9 (f) (1), Deputy Geoghegan requested that the members be supplied with a list showing all applications for cottages received during the past four years; the date when received; the date when referred to the County Engineer; the date on which the County Engineer reported on the application; the action taken subsequently.

Clr. Mannion stated that he has been for eight years complaining of the delay in erecting a cottage at Ballyconneely for which the site has been bought; that a cottage has been provided at Renvyle but the fencing of the plot has never been completed.

Clr. Mannion asked that he be informed as to who is responsible for this delay.

The Chairman stated that he is aware of a similar case in which a cottage was to be erected for a certain applicant; that both the contractor and the applicant have gone; that now there is anew applicant, but that the cottage has not yet been erected.

Clr. Ashe asked if the contractor is penalised in any way when it is part of his contract to erect a fence, and when he does not do so.

Clr. Dowd stated that two years ago he had proposed that the fencing be in the form of a wire fence with reinforced concrete standards.

Clr. Joyce stated that at the last Housing Meeting, the members were informed that the trades contracts system of erection of cottages was about to be put into operation - but that this system has not yet started.

Clr. Lambert referred to the long delay in providing cottages in Kinvara, and stated that there seems to be unnecessary restrictions on the Council in regard to the provision of cottages, and that the carrying out of this work should be made as free from restrictions as the improvement of roads.

Deputy Kitt suggested that a special meeting of the Housing Committee be held, and that in advance of the meeting, the members be requested to furnish a list of the particular applicants for whom they consider cottages should be provided.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee Meeting be held to consider first the adjourned items Nos: 3, 4 and 5 on today's agenda, and subsequently to consider housing (cottages).

Deputy Geoghegan suggested that a list of applicants for whom cottages have not yet been provided, and sorted into electoral areas, be furnished to the members.

Mr. John Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, explained that there are special difficulties in Connemara, where a special survey has to be made to mark the site on a map; that this involves a whole day's work, apart from the additional time which has to be spent in bargaining for a price; that in the case of several applications for cottages, the site available is not suitable and in many cases the applicant had departed.

Mr. Silke stated that he understood that the fencing of

the plot at Renvyle was completed, and that he will see that the work will be carried out now.

Mr. Silke stated that the proposal to initiate the Trades Contracts System for the erection of cottages, has been sent to the Department of Local Government for approval.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. T. King, Mr. Silke stated that the cottages to be erected at Tomnahulla is one of ten or twelve sites which are now ready for advertisement inviting tenders.

Deputy Kitt recommended that the Trades Contract System also be tried out in the eastern part of the county.

Clr. Hanley requested that at the next Housing Committee meeting, particulars would be available of the number of vacant vested cottages.

At this stage, it was decided to fix the Committee Meeting for Saturday, 6th June, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon.

**1372 - CORNAMONA WATER SUPPLY:** In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, No: 14 (f) (2), the County Engineer's report of the 23/4/59 was submitted, explaining that the Department of Local Government had consented to the preparation of contract documents for the work; that the Consultant will have to take levels of the lake before he can prepare the contract documents, and that since these levels will be taken during this summer, the documents will not be prepared before the end of August at the earliest.

**1373 - BORD FAILTE GRANTS:** Clr. Glynn stated that the information requested in his Notice of Motion No: 9 (g) had already been supplied to him, and he also requested that additional parking space for cars be provided at Silver Strand, Barna, as the space already available is not adequate.

**1374 - ROADS:** The Chairman directed that consideration of Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, No: 9 (h) be adjourned until the next Annual Road Works Meeting which will be held in December, 1959.

In connection with a question by Deputy Kitt, the County Engineer stated that the fact that money was actually expended by the Council on a road since 1925, does not, in his opinion, of itself justify the taking over of the road formally and the maintenance of the road by the Council in future.

The County Manager stated that sometimes in the Road Works Scheme, money was provided for reconstruction of roads, and that later it was found that these roads were not of a type which could be legally maintained by the Council; that as in such cases the money was not actually spent, it would be necessary to establish that there was expenditure of the money as well as provision of money in the Estimate.

The Chairman requested that a question form be sent to each member for completion in regard to such roads on which money was expended out of the rates on the reconstruction of the roads, but which were not maintained subsequently; that these replies be considered at the same meeting as that at which the Council will be considering the proposals for expenditure of the amount £7,500 provided for Councillors' Notices of Motion - Roads, in the current year's estimate.

**1375 - SUPPLY OF MATERIAL FOR ROADS:** Deputy Kitt, referring to his Notice of Motion No: 9 (i) stated that he was aware of a road on which up to £2,000 was spent over a number of years, and that since there was no subsequent maintenance the road is now in a worse condition than before any money had been spent on it.

The County Manager pointed out that if a road was declared a public road, the Council would be entitled to maintain it entirely, but that since the mileage of roads for which the Council is responsible is already very large, they should consider seriously the making of any addition to that road mileage.

Clr. Flaherty supported Clr. Kitt's motion and recommended that it should be extended further, so as to apply even to roads which had not been done under a Rural Improvements Scheme or a Minor Relief Scheme.

Deputy Coogan stated that he would be willing to support Deputy Kitt on this matter if Deputy Kitt raises it in the Dail during the debate on the vote for Local Government.

The County Engineer pointed out that the Council can only act in accordance with the law and that at present the law does not empower the Council to do what Deputy Kitt recommends.

Deputy Kitt stated that he would agree to have consideration of this matter adjourned until the next Roads Meeting.

Consideration of this item was therefore adjourned, on the Chairman's recommendation, and it was also agreed that it be referred to the General Council of County Councils for consideration - as a request that the law be amended so as to empower the Council to do as Deputy Kitt suggests.

**1376 - COUNTY ROADS - FIVE-YEAR PLAN:** In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that the road mentioned in the Notice of Motion 9 (j) (1) is on the Five-Year plan already and will be considered in the preparation of the programme for next year.

Clr. Ruane pointed out that it is an important road, as it is one of the routes to Ballybritt, and he was supported in his representations by Deputy Coogan.

With regard to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion, No: 9 (j) (2), the County Engineer stated that it is not proposed to recommend the addition of further roads to the five-year plan for the present. Additions could only be made by deleting some road already on the plan.

Mr. T. King, Chairman, requested that the County Engineer would prepare a list of roads to be added to the reconstruction plan, so as to bring the entire mileage of roads on that plan up to a figure sufficient to fill a five-year programme. This request was supported by Clr. Mammion, and approved by the Council.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Joyce, the County Engineer stated that the Ballyconneely-Bowen road will be graded and rolled, and that he considers this road suitable for addition to the five-year plan for reconstruction of county roads.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the county road from Carna to Moyrus is in a very bad condition.

**1377 - KILTORMER VILLAGE GREEN:** Clr. Dowd proposed that the village green in Kiltormer be taken over by the Council and used as a car park.

The County Engineer's report stated that this plot has been fenced in by Mr. James Curley, Kiltormer, who is apparently the owner; that its improvement would cost approximately £150 apart from the cost of acquisition, if any.

It was decided that the matter be pursued further to ascertain whether the plot could be acquired by the Council without cost, and if so, that provision for its improvement be made in the Road Works Estimate for next year.

**1378 - FOOTPATH AT KILTORMER:** With reference to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted, giving an estimate of £120 for the carrying out of the work.

The County Manager's recommendation was adopted, that it be left to the County Engineer to consider the carrying out of this work if sufficient savings are available to enable him to do so towards the end of the current financial year.

**1379 - SLUICE AT KILROE:** With reference to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 24/4/59 was submitted, and after discussion, the County Engineer stated that he will take the matter up with the Department of Lands, to ascertain by whom this sluice was provided originally.

**1380 - DRAINAGE, LAURENCETOWN:** Clr. Dowd proposed in accordance with his Notice of Motion 9 (M) (1) that the Council will raise a loan to widen and deepen the river from Laurencetown to the Canal or to the Suck.

It was explained by the County Engineer that the Council has no legal authority to comply with this proposal; that if the place to which Clr. Dowd refers forms part of the Suck Drainage District, it would be a matter for the Joint Committee for that district to deal with it.

**1381 - CLONFERT AND KYLEMORE BRIDGES:** In connection with Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, 9 (m) (2), the County Engineer's report of 8/5/59 was submitted, referring to the expected closing of the canal to navigation and pointing out that if this occurs a much cheaper type of bridge would suffice.

It was proposed by Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Canning and resolved:

"That this matter be taken up with the authorities to ascertain definitely whether the canal will be closed to navigation."

**1382 - EYREVILLE ESTATE:** In response to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 9th April, 1959, was submitted, and Clr. Dowd stated that he was satisfied.

**1383 - ROAD ALLEFRY BRIDGE:** Clr. Canning stated that he was withdrawing his Notice of Motion No: 9 (n) (1) which had already been attended to.

**1384 - MOYRUS SEWERAGE:** In reply to Clr. Canning's N.O.M. Mr. Silke, Chief A.C.E.,

Local Government who raised certain questions in regard to the outfall, and that the Consultant is following up these enquiries now.

**1384 - AUDITOR'S REPORT:** The Auditor's report on the accounts of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1958, was submitted and noted.

**1385 - CLERK TO OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE:** On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved the continued employment of Mr. David Egan as temporary Clerk to the County Galway Old Age Pension Committee from 1st June to 30th November, 1959 inclusive, at remuneration at the rate already approved.

**1386 - CARETAKER, COUNTY CLINIC:** On the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, the Council approved the granting of an increase of 6/- a week in the wages of the caretaker of the County Clinic, Galway, with effect from 16th December, 1957, inclusive.

**1387 - COUNTY LIBRARY:** On the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council appointed Deputy M. Kitt, and Clr. J.J. Ruane, as delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland at Buncrana, from 25th to 29th May, 1959, with travelling expenses and subsistence allowances at the approved rates.

**1388 - FOOTPATH, KNOCKNACARRA-BLACKROCK:** Deputy Coogan referred to a Notice of Motion which he had sent in for next meeting, and asked if the work would be done soon. The County Engineer stated that the estimated cost is £333, and after consideration, it was requested that the County Engineer do some minor improvement on this footpath as maintenance.

**1389 - WORK FOR PRIVATE PERSONS:** Deputy Coogan, having enquired if the Council hires out plant in cases where private contractors plant is available, the County Engineer stated that in fact it is not the Council's wish to carry out such jobs at all.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. Mammion - Kinnaird*

*Submitted, approval and confirmed.*

*Michael Carb* Chairman.

*Date: 27/6/59*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

27th May, 1959.

To:  
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Committee Meeting of the entire Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 6th June, 1959, commencing at 12 o'clock noon, to consider:-

1. Area and Road Mileage for each Engineering District.
2. Creation of permanent office of Assistant County Engineer in lieu of Temporary Engineer employed continuously.
3. Creation of additional office of Assistant County Engineer (Temporary) for West Galway.
4. Housing:-
  - (a) Cottages.
  - (b) Grants.
  - (c) Loans.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 6th JUNE, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

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

1 - SYMPATHY: Deputy Carty thanked the Council for their kind expressions of sympathy with him in his recent bereavement.

2 - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: The Chairman, Deputy Carty, stated that Mr. Martin Quinn, Chairman of the Council, will be unable, owing to illness, to represent the Council on the occasion of the inauguration of the President, and as he, Deputy Carty, will be present on that occasion as a member of the Dail, he suggested that the Council be represented by Mr. Thomas King, Co.C.

Deputy Carty, therefore, proposed that Clr. Thomas King represent the Galway County Council at the inauguration of the incoming President. This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and approved unanimously, and it was directed that the Department of the Taoiseach be notified accordingly.

Clr. King thanked the Council for appointing him as representative.

3 - ENGINEERING ARRANGEMENTS, WEST GALWAY: The particulars of area, mileage, etc. of each Engineering District, as circulated to the members of the Council on 5th May, 1959, were submitted, and on the recommendation of Clr. King, the Council decided that the County Engineer's views would be heard in regard to the necessity for the appointment of an additional Assistant County Engineer (Temporary) for West Galway.

The County Engineer then read his letter of 6th March, 1959, and stated that an additional Engineer for the western portion of the county was required by:-

- (a) The establishment of a new post.
- (b) The appointment of a temporary Assistant County Engineer.
- (c) The elimination of one of the east-Galway Districts - Athenry - thereby enabling one of the established Assistant County Engineers to take up duty in West Galway.

The County Engineer recommended the appointment of a temporary Assistant County Engineer, with headquarters in Oughterard, to supervise a district bounded approximately by Leenane, Recess, and Derryrush on the West, Clonbur on the north, and Spiddal, Moycullen on the east.

The Chairman stated that the Council are not prepared to approve the establishment of an additional permanent post of Assistant County Engineer, and that he considered that the best arrangement would be to appoint a temporary Assistant County Engineer to be employed while the Road Improvement Grants continue.

The County Engineer explained that if the Council approved the appointment of an additional temporary Assistant County Engineer the person appointed would not necessarily be employed in West Galway, as it would be desirable that an experienced permanent Assistant would take over the new District in West Galway.

Clr. Glynn recommended that in every Engineering District, the Assistant County Engineer should, where possible, reside approximately in the centre of the District.

Clr. Hanley complained that the standard of the roads in east and north Galway does not compare with that for the remainder of the County.

The County Engineer, in reply to an enquiry by Deputy Geoghegan, stated that an office for the Hew District in the West would be necessary, which may possibly be provided in the Courthouse, and if not, will be provided in the most economical manner possible.

Clr. John Flaherty opposed the creation of any additional post of temporary Assistant County Engineer, and suggested a revision of the Engineering Districts instead.

Clr. Glynn supported a recommendation for re-arrangement of the Engineering Districts, and again recommended that the Assistant be more centrally located in each district.

Deputy Carty, Chairman, suggested that the office of additional temporary Assistant County Engineer be created for a period of two years.

Clr. Sirr opposed any additional appointment, even a temporary one.

Clr. John Mannion referred to his previous statement, that including two Engineer's clerks, there are six supervisors in the Clifden Engineer's District.

The County Engineer stated that actually the figure is three overseers and two clerks.

Clr. Mannion asked if these overseers in the Clifden District will be retained, even when the size of the district is reduced, and also if other overseers will be appointed for the new district in Oughterard.

The County Engineer stated that if it is a fact that some of these overseers were appointed in the last three or four years, their appointment was long overdue, that they are very fine employees, and give an excellent return for their wages.

Clr. John Mannion asked if provision for the salary of an additional Engineer has been made in the estimate for the current year.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Kitt, the County Engineer stated that in the absence of the additional Assistant County Engineer, which has been sought for some time past, the work is being carried out as efficiently as possible.

Clr. King stated that it is not so long since the County was re-organised into ten Engineering Districts, and that at the time of that re-organisation large grants were being allocated to Connemara. Clr. King recommended a re-arrangement of the existing Districts in lieu of the creation of an additional temporary post.

Clr. Collins also opposed the creation of an additional temporary post.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that the total expenditure on road works in this county is three-quarters of a million pounds; that this expenditure is likely to increase rather than decrease, and that the Council should ensure that adequate technical staff will be provided to deal with such a large section of its functions.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that there has been a very great increase in road traffic during the past ten years, and that the western portion of County Galway for which there are at present two Assistant County Engineers and for which a third is being sought, is equal to the entire area of some counties which have a full Engineering organisation; that Galway County Council should not have a closed view in regard to the appointment of Engineers in a county which benefits so much from the existence of the Engineering School in University College, Galway; that supervision is a major factor in increasing efficiency.

Deputy Geoghegan welcomed Clr. John Donnellan on his return to the Council after his recent illness, and suggested that the Assistant Engineer for the Tuam District, could take over the Cong-Clonbur-Cornamona area, and that the Galway Assistant's District might be extended westward to Maam-Cross.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Deputy M. Carty, that the Committee recommend to the Council for approval the creation of a post of temporary Assistant County Engineer for West Galway, for a period of two years.

A direct negative to Clr. John Mannion's proposal was proposed by Clr. Hanley and seconded by Clr. Flaherty.

Clr. Galvin referred to the Minutes of a Committee Meeting on the 9th May, 1959, and stated that the Assistant County Engineer did see the work on the footpath near his office in Ballinasloe twice a day, but the organisation is such that the supervising ganger was also called in regularly to inspect this work; that if the County Engineer's advice is that an additional temporary Assistant County Engineer is necessary, he, Clr. Galvin, accepts that advice and supports the proposal for creation of the additional post of temporary Assistant County Engineer.

Clr. Galvin recommended that there also be a re-organisation of the supervision, so that supervision of works will be by a qualified Engineer rather than by a person without qualifications.

Deputy Coogan complimented the Assistant County Manager on his statement of the case, and supported the proposal made by Clr. John Mannion.

The County Engineer stated that several years ago, when he was County Engineer in County Leitrim, there were in that county, 1 County Engineer and 4 Assistants, and an annual expenditure of £30,000 on road works.

Clr. King asked if an Assistant County Engineer for Tourist Grants could be appointed, his salary to be met from these grants.

Clr. Sirm again opposed the creation of the additional post.

Clr. Dowd disagreed with Clr. Galvin's statement that supervising gangers have no qualifications, and stated that these men have practical experience, in some cases, up to 20 years of such experience. He suggested that there be a readjustment so that more responsibility be placed on the supervising gangers, and on that account opposed the creation of the additional post, of Assistant County Engineer.

Clr. Glynn complimented the former County Engineer on the standard of the roads in the County.

The Secretary referred to a letter of the 12th May, 1959, received from the Galway Ratepayers' Association on this subject.

Clr. Hanley pointed out that this letter had already been circulated to the members of the Council, and proposed that it be not read.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, and approved.

The County Engineer stated that there is a very large volume of work for the Assistant County Engineers in the Galway and Clifden Districts, including weekly payment of wages in Galway City, and that these districts are overloaded, as compared with those in the east of the County; that if the additional appointment was approved, the Council would receive a better return for the money expended, as the Assistant County Engineer would have more time to plan his jobs; that it is not intended that the employment of the overseers in the Clifden District will be terminated, but that there may be a reduction of one clerk in the Clifden office, while a clerk will be required for the Oughterard Office.

A vote taken for or against the proposal that the post of Additional Temporary Assistant County Engineer for a period of two years be created, resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Carty, Coogan, Donnellan John, Galvin, Glynn, Lahiffe, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell and Ruane James (10).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Collins, Donnellan James, Dowd, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Hanley, Feeney, Killilea, King, Lambert, Ridge, Ruane Pat, Sirm and Wall (15).

The Chairman declared the proposal lost, the recommendation of the Committee therefore being that an additional post of Assistant County Engineer be not created.

The County Engineer stated that since the additional post is not approved, he will be obliged to press for the re-arrangement of the districts involving the abolition of the Athenry Engineering District.

Clr. James Ruane objected strongly to any proposal for abolition of the Athenry District.

Deputy Killilea stated that he is quite satisfied that ten Assistant County Engineers are adequate for the County.

The members, having asked if the County Manager could re-arrange the districts without reference to the Council, the Assistant County Manager stated that the County Manager is entitled to do that, but in a matter of such importance, it is a normal procedure to consult the Council before carrying out any such adjustment of districts.

Clr. King recommended that the County Manager and County Engineer would re-arrange the districts, and then refer the proposed scheme to the Council for ratification.

The County Engineer stated that the recommendations for the re-arrangement of the districts had already been circulated to the members of the Council, and asked if the Committee approved the proposals circulated.

At this stage, further discussion of this matter terminated, as the meeting was adjourned for lunch until 3.p.m.

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

4. HOUSING - COTTAGES: The Assistant County Manager gave particulars of the progress report on cottages, viz:-

Built:	325.
In course of Erection:	17.
Town Schemes being planned:	15.
Ready for advertising:	10.
Sites being transferred by Co. Solicitor:	23.
Sites being selected by Co. Engineer:	49.
Recent applications being investigated:	6.
Total:	445.

Deputy Geoghegan complained that in many cases in which application for cottages have been made a considerable time ago, he has been informed by the Secretary in reply to enquiries that the matter is in the hands of the County Engineer. Deputy Geoghegan requested an explanation of the long delay in dealing with these applications and instanced the case of an application from a person in Loughwell, Moycullen.

Clr. Galvin stated that the Council should accept only good reliable contractors, and should then adhere rigidly to the time for completion. Clr. Galvin complained of the condition of the fence beside the main road at the Ballysighter cottages, and recommended that a decent wall be provided there.

Clr. King supported Clr. Galvin's recommendation in regard to insistence on the specified time for completion of the erection of cottages.

Senator Lahiffe asked why there is such a delay in the provision of houses at Kinvara, and why there is such a delay in the erection of cottages for which tenders had been accepted at Bullaunagh and Tullyra.

Mr. J. Silke, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the Architect had supplied plans for the provision of two houses in Main Street, Kinvara, and three on the Quay; that the plans for the houses in Main Street are acceptable, but that the estimate for the houses on the Quay is considered excessive, and it has been necessary to refer these back to the Architect.

Mr. Silke stated that in the case of the Ballyeigher cottages, gates were provided leading on to the old road at the rear of the cottages, and the holes in the fence beside the new main road have been made by the tenants themselves; that the tenders received for the cottages at Bullaunagh were too high, and it was necessary to re-advertise, the advertisements having been issued.

It was recommended by Clr. Dowd, and approved by the Council, that small gates be provided on the main road fences of the cottages at Ballyeigher.

Clr. Martin Mannion complained of the delay in fencing a cottage at Carrowntuber Kilkerrin, and stated that he was informed a year ago that this cottage plot would be fenced.

Deputy Geoghegan made a similar complaint in regard to a cottage at Inver, Rosmuck. Clr. Galvin stated that there is no path from the back road entrance to the cottages at Ballyeigher, and that the obvious place to have an entrance gate to these houses is at the front.

Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E., stated in reply to an enquiry by Senator Lahiffe, that he is recommending that the two cottages at Main Street, Kinvara, be advertised for tenders.

Senator Lahiffe asked what progress had been made with the provision of a cottage for a Mr. Quinn, whose house was destroyed by fire. (at Kinvara).

The Assistant County Manager, in reply, stated that the provision of a cottage had been approved, but he was informed that the local people had made accommodation available for this man, and that therefore his need is not so urgent.

Senator Lahiffe stated that this is an urgent matter, as the temporary accommodation provided is very unsuitable for long occupation.

Senator Lahiffe stated that during the storm in February two years ago the tide came up to the height of three feet in some of the houses on the quay at Kinvara; that an alternative site available in Barrack Street, had been rejected for no apparent reason.

Mr. Silke, C.A.C.E. stated that it is intended that part of the plot at the Quay will be left vacant.

Senator Lahiffe stated that the owners of the plot were residing at Cloughballymore when they offered it without opposition; that they now have only the house on the Quay. Senator Lahiffe objected to the use of the site on the Quay on these grounds and also on the grounds of possible flooding.

Clr. King asked why it is necessary to engage an Architect for erection of cottages.

The Assistant County Manager explained that it is usual to engage the services of an Architect for Schemes of cottages; that ordinary rural cottages are provided by the County Engineer on the Architect's plan.

Clr. John Mannion requested an explanation of the delay in providing a cottage at Derrygimla, Ballyconneely, which has been sought for nine years.

Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E., stated that the tenders received for this cottage were much too high, and that there was no possibility of obtaining a lower tender by re-advertisement; that a proposal had been put to the Department of Local Government for erection of these cottages under the Trades Contract system at an estimated cost of £1145 each; that this proposal had been rejected by the Department of Local Government, who considered the estimated cost entirely too high; that by deletion of a few items the estimated cost has been reduced to £1,080 and that the proposal is again being submitted for approval; that immediately approval is obtained, this work can be put on hands.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it is intended that there will be a conference with a Department Housing Inspector during the next week, when this matter can be raised.

The Chairman suggested that if it is necessary to do so subsequent to the conference with the Housing Inspector, all the deputies on the Council will approach the Minister for Local Government in connection with this matter.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that a cottage listed for Kilkerrin, Carna, is not now needed, as the applicant is building his own house.

He requested that in future instead of saying that the application had been referred to the County Engineer, he would be informed of the actual position, and also requested that a list of outstanding cottage applications be furnished to the Council, giving particulars of the action taken.

Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E., stated that 27 applications were referred to the County Engineer, that of these 16 cases were withdrawn or had no site available or owing to change in circumstances were doubtful applications. Mr. Silke read a list of the

applications, giving particulars of the position in each case.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. James Donnellan, Mr. Silke stated that tenders will soon be invited for a scheme of ten houses at St. Joseph's Park, Tuam.

Clrs. Wall and Burke recommended that at the conference, if possible, unsatisfactory arrangements in regard to applications to the Department of Local Government for Housing Grants be raised, as applicants are being obliged to obtain plans and specifications from Engineers at a very high cost; that the arrangements were much more simple until recent times.

**5 - DEMOLITION OF OLD EAR, NOSE & THROAT HOSPITAL:** The Secretary stated that the County Manager had requested him to seek the approval of the Committee to the proposed demolition of the old Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital facing the Newcastle Road, and to explain that assurance has been given that a grant from Hospital Trust Funds will be made available up to a maximum of £20,000 for provision of accommodation elsewhere on the hospital grounds for residential doctors and students.

The Committee unanimously recommended to the Council for approval the demolition of this building, but requested that particulars of the manner of demolition be made available to the Council at meeting on the 27th June, 1959.

Mr. Silke, C.A.C.E., stated that since the demolition of the building will involve much dust, it may be necessary to have the building demolished by direct labour, so as to eliminate any danger of infection in the Maternity Hospital, which is adjacent.

**6 - ENGINEERING STAFF - CONTINUED:** The County Engineer again raised the question of the re-organisation of the Engineering Districts, involving the abolition of Athenry District. Deputy Coogan proposed that the Committee approve the recommendations for reorganisation of the Engineering Districts as made in the County Engineer's letter of the 6th March, 1959.

Some members having suggested that further consideration of this matter be deferred, it was proposed by Deputy Coogan, and seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, that the Committee deal with this matter now, and it was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Clr. James J. Ruane, that consideration of this matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the County Council.

Eventually, it was ruled by the Chairman that further consideration of this item would be adjourned until the meeting of the County Council which will be held on the 27th June, 1959.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Robert J. Ronai*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Michael Carty Chairman.*

*Date: 27/6/59*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A CONFERENCE IN TOWN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, LOUGHREA, ON MONDAY EVENING, 8th JUNE, 1959, TO DISCUSS MARKETS AND TOLLS IN THE TOWNS OF LOUGHREA AND PORTUMNA.

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Anthony Dervan, Loughrea.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Galway County Council:** Deputy M. Carty, Senator R. Lahiffe, Messrs. S. Canning, J.J. Ruane, T. Hanley, and J. Lambert, County Councillors.

**Loughrea Town Commissioners:** Mr. Devine, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Conlon and Mr. Morrissey. (in addition to Mr. Dervan).

**Co. Committee of Agriculture:** Mr. Michael Smith, Mr. E. Curley.

**National Farmers' Association:** Messrs. P. Forde, M. Donohue, T. Canavan, & J. Shiel.

**Macra na Feirme:** Mr. Taylor, Portumna.

**Portumna Development Company Ltd:** Mr. Seamus Layng, M.P.

Mr. T.F. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, and Mr. L. O Luanaigh, County Secretary.

**1 - CHAIRMAN:** Mr. A. Dervan (Loughrea Town Commissioners) was appointed Chairman of the meeting, on the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Mr. Barrett.

**2 - LOUGHREA MARKETS:** The Assistant County Manager explained the necessity for defining market places, and the desirability of moving the markets off the streets. Mr. Dervan, Chairman, stated that the Loughrea Town Commissioners are unanimous in regard to the desirability of developing a market-place in Loughrea as quickly as possible, and considered that pending the development of the market-place adjustments could be made which would relieve the existing congestion in the Main Street, King Street,

Deputy Carty recommended that calf markets be confined to Barrack Street.

Mr. Michael Smith supported the recommendation for the development of the existing fairgreen.

Mr. P. Forde stated that when a fairgreen would be developed and made available, all stock should be taken to that fairgreen or market-place.

Mr. Martin Donohue supported the recommendation for the development of the existing fairgreen.

Deputy Carty asked if the farming representatives considered that the area of the existing fairgreen will be adequate.

Mr. T. Canavan stated that the existing fairgreen should be adequate when developed; that in an undeveloped state cattle are too scattered.

Mr. T. Hanley considered that in future it will be essential to have the sale of stock restricted to proper market-places.

Mr. Barrett considered that regard should be had to Mr. Forde's recommendation as representing the view of the farming community.

Deputy Carty suggested that any proposal for restriction of markets to the market-place should not include the potato market.

The Chairman, having raised the question of the calf-market, stated that it was the Town Commissioners' opinion that it should be left as at present until the fairgreen would be developed, and that the potato market should be left in Barrack Street.

After a discussion, it was then recommended that the following markets be restricted to the areas stated:

1. Agricultural Produce and Christmas Fowl Market to be restricted to Barrack Street, from the Museum to Kelly Street junction.
2. King's Entry - Hawkers and the ordinary fowl markets.
3. Pigs - Barrack Street (From Museum to Kelly Street).

The Assistant County Manager suggested that calf markets should be moved off the main street.

Mr. Conlon agreed and Mr. Morrissey disagreed.

Deputy Carty suggested that the calf markets should be moved to Barrack Street, or should be confined to one side of Main Street, until the new fairgreen would be developed.

Reference having been made to possible objection by Traders, Mr. Dervan pointed out that the traders are represented on the Development Association, and that they were invited to attend this conference and did not do so.

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Barrett, the Chairman stated that all these recommendations are being made as provisional arrangements to be put into operation until the new market-place will be available.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Mr. Conlon "That it is recommended that cattle and calf markets be moved from Main Street to Barrack Street until the new market-place will be available."

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Barrett, it was explained that when the new market-place will be available, all livestock will go there.

It was at this stage recommended that the sale of cattle on Main Street be prohibited.

Mr. Pat Forde recommended that sheep markets be confined to Barrack Street and Galway Road.

It was recommended that horse markets on Main Street be prohibited. At this stage, the meeting agreed on a suggestion by Deputy Carty that the main thoroughfare from the corner of Liam Mellows' Terrace to Farranallynch be kept clear of horse, cattle and sheep markets.

**Summary of Recommendations in regard to Loughrea Markets:**

Horses, Cattle and Sheep - Markets on the main thoroughfare from Liam Mellows' Terrace Junction to Farranallynch to be prohibited.

Pigs, Calves and Agricultural Produce - Market to be restricted to Barrack Street, From the Museum to Kelly Street Junction.

Fowl - Market to be held at King's Entry, with the exception of Christmas Fowl Market, which will be held in King's Entry and in Barrack Street.

Hawkers - To be confined to King's Entry.

**3 - PORTUMNA MARKETS:** A recommendation by Mr. Canning that horse fairs be restricted to Abbey Street from Lynch's Corner to the Castle Gate was approved by the meeting.

Mr. S. Layng stated that the restriction of cattle and sheep markets to the market-place is not feasible, and that the Development Company recommend the provision of a separate sheep market possibly by extension of the existing market-place the area required for sheep being about a half-acre.

Mr. T. Hanley suggested that the sheep markets should be held on the new market-place, but on different days from the cattle markets.

This recommendation was opposed by Mr. Layng, who pointed out that the holding of the cattle and sheep fairs on the same day is a long-established practice.

Mr. Taylor considered that when the new Church will be completed, it will be essential to move the sheep markets from that area, and that the best arrangement would be to have an addition to the existing market-place.

Deputy Carty recommended that since land is available, the necessary area for this addition should be acquired.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it appears that there is no for either re-arrangement of the existing market-place, or provision of an extension to accommodate sheep.

Mr. Canning considered that the accommodation for sheep could be made available in the existing market-place by an inner wall.

Deputy Carty again recommended application to the Department of Lands for the necessary area for an extension.

Deputy Carty proposed that when the market-place will be made suitable for the accommodation of sheep all livestock markets should be restricted to the market-place.

Mr. Taylor stated that at present the entrance to the Portumna market-place is usually blocked by calf-dealers, and that it would be advisable to allocate a space in the middle of the green for calves.

The Assistant County Manager stated that this could be met by having an official or employee of the Council available to allocate the stock to the proper places.

Mr. Hanley stated that the pig-pen which is near the new church will be objectionable when the church is completed; that it is apparently located there because it is near the old church.

It was recommended unanimously that pig markets, fowl markets, and markets for agricultural produce be confined to the market square, and that calf markets be confined to the new market-place.

It was also recommended that hawkers be prohibited on the main thoroughfare, i.e., from the junction of the Loughrea-Woodford road to Horan's Corner.

Summary of Recommendations in regard to Portumna Markets;

- Horses - Market to be restricted to Abbey Street, from Lynch's Corner to the Castle Gate.
- Sheep - Separate accommodation to be allocated either in the existing market-place or by way of extension to the existing market-place.
- Cattle - Markets to be restricted to the new market-place.
- Calves - Markets to be restricted to the new market-place, but it is recommended that a space in the middle of the market-place be allocated for calves.
- Pigs, fowl and agricultural produce - Markets to be restricted to the market square.
- Hawkers - Prohibited on the main thoroughfare from Loughrea-Woodford Road Junction, to Horan's Corner.

4 - TOLLS: The Assistant County Manager gave particulars of the receipts and expenditure for tolls in Loughrea and Portumna, and explained that the tolls are let by tender and consequently the amount of the tolls paid by the farmers is more than the amount received by the County Council; that it is doubtful whether the collection of tolls should be continued, and he requested the views of the meeting in this matter.

Mr. P. Forde stated that in Loughrea, the method of collection causes annoyance as well as the fact that little service is given in return for the tolls paid. Mr. S. Canning said that the tolls cause inconvenience and hold-up to farmers and that he considered it better that the collection of tolls should be abolished.

Mr. T. Hanley stated that originally he was of the opinion that the tolls should be collected, as they would be some return to the Council for the money expended in the development and purchase of the fairgreen and fair rights, and that he thought that there would be some substantial return obtained in Portumna from farmers from outside counties; that since the revenue is small, he now supports Mr. Canning's recommendation that the collection of tolls be abolished.

Mr. M. Donohue also supported the recommendation for abolition of the tolls collection.

Mr. Conlon stated that the greatest objection to the payment of tolls is the resulting hold-up, as well as the fact that there is little return in the way of facilities.

Mr. Barrett asked if the abolition of the tolls collection would have any effect in the number of buyers coming to markets, and it was the view of the meeting that it would not.

Mr. Shiel supported the recommendation for abolition of the tolls collection. Senator Lahiffe stated that the collection in Loughrea and Portumna should be much greater if the Co. Council took it over, and he asked if the Council would have expended so much money on the purchase etc. of the fair rights and fairgreens in these places if it was known that the tolls would not be collected.

Mr. Taylor stated that in Portumna tolls were originally collected at the six new fairs only, and then only when cattle and other stock were sold; that since the Council took over the tolls they have been collected at all fairs, irrespective of whether the stock were sold or not; that this change has caused much irritation and efforts to evade payment.

Mr. J.J. Ruane stated that when the fair rights etc. were purchased at Loughrea and Portumna, he got the impression that the expenditure would eventually be recouped by the collection of tolls; that he would not agree with the abolition of the tolls collection if he thought that the abolition would impede the development of the fairgreens at Athenry and Loughrea. Mr. Ruane considered that the tolls collection in Athenry must amount to £800 per annum at least, and pointed out that when the market-place at Athenry would be developed, the collection of tolls there would be facilitated very much. Mr. Ruane pointed out that the ratepayers' money has been expended in the purchase and development of the markets and considered that it would be bad policy to abolish the collection of tolls.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the conference was called to hear the various views on this subject, and that regard will be had to the views expressed.

The Assistant County Manager asked if the meeting considered that it would be reasonable to make a charge for pens in the market-place.

Mr. T. Hanley stated that it would be very difficult to reserve pens without causing much friction.

Messrs. P. Forde and M. Donohue stated that there would not be any objection to the payment of the charge required for pens.

Mr. J. Shiel pointed out that it is usual that there is a good end and a bad end in a market-place, and that therefore there would be a possibility of abuse in the allocation of pens.

Senator Lahiffe stated that it is a fact that there are good ends in street fairs, but that this state of affairs should not apply in a market-place properly laid out.

Mr. T. Hanley stated that what is known as the "fall of the people" applies in fairs and markets as well as in all other types of business.

Mr. J.J. Ruane stated that 4 a.m. is much too early a time for the start of a fair or market.

Mr. J. Lambert stated that the farmers are well used to that arrangement and do not regard it as a hardship.

Mr. P. Forde at this stage recommended that there be four entrances provided to the Loughrea market-place.

Mr. T. Hanley stated that it was always expected that there would be an additional entrance to the Portumna market-place.

Deputy M. Carty, Mr. A. Dervan, and the Assistant County Manager, thanked all those who had attended the Conference.

Deputy Carty thanked especially the farming representatives and pointed out that all changes recommended at the conference will be of an experimental nature, and if not suitable, can be varied.

THE CONFERENCE THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH  
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON  
SATURDAY, 13th JUNE, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Wall.

ALSO PRESENT: Clr. T. King and Deputy "A. Carty.

Doctor M.J. Dyar, Dr. D.T. O'Driscoll.

Mr. T.F. McDermott, Assistant Co. Manager, Dr. T.K. White, R.M.S.,  
Galway Regional Hospital, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer, Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer,  
and Mr. L. O'Luanagh, Secretary.

1 - CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Deputy Carty, at the commencement of the meeting, it was unanimously decided that Clr. M. Wall should take the Chair.  
Clr. Wall then took the Chair.

2 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th April, 1959, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to the General Medical Services Register:-

Total Number of Applications received:	22,105.
Total Number Granted:	19,730.
Number Refused:	2,016.
Number under consideration:	359.
Number of cards current:	18,568.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	56,747.

Clr. T. King suggested that lists of medical card holders for their areas be supplied to the members of the Council.

The Secretary stated that he believed that circulation of such lists would be an infringement of the rule in regard to the confidential nature of health services.

Dr. O'Driscoll recommended the appointment of an Almoner to investigate the circumstances of applicants for general medical service cards as an Almoner would be an independent person not residing in the same district as the applicant.

The Chairman expressed the view that it is better that the system of investigation of means should not be too stringent.

Dr. Dyar stated that the Assistance Officer for Millimor District resides in Loughrea, and the Assistance Officer for Loughrea does not reside in that district.

Dr. O'Driscoll referred to a case in which a patient presented a medical card to him in the belief that he should provide the service required free of charge; that when the patient ascertained that this was not the case, the patient went into Galway Hospital and paid the full bill without further question.

Dr. Dyar stated that applicants for home assistance are frequently sent to the District Medical Officer for a medical certificate, while in most of these cases medical certificates should not be necessary, and the Home Assistance Officer should be able to decide on the application without reference to the District Medical Officer. Dr. Dyar considered that the investigation of means could be carried out more effectively by an official who resides in the district rather than by an Almoner.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it is unlikely that approval would be obtained to the appointment of an Almoner for this purpose; that the Assistance Officer should know the circumstances of the majority of the people in his district.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that he had in mind the deterrent effect of the existence of a system of check by an Almoner - even if occasional applications only were checked by the Almoner.

The Assistant County Manager explained that the Assistance Officer verifies the particulars of means given in the application and then makes his recommendation on the circumstances as he sees them; that the Assistance Officer's recommendation is not always accepted as it is necessary to

apply uniform standards to the entire county.

Clr. T. King stated that he knows of many people who are entitled to hold medical cards have not applied for them. He considered that it would be helpful if the members of the Council knew who held medical cards.

The Chairman stated that generally the system of issue of medical cards is not abused, and the members of the Committee agreed that that is the position.

4 - DRUGS: Dr. Dyar stated that there is sometimes a delay of up to six weeks in obtaining drugs, and that he has been informed that there is not such a delay in obtaining drugs in other counties. He recommended the establishment of a depot in the county for supply of drugs to District Medical Officers.

The Assistant County Manager stated that under the existing regulations, it is the responsibility of the District Medical Officer to hold in the dispensary an adequate supply of drugs. He doubted if the establishment of a depot would solve the problem if the delay in obtaining drugs, and pointed out that arrangements had been made with the hospital for supply to patients on discharge drugs sufficient to permit continuation of the treatment until the patient's doctor would obtain a further supply.

Dr. Dyar stated that sometimes these drugs issued on discharge by the hospital, are supplied to middle income group patients.

Dr. White stated that the normal arrangement is that the medical card number is quoted on the prescription sent to the hospital Compounder in such cases; that in occasional and rare cases, a small supply of drugs would be given to a patient who is not the holder of a medical card.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he would not be critical of doing what is necessary to ensure continuity of treatment, but that a patient who is not a general medical services card holder or of that class, should not be permitted to lay in a store of drugs.

The Assistant County Manager asked Dr. Dyar to inform him of the county or counties in which there is a central depot for supply of drugs.

5 - TEETH EXTRACTION: Dr. Dyar stated that there is little use in listing an adult patient for teeth extraction when there is a waiting list of up to 1,000 of such cases.

Dr. White stated that there is no waiting list for school children but that lack of funds for the adult service is the reason for the extensive waiting list.

6 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:

(a) Reports: Dr. Dyar referred to the delay in the issue of medical reports to the patients' doctors on the discharge of the patients from the hospital, and stated that he believed that this delay is due to lack of clerical staff for this work.

The Assistant County Manager stated that this matter had been investigated and that in fact the delay is in the sending of the reports from the hospital doctor to the clerical staff.

(b) Post Graduate Courses: Dr. Dyar recommended that arrangements be made for the holding of short post-graduate courses in the Galway Regional Hospital owing to the difficulty in travelling long distances to such courses in Dublin.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it would be better if this matter would be raised by an outside body.

(c) Second Gynaecologist: Dr. Dyar asked if any progress had been made with the appointment of a second Gynaecologist at Galway Regional Hospital, and he was informed by the Secretary that this matter was left in abeyance pending a report from Dr. O'Dwyer on the matter as a result of his experience of the work.

7 - MATERNITY SERVICES: Dr. Dyar stated that a patient who enters into an agreement with an outside doctor for maternity services and goes to the Regional Hospital for her confinement is, on discharge, given a note requiring her to return to the hospital later for a check-up.

Dr. Dyar stated that the return of the patient to the hospital is expensive and unnecessary and that the necessary check could be made by the doctor with whom she has entered into an agreement.

Dr. Dyar was informed that dentures are not supplied especially for maternity patients - that the supply of dentures in such cases is in accordance with the ordinary procedure for supply of dentures to adults.

Dr. Dyar stated that there is an unreasonable delay in the payment of fees due to doctors under maternity service agreements.

8 - POLIO VACCINATION FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Dr. O'Driscoll requested clarification of the position in regard to the vaccination against polio as applied to expectant mother

The Assistant County Manager explained that an expectant mother of the lower income group is entitled to vaccination free of charge by the County Medical Officer's staff; if she prefers to have the vaccination carried out by her own doctor, the vaccine will be supplied free of charge by the County Medical Officer to the patient's doctor.

An expectant mother of the middle income group may have the vaccination carried out by the County Medical Officer's staff at the specified rate of charge.

If an expectant mother of the middle income group prefers to have the vaccination carried out by her own doctor, the arrangement will be a private one between the patient & the doctor, and the County Council will not be concerned.

9 - CLINICS: Dr. Dyar stated that sometimes patients who are obviously in need of hospital treatment are called for examination at clinics, examined and sent back to their homes, and later are called to the hospital again for admission.

Dr. Dyar recommended that such patients should not be called to the clinic until they can be admitted to the hospital on the same day.

Dr. Dyar stated that owing to the fact that the Assistance Officer is not residing in Loughrea, he is frequently obliged to call the ambulance for cases which could travel by public conveyance if the Assistance Officer was available to issue travel vouchers.

At this stage, Clr. Wall left the meeting, and Clr. T. King took the chair.

10 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to Disablement Allowances:

Number of applications received:	3,360.
Number of applications granted:	1,620.
Number of applications refused:	1,652.
Number being dealt with:	88.
Number of allowances discontinued by reason of the award of State Pensions, &c.	300.

Dr. Dyar recommended that some action be taken to provide a scheme for rehabilitation of disabled persons.

11 - DISTRICT NURSING SCHEME: In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer, stated that the Council's proposals in regard to the appointment of District Nurses in the county had been sent to the Department of Health for sanction about September or October, 1957, and that the Department's decision is being awaited.

12 - ST. BRENDAN'S HOME: Dr. Dyar requested that he be informed of the cost of maintaining a patient in St. Brendan's Home.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Carty, the Assistant County Manager stated that provision for maintenance expenditure in St. Brendan's Home had not been reduced.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAIBLIH.

OIFIS AN RÚNAÍ,  
DÓÉAR MÓR,  
SAIBLIH.

Suíón: SAIBLIH 2055.

18ú Meitheamh, 1959.

Cuiz zac bairle de'n Comairle.

A ÓARA,

IARRTAR ORC leis seo beic i rúnaí ag Cruinnú Bliantúil de Comairle Conndae na Saibhíe a tionsólpar i Seomra na Comairle i nS na Foirgníche Conndae, Saibhíh, Oia Saéairn, 27ú Meitheamh, 1959, ag tosú ar 12.30 p.m.

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1. Toza Óaéairlí.

2. Toza leas-Óaéairlí.

3. Toza comairle de'n Comairle ar:-

- (a) Bord Ospidéal Meabair-áilair, Déal áca na Sluaí.
- (b) Bord Foras Sídhíche an Iúráir.
- (c) Ard-Comairle na z-Condae.
- (d) Cumann lué Cuarda na h-Óireann.

4. Toza Coistí:-

- (a) Coiste Fiosraíche Fundúireadcaí Coannair.
- (b) Coiste leabarlanna.
- (c) Coiste Comairlícheac na Séadcomairle Náisiúnta.
- (d) Coiste Scoilíreacda.
- (e) Fó-coistí na bhínean sean-aoise.

5. Daíl a éarad ar Coiste Seirbísí Tóiteáin.

Na h-áilair seo leanas a breahtú:

6. Miontuairisí.

7. Na rácaí a zearrad agus a séala na Comairle a cur ar na leabráí rácaí i zóair bl. 30 31. 3. 1960.

8. Éilíche a déanadh ar Comairleacá Óuirz na Saibhíe agus bairle-éannair Déal áca na Sluaí.

9. Damáisce Maílíseac - éilíh.

10. Baileitheoirí Rátaí a ceapadh i gCeannair 9 7 23.
11. Réam-Ordúite a déanadh maidir le láithreán tréigse 'san Oloacán Uth. A1 go A 11, agus Moladh ó Clr. P. Seoige.
12. Bóthar a ceapadh mar bóthar poiblí.
13. Bóithre gur caiteadh airdreab as na rátaí orda agus naó bóithre poiblí iad.
14. Tasaóit sealadach.
15. Tasaóit b'fáil i gcóir Uisge-Soláthair - Onoc na Cearra, Saillín.
16. Moladh ó'n Innealltóir Cionnbae go gceannófaí breis zhuastán-trucaillí.
17. Seán-Ospidéal (E.N.C.) i nSaillín a reághaint.
18. Scéim feabhasú bóithre-cionnbae - (Mionc. 1376 - 15. 5. 1959).
19. Ceannair Innealltóirreáda a áirú.
20. Oifig mar Innealltóir cionnbae seasmach a áirú (in ionad Innealltóir Sealadach).
21. Postaoíct tréigse cléirig sealadach a leanúint.
22. Oifig mar Cumascóir seasmach lán-aimsear a áirú.
23. Oifig mar oifigeach ceimiceact shasadóirreáda a áirú.
24. Aodaire íclainne i bCurlach Mór.
25. Taca a ceannadh mar íclainn in ád thascead Uan.
26. Margaí - Baile locha Riach agus Port Ogha.
27. Coscse fiosaice fúndúireádaí Ceannair - Mioncuairisgí Cruinníte:-  
 Saillín - 17. 4. '59.  
 An Oloacán - 5. 5. '59.  
 Tuam - 23. 5. '59.  
 Baile locha Riach - 5. 6. '59.
28. Árd-Cumairle na gCondae - Fógra maidir le cruinnú i Lúghasa.
29. Saoráid éaladóca ag Sarranach (leictir Mór) - 21. 5. 59 ó Roinn na Saoltaí.
30. Bóthar in Auzhinis, Co. an Cláir - Socru a déanadh féil, ácc Riailtais Áirúil, 1955 (Aic. 59).
31. Droichead i mDeannach na Sionna.
32. Moladh ó Comhairleoirí.
33. Sió eile.

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman for year 1959/60.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1959/60.
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. Appointment of a member of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

TO CONSIDER:

6. Minutes.
7. ing of Rates and signing and sealing of Rate books for the year ending 31st March, 1960.
8. Making and Sealing the demands on Galway Corporation and on Ballinaslor Urban District Council for the year ending 31st March, 1960.
9. Malicious Damage Claims.
10. Appointment of Rate Collectors for Nos: 9 and 23 Districts.
11. Making Preliminary Orders under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for Derelict Sites A 1 to A 11 (eleven) inclusive, Clifden, and  
 Notice of Motion by Clr. P.K. Joyce, viz:-  
 "That all derelict sites in Clifden be acquired and developed by the Galway County Council."
12. Declaration of road at Cloonkeen to be a public road.
13. Roads, not declared public roads, on which money was expended - Minute 1374 of 15/5/59.
14. Overdraft.
15. Raising of Loan for Knocknacarra Water Supply.
16. Recommendation by County Engineer that additional trucks be purchased.
17. Demolition of old Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Galway.
18. Reconstruction Plans for County Roads - additions (Minute 1376 of 15. 5. '59.)
19. Re-arrangement of Engineering Districts.
20. Creation of Office of Permanent Assistant County Engineer in lieu of Temporary Engineer employed continuously.
21. Extension of employment of temporary clerical staff - 2 clerical officers and 1 clerk-typist.
22. Creation of permanent office of whole-time Compounder of medicines - in lieu of part-time post already approved.
23. Creation of office of Analytical Chemist.
24. Caretaking arrangements for Turloughmore Dispensary.
25. Purchase of building for use as a dispensary at Ahascragh.
26. Loughrea and Portumna Markets - Conference 8/6/59.
27. Minutes of Meetings of Visiting Committee:-  
 Galway - 17. 4. 59.  
 Clifden - 1. 5. 59.  
 Tuam - 23. 5. 59.  
 Loughrea - 5. 6. 59.

28. County Councils' General Council - request for notice of item for agenda for next meeting.
29. Landing facilities at Garrantai, Lettermore - correspondence with Gaeltacht Dept.
30. Road at Aughinish Peninsula, Kinvara - agreement to maintain for Clare County Council.
31. Swing Bridge at Banagher.
32. Members' Notices of Motion:-

(a) Clr. John Flaherty:

1. That the extension to the piped water supply in Glenamaddy be carried out as soon as possible.
2. That a protection wall be erected around the well at Ballaghalee, Brownsgrove, as already asked for.
3. I will ask the Co. Manager to state the position as regards the Kilkerrin and Moylough Water Supply Scheme, and why it has not started to date.

(b) Clrs. Hanley, Canning and Lahiff:

"Take notice that at the next meeting of Galway Co. Council we will move that the road from Power's Cross to Loosecaun Church via Rossmore be steamrolled this year."

(c) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

"The Commissioner for Valuation be asked where he is revising either property or lands, that he call on the individual concerned."

(d) Clr. P.R. Joyce:

"That pilot lights be provided at Claddaghduff and Omev Island to guide people crossing to and returning from Omev Island at night."

(e) Clr. P. Collins:

"I will ask the County Manager at the next meeting of the Co. Council to give an explanation as to why the new pump at Ashfield, Castleblakeney was not put in a central position in the area."

(f) Clr. S. Canning:

"In connection with a discussion by the Council some months ago on the plight of small farmers residing in the Clonfert area due to flooding, and at that meeting it was proposed and seconded and unanimously adopted, that the Land Commission would be requested to acquire two extensive tranches of land comprising approximately 2200 acres in the immediate vicinity of Clonfert, with a view to giving relief to this distressed area. If the Council has received from the Land Commission any reply to this request, and if so, the nature of this reply."

(g) Clr. James Donnellan: "That the Government be requested to carry out a drainage scheme to drain the area Belclare-Killiver - Kilconly-Treanbaun."

33. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 27th JUNE, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: DEPUTY M. Carty.

PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clr. Glynn, Ald. Greene, Clrs. Hanley, 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.

1390 - CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. John Mannion, and unanimously resolved: "That Mr. Martin Quinn, County Councillor, be re-elected Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1959/60."

Deputy Carty and other members wished the Chairman a speedy recovery from his illness, and it was directed that a letter to that effect be sent to Mr. Quinn, Chairman.

1391 - VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Clr. M. Ashe, seconded by Deputy Killilea, and unanimously resolved: "That Deputy M. Carty be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1959/60."

Deputy Carty thanked the members for re-electing him and Deputy Carty then took the Chair.

1392 - BALLINASLOE MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD: Letter, 29/5/1959 from the Chief Clerk, Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, was submitted, stating that the number of members to be appointed by the Galway County Council for the forthcoming year was 16.

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

"That the existing representatives of the Galway County Council on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board be re-elected for the year 1959/60."

1393 - WESTERN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BOARD: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Mannion, and unanimously resolved,

"That Clr. M.A. Ashe be re-elected to represent Galway County Council on the Western Health Institutions Board and that Deputy M. Carty be appointed as the second representative of the Council on the Western Health Institutions Board, pending the resumption of Mr. Martin Quinn, Chairman; Mr. M. Quinn to be re-appointed as the Council's representative on the Western Health Institutions Board, with effect from the date on which he will resume."

1394 - COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. J. Mannion, 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 1959/60, but that pending Mr. Quinn's resumption Deputy M. Carty be appointed as a representative on the General Council in lieu of Mr. Quinn."

1395 - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan and resolved:

"That Mr. John Glynn, County Councillor, be appointed to represent the County Council on the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1959/60."

Deputy Coogan stated that while not opposing Mr. Glynn's appointment, he considered it advisable that the representative on the Irish Tourist Association should be from the west of the County Galway.

Deputy Hanley requested that Mr. Glynn would support the development of Lough Derg on the River Shannon.

Mr. Glynn stated that first consideration is always given to proposals from Galway, and that good progress has been made with the development of tourist amenities in this county.

1396 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Senator R. Lahiff, and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Visiting Committee be re-appointed for the year 1959/60."

1397 - COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by

"That the existing members of the County Libraries Committee be re-appointed for the year 1959/60."

**1398 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Clr. M.A. Ashe, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:

"That Dr. G.A. Hayes-McCoy be appointed a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee proper, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. J.A. O'Connell, Tuam; that the remaining four existing members of the Committee proper, and the existing additional members of that Committee be re-appointed for the year 1959/60."

**1399 - EDUCATION (SCHOLARSHIPS) COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Cartv, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Education (Scholarships) Committee, be re-appointed for the year 1959/60."

**1400 - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES:** It was proposed by Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Deputy M.F. Kitt and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees who have not been absent from meetings during the period of six months to 31st May, 1959, be re-appointed for the year 1959/60, and that particulars of the vacancies arising as a result of disqualification of members for non-attendance be submitted to the Council at the next meeting."

Senator R. Lahiff expressed the view that membership of each sub-committee should be limited to 12.

Clr. James Donnellan considered that the meetings of the Sub-Committees served no useful purpose, as the recommendations of the Sub-Committee are not accepted.

Deputy Cartv explained that the examination of the applicant's assets sometimes reveals means which were not disclosed by the applicant to the Committee and stated that the position is that an applicant cannot receive a pension unless the Committee recommends it, but that it does not always follow that every application recommended by the Committee will be successful.

**1401 - FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Cartv, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, it was resolved that Mr. Christopher Mannion, 67, Gilmartin Road, Tuam, be appointed a member of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee - as representative of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

**1402 - MINUTES:** The minutes of meeting held on 15th May, 1959, to 1389 inclusive, and the minutes of Committee Meeting held on 6th June, 1959, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**1403 - RATES:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council hereby allow and make the Rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1960, as assessed in the Rate Books."

**1404 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt 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 Arrears Lists at 31st March, 1959,

were submitted and noted.

**1405 - PRESIDENT:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Cartv, seconded by Clr. P. Sarr and resolved:

"That the Council congratulate Eamon De Valera Usal, on his election as President of Ireland."

**1406 - CASTLEMOYLE BRIDGE:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. M. Ashe and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 21st May, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,700 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of Castlemoyle Bridge, 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."

**1407 - RUSSELLTOWN BRIDGE:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. M. Ashe and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 21st day of May, 1959, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £4,200 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the reconstruction of Russelltown Bridge, 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."

**1408 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:** The Secretary gave particulars of Malicious Damage Claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mr. James Farrell, Woodquay, Tuam - Shop Windows, £50.  
Mr. Brian Uniacke, Derrywee, Derrybrien - Hay and Grass, £30.  
Mrs. Kathleen Hughes, Killaan, Woodlawn - Furze Bush Fence, £11. 10. 0.  
Mr. Michael Carey, Marrita, Salthill - damage to car, £10.

Deputy Coogan stated that if the assistance of the Guards could be obtained in stamping out vandalism, there would be considerable reduction in Malicious Injury Claims.

Deputy Cartv, Chairman, agreed that it is deplorable that so much wanton damage is committed, and considered that public bodies should seek the co-operation of the people in prosecuting the perpetrators of such damage.

Senator Lahiff suggested that a few minutes in each day be devoted to instructing school children in schools on their civic duties.

**1409 - RATE COLLECTORS, NOS; 9 and 23 DISTRICTS:** The lists of eligible applicants for the vacant offices of Rate Collector in Nos: 9 and 23 Districts were submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. M. Ashe and resolved:

"That having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector of No: 9 District, and of the office of Rate Collector, No: 23 District, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of their duties and the qualifications for those offices, the person to be appointed to those offices cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and the Council decide, therefore, that the person to be selected for each of those vacant posts shall be appointed by the Council after consideration of the qualifications and experience of the eligible candidates."

**No: 9 District:** It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. M. Ashe, and unanimously resolved:

"That Mrs. Christina Mulryan, Togher, Tuam, be appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No: 9 District, subject to satisfactory Medical Report and sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

**No: 23 District:** It was proposed by Clr. J. Dowd and seconded by Clr. J. Glynn that Mr. James Rogers, Kilrickle, Loughrea, be appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No: 23 District, subject to satisfactory Medical Report and sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

The appointment of Mr. Joseph J. Barrett, Barrack Street, Loughrea, was proposed by Clr. J. Lambert, and seconded by Clr. J. Canning.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that he considered it would be wrong to appoint to this vacancy a person who already has a job with a salary of £900 a year.

Clr. P. Ruane stated that he opposed the arrangement whereby a decision in regard to this appointment had been taken before the start of the meeting.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins and seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, that a vote be taken on all of the five eligible candidates.

Clr. King stated that in this matter, the majority party on the Council will vote as a party, and are quite entitled to do so; that it is incorrect to state that this decision has been taken on a political basis as one of the opposing candidates is a supporter of the majority party.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Rogers: Clrs. Ashe, Cartv, Collins, Donnellan John, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Green, Hanley, Feeney, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ruane James (17).

For Mr. Barrett: Clrs. Canning, Coogan, Donnellan James, Flaherty, Calvin, Lambert, Mannion John, and Ruane Pat (8).

For Mr. Joseph W. Donnellan, Brierhill, Galway: Clrs. Ridge, Sirr and Wall (3).

Mr. W. Burke did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. James Rogers, Kilrickle, Loughrea, the candidate who obtained the majority of the votes cast, appointed to the office of Rate Collector for No: 23 District, subject to satisfactory Medical Report and sanction by the Minister for Local Government.

**1410 - RATE COLLECTORS, MISCELLANEOUS:** Clr. John Flaherty stated that he objected to interference in politics by any Rate Collector, e.g., canvassing on the occasion of the recent Presidential Election and Referendum.

The Chairman, Deputy Carty, stated that there is no legal bar against such action by a Rate Collector.

AT THIS STAGE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH UNTIL 2.30. p.m.  
AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1411 - DERELICT SITES, CLIFDEN:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the making of Preliminary Orders in respect of the following derelict sites at Clifden, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Preliminary Orders:-

Site No:	Area.	Owner.
A1.	2 perches.	Richard Joyce, The Square, Clifden.
A2.	2 perches.	Patrick Coyne, Knockbrack, Cleggan.
A3.	2 perches.	John Conneely, Cleggan.
A4.	2 perches.	Mrs. Mullins.
A5.	2 perches.	Mrs. Mary Morris, Market St., Clifden.
A6.	3 perches.	John Coneys, Streamstown, Clifden.
A7.	2 perches.	Reps. Andrew King, Market Street, Clifden.
A9.	2 perches.	Gerry McWilliams, Church Hill, Clifden.
A10.	3 perches.	Unknown.
A11.	1 perch.	Mrs. Mgt. O'Toole, Bridge St., Clifden."

**1412 - PUBLIC ROADS - DECLARATION:** In connection with Minute No: 1374 of 15th May, 1959, the Secretary read letter 15/5/59 from the County Engineer, pointing out that the fact that money was spent on maintenance of or improvement of a road at some time by the Galway County Council, would not of itself entitle the Council to resume maintenance of that road now without formal declaration of the road to be a public road.

It was directed that a letter be sent to each member of the Council requesting them to furnish particulars of roads of this type which they have in mind, i.e., roads on which money was expended by the Council at some time, and which subsequently were not maintained.

**1413 - OVERDRAFT:** It was proposed by Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account not exceeding £200,000 for the Quarter Ending 30th September, 1959."

**1414 - KNOCKNACARRA WATERMAIN EXTENSION:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Coogan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,000 from the National Bank Ltd., for extension of the watermain to Knocknacarra, Balthill, Galway; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years with interest at the rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, stated that it is expected that this work will be started during the first week of August, 1959.

**1415 - PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL TRUCKS:** Arising out of a question by Clr. John Mannion at the Committee Meeting on 9th May, 1959, the County Engineer's letter of the 15th idem was submitted, stating that there should be a saving of at least £2 per lorry per day by employment of lorries owned by the Council instead of hiring lorries

from C.I.E.; that it would be expected that there would be full work all the year round for the additional ten lorries.

The Chairman stated that there are many private hauliers whose charges are considerably lower than those made by C.I.E.

Clr. King stated that since the use of additional trucks by the Council in lieu of those being obtained from C.I.E. would not interfere with the existing employment of private hauliers, he supported the proposal that additional trucks be purchased.

Clr. Sirr considered that it would not be necessary to use trucks to such a great extent if road material was obtained locally.

The Chairman suggested that particulars of comparative costs be supplied to the Council.

Deputy Geoghegan asked if the additional trucks would be based in Galway or at various centres in the county.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that while very large quantities of chips were lying in the quarries at Maam Cross and Bunahown, chips were brought from Galway to a road work at Carna.

The County Engineer denied that there are such large quantities of chips in the quarries at Maam Cross and Bunahown which will not be used during the current year.

Clr. J. Mannion considered that when chips can be produced economically locally they should be taken from the local quarry.

The County Manager pointed out that particulars of the cost of material from the central and local quarries were supplied to the Council some time ago, showing that within a radius of approximately 40 miles from the central quarry chippings can be supplied more economically from the central quarry.

It was decided to adjourn until next meeting consideration of the purchase of additional trucks.

Deputy J. Geoghegan requested that the County Engineer would furnish to him particulars of the approximate tonnage of chippings in Bunahown and Ardragh quarries on the date that material was brought past these quarries to work on the Cashel-Carna road.

Clr. King recommended utilisation of unplated trucks within the authorised district. The County Engineer explained in reply to an enquiry by Clr. J. Flaherty, that unplated trucks may only be used within a radius of ten miles of Galway City.

**1416 - DEMOLITION OF HOSPITAL BUILDINGS:** The County Manager explained that the Department of Health has notified the allocation of a grant of £20,000 for provision of Medical Staff accommodation at the Regional Hospital, and that it is expected that the accommodation would be provided within that figure; that it is intended that the old Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital will be demolished by direct labour.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council approved the demolition of the old Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital.

**1417 - ROAD AT CLOONKEEN:** It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby declare the following road to be a public road:-

Road at Cloonkeen village, from Abbert Junction on County Road 196 to Cloonkeen village, length 120 perches."

**1418 - COUNTY ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PLAN:** In accordance with Minute No: 1376 of 15th May, 1959, a list of proposed additions to the plan for reconstruction of County Roads, as circulated to the members, along with the County Engineer's letter of 17th June, 195, was submitted.

The Council approved the list of proposed additions to the plan on the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, on the understanding that members may submit further roads for consideration, along with a proposal that corresponding mileage of roads already on the plan will be deleted.

The following roads were directed to be referred to the County Engineer for consideration on the substitution principle:-

Sky Road, Clifden; Mwish Island Road; Tully Cross-Lettorgesh Road; Doorus Road.

Clr. James Donnellan was informed by the Chairman that a list of roads already on the reconstruction plan had been circulated to the members some months ago.

Clr. Dowd was informed that the Bellevue Road, Laurencetown, will be considered at the next Road Works Estimate meeting.

In reply to Mr. J. Glynn, the County Engineer stated that chippings to prevent skids had been laid on the bad bends on

the Galway-Claregalway Road, and that a white line will be marked on the bad bend at Castlegar.

In reply to an enquiry by the Chairman, the County Engineer stated that he believes that work on the reconstruction of the old Galway Road to Loughrea will commence during the current year.

The County Manager pointed out that there is already a large mileage of roads on the Five-Year Plan and that it was considered that the list should only be revised during the fifth year of the plan period; that listing of roads on the Plan is not a guarantee that every road listed will be reconstructed, as the Department's approval to the construction of each road has to be obtained.

Clr. J. Dowd, requested that he would be informed if the Dorrús-Kiltormer Road is on the plan for reconstruction.

**1419 - ROAD SIGNS:** CLR. Wall pointed out that there are some minor roads which since they have been steamrolled have become major roads, and he recommended that effective sign-posts be erected at the junction of these roads with the former main road.

Deputy J. Geoghegan stated that the warning sign at Carna Convent School is too far away from the school entrance.

**1420 - ENGINEER FOR ROAD SURVEY WORK:** Correspondence in connection with the appointment of a permanent Assistant County Engineer in lieu of a temporary Engineer employed continuously on road survey work was submitted, the intention being that should road grants cease, or diminish to such an extent that an Engineer for that work would not be required, the office could be suppressed on the occurrence of a subsequent vacancy.

Deputy Geoghegan asked if the existing temporary Engineer was employed continuously throughout the year on road survey work and asked if Trainee Engineers were not also engaged on this work.

In reply, the County Engineer stated that in his time the temporary Engineer has been employed solely on road survey work; that Trainee Engineers assist at road survey work, as well as performing other duties; that normally the employment of a temporary Engineer is not continued beyond a period of three years, and that the Department of Local Government has approved the extension of the existing temporary Engineer's employment beyond that period, only pending consideration by the Council of the creation of a permanent office.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that for a long period the temporary Engineer was engaged on works on the road from Maam Bridge to Clonbur, and on the Screebe road to Flannery Bridge, i.e., assisting the Assistant County Engineer for the Clifden District.

The County Engineer stated that this has not occurred since he took up duty in Galway.

The County Manager stated that the employment of the temporary Engineer on the work to which Mr. Geoghegan referred was for short periods only.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Wall and seconded by Deputy M. Carty, that the Council approve the creation of a permanent office of Assistant County Engineer in lieu of the temporary Engineer who is being employed continuously on road survey work.

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. P. Sirr, that this additional post of permanent Assistant County Engineer be not created.

Clr. King recommended that the position should have some designation other than Assistant County Engineer.

The County Engineer stated that this would be the normal grading for the post, that the person appointed could unofficially be called a "Survey Engineer."

Clr. John Donnellan stated that it is not fair to any individual to continue him for a very long period in an unestablished post.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

**For Creation of the Additional Office of Permanent Assistant County Engineer:**  
Clrs. Burke, Carty, Donnellan John, Dowd, Galvin, Kitt, Lahiff, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Ruane James, Wall (11).

**Against:** Clrs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Hanley, Feeney, Killilea, King, Lambert, O'Donnell and Sirr (12).

Clr. Wall's proposal was declared lost, the decision therefore being that the Council do not approve the creation of the additional office of permanent Assistant County Engineer in lieu of a Temporary Engineer employed continuously.

**1421 - REVISION OF ENGINEERING DISTRICTS:** Minute No. 3 of Committee meeting held on 6th June, 1959, was submitted.

The Chairman stated that since the Council has not approved the employment of an Assistant Engineer to assist in the Clifden District, the alternative is the re-arrangement of the Districts which will involve the abolition of the Athenry District.

The County Manager stated that since Districts have to be arranged, the most feasible arrangement is the absorption of Athenry District into the adjoining districts.

Clr. J.J. Ruane referred to the large volume of work and expenditure entailed by the location of the tar depot in Athenry, and he opposed the abolition of Athenry Engineering District.

The County Manager stated that while it is undesirable that the district be abolished, the Council's refusal to approve the employment of an additional Engineer temporarily leaves no alternative to revision of the Engineering Districts.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Collins, that the Council accept the County Engineer's proposal for revision of the Engineering Districts.

It was proposed by Clr. James J. Ruane and seconded by Deputy Carty, that the Council approve the creation of a temporary office of Engineer to assist in West Galway.

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

Clr. P. Galvin stated that the obvious solution would be the appointment of a Temporary Assistant County Engineer for Connemara.

Deputy Killilea stated that he is satisfied that there are already sufficient Engineers employed.

The County Manager stated that if adequate Engineering supervision is not available, Road Grants will have to be diverted from Connemara to other parts of the county; that the position will have to be reported to the Department of Local Government, and that there is a strong possibility the result may be a reduction in the amount of the Road Grants allocated.

A vote taken on the ratification of the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 6th June, 1959, in connection with this matter resulted as follows:-

**FOR:** Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Hanley, Feeney, Killilea, King, Lahiff, Lambert, Mannion Martin, Sirr (16).

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Carty, Coogan, Galvin, Kitt, Mannion John, O'Donnell, Ruane James and Wall (8).

The Chairman stated that the effect of this decision is that the Council did not approve the appointment of an additional Engineer for Connemara, and that the question now remaining to be decided is whether the Engineering Districts will be left as at present or re-arranged as recommended by the County Engineer.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, that the Engineering Districts be left as they are at present.

It was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Clr. P. Sirr, that the County Engineer be authorised to re-arrange the Engineering Districts in the best manner possible.

A vote taken for or against the re-arrangement of the Engineering Districts resulted as follows:-

**FOR:** Clrs. Canning, Collins, Coogan, Dowd, Flaherty, Geoghegan, Feeney, Killilea, King, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell and Sirr. (13)

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Burke, Carty, Galvin, Hanley, Kitt, Lahiff, Ruane James and Wall (8).

The proposal for re-arrangement of the Engineering Districts was declared carried, the decision therefore being that the districts would be re-arranged by the County Manager and County Engineer.

**1422 - COMPOUNDER:** It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, and resolved:

"That the Council approve the creation of a permanent office of Wholtime Compounder of Medicines for the County Clinic, Galway, with remuneration at the rate approved by the Minister for Health in lieu of the permanent part-time office of Compounder approved by the Council in Minute No. 1272 of 6th March, 1959."

The Council adopted Deputy Carty's recommendation, protesting against the low rate of salary being paid to Compounders.

1423 - AHASCRAH DISPENSARY: On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved the proposal to purchase from Mrs. Maureen Melody, Castleblakeney, a building for use as a dispensary at Ahascragh, at a cost of £1200 plus 5% Auctioneers' fees, plus costs of conveyance of the building to the Council.

1424 - HOUSING LOANS: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Carty, the Assistant County Manager stated that there is statutory provision for issue of loans by the Council for purchase of houses already occupied, but up to 1958, the Local Loans Fund monies were not being made available for this purpose.

On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved the issue of loans under the Council's Scheme under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, for purchase of houses previously occupied, as well as for erection of new houses, and for purchase of houses not previously occupied.

1425 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved the extension of the creation of the following temporary clerical posts for the period from 1st July to 31st December, 1959:-

- Temporary clerical officer for Housing Section.
- Temporary clerical officer for clinics at Galway Regional Hospital.
- Temporary clerk-typist for Poliomyelitis Vaccination Scheme.

1426 - ANALYSIS OF FOOD AND DRUGS: Department of Health letter B.11/54 of 23rd May, 1959, was submitted and it was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin and resolved:

"That the Council approve the creation of the permanent office of Analytical Chemist to the Galway County Council, which must be wholetime and pensionable, with salary at the rate of £797. 19. 6d. per annum, proceeding by annual increments of £27.13.9d. to a maximum of £1,074. 17. 6d. per annum, inclusive of temporary bonus."

1427 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

- The Clancy Family, Shantalla, Galway.
- Mrs. Swords, Presentation Road, Galway, on the death of her sister.
- The relatives of the late Mr. Michael Kenny.
- The O'Flaherty Family, Carraroe, on the death of their father.

1428 - ADJOURNMENT: Consideration of the following items on the Agenda was adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council:-

Nos. 24, 26, to 32 inclusive.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Aluanaí - Rúnai.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*\* Tomás Mac an Ríóig Chairman. Date: 27/7/59*

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA GALWAY

ÓIFIS AN RÚNAÍ,  
DÓÉAR MÓR,  
GALWAY.

Sutáin:  
Galway 2055.

17ú 1úil, 1959.

A CARA,

TARRTAR ORC leis seo beic i láthair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Conndae na Galway a tionsólfar i nGaeil na Foirgnithe Conndae, Uia Luain, 27ú 1úil, 1959, ag cosnú ar 12.30.p.m.

Mise, le meas,  
T. Ó LUAINIÚ.  
RÚNAÍ.

Cuigzac baill be'n Chomhairle.

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h-abair seo leanas a breaicní:

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Damáisteach M. Niseac - éilimh.
3. Fó-bairtí na binsean seah-soise - líon baille.
4. Breis gnúastán-trucailíní a bheanac - Mionc. 1415 de 27.6.1959.
5. Coiléar, Muclon. Uaire Fuarán - Uicior 7.7.'59.
6. Bóicir na Auighis, Co. an Olár - soicrú a bheanac fé'n áic Riailtais Áicúil, 1955 - (Áic. 59).
7. Droicéad i mBeannac na Sionna.
8. Bóicir gur caitead airgead as na Ráicí orca agus nac bóicir poiblí iad - Mionc. 1412 de 17.6.59.
9. Saoráidí éalaíocca ag Sarranacá, Uicior Mór - Uicior 30.5.'59 ó Roimh na Saeleacca.
10. Tarracac ó Cumann na hIascairí, Uaire loca Riailtais paiste calman i bPáirc an Aonacáic b'Fágáil.
11. MARGÁI - Uaire loca Riailtais agus Port Omna.
12. Fó-bairtí fé'ic. 15. Áic na bCúic (leasú) 1948 arí.
13. Post mar síúir-banailera a éur ar ceal.
14. Post mar Uilgeadócór Conndae a' éur ar ceal.
15. Tuarascail aobaire ícailinn:-  
(a) Turlac Mór.  
(b) Dúh an Oicca.

16. Seóimeanna Scoiláireada, 1960, agus Miontuairisí Cruinnithe Coiste Oideachais, 3/7/59.
17. Árú-Comhairle an zConbairte - Pógra maidir le cruinníú i luíghasa.
18. Coiste Fiosraíche Fionúireadaí Ceannair - Miontuairisí Cruinnithe.
19. An Comhairle Leabharlanna - Litr 10.7.1959.
20. Trácht an Inghéara - Comchoiste Silte, Ió Measg i Áda Róba, bl. zo 31.3.1959.
21. Molta ó Comhairleóirí.
22. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Old Age Pension Sub-Committees - membership.
4. Purchase of additional trucks - Minute No: 1415 of 27.6.'59.
5. Disposal of Muckloon Quarry, Bal lyforan - Notice 7.7.'59.
6. Making an agreement with Clare County Council, under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, for maintenance of a road at Aughinish.
7. Banagher Bridge.
8. Roads on which the Council expended money but which are not maintained now - Minute No: 1412 of 27. 6. '59.
9. Landing facilities at Garrantai, Lettermore - letter 30./5/59 from the Gaeltacht Department.
10. Application from the Loughrea 'nglers' Association for a boat-house site on the Fair-green.
11. Loughrea and Portumna Markets and Tolls - Minutes of Conference held in Loughrea on 8/6/59.
12. Draft of Bye-laws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948.
13. Abolition of office of Theatre Sister, Galway Regional Hospital.
14. Abolition of office of County Solicitor.
15. Remuneration of Dispensary Caretakers:-
  - (a) Turloughmore.
  - (b) Eyrecourt.
16. Scholarship Schemes, 1960:-
  - (a) Formulation of Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools.
  - (b) adoption of University Scholarships Scheme.
17. County Councils General Council - notice of items for agenda for August's meeting.
18. Visiting Committee Minutes:-

Galway: 17. 4. 59. Loughrea: 5. 6. '59.  
 Elifden: 1. 5. 59.  
 Tuam: 23.5.59.

19. Library Association of Ireland - proposed Conference in Dublin in September, 1959.
20. Auditor's Report on accounts of Lough Mask & River Robe Drainage District Committee for Y.E. 31/3/59.

21. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

a. Clr. John Flaherty:

1. That the extension to the piped water supply in Glenamaddy be carried out as soon as possible.
2. That a protection wall be erected around the well at Ballgalee, Browns Grove, as already asked for.
3. I will ask the Co. Manager to state the position as regards the Kilkerrin & Moylough Water Supply Scheme and why it has not started to date.

b. Clrs. T. Hanley, S. Canning, R. Lahiff:

"Take notice that at next meeting of Galway County Council I will move that the road from Power's Cross to Loosecaun Church via Rossmore be steamrolled this year."

c. Deputy J. Geoghegan:

"The Commissioner of Valuation be asked where he is revising either property or lands, that he call on the individual concerned."

d. Clr. P.K. Joyce:

"That Pilot lights be provided at Claddaghduff and Omev Island to guide people crossing to and returning from Omev Island at night."

e. Clr. P. Collins:

"I will ask the Co. Manager at next meeting to give an explanation as to why the new pump at Ashfield, Castleblakeney, was not put in a central position."

f. Clr. S. Canning:

"In connection with a discussion by the Council some months ago on the plight of small farmers residing in the Clonfert area due to flooding, and at that meeting it was proposed, and seconded and unanimously adopted that the Land Commission would be requested to acquire two extensive ranches of land comprising approximately 2200 acres in the immediate vicinity of Clonfert with a view to giving relief to this distressed area. If the Council has received from the Land Commission any reply to this request, and if so, the nature of their reply."

g. Clr. James Donnellan:

"That the Government be requested to carry out a drainage scheme to drain the area Belclare - Killover - Kilconly - Treanbaun."

h. Deputy F. Coogan:

1. I will move that a water supply be provided to Council houses at Ballybane & Ballybritt.
2. I will move that the water supply be extended to the area of Doctor's residence at Spiddal, Co. Galway.

i. Deputy J. Geoghegan:

"I will propose that the Council remove old derelict boat lying in Killeaney Harbour, Arm Isled."

j. Clr. S. Ó Donnalláin:

AR AN zCÉAD CRUINNÍÚ EILE DE CHOMHARLE AN CONBIRTE  
 YARRFAID MÉ AR zCOMHARLE NA h-OIBREADA seo LEANAS A DEANAMH:

(a) LEITREAS DOIBLÍ A zÓZÁIL I SRÁID-BAILLE AN SPIDÉIL.

(b) LEITREAS AGUS DÍDEAN A DEANAMH AR AN DCRÁIG.

(c) AN CORAS UISCE DO zUIR AR FÁIL DE NA zÍTE SOIR Ó'N MBAILLE.

22. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27th JULY, 1959.

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

**1429 - CHAIRMAN:** In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the commencement of the meeting, it was proposed by Clr. M. Ashe, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, and unanimously resolved:

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

Clr. King then took the Chair.

**1430 - MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting to No: 1428 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**1431 - SYMPATHY:** A vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Martin J. O'Malley, Derryrush.

Deputy Geoghegan paid tribute to the work of the late Mr. O'Malley, and it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. Joyce, that as a mark of respect the meeting be adjourned until 2.p.m.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. G. Counihan, County Registrar, The Glynn Family, Marley, Moylough, Mr. Peter Kelly, Tooreen, Carraroe, on the death of his wife.

The Chairman stated that he considered that the Council should use more discretion in regard to votes of sympathy and adjournment of meetings as a mark of respect, but he acceded to the wishes of the Council that the meeting be adjourned until 2.p.m.

**1432 - CONGRATULATION:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Joyce, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the Council unanimously congratulated Mr. Gerald Bartley, T.D., on his appointment as Minister for the Gaeltacht.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 2.p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION  
OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1433 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS:** The Secretary gave particulars of Malicious Injury Claims received since the previous meeting, viz.,

Mr. Sean Keane, High Street, Tuam - Damage to car, 22/6/59, £151. 10. 0.  
Mr. Leo Grogan, Milltown, Tuam, - damage to car 22/6/59, £45.  
Veronica Burke, Church View, Tuam - damage to windows and door, June, 1959 - £30.  
Mr. Sean Purcell, Bishop Street, Tuam - damage to car 22/6/59, £17. 3. 5.  
Mr. John Fahy, Tallyho, Athenry - damage to car, 9/7/59, £250.

Deputy Geoghegan referred to cases in which the Insurance Company pays the claim and subsequently makes a malicious injury claim against the Council in the name of their client.

The Chairman stated that this matter is outside the scope of the Council.

**1434 - HOUSING GRANTS:** Deputy Geoghegan stated that the Gaeltacht Housing Act has increased the amount of the grant for Gaeltacht Houses, and that there should be a corresponding increase in the supplementary grant.

The Chairman directed that a Notice of Motion be submitted in regard to this matter.

**1435 - OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES:** The Council appointed the following members on sub-committees:-

**Lettermore Committee:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Clr. P. Ruane:-

Mrs. John Joseph O'Toole, Derrynea, Costello.  
Mr. Joseph Cooney, Muckinagh, Costello.  
Mr. Thomas Durcan, N.T., Drim N.S., Lettermore.

**Spiddal Committee:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Sirr, seconded by Clr. P. Ruane:-

Mr. Joseph Curran, Minna, Inverin.

**Roundstone Committee:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. Joyce:-

Rev. Fr. Goaley, C.C., Kilkerrin, Carna.

**Glenamaddy Committee:** On the proposition of Clr. J. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr:-

Mr. Thomas Egan, Ballyglass, Ballymoe.

**Gort Committee:** On the proposition of Clr. J. Lambert, seconded by Clr. S. Canning:-

Mr. Edward Nolan, Crowe Street, Gort.

**Mountbellew Committee:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr:-

Mr. Pat Reynolds, Gurtavanny, Mountbellew.

**1436 - RATE COLLECTORS - MISCELLANEOUS:** Clr. P. Ruane objected to an article in the Connacht Tribune, following the last meeting of the Council, and stated that it should be clear that when he stated that a man should not hold two jobs he did not mean that an applicant was not entitled to improve his position.

**1437 - ADDITIONAL TRUCKS:** Consideration of Item No: 4 on the Agenda was adjourned until the next meeting of the Council - the County Engineer's report of the 23rd July, 1959, having been read by the Secretary.

**1438 - MUCKLOON QUARRY, BALLYFORAN:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. M. Wall, the Council approved the proposal to transfer to Mr. Thomas Cryan, Muckloon, Ballyforan, the plot of ground at Muckloon area, 4 acres, 3 roods, 26 perches, on the terms set out in the notice of 7th July, 1959, sent to each member.

**1439 - ENGINEERING STAFF:** Letter of 22nd July, 1959, from the County Manager to the County Secretary in regard to Mr. S. Jordan, Assistant County Engineer, was read to the meeting by the Chairman.

**1440 - SUPPLY OF CHIPPINGS:** Deputy Geoghegan referred to the request at the last meeting that certain information be supplied to him by the County Engineer in regard to the quantity of chippings at Ardagh, Maam Cross, and Bunahown Quarries, and he objected to the terms of the letters sent to him by the County Engineer on this subject.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that the following information be now supplied to him by the County Engineer:-

1. The tonnage of chippings used on the road from Carna to Knockboy.
2. The tonnage of chippings available in the quarries at Ardagh and Bunahown at the time the chippings were laid on the road from Carna to Knockboy.
3. The tonnage of chippings lying in the Knockboy quarry at present, and the date on which these chippings were placed there.
4. The reason why the chippings in Knockboy quarry have not been used.

Clr. P. Joyce stated that the former County Engineer had given to the Council an undertaking to provide in the Connemara quarries a reserve of chippings to meet future needs; that this had not been done.

Clr. T. King stated that the chippings from the Galway Quarry are accepted as being the finest in Ireland.

Deputy Coogan asked if something could be done to prevent chippings and stones from cutting tyres at places where road works are in progress.

**1441 - ROAD AT AUGHINISH PENINSULA:** On the proposition of Clr. J. Lambert, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the making of an agreement with Clare County Council under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, for maintenance of a road at Aughinish Peninsula in Clare County.

**1442 - BRIDGE AT BANAGHER:** The Council noted contents of letter of 25th June, 1959, from the Secretary, Offaly County Council, stating that Mr. E.R. Ryan, Consulting Engineer, has been instructed to prepare, without delay, preliminary report, drawings and estimate for the replacement of the existing opening span of Banagher Bridge by a fixed span.

**1443 - CLONFERT AND KYLEMORE BRIDGES:** Clr. J. Dowd stated that the local people are annoyed at the proposal that work of improving the bridges at Clonfert and Kylemore be deferred for a period of three years.

The County Engineer stated that the question is whether it is better to have a flat bridge provided in three years' time, or to go ahead now with the improvement which will still leave the bridges hump-backed.

The County Engineer suggested that this matter might be taken up with the Department of Fuel, Power and Transport.

It was directed that consideration of this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

**1444 - DERRYWEE BRIDGE:** On the request of Clr. Lambert, it was directed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

**1445 - PUBLIC ROADS:** The County Engineer explained that lists of roads are still being received from members of the Council and that it will take some time to examine these lists. Consideration of Item No: 8 on the agenda was therefore adjourned until the next meeting.

**1446 - LANDING FACILITIES AT GARANTI, LETTERMORE:** Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted, including the County Manager's recommendation that the Council should not accept responsibility for future maintenance of the work.

The County Engineer stated that the pier is in bad condition, and that it appeared to him that the work should start by improvement of the pier rather than provision of a breakwater without improving the pier. He recommended that the Department of the Gaeltacht be asked to put the pier in order, and that further consideration of this item be deferred pending receipt of their reply.

The County Engineer's recommendation was adopted by the Council.

**1447 - LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN:** On the proposition of Clr. J. Lambert, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the leasing to Loughrea Anglers' Association of a plot on the Loughrea Fairgreen, area 18 perches, for a period of 15 years at a rent of £5 a year, on the understanding that any structure to be erected on this plot will require the prior approval of the Council.

**1448 - LOUGHREA AND PORTUMNA MARKETS AND TOLLS:** Minutes of the conference at Loughrea on 8th June, 1959, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

The Assistant County Manager stated that prior to the start of the Conference, the Town Commissioners at their meeting objected to the removal of the Loughrea Markets from their present location.

Clrs. Hanley and Canning stated that the conference was a representative one, and that it was a matter for the Council to decide in regard to the location of the markets.

On the proposition of Clr. Hanley, seconded by Deputy Carty, the Council approved the recommendations in regard to Loughrea Markets as made at the conference on 8th June, 1959.

On the proposition of Clr. S. Canning seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the recommendations made in regard to the Portumna Markets at the conference held on 8th June, 1959, and on Clr. Canning's request, it was agreed that Castle Avenue from Martin's Corner to the Hydro, Portumna, be also included as a prohibited area for hawkers.

The Council did not take any action in regard to the question of collection of tolls at Loughrea and Portumna.

**1449 - HOUSING BYE-LAWS:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, the Council approved the draft of Bye-Laws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948.

**1450 - SITE PLANS FOR HOUSING LOANS:** Deputy Kitt referred to cases in which applicants for housing loans were requested to submit proper site plans, and stated that the furnishing of a site plan as required would cause much inconvenience to the applicants, as they have to seek out an Engineer, who will prepare the plan and pay his fee. Deputy Kitt asked why is this necessary now, when an Engineer has to inspect the site in any case.

Clr. Wall stated that the site would be approved by a Department Inspector in connection with the Housing Grant, and that that should be sufficient.

CLR. T. KING NOW TOOK THE CHAIR

The County Engineer stated that it should not be difficult to find in the locality a person who would be capable of marking a site and the site of the house itself on a large-scale ordnance sheet, showing the measurements of the sites.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Collins and approved that the Council request that this procedure be simplified.

**1451 - REGIONAL HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, the Council approved the abolition of the office of Orthopaedic Theatre Sister at the Galway Regional Hospital.

**1452 - OFFICE OF COUNTY SOLICITOR:** On the proposition of Clr. M.A. Ashe, seconded by Clr. P. Sarr, the Council approved the adjournment of consideration of Item 14 on the agenda until the next ordinary meeting.

**1453 - TURLOUGHMORE DISPENSARY - CARETAKING:** It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council approve payment of £15 a year to the dispensary Medical Officer, Turloughmore, for caretaking of Turloughmore Dispensary."

The Council recommended that a reminder be sent to the Local Appointments Commission in regard to recommendation of a person for appointment to the vacancy for District Medical Officer at Turloughmore.

**1454 - EYRECCOURT DISPENSARY - CARETAKING:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Canning, the Council approved payment of an allowance of £20 a year to the Dispensary Medical Officer, Eyreccourt, for caretaking, cleaning and supply of fuel for Eyreccourt Dispensary.

**1455 - SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1960:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby formulate a scheme for scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools for the year 1960, similar to the scheme for the year 1959, subject to amendment of Clause VI (b) as follows:

"One scholarship shall be awarded to the candidate next highest in order of merit, who is a pupil of a school in which the number of teachers serving during not less than one-half of the calendar year, preceding the examination, had not exceeded three, and a further scholarship shall be awarded to the candidate next highest in order of merit who is a pupil of a school in which the number of teachers serving during not less than one-half of the calendar year preceding the examination had not exceeded two."

**1456 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1960:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby adopt a scheme for University Scholarships (ordinary and agricultural) for the year 1960, similar to the Scheme for the year 1959, subject to the following amendment of Clause VI (c):-  
'The addition to the subjects for the examination of Domestic Science, Botany and Physiology'."

1457 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS - GENERAL: Clr. John Donnellan referred to the four-years limit to the period of tenure of University Scholarships, and asked if an extension of that period could be granted without an amendment of the Scheme.

The Secretary stated that this matter had been considered already, and solicitor's advice had been obtained, stating that an extension of the period of tenure of a scholarship could not be granted without amending the University Scholarships Scheme for the year or years concerned.

Clr. T. King, Chairman, stated that this matter had been considered fully by the Education Committee, and the Committee did not recommend amendment of the scheme for this purpose.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he considered that the Council being the authority for adoption of the scheme, is empowered to amend the scheme or modify it in any year in which circumstances would arise requiring such modification.

Clr. P. Galvin stated that the scholarships are provided to assist with their education brilliant pupils who are the children of poor parents who, if not awarded the scholarship, could not pursue the course at all.

1458 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Clr. John Flaherty recommended that the General Council be asked to consider the position in regard to Minor Employment Schemes which are often turned down because there are not sufficient registered unemployed in the area, when in fact there are plenty men available to do the job who are not actually registered in the Employment Exchange as unemployed men.

It was unanimously decided to send the following Notice of Motion to the General Council:-

"That Minor Employment Schemes and Bog Development Schemes, be allocated on the merits of the application rather than on the number of registered unemployed men in the district."

On the proposal of Clr. T. Hanley, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, it was also decided to send the following Notice of Motion to the General Council:

"That camping within the distance of one mile from any state forest be prohibited."

1459 - VISITING COMMITTEE: Minutes of the following meetings of the Visiting Committee for Institutions, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted:-

Galway Regional Hospital - 17/4/59.  
Clifden District Hospital - 1/5/59.  
St. Mary's Home, Tuam - 23/5/59.  
St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea - 5/6/59.

1460 - LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND: Letter of 10th July, 1959, from the Library Association of Ireland was submitted, and on the proposal of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved holding of a one-day conference of the Association during the month of September, 1959, and recommended that the County Librarian be sent as delegate to that Conference.

1461 - MOUNTBELLEW DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: The Secretary stated that the doctor who had been recommended for appointment to the post of District Medical Officer at Mountbellew stated that he is unable to find a house there, and that the County Manager requested that the Council would consider provision of a dispensary residence at Mountbellew.

It was directed that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next meeting for consideration by the Council.

1462 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's Reports on his audit of the accounts of the following Bodies for the year ending 31st March, 1959, were submitted and noted:-

Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee.  
Shrule Joint Drainage Committee.

1463 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. John Donnellan, Mr. John Silke, C.A.C.E., stated that the work approved at the cost of £150 for Moycullen Water Supply had not yet been carried out; that this would consist of the improvement of the tank and of the means of getting water into the tank; that it is intended to advertise for the sinking of a bore-hole to augment this supply.

It was directed that consideration of this matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

1464 - CINEMA LICENCES: On the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved the issue of a Cinema Licence for Portumna Town Hall.

1465 - ADJOURNMENT: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, that consideration of Items 21(a) to 21(j) inclusive on the Agenda, be adjourned until next meeting.

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. T. Hanley, that the Council continue with the business of the meeting.

On a show of hands, the majority of the members present were in favour of Deputy Kitt's proposal, and consideration of the above-mentioned items was therefore adjourned until the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Michael Carby Gobry Chairman

DATE: 22-8-59

M. S. D. MacRuanig, Rural Sec.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE  
HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,  
ON SATURDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1959.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy M. Carty, Clrs. T. King and J. Mannion.

Doctors M.J. Dyar and D.T. O'Driscoll.

Dr. C.F. MacCon, Chief Medical Officer.

Messrs. F.J. Duffy and B. Gannon, Staff Officers,  
Mrs. E. Kelly, Clerical Officer and Mr. M.S. O Maolruanaidh,  
Acting Co. Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th June 1959, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. - DRUGS: Dr. Dyar said that there was a central depot for the supply of drugs in Limerick City.

3 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Acting County Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to the General Medical Services Register:-

Total Number of applications received:	22,625.
Total Number Granted:	20,209.
Number refused:	2,037.
Number under consideration:	379.
Number of cards current:	18,888.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	57,476.

Dr. Dyar stated that the number of medical cards granted in each District Medical Officer's area tended to increase and he considered that the position should be reviewed.

Clr. King suggested that consideration should be given to the amalgamation of some of the District Medical Officers' areas as, since they had been defined over 100 years ago, conditions had changed considerably due to the introduction of motor transport and because of decreases in the population resulting from emigration.

Clr. King also suggested that lists of medical card holders for their areas be supplied to the members of the Council and it was agreed to refer the matter to the County Council to consider if it was in order to supply the lists to the members.

4 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:

(a) Children's Home, Tuam: Dr. Dyar enquired if any improvements were being carried out at the Children's Home, Tuam, and Deputy Carty outlined the proposed scheme. Dr. Dyar suggested that consideration should be given to the utilization of utility buildings rather than to the construction of expensive buildings which would be capable of use only for the purposes for which they were originally designed.

Dr. O'Driscoll asked for details regarding (1) specimen diet of children for a week (2) age limits of children (3) facilities for recreation and (4) educational facilities. He also requested the following information in respect of the last three years:-

(1) number of children born in Children's Home each year, (2) number of admissions (3) number of adoptions (4) number of infants who died, and (5) average daily cost.

Deputy Carty said that there would be a meeting of the Visiting Committee at the Children's Home, Tuam, before the next meeting of the Consultative Health Committee and he suggested that Dr. O'Driscoll be invited to attend.

(b) St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea: Dr. Dyar alleged that when vagrants called to

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St. Brendan's Home for a night's shelter, some one there gave them some money and sent them off down town to an old lodging house. He suggested that the provision of some form of shelter, such as a nissen hut, attached to St. Brendan's Home, would be a much more satisfactory arrangement.

Clr. King said that the provision of such a shelter in Loughrea would not be desirable as it would not be in the best interests of St. Brendan's Home.

In reply to an enquiry the Acting Co. Secretary said that the average daily cost of maintaining a patient in the St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, was 7/-.

4 (c) Galway Regional Hospital: Dr. Dyar asked what types of clinics were held at the Galway Regional Hospital each week, and the times they commenced and terminated.

5. Maternity Services: The following particulars were submitted and noted:-

(a) Maternity Cash Grants:

Number of grants paid since 1/4/1958:	1760
Number paid in financial year 1958/59:	1592.

(b) Agreements for provision of Maternity Services:

Completed by 41 District Medical Officers and 64 private doctors, and by 33 District Midwives and 32 private midwives.

6. Disablement Allowances: The following particulars were submitted and noted:-

Number of applications received:	3419
Number of applications granted:	1635.
Number of applications refused:	1673
Number being dealt with	111
Number of allowances discontinued by reason of death, award of State pensions etc:	351.

Dr. Dyar said that the speedy implementation of the provisions of Section 50 of the Health Act, 1953, was desirable.

Deputy Carty asked that an invalid chair be supplied to Miss Elizabeth Carter.

7. Preventative Health Services: In reply to a query the Chief Medical Officer said that the last case of smallpox in the 26 county area occurred in 1907.

8. Congratulations: Deputy Carty and Dr. O'Driscoll congratulated the Chairman, Mr. Quinn, on his recovery from his recent illness. The Acting County Secretary, on behalf of the County Council staff, associated himself with the welcome.

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the good wishes.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAIBLIHIE.

Suáin.  
Saiblin 2055.

Oifis an Rúnaí,  
Bóthar Mór,  
Saiblin.

14ú Iúil, 1959.

A Cara,

TARRTAR ORT leis seo beic i léadar ag cruinniú de Comairle  
Conndae na Saiblinne a tionsólpar i nSua Foirgnithe Conndae, Dia Iúil,  
24ú Iúil, 1959, ag cosnú ar 12.30.p.m.

Mise, le meas,

M.S. Ó MAOIRUANAID.

Rúnaí Seal.

Cuiz zac baill de'n Comairle.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a bheadh:

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Damáiste Mailliseac - éilim.
3. Deontaisí tífge - mionc. 1434 de 27.7.1959.
4. Breis zhuastán-érucaillí a ceannaic - mionc. 1437 de 27.7.1959.
5. Droicid óluain fearca i Coill Mór - mionc. 1443 de 27.7.1959.
6. Droicid i nDoire Duide - mionc. 1444 de 27.7.1959.
7. Bóicre zur caitead auzead as na Rátaforca agus na bóicre  
poiblí iad - mionc. 1445 de 27.7.1959.
8. Post mar Dlízeadóir Conndae a éur ar ceal - mionc. 1452 de 27.7.'59.
9. Árus íclainne san Crezán - mionc. 1461 de 27.7.1959.
10. Córas Uisge i Máiz Cuilinn - mionc. 1463 de 27.7.1959.
11. Seal ariasac £3,000 do críochnú - Córas Uisge, Cnoc na Uarra,  
Saiblin.
12. Aicziorraic Cúntaisí, 1958/59.
13. Tarratas maibir le szoláireac.
14. Baile do éinead amac.
15. Coisde Fiosraicé Fundúireacací Ceannair - miontuairisgí.
16. Árd-Comairle na zConndae - leicir de 10.8.1959.

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17. Coisde Comhairlicac Sláinte.
18. Léru éuarascail - na Doctúra san Oispidéal Réiziúac na Saiblinne.
19. Molca ó Comairleóirí.
20. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
  2. Malicious Damage Claims.
  3. Housing Grants - Minute No: 1434 of 27.7.1959 - Molac ó Seán Mac Boacáin: -  
"Molaim so n-árdópar Deontaisí Eite an Comairle Condae ar aon áirde  
le Deontaisí Eite na Smeitacac, a n-árdúicac le Saiblin."
  4. Purchase of additional trucks - Minute No: 1437 of 27.7.1959.
  5. Clonfert & Kylemore Bridges - Minute No: 1443 of 27.7.1959.
  6. Derrywee Bridge (Gort) - Minute No: 1444 of 27.7.1959.
  7. Road on which the Council expended money but which are not maintained now -  
Minute No: 1445 of 27.7.1959.
  8. Abolition of office of Co. Solicitor - Minute No: 1452 of 27.7.1959.
  9. Provision of a Dispensary Residence at Mountbellew - Minute No: 1461 of 27.7.'59.
  10. Moycullen Water Supply - Minute No: 1463 of 27.7.1959.
  11. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan £3,000 - Knocknacarra Watermain Extension.
  12. Abstract of Accounts Y.E. 31st March, 1959.
  13. Application for permission to avail of a non-residential scholarship outside  
the county.
  14. Town Planning - County Manager's circular letter of 28.7.1959.
  15. Visiting Committee Minutes - Regional Hospital, Galway, 19.6.1959.
  16. County Councils' General Council - letter of 10.8.1959.
  17. Consultative Health Committee - request from (a) Medical Staff Regional Hospital  
and (b) Irish Nurses' Organisation for representation.
  18. Revision of remuneration - Medical Staff, Galway Regional Hospital.
  19. Councillors' Notices of Motion.
- (a) Clr. John Flaherty:
1. That the extension to the piped water supply in Glenamaddy be carried out  
as soon as possible.
  2. That a protection wall be erected around the well at Ballaglee, Browns-  
grove, as already asked for.
  3. I will ask the Co. Manager to state the position as regards the Kilkerrin  
and Moylough Water Supply Scheme and why it has not started to date.
- (b) Clrs. T. Hanley, S. Canning, R. Lahiff:
- "Take notice that at next meeting of  
Galway County Council I will move that the road from Power's Cross to  
Loosecaun hurch via Rossmore be steamrolled this year."
- (c) Deputy Geoghegan: "The Commissioner of Valuation be asked where he is  
revising either property or lands, that he odl on the individual concerned."

19. (a) Clr. P.K. Joyce: "That Pilot Lights be provided at Claddaghduff and Omev Island go guide people crossing to and returning from Omev Island at night."
- (e) Clr. P. Collins: "I will ask the Co. Manager at next meeting to give an explanation as to why the new pump at Ashfield, Castleblakeney, was not put in a central position."
- (f) Clr. P. Canning: "In connection with a discussion by the Council some months ago on the plight of small farmers residing in the Confert area due to flooding, and at that meeting it was proposed, and seconded and unanimously adopted that the Land Commission would be requested to acquire two extensive ranches of land comprising approximately 2200 acres in the immediate vicinity of Confert with a view to giving relief to this distressed area. If the Council has received from the Land Commission any reply to this request, and if so, the nature of their reply."
- (g) Clr. James Donnellan: "That the Government be requested to carry out a drainage scheme to drain the area Belclare-Killower-Kilconly-Treanbaun."
- (h) Deputy F. Coogan:
1. I will move that a water supply be provided to Council houses at Ballygan and Ballybritt.
  2. I will move that the water supply be extended to the area of Doctor's residence at Piddal, Co. Galway.
- (i) Deputy J. Cooghagan: "I will propose that the Council remove old derelict boat lying in Killeaney Harbour, Aran Isles."
- (j) Clr. S. Ó Dúinníáin:  
 AS AN ZCÉAD ÉRUINNÍÚ EILE DE COMAIRLE  
 AN CONNDAE IARRAID MÉ AR ZCOMAIRLE NA h-OIBREÁDA SEO LEANAS  
 A DÉANAMH:
- (a) Leitears Boiblí a tógáil i Sráid-Baile an Spidéil.
  - (b) Leitears agus bídean a déanamh ar an Dorráig.
  - (c) An córas uisce do chúir ar fáil de na tíse soir ó'n mbaile.
- (k) Clr. James Donnellan:
1. I will propose that Tuam Watermain be extended to County Council houses at Kinkiping and Dublin Road and to Toghernmore Rehabilitation Centre.
  2. I will propose that pump at Garra, be deepened at least 20 ft. to give water supply to villages nearby.
  3. I will propose that road at Claretuam be widened and that corners between T. F. Treacy's and S. Treacy's houses be taken off as they are the most dangerous corners on the Galway Road.
  4. I will propose that road leading to Claretuam Burial Ground be repaired or surfaced as it is in a very bad condition.
- (l) Clr. S. Canning: "I will ask the Council:-"
1. To have two dangerous corners in vicinity of Portunna made safe for traffic.
  2. To have the wall lowered on corner at Co. Buildings on the Portunna-Ballinasloe Road.
  3. To have Demesne Wall lowered at corner leading to Stoney Island from Portunna Woodford Road.
- (m) Deputy M. Milliken:- "Take notice that I or somebody on my behalf will ask the Co. Manager at the next meeting of the Co. Council if he is or was at any time aware of any pressure by any party or member of the Co. Council to have any official or employee sacked on their services terminated because of their political activities on behalf of any political

- party and if so will he give full particulars of any such incident."
19. (n) Clr. J. Dowd: "I will propose:-"
1. That one statute acre of land be given to John Glynn, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe, with his cottage and that a fence dividing the cottage acre be removed.
  2. That dangerous bends between Ballinasloe and Laurencetown be removed.
- (o) Clr. T. King: I will move that a special meeting of the Co. Council be held to consider:-
1. The new works to be carried out under the heading of Members' Notice of Motions.
  2. Roads on which monies were expended by this Council and which should be maintained by the Council in future.
  3. Purchase by the Council of additional trucks.
  4. Any other matter dealing with road maintenance and supervision."

20. Other business.

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COMAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Ean freagra ar an leictir seo  
is mar seo ba chóir é scrúdaí  
(Any reply to this communication should  
be addressed to)  
Rúnaí  
(The Secretary)  
pe'n uimhir seo;  
(and the following number quoted)

Suíón: Gaillimh 55  
Phone: Galway 55

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(Secretary's Office)

na foirneáite condae  
(County Buildings)

Gaillimh  
(Galway)

20th August, 1959.

To:  
Each Member of Galway Co. Council.

A Chara,

The meeting of Galway County will be held on  
Saturday, 22nd instant, at 12.30.p.m. instead of on  
Monday, 24th instant.

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M.S. O MAOLRUANAIDH.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 22nd August, 1959.

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

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,  
Clrs. Lambert, John Mannion, Martin Mannion, O'Donnell, J.J. Ruane, P. Ruane and Sirr.

1466 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to 1465 inclusive, having been  
circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the  
Chairman.

1467 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS: Malicious Injury Claims received since the previous  
meeting were noted as follows:-

Messrs. Singer Sewing Machine Co. Ltd., 11, William Street, Galway -  
damage to shop front, 14/7/59 - £5. 11. 0.

Mary J. Costello, Rockbarton, Salthill - damage to motor car, 19/7/59, £53. 7. 6.

Thady Sullivan, Williamsgate Street, Galway - damage to house, 17/7/1959, £750.

Lieut. J. Byrne, Custume Barracks, Athlone - damage to motor car, 20/7/1959, £75.

Denis Cullinan, Gortavoher, Co. Galway - damage to turf, 23/7/59, £40.

1468 - DEONTAISÍ TIGHTHE: Mhol Seán MacEochagáin, T.D.: "Go n-ardofar Deontaisí  
Tighthe on Chomhairle Condae ar son airde le deontaisí tighthe na Gaeltachta,  
a h-arduigheadh le gairid."

Cuidigh Clr. Seán O Domhnallan leis an run.

Glachadh an run d'aon guth.

1469 - SPECIAL ROADS MEETING: Clr. King asked the Chairman to now consider  
Item No: 19 (c) on the Agenda.

It was decided to hold the special meeting on a  
date to be arranged by the Chairman after consultations with the Co. Manager and  
Co. Engineer.

1470 - ADDITIONAL TRUCKS: Consideration of Item No: 4 on the Agenda was adjourned  
to the Special Roads Meeting to be arranged in accordance with Minute No: 1469.

Deputy Coogan suggested that the C.I.E. be asked  
what concessions they would give to the Council in the cost of haulage and that  
this information be made available at the meeting and this was agreed to.

1471 - ORGANIZATION: Consideration of the summary of the efficiency experts  
report, which was circulated to the members at the meeting, was adjourned to  
the Special Roads Meeting mentioned in Minute No: 1469.

1472 - CONGRATULATIONS: On the proposition of the Chairman and seconded by  
Deputy Geoghegan, the Council unanimously congratulated Mr. T.F. McDermott,  
Assistant Co. Manager, on his appointment as Limerick City Manager.  
Deputy Kitt, Clrs. King, Seán Donnellan, Glynn, Collins,  
Sirr, Canning and James Donnellan associated themselves with the tribute.  
The Acting Co. Engineer and the Acting Co. Secretary  
congratulated Mr. McDermott on behalf of the Staff.  
Mr. McDermott thanked the members and the officials  
for their good wishes.

1473 - PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM: The Chairman congratulated the "Galway Observer"  
on its recent editorial on the public address system nuisance.  
Deputy Coogan seconded the proposition.  
It was decided to refer the control of the public

address system nuisance to the next meeting of the General Council of County Councils.

1474 - BEGGARS: The Chairman also congratulated the "Galway Observer" on its recent leading article on beggars and he paid tribute to Deputy Coogan and the other members of the Galway Corporation for their efforts to have the pests controlled. Deputy Coogan seconded the proposition.

Clrs. O'Donnell, John Donnellan and Glynn said that tinkers, and itinerant dealers of all kinds were a menace all over the County.

It was decided to refer the control of beggars, tinkers and itinerant dealers to the next meeting of the General Council of County Councils.

1475 - CLONFERT & KYLEMORE BRIDGES: The Co. Engineer's report of the 8th June, 1959, was submitted wherein he recommended that the new bridges be not provided until the canal was closed to traffic. It was explained that C.I.E. had intimated that the section of the Grand Canal between Shannon Harbour and Ballinasloe would cease to be used on 30th June, 1959, but that under the provisions of Section 23 of the Transport Act, 1958, C.I.E. was precluded from closing the canal to navigation unless it had not been used for public navigation for three years or more, so that it would be at least three years from 30th June, 1959, before that Section of the Canal could be legally closed to navigation.

On the proposition of the Chairman and seconded by Clr. Dowd, it was decided to seek the consent of the Department of Local Government to advance the date of starting the work.

1476 - DERRYWEE BRIDGE: The Acting Co. Engineer said that work on the construction of the Derrywee Bridge would start in a month or two.

1477 - PUBLIC ROADS: Consideration of Item No: 7 on the Agenda was adjourned to the Special Roads Meeting mentioned in Minute No: 1469.

1478 - OFFICE OF COUNTY SOLICITOR: Consideration of Item No: 8 on the Agenda was adjourned to the next ordinary meeting of the Council, on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Sirr.

1479 - MOUNTBELLEV DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: On the proposition of Deputy Kitt and seconded by Clr. Collins, it was decided to provide a dispensary residence at Mountbellew, and the County Manager was requested to report to the Council whether it would be advisable to purchase an existing house or build a new one.

1480 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY: Consideration of Item No: 10 on the Agenda was adjourned to the next ordinary meeting of the Council for the County Engineer's report.

1481 - KNOCKNACARRAGH WATER MAIN EXTENSION: It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. King and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 11th July, 1959 of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the water main extension to Knocknacarragh, Galway, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and 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."

The Acting County Engineer said that the work would commence on 1st October, 1959. He added that the question of a sewerage scheme for the area was receiving attention.

1482 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS Y.E. 31/3/1959: The Abstract of Accounts of the Galway County Council for year ended 31st March, 1959, was submitted and noted.

On the proposition of the Chairman and seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council congratulated the Co. Accountant on his presentation of the accounts.

1483 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE, Y.E. 31/3/1959: On the proposition of the Chairman and seconded by Clr. Sirr, the Council approved excess expenditure for year ended 31st March, 1959, as set out hereunder - this approval to be in addition to that already given in Minute No: 1324 of 21st March, 1959.

Excess Expenditure for Year Ending 31st March, 1959.

	Total. £	C.A.L. £
<u>Health Services:</u>		
Other Purposes.	2618	2618
<u>Public Assistance Services.</u>		
Government Grant Schemes	47	47
<u>General Purposes.</u>		
Materials Expense.	8183	8183
TOTAL:	10848	10848

1484 - NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The application for permission to avail of a non-residential scholarship outside the County - Item No: 13 on the Agenda - was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

1485 - TOWN PLANNING: The County Manager's Circular letter of 28.7.1959 to the members was submitted. It requested the Council to give consideration to the convening of a joint meeting of the Galway Corporation and the Galway County Council to consider the adoption of the Town and Regional Planning Acts for that part of the County Health District, incorporating the environments of the city of Galway.

The Chairman suggested that the members of Ballinasloe U.D.C. and Loughrea and Tuam Town Commissioners be invited to the meeting also.

Clr. J.J. Ruane said all towns with populations of over 300 people should be controlled by the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

It was agreed to convene a joint meeting of the Galway Co. Council, Galway Corporation, Ballinasloe U.D.C., Loughrea and Tuam Town Commissioners on a date to be arranged.

1486 - PERMANENT ASSISTANT CO. ENGINEER FOR ROAD SURVEY WORK: Clr. Wall proposed that the creation of the position of permanent Assistant Co. Engineer for Road Survey Work be considered at the special Roads Meeting to be arranged in accordance with Minute No: 1469 and the Chairman seconded.

It was eventually decided that a notice of motion be submitted by those interested.

1487 - TEMPORARY ASSISTANT CO. ENGINEER: Deputy Geoghegan said that if consideration was given to the creation of the post of permanent Assistant Co. Engineer for Road Survey work, it should be taken in conjunction with the position of Temporary Assistant Co. Engineer, and he proposed that the latter be also considered at the Special Roads Meeting.

After a discussion, it was decided that a notice of motion be submitted by those interested.

1488 - APPLAUSE FOR CLR. M. QUINN: Clr. Martin Quinn, Chairman of the Council, now entered the Council Chamber and he was greeted by cheers and prolonged applause from the members and officials on his recovery from his recent illness.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

1489 - VISITING COMMITTEE: Minutes of the Visiting Committee Meeting held at the Galway Regional Hospital on 19th June 1959, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted.

1490 - COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL: Letters of 10/8/1959 and 14/8/1959, from the County Council's General Council were submitted, stating that the Council's minutes Nos: 1343 of 25/4/1959 and 1375 of 15/5/1959, were discussed and adopted at meeting held on 6/8/1959.

1491 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: The County Manager's letter of 20/7/1959 was submitted, stating that (a) the Medical Staff in the Regional Hospital were

urging that a member of the staff be appointed on the Consultative Health Committee at an early date and (b) the Irish Nurses' Organisation at its annual meeting resolved: "That the appointment of a nurse-representative to every Consultative Health Committee in the country is long overdue."

The Deputy County Manager explained that the statutory membership of the Committee was ten members and that there was one vacancy consequent on the retirement of Dr. M.G. O'Malley.

There was no action taken regarding the filling of this vacancy.

Regarding the resolution from the Irish Nurses' Organisation, on the proposition of Clr. Collins and seconded by Deputy Coogan, it was resolved to ask the Department of Health to consider the advisability of appointing a nurse to the Committee and to authorise an increase in the number of members to allow therefor.

Clr. King said a chemist should also be on the Committee.

**1492 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS - MEDICAL STAFF, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** On the proposition of Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council approved the revised rates of remuneration proposed for the Medical Staff, Galway Regional Hospital, with effect from 1st September, 1959, inclusive, as set out hereunder:-

**INTERNS:** £521 per annum, less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £352 per annum nett for first six months.  
£573 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £404 per annum nett for second six months.

**JUNIOR HOUSE OFFICERS:**

£625 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £456 per annum nett for first year.  
£729 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments i.e., £560 per annum nett for second year.

**SENIOR HOUSE OFFICERS:**

£769 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £600 per annum nett for first year.  
£869 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £700 per annum nett for second year.

**REGISTRARS:**

£969 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £800 per annum nett for first year.  
£1069 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £900 per annum nett for 2nd year.  
£1169 per annum less £169 per annum for emoluments, i.e., £1000 per annum nett for 3rd year,  
an additional £100 per annum at all stages for a Registrar holding a higher degree.

All the above rates are to be fully inclusive of all temporary allowances and bonuses.

**1493 - SYMPATHY:** A vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of the late Mr. Martin Forde, Kilchreest, Loughrea, a former member of the Council, and it was decided to adjourn the meeting until 3 p.m. as a mark of respect.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the Cunningham Family, Tuam; the relatives of the late Mr. Peter O'Donoghue, Sligo, a native of Moycullen; Mr. Thomas Mannion, Dunmore, ex Co. Councillor, on the death of his son in the U.S.A.; the relatives of the late Mr. Coleman Ridge, Costello, the Hughes Family, Ballygar; the O'Keefe Family, University Road, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3 p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING CLR. QUINN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1494 - GLENAMADDY PIPED WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION:** On the proposition of Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Deputy Killilea, it was resolved that the extension to the piped water supply at Glenamaddy be carried out as soon as possible at an estimated cost of £2346.

**1495 - PROTECTION WALL, BALLAGH WELLS, BROWNSGROVE:** Consideration of Item No: 19 (a) (2) on the Agenda, was deferred pending receipt of the Co. Engineer's report regarding the replacement of the well by a suction pump.

**1496 - KILKERRIN MOYLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** Clr. Flaherty was informed that the contractors proposed to commence work on the Scheme within the next fortnight.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1497 - ROAD FROM POWER'S CROSS TO LOOSECAUN CHURCH VIA ROSSMORE:** The Acting Co. Engineer told Clrs. Canning and Hanley that the road from Power's Cross to Loosecaun Church via Rossmore would be steamrolled next year on the year after.

**1498 - REVISION OF PROPERTY OR LANDS BY COMMISSIONER OF VALUATION:** The Chairman said that Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion - Item No: 19 (c) on the Agenda - was not clear and specific and he requested him to redraft it and resubmit it for the Council's consideration.

**1499 - PILOT LIGHTS AT CLADDAGHDUFF AND OMEY ISLAND:** On the proposition of Clr. Joyce and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, it was agreed to provide Pilot Lights at Claddaghduff and Omev Island to guide people crossing to and returning from Omev Island at night.

**1500 - ROSSAVAL PIER LIGHTS:** Clr. O'Donnell said that the pier lights at Rossaveal were completely inadequate and a danger to navigation. He did not agree with the County Engineer's views regarding their adequacy. He proposed that the Irish Lights Office be asked to examine and report on the Rossaveal Pier Lights.  
Deputy Geoghegan seconded and the proposition was agreed to.

**1501 - NEW PUMP AT ASHFIELD CASTLEBLAKENEY:** The Chief Medical Officer's report of 3/4/1959 and County Engineer's reports of 15/4/1959 and 25/6/1959, were submitted confirming the suitability of the selected site. It was noted that a satisfactory supply of water had been obtained.

**1502 - DIVISION OF LAND, CLONFERT AREA:** The Acting Co. Secretary, in reply to Clr. Canning's Notice of Motion - Item No: 19 (f) on the Agenda - referred the member to the Co. Secretary's letter to him of 21/5/1959 wherein it was stated that the only resolution adopted by the Council in connection with the Land Commission activities was Minute No: 1163 of 22/11/1958. He also referred the member to Minute No: 1053 of 1/9/1958 re "Flooding at Clonfert."

Deputy Killilea suggested that Clr. Canning should submit a notice of motion regarding his proposals and this was agreed to.

**1503 - BELCLARE-KILLOWER-KILCONLY-TREANBAUN DRAINAGE:** Clr. James Donnellan said that the Government should be requested to carry out a drainage scheme to drain the area Belclare-Killower-Kilconly-Treanbaun.

**1504 - BALLYBANE WATER SUPPLY:** Deputy Coogan proposed and Clr. Ashe seconded that the Council ask the Galway Corporation to agree to an extension of the water supply to the Council houses at Ballybane and this was agreed to.

**1505 - BALLYBRIT WATER SUPPLY:** The Co. Engineer was requested to submit a report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council regarding a Water Supply for Ballybrit.

CLR. WALL NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**1506 - LEITHREAS POIBLI SAN SPIDEIL:** Mhol Clr. Sean O Domhnallain leithreas poibli a thogail i Sraid-bhaile an Spideil.

Dubhairt an t-Innealtoir Chonndae go raibh se molta cheanna ag an gComhairle Conndae go dtogfar leithreas poibli in gach baile. Sa chonndae nach raibh ceann ann roimhe sin, agus go raibh se ag deanamh seim le cur os comhair an Comhairle Conndae chun an airgid a chur ar faghail le sin a dheanamh.

Mhol an Clr. Sean O Domhnallain go sgríobhfar chuig Bord Fáilte agus chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta feachaint an mbeadh deontaisí le faghail chun an obair a dheanamh agus chuidigh Clr. O Domnaill leis agus sochruigheadh ar e sin a dheanamh.

1507 - LEITHREAS AGUS DIDEAN AR AN DTRACH, SAN SPIDEIL: Mhol an Clr. Sean O Domhnallain go ndeanfar leithreas agus didean ar an dtrach san Spideil agus chuidigh Clr. O Domhnaill leis.

Socrúightheadh go sgríobhfar cuig Bord Failte agus chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta feachaint an mbeadh deontaisí le faghail chun an obair a dheanamh.

1508 - SPIDDAL WATER SUPPLY: Deputy Geoghegan proposed that the Water Supply be extended to the area of the Doctor's residence at Spiddal.

Mhol an Clr. Sean O Domhnallain go gcuirfar an coras uisce ar faghail des na tighthe soir c'n mbaile san Spideil.

The Deputy Co. Manager said that a full investigation of the water supply requirements of the entire Spiddal area would be made straight away.

1509 - SOLATHAIR UISGE I CONAMARA: Dubhairt Clr. O Domhnaill go mba ceart do Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe glacadh leis na deontaisí o Roinn na Gaeltachta chun uisce do solathar ar fud Conamara fe mar a dhein Comhairle Condae Dun na nGall chun uisce do solathar i nGaeltacht Tír Conaill.

1510 - DERELICT BOAT, KILLEANEY HARBOUR, ARAN ISLES: Deputy Geoghegan proposed that the Council remove the old derelict boat lying in Killeaney Harbour Aran. It was noted that the Council had again written on 11th August 1959 to the Department of Lands, requesting the result of the representations made to the Department of Industry & Commerce in the matter.

1511 - TUAM WATERMAIN EXTENSION TO KINKIPING, DUBLIN ROAD AND TOGHERMORE REHABILITATION CENTRE: The Acting Co. Engineer told Clr. James Donnellan that it would be desirable to make a survey showing levels etc. before making a recommendation as to the suggested extension. He added that it had not been possible to make this survey to date.

1512 - PUMP AT GARRA BALLYGLUNIN: Clr. James Donnellan proposed that the pump at Garra be deepened at least 20 ft. to give a water supply to villages nearby.

The Acting Co. Engineer said that the Chief Medical Officer considered that the water was dangerous for human consumption and he recommended that the present pump be abandoned and a new supply provided. He added that the nearest suitable site for the proposed pump would be near the school on the Abbey side of it.

1513 - WIDENING ROAD AT CLARETUAM: The Acting Co. Engineer told Clr. James Donnellan that his representations would be borne in mind when next the Galway-Tuam road was being improved in the Claretuam locality.

1514 - ROAD TO CLARETUAM BURIAL GROUND: The Co. Engineer was requested to submit a report to the Special Roads Meeting regarding Clr. James Donnellan's Notice of Motion that the road leading to Claretuam Burial Ground be repaired or surfaced.

1515 - CO. BUILDINGS CORNER, PORTUMNA-BALLINASLOE ROAD: The Acting Co. Engineer told Clr. Canning that the wall at the Co. Buildings Corner on the Portumna-Ballinasloe Road would be lowered as part of the current year's main road improvement works.

1516 - DEMESNE WALL, CORNER STONEY ISLAND-PORTUMNA-WOODFORD ROAD: The Acting Co. Engineer told Clr. Canning, that if it was possible to do so out of the amount allowed for the current year's improvement works, the Demesne Wall would be lowered at the corner leading to Stoney Island from the Portumna Woodford Road.

1517 - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: Deputy Killilea, moving his notice of motion, Item No: 19(m) on the Agenda, said that Deputy Coogan in Dail Eireann on 21/7/1959 had made the allegation that men in his area had been sacked by the Co. Council if they did not vote in a certain way and he challenged him, in the interests of the Co. Council, to name any individual who was ever sacked for his political views, or else he demanded that he withdraw his allegation.

Deputy Coogan said he knew his statement to be a fact and that, if Deputy Killilea considered it incorrect, he should have disproved it in Dail Eireann during the debate.

Clr. James Donnellan said that he was sacked from the Beet Factory in 1943 for his political activities.

Clrs. O'Donnell, Hanley, and Ashe requested Deputy Coogan to substantiate his allegations with the names of the individuals sacked.

The Chairman said the onus was on Deputy Coogan to prove his allegations.

The Acting Co. Secretary read the Co. Manager's letter of 10/8/1959 to Deputy Killilea, wherein he stated that he was not then nor at any time aware of any pressure by any party or member of the County Council to have any official or employee sacked of their services terminated because of their political activities on behalf of any political party.

The discussion then terminated.

1518 - PLOT ALLOTTED TO MR. JOHN GLYNN, CAPPATAGLE, BALLINASLOE: Clr. Dowd was informed that it had now been decided, in the light of the housing needs of the area, to allot the entire site containing 1 acre to Mr. Glynn, tenant of the Co. Council cottage as from 1st October, 1959.

1519 - DANGEROUS BENDS, BALLINASLOE-LAURENCETOWN: Clr. Dowd said that the number of bends on this road were too numerous to mention but he said that the narrow road near Laurencetown School was extremely dangerous.

Clr. Galvin agreed with Clr. Dowd and he said that there was a bad bend leading to Clontuskert Church which could be improved if the sod fence was removed.

The Acting Co. Engineer said their difficulty was that these were link roads, and that no grants would be available for the improvements suggested.

1520 - TUAM TOWN BAND: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, the Council approved a grant of £20 to the Tuam Brass and Reed Band.

1521 - COIS FAIRRGE SIGN POSTING: Deputy Geoghegan requested that the signposting in the Cos Fairrge area be improved and that warning notices regarding the dangerous bends near Moycullen be erected.

The Acting Co. Engineer promised to attend thereto.

1522 - CLIFDEN DERELICT SITES: The Deputy Co. Manager explained to Clr. Joyce the position regarding the Clifden Derelict Sites.

1523 - OUGHTERARD DERELICT SITES: Deputy Coogan said that there did not appear to be any improvement at the Oughterard Derelict Sites.

1524 - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION - GORT TO CAHER EXTENSION: On the proposition of Clr. Lambert and seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council agreed to ask the E.S.B. to expedite the extension of the Rural Electrification Scheme from Gort to Caher, in the Galway-Clare border area.

1525 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:

The McMahon Family, Hele Street, Galway.  
The Madden Family, Presentation Road, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED,

M. C. O'Connell, CHAIRMAN. DATE.

3/10/59

*M. C. O'Connell*  
*R. J. Sealwood*