

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 13th MAY, 1960.  
AUGUST,

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Galvin, King and John Mannion.

Dr. W.J. McHugh, Dr. M.J. Dyar and Dr. D.T. O'Driscoll.

Mr. P. Duffy, Staff Officer, Mrs. E. Kelly, Clerical Officer and  
Mr. M.S. O'Maolruanaigh, Acting County Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting held on 28th May, 1960, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

2 - DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS: Dr. Dyar proposed, Ctr. Galvin seconded and it was resolved:

"That the Committee recommend that the Galway County Council request the Minister for Health to expedite his decision regarding the three District Medical Officers who had been suspended."

3 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The following particulars regarding General Medical Service Cards were submitted and noted:-

Total Number of applications received:	25,345.
Total Number Granted:	22,462.
Number Refused:	2,551
Number under consideration:	332.
Number of cards current:	20,276.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	60,485.

Clr. King proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was resolved:

"That the Committee recommend that the Galway County Council request the Co. Manager to compile for each dispensary area and to make available for inspection by members of the Council and of the Consultative Health Committee, Registers of (a) General Medical Service Card Holders and (b) Recipients of Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances."

4 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Dr. Dyar complained that there was a delay in making appointments for patients at the Galway Regional Hospital due to lack of sufficient clerical staff.

Dr. McHugh stated that the X-Ray Department had insufficient clerical staff with the result that the more urgent work there was kept up to date at the expense of the filing etc.

Deputy Geoghegan submitted that these complaints should have been made to the last meeting of the Visiting Committee at the Galway Regional Hospital.

The Acting County Secretary advised the members that the report of the Organization and Methods Officer on these matters was being considered by the County Manager.

The Chairman suggested to Dr. McHugh that he should make his recommendations re Staff to the County Manager through a Medical Staff Meeting.

The Chairman alleged that three separate telegrams, each containing incorrect information regarding her child, had been sent to Mrs. Dolan, Cloughoola, Kylebrack, Loughrea and that she had been put to considerable expense as a result thereof.

Clr. King alleged that a one month old baby boy was admitted to the Galway Regional Hospital for circumcision; that the baby was discharged after about eight weeks having sustained a broken limb in the meantime and without having undergone the operation.

Dr. Dyar alleged that there were difficulties with Roscommon County Council regarding payments for Regional Hospital Laboratory Services and he suggested the introduction of a deeming arrangement similar to that in operation in the Dublin hospitals.

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

"That the Committee recommend to the Galway County Council that the appointment of a Resident Medical Superintendent at the Galway Regional Hospital be expedited, and that a temporary appointment be made pending a permanent appointment."

5 - MATERNITY SERVICES: The following details regarding Maternity Cash Grants were submitted and noted:-

Number of Grants paid since 1/4/1960:	723.
Number paid in financial year 1959/60:	1681.
Number of confinements which took place in financial year 1959/60 included in above figure of 1681:	1466.

The Acting County Secretary told Dr. O'Driscoll that there was no figure readily available of the number of confinements for which the Council paid fees under the Maternity and Child Health Services (Amendment) Regulations, 1956; that consideration would be given to the preparation of these figures in the future.

The Acting County Secretary advised Dr. Dyar that the certificate relating to confinement completed by the Doctor or Midwife certified solely that the patient had a confinement as defined in Section 23 (2) of the Health Act, 1953 and that determination of the patients fulfillment of the other prescribed conditions was a matter for the Health Authority.

6 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The following particulars regarding Disablement Allowances were noted:-

Number of Applications received:	3855.
Number of applications granted:	1870.
Number of applications refused:	1888.
Number being dealt with:	97.
Number of allowances discontinued by reason of health, award of State Pension, medical grounds etc.	806.

Clr. Mannion criticised the system whereby Home Assistance was reduced or discontinued entirely when the recipient was granted a disablement allowance.

Deputy Geoghegan said that he had received numerous complaints regarding the delay in returning to handicapped extern patients limbs submitted by them for repair and he suggested that these hardships should be eliminated in the future.

7 - PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES: Dr. Dyar recommended that polio vaccine should be supplied free by the Galway County Council to the patient's doctor on request.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22nd AUGUST, 1960.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. O'Ceallaigh Padraic, Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Kyne, Joyce, Kelly Gerard, King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Deputy Millar, Cllrs. Mullins, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, Sirr and Patten.

2044 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to No: 2043 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2045 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:

The relatives of the late Mr. John McGarry, Assistant County Engineer.  
Doctor S. Maguire, Headford, on the death of his brother.  
The relatives of the late Mrs. McCormick, Liskeavy, Milltown, Tuam.  
The relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Manto, 5, Connolly's Terrace, Bohermore, Galway.  
The relatives of the late Mr. John Murray, Mile Lodge Corner, Galway.  
The relatives of the late Mr. McDonagh, Beattystown, Fairhill, Galway.

2046 - ROAD TO ARD EAST, CARNA: With reference to Minute No: 2031 Deputy Geoghegan requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

2047 - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES: The appointment of the following to fill vacancies on Old Age Pension Sub-Committees was approved unanimously by the Council:-

Ardrahan: Mr. Willie Kelly, Ardrahan.

Spiddal: Mr. Dominick Fegan, Barna.

Kinvara: Mr. John Connors, Doorus, Kinvara.

Oranmore: Mr. Michael Hanniffy, Maree, Oranmore.

Gort: Mr. Pat Hargrove, Gort.  
Mr. Michael Hennelly, Kilafin, Gort.  
Mr. Patrick Barry, Bridge Street, Gort.  
Mr. B. Long, N.T., Gort.

Clonbur: Mr. John Gibbons, Clonbur.

Lettermore: Mr. Coleman McDonagh, Toureen, Carraroe.  
Mr. Joseph McDonagh (Michael), Bealadangan.  
Mr. Paul Connolly, (Pat), Lettermullen.

Oughterard: Mr. Thomas Conneely, Roscoshill.  
Mr. Patrick Walsh, Camp Street, Oughterard.

Glenamaddy: Mr. John Featherstone, Creggs.

Dunmore: Mr. S. Glynn, Co.C., Corrolough, Williamstown.  
Mr. John Mitchell, Castlefarm, Dunmore.  
Mr. Padraic Reilly, Dunmore.  
Mr. Robert Delaney, Clonberne.  
Mr. J.J. Rafferty, Ballymoe.  
Mr. Frank Glynn, Milltown.

TUAM: Mr. Sean O'Gormghaile, Demesne, Tuam.  
Mr. Patrick Delaney, Abbeyknockmoy, Ballyglunin.  
Mr. William O'Brien, Caherlistrane.

2048 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received since the previous meeting, viz.,

Annie Haughey, Ahleague - damage to fences and land, 10/7/60 - £50.  
Ann Murray, Spiddal - damage to mobile kiosk and contents, 1/8/60 - £80.  
John Cahill, 1, Newcastle Road, Galway - damage to plate glass window, 8/8/60 - £25.

2049 - LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN: The minutes of proceedings at a conference held in Loughrea on 17th June, 1960, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Cllr. J.J. Ruane and resolved:

"That as recommended at the Conference on 17th June, 1960, the north side of the fairgreen site, including the bridewell, and the North Grove, be developed as a fairgreen."

The Council directed that the plans, when ready, will be placed before the County Council and the Loughrea Town Commissioners. Senator Lahiff suggested, and it was recommended, that the boundary wall on the lake side of the area being developed be a high wall so as to give shelter to the users of the fairgreen.

Cllr. J. Ridge proposed that this work be not carried out. This proposal was not seconded.

The recommendation of the conference on 17th June, 1960, in regard to alteration of the market places was considered.

The Secretary read the County Medical Officer's report of 12th April, 1960, which recommended that not only should the ban on fairs in the Main Street at Loughrea be continued, but that fairs should be removed from Barkack Street also, as the County Medical Officer considered that there is ample accommodation for fairs in the fairgreen space.

Mr. O'Connor, Assistant County Manager, stated that it would be a very retrograde action to restore the fairs to the main street, and pointed out that the number of persons who voted for this proposal was considerably less than half the number of those present at the conference held on 17th June, 1960.

The Council adopted the Chairman's suggestion that consideration of alteration of the market places be adjourned for three months.

2050 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS OF COTTAGES: Cllr. T. King recommended that there be a reduction in the amount of differential rents, i.e., by reducing the income fraction from one-sixth to one-eighth. Cllr. King stated that this would not result in a loss of revenue to the Council, as under the present system cottages are often left vacant for lengthy periods due to the inability of the tenants to pay the rents required.

The Chairman stated that Dublin Corporation has recently introduced a modified differential rent scheme for some of their houses. Cllr. J.J. Ruane stated that both the

minimum and the maximum of the differential rents scale are too high. Cllr. Cox stated that a fixed rent causes greater hardship to the tenants than does a differential rent; that the differential rent system should remain, but that the fraction should be reduced to one-eighth. Cllr. Galvin stated that the fraction was

in Ballinasloe Urban District increased from one-eighth to one-sixth in 1959. He considered that the differential rents system should remain but that there be a reduction from one-sixth to one-eighth in cases of hardship at the discretion of the Manager.

Cllr. P. O'Ceallaigh considered that the high rents are due to the high rate of interest being charged on loans issued to the Council.

Cllr. W. Burke, and Cllr. P. Patten, pointed out that two cottages in St. Joseph's Park, Tuam, have been vacant for some time. Mr. O'Connor, Assistant County Manager, stated that a tenant has been appointed to one of these two vacant cottages and that a tenant for the second cottage will be appointed within the next few days.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out that there are, however, four houses vacant in Gilmartin Road, Tuam, for several months, and that it has not been found possible to obtain a tenant for any of these houses.

Cllr. P. Joyce stated that two tenants have been appointed to cottages in Clifden for up to six months, and that they have not yet obtained possession of the houses; that if the delay is due to necessity for repairs being carried out in the cottages, it is extraordinary that it should take so long to carry out these repairs.

The Council adopted the Chairman's suggestion that the Secretary, Department of Local Government be requested to give particulars of the amendments in the differential scheme approved by the Department for other Local Authorities.

**2051 - ASSISTANT BACTERIOLOGIST AND ASSISTANT PATHOLOGIST:** The minutes of the Visiting Committee meeting held at the Galway Regional Hospital on 6th August, 1960, were submitted, and it was proposed by Clr. John Mannion, and seconded by Deputy M. Carty, that the Council approve the creation of the offices of whole-time Assistant Pathologist, and whole-time Assistant Bacteriologist, with salary and conditions of appointment as set out in Department of Health letter, 4.11/399 of 20th January, 1960.

It was proposed by Clr. T. King, and seconded by Clr. J. Ridge, that the Council do not approve the creation of these offices of Assistant Pathologist and Assistant Bacteriologist, as the laboratory staff is adequate already and this money could more usefully be expended on other health services.

A vote taken resulted

as follows:

**For Creation of these two Offices:** Clrs. O'Ceallaigh, Burke, Carty, Collins, Coogan, Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Kyne, Joyce, Kelly, Kitt, Mannion J., Mannion M., Miller, Mullins, Ruane J., Ruane P., Sarr and Patten (23).

**Against:** Clrs. King, Lambert and Ridge (3).

Messrs. Conning, Geoghegan, and Lahiff were absent when the division was taken.

The Chairman declared Clr. J. Mannion's proposal carried, i.e., that the Council approve the creation of both these offices.

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

**2052 - ST. MARY'S HOME, TUAM:** The Secretary read letter A. 136/54 of 27th July, 1960, from the Department of Health, stating that the Minister approves the proposal to transfer mothers and children in St. Mary's Home to other suitable institutions, and to close the home.

Clr. W. Burke objected to the closing of this home, and on the proposal of Clr. F. Patten, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, it was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter for a month, i.e., until the next meeting of the Council.

**2053 - SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1961:** It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd and resolved: "That a Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools for 1961 be formulated similar to the 1960 Scheme, with the following amendments:

- £600 to be substituted for £500 in Clause 11 (i).
- £700 to be substituted for £600 in Clause IV (i), and £60 to be substituted for £50 in the same clause.
- £14 to be substituted for £12 in Clause IV (ii).
- Clause VI to be altered so as to provide for the award of two scholarships instead of one, to pupils of schools in which the number of teachers serving during not less than half of the calendar year preceding the examination had not exceeded two, and to provide for two scholarships instead of one for pupils in schools in which the number of teachers serving during not less than half of the calendar year preceding the examination had not exceeded three.

**2054 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1961:** It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, and resolved: "That the Council formulate a scheme for University Scholarships (Ordinary and Agricultural) for the year 1961, similar to the 1960, with the following amendments:

- £840 to be substituted for £540 in Clause I.
- £700 to be substituted for £600 in Clause IV. (2) (i), and £60 to be substituted for £50 in the same Clause.
- £14 to be substituted for £12 in Clause IV (2) (ii).

**2055 - SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS - TRANSFERS:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council approved the following scholarship transfers, the amount of the scholarship in each case to remain unchanged:-

- Mr. Michael V. Coughlan, from Colaiste Muire, Galway, to Colaiste an t-Slanaitheora, Limerick.
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**2056 - GALWAY COURTHOUSE:** The Secretary submitted the County Engineer's report of 2nd August, 1960, giving an estimate of £889. 9. 4. for improving the Caretaker's Quarters at Galway Courthouse.

The Secretary pointed out that £500 had been provided in the estimate for repairs to Galway Courthouse and £341. 7. 8. of this sum had already been expended; that an additional sum of £730. 17. 0. would therefore be required to meet this expenditure.

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Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the floor of these quarters is approximately 4 ft. under ground level, and that the widdows are at ground level. The reconstructed premises will give very adequate accommodation for a Caretaker.

Clrs. Coogan, Donnellan and Cox also expressed the view that the premises are not suitable for use as living accommodation.

The Caretaker, Mrs. Quinn, addressed the meeting, complaining of the very bad condition of the premises.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter, and that in the meantime, the premises would be inspected on the evening of the meeting, viz., on 22nd instant, by the Chairman and Clrs. J. Mannion, F. Patten, M. Mannion and P. Joyce, a report on the proposed alterations to be obtained from the County E.O.

The County Engineer pointed out that the Caretaker, who was appointed two years ago, was well aware before seeking the appointment, of the condition of the premises.

**2057 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS:** The Auditor's Reports on his audit of the accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1960, of the Shrulle Joint Drainage Committee and the Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee, were submitted and noted.

**2058 - INISHMORE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Donnellan, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £32,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works, for provision of a Regional Water Supply Scheme in Inishmore, Aran; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

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Ervalough Pier by the County Council, and also approved the carrying out of the work now required at an estimated cost of £35.

**2062 - AHASCRAUGH DISPENSARY:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. John Dowd and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 24th June, 1960, of the Minister for Health, the sum of £1800 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of a dispensary at Ahascragh 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."

**2063 - ROAD WORKS:** Consideration of Items Nos: 15 (a) (1) and 15 (a) (4) and 15 (b) was adjourned until the next Roads Estimates meeting.

**2064 - CLAREGALWAY BURIAL GROUND:** In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion No: 15 (a) (2), the County Medical Officer's report of 3rd February, 1959, was submitted, and it was directed that the Council seek the additional land for extension of this burial ground as required.

**2065 - WATER SUPPLY FOR CLAREGALWAY AND TURLOUGHMORE:** In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion, No: 15 (a) (5), the Secretary explained that there is no special proposal for provision of a water supply scheme for Claregalway or Turloughmore, but that these areas will be considered in the general survey of water supplies required.

**2066 - ROAD SIGNS:** In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion No: 15 (a) (5) the County Engineer's report of 15/6/60 was submitted, stating that these signs on the Galway-Monivea road will be erected during the present year.

**2067 - WATER SUPPLY FOR BALLYBANE AND BALLYBRITT:** In reply to Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion, No: 15 (a) (6), the Secretary explained that the Corporation is not prepared to provide water for any further extensions outside the urban area. Deputy Coogan stated that he understands that the Borough Surveyor would consider favourably an application for an extension of the watermain to Ballybane.

**2068 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - KILLERORAN CHURCH:** Consideration of Clr. Mannion's Notice of Motion, No: 15 (c) (1) was adjourned until next meeting.

**2069 - CLOONKEEN ABBERT BURIAL GROUND:** In connection with Clr. Mannion's Notice of Motion No: 15 (c) (2) the County Engineer's report of the 17/6/60 was submitted, stating that arrangements have been made to have these trees removed.

**2070 - MEMBERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES:** In reply to Clr. Ridge's Notice of Motion No: 15 (d), the Chairman explained that members' travelling expenses for Galway-Roscommon Mental Health Board, the Vocational Education Committee and the County Committee of Agriculture, are paid by these authorities, and directed that particulars of the travelling expenses paid to members by the Galway County Council be supplied to Clr. Ridge.

**2071 - RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Letter of 13/8/60 from the Secretary to above Committee was submitted, and on the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved payment of an additional sum of £163 to this Committee in the current year to meet the extra cost involved as a result of the increase in the wages of workers.

**2072 - RIVER SHRULE JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Letter of 16/8/60 from Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh was submitted. Clr. Glynn agreed that it was his intention to withdraw from membership of this Committee so as to enable the Council to appoint instead Mr. Patrick Connolly, Secretary to the Headford-Kilconly-Belelara-Caherlistrane drainage agitation committee.

On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, the Council revoked the appointment of Clr. John Glynn as a member of the River Shrule Joint Drainage District Committee, and appointed instead Mr. Patrick Connolly, Castlehackett, Tuam.

**2073 - WAGES OF MEMBERS OF FIRE BRIGADES:** Clr. Cox raised the question of the adequacy of the wages of members of the Fire Brigade and also referred to their hours of duty, and the Chairman directed that consideration of this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

**2074 - WAGES OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS:** Reference was made to the difference in the rates of wages being paid to ambulance drivers employed by the Council in Galway, Clifden, and Loughrea, and the Chairman directed that consideration of this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council, and that information be available in regard to the mileage travelled over a period by each driver concerned.

**2075 - HOUSING AND SANITARY SERVICES:** Letter of 11th August, 1960, from the Minister for Local Government which was sent to each member of the Council was submitted, and the Chairman and members stated that they would co-operate with the Minister for Local Government fully in carrying out the programme envisaged.

**2076 - SUSPENDED DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS:** The Chairman referred to Minute No: 2 of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee held on 13th August, 1960, and on the proposition of Clr. I. King, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, it was resolved that the Council request the Minister for Health to expedite his decision in regard to the three District Medical Officers in County Galway who have been suspended.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*M. Carty*  
Chairman

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*M. Carty*  
Chairman

*1st October, 1960.*

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

15adh Mhean Fomhair, 1960.

Chuir gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag oruinniu de Comhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Connadae Dia Sathairn, 24adh Mhean Fomhair, 1960.

Mise, le meas,

LIAM O LUANAICH.

Runai.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Aran Old Age Pension Sub-Committee - letter 22/8/1960 from Clerk.
4. Creation of additional offices:-
  - (a) Assistant County Engineer (Design) - in lieu of Assistant County Engineer approved in Minute No: 2008 of 25. 7. 1960.
  - (b) Staff for operation of Income Tax P.A.Y.E. Scheme:-
    - (1) One Staff Officer (temporary) for one year.
    - (2) One Permanent Clerical Officer.
  - (c) One permanent clerk-typist in X-Ray Department, Galway Regional Hospital.
5. Extension of employment of temporary officers:
  - (a) One Temporary Asst. County Medical Officer and One Temporary Nurse, and one temporary Clerk-Typist, from 1st October, 1960, to 31st March, 1961.
  - (b) One temporary Clerical Officer for work in connection with Clinics at the Regional Hospital, from 1st September to 31st December, 1960.
6. Increases in Remuneration:-
  - (a) Orthopaedic Surgeon.
  - (b) Switchboard Operators at Regional Hospital and County Buildings.
  - (c) Two whole-time Firemen/Drivers in Galway Fire Brigade.
7. Wages of Ambulance Drivers - Minute 2073 of 22. 8. 1960.
8. Applications for grant for Community Centre at Carraroe.
9. Letter 13/8/1960 from the Department of Agriculture re termination of 50% recoupment of certain expenditure under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

10. Overdraft for quarter to 31st December, 1960.
11. Visiting Committee Minutes:-
  - (a) Regional Hospital, 6. 8. 1960.
  - (b) Clifden Hospital, 18. 8. 1960.
  - (c) Tuam Home, 3. 9. 1960.
12. Cost of provision of Staff Quarters at Galway Regional Hospital.
13. Galway Courthouse - Caretaker's apartments - Minute 2056 of 22. 8. 1960.
14. Killeaney Harbour - letter from Roinn na Gaeltachta re provision of Navigation Lights.
15. Cleggan Harbour - letter of 29. 7. 1960 from Special Employment Schemes Office re proposed improvements.
16. Ballinasloe Swimming Pool - letter 5. 9. 1960 from the Secretary, Swimming Pool Committee seeking financial assistance.
17. Kilkerrin/Moylough Water Supply Scheme - estimated cost, since asbestos-cement pipes cannot be obtained free-of-duty.
18. Public Lighting Extension to Killeroran Church, Barnaderg - Min. 2068 of 22. 8. 1960.
19. Proposed closing of St. Mary's Home, Tuam - Min. 2052 of 22. 8. 1960.
20. Differential Rents Scheme - Minute 2050 of 22. 8. 1960.
21. Road to Ard East, Carna - Minute 2046 of 22. 8. 1960.
22. Proposed extension of County Road No: 41 at Glencocaghan, Ballinahinch.
23. Roads on which Council expended money and which are not now maintained - Minute 2011 of 25. 7. 1960.
24. Recommendation of Consultative Health Committee that, for each dispensary district, lists of (a) Medical Card Holders and (b) Recipients of Disablement Allowances be made available for inspection by members of the County Council.
25. Ancient building - Kilcorban Friary, Tynagh - recommendation of National Monuments Advisory Committee that its maintenance be taken over by the County Council.
26. Standing Orders - Minute 2041 of 25. 7. 1960.
27. Members' Notices of Motion:-

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh:

1. "I will propose that the Abbeyknockmoy area be included in the survey to be carried out by the Council for improved water supplies in rural areas.
2. I will ask the County Manager (or the appropriate officer) if he will consider providing dispensary services in Ballymoe.
3. I will ask the County Engineer to consider the erection of a wall (or walls) or wired fence at the junction of the Springlawn-Mountbellow and Moylough-Newbridge roads (Corteen Cross).
4. That where possible use be made of materials from local quarries in the construction and improvement of roads, and that local labour be availed of in connection with same.
5. I will ask the County Manager to state the number of scholarships provided by the Galway County Council, and its subsidiary bodies, the cash value of each, and method of granting same.

27. (a) Clr. P. O Ceallaigh:

6. I propose that before the adoption of the minutes of any meeting of the Galway County Council, members be entitled to question, clarify or seek information on contents of same.
7. I will ask the County Surveyor (Mr. Silke) if there has been any definite decision as to the areas (townlands) which will be served by the Moylough Water Supply Scheme and if such a decision has been made to inform the Council."

(b) Clr. J. Glynn: "That a water supply for Creggs be provided."(c) Clr. P. Sarr: "That a water supply scheme be provided for Creggs and adjoining district."(d) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

1. I will propose that canal at Sruffane Pier, Carraroe, be cleaned.
2. That a new Reservoir be built at Carraroe to enable further extensions to present water supply."

(e) Clr. T. King: "At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that:-

1. The County Manager inform the Council of the progress made to date in the provision of a piped water supply to rural areas.
2. That this Council agrees to maintain pumps sunk or erected by I.L.C. or O.P.W. provided same are made available to the public."

(f) Clr. J. Cox: "I will ask the County Manager why the last all-round wage increase was not granted to the full-time members of Galway Fire Service, stationed at Fairhill, and if in fact it is his intention to grant it."(g) Clr. J. Glynn: I or someone on my behalf will propose that the following be considered by the Council:

1. The extension of the Ballymoor Water Supply.
2. A Water Supply be provided for Glynsk from the Spring near the Hall Glynsk.
3. That a Water Supply be provided for Garrafraunes.
4. When is it proposed to start the extension of Glenamaddy Water Supply.
5. That the Water Supply be extended to the Cloonminda Cross."

(h) Clr. J. Flaherty:

1. I will propose that travelling expenses in respect of meetings attended by members should be fixed at the rate of 1-3 p r mile.
2. I will ask the Engineer in charge to carry out a survey of the Glenamaddy area with the view to carrying out the proposed extensions to the piped water supply, and also to the village of Cloonminda."

(i) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

1. I will propose that a survey be made of the Bealadangan area so as to provide a pipe water supply for the people there.
2. I will ask the County Engineer to state the outcome of his test regarding further extensions to the present Lettermore Water Supply.
3. I will propose that a hand rail be put on the pier beside the ladder at Mace, Carna.

(j) Deputy M. Killilea: "To reconstruct the road leading from Donohoes at Cartoon through Knowkalowery to Carrantanlas."(k) Clr. P. Patten:

1. "That the County Council take the necessary steps to remedy the following defects:-
  - (a) Defective sewerage at Shop Street and Bishop Street, Tuam, which causes an offensive odour.

27. (k) Clr. P. Patten:

1. (b) Stagnant water on Ballygaddy Road to Ballinamona Park, Tuam.
- (c) Primitive sewerage arrangements at Loftus Terrace, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
- (d) Flooding and sewerage overflow outside Peter Kelly's house at Old Road, Tuam.

2. That sanitary services be provided for Council cottages at Forty-acres, Dunmore Road, Tuam."

## 28. Other business.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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GALWAY.

19th September, 1960.

To Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

On the direction of the Chairman, the meeting of the Galway County Council, which was summoned for 24th instant, has been postponed until 1st proximo, as an expression of sympathy with the relatives and in respect to the memory of the late Miss Margaret A. Ashe, a former member of the Council, and Mr. Bartley O'Sullivan, Secretary to the County Galway Committee of Agriculture.

You are requested to attend the postponed meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 1st October, 1960, commencing at 12.30.p.m.

The agenda will be that already circulated.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAICH.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1960.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Caming, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Kyne, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Deputy Millar, Clrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat, and Sirr.

2077 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman stated that this meeting, which was originally called for 24th September, 1960, had been adjourned in sympathy and in respect to the memory of former Councillor, Miss Margaret A. Ashe, Mr. Bartholomew O'Sullivan, Secretary to the Galway County Committee of Agriculture, and Mr. Patrick Sirr, Glynsk, Ballymoe, father of Mr. Peter Sirr, County Councillor.

The Council unanimously expressed sympathy with the relatives of the three deceased above, and it was decided that it would be arranged to have Masses said for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

Notes of sympathy were also unanimously adopted with the following:

The relatives of the late Mrs. Walsh, Old Malt House, High Street, Galway.  
The relatives of the late Father Hanrahan, P.P., Tully, Letterfrack.  
Mr. John Cosgrove, Newcastle, Galway, on the death of his sister.  
The Hoare Family, Beattystown, on the death of Mrs. Hoare.  
The Rohan Family, Taaquin, Colmanstown.  
The Jordan Family, Montpelier Terrace, Galway.  
Mrs. M. O'Connell, Duniry, Loughrea, on the death of her husband.  
The Gormley Family, Tuam.  
The Hare Family, Tuam.  
The Eagleton Family, Tuam.  
The Dunne Family, Cooloo, Moylough.  
The Furey Family, Currandulla.  
Dr. M.G. Little, The Crescent, Galway, on the death of his sister.  
Mrs. D. McDonagh, Beattystown, Galway, on the death of her husband.  
Mrs. John McDonagh, Foster Street, Galway, on the death of her brother.

2078 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to No: 2076 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2079 - SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1961: Letter RO (2)99970 of 15th September, 1960, from Secretary, Department of Education, was submitted, and on the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert, the Council accepted and approved the modifications as set out in that letter, and determined to carry into execution the scheme as so amended and approved.

2080 - SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1960: The Secretary stated that, in error, a certain candidate had been notified of an award of a scholarship under the Scheme for 1960, while, since the balance of money arose from scholarships awarded to students of "small" schools, the particular scholarship should have been awarded to the candidate from a "small" school who was next in order of merit; that a few weeks later the error was detected and the candidate above was informed that in fact she was not entitled to receive a scholarship, and the scholarship was then awarded to the candidate properly entitled thereto; that since some hardship might have arisen as a result of the incorrect notification, and since there was in fact sufficient money available in the amount provided for secondary scholarships in that year, the Council might consider amending the scheme so as to provide for the award of one extra scholarship.

On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. P. Patten, the Council approved the amendment of the scheme for scholarships in secondary, vocational and other approved schools for the year 1960, as follows: -



The word "six" in Clause 1 be altered to read "seven".  
The word "four" in Clause VI (a) to be altered to read "five".

2081 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1960. Ctrs. P. Sirr, P. O. Ceallaigh and M.P. Kitt referred to the case in which a candidate for the University Scholarship Scheme, 1960, was deemed ineligible and it was explained that the scheme provides that £1 valuation of land should be regarded as equivalent to £12 annual income; that the means of all applicants were reckoned in this manner as set out in the Scheme, and that a departure from this standard cannot be approved for any particular individual.

2082 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Miss Grainne Hartigan, St. Mary's Avenue, Salthill - Motor car damaged - £28. 11. 3d.  
Mr. D.J. Mahell, Dunmore - damage to licenced premises residence and fittings - £380.  
Mr. Patrick Canavan (Marcus), Shanawirra, Ardmore, Carna - damage to boundary walls and fences - £20.  
Mr. Patrick J. Haugh, Tynagh - damage to garage and contents - £3,000.  
Messrs. Nilands Ltd., Merchant's Road, Galway - damage to property - £30. 7. 0.

Deputy F. Coogan, and Clr. P. Sirr expressed the opinion that Insurance Companies should contribute to the cost of maintaining fire brigades.

The Chairman pointed out that efforts to secure such contributions from Insurance Companies in the past had been unsuccessful.

2083 - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, the Council approved the appointment of the following additional members to the Aran Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:-

Rev. Father McNamara, P.P., Kilonan.  
Rev. Father Greally, C.C., Kilonan.  
Mr. Padraic O Hehir, N.T., St. Enda's School, Kilonan.

On the proposition of Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. John Flaherty, the Council approved the appointment of Mr. Bertie Colman, Dunmore, as a member of the Dunmore Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

2084 - ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER (DESIGN): It was proposed by the Chairman, Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby approves the creation of the office of Assistant County Engineer (Design) with salary and conditions of appointment as received with Letter D.L.7/23 of 6th September, 1960, from the Department of Local Government; this post to be in lieu of that of Assistant County Engineer which was approved by the Council in Minute No: 2008 of 25/7/1960."

2085 - STAFF FOR OPERATION OF P.A.Y.E. SCHEME: The Chairman stated that he understood that other Councils had not made additional appointments for the operation of the P.A.Y.E. Scheme.

The Secretary explained that whatever difficulties there may be in the operation of this scheme, these difficulties will be at their greatest at the introduction of the scheme, and requested therefore that the appointments would be approved at least for a period.

It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, Chairman, and seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, that the Council approve the creation of the following posts in connection with the P.A.Y.E. Scheme:-

- (a) 1 Temporary Staff Officer for six months to 31st March, 1961.
- (b) 1 Permanent Clerical Officer.

It was proposed by Clr. P. O. Ceallaigh and seconded by Clr. P. Ruane, that the Council approve the creation of the office of clerical officer for this purpose but that the Council does not approve the creation of the office of Staff Officer.

Eventually, when it was made clear that the proposal for the appointment of a Staff Officer was temporary only for a period of six months, Clr. O. Ceallaigh withdrew his proposition and the Chairman's proposal was approved.

2086 - CLERK-TYPIST IN X-RAY DEPARTMENT: It was explained that the Council had already approved the proposal whereby salaries paid by Dr. W.J. McHugh, Radiologist, to his two typists, were recouped by the Council; that the Council had undertaken that when these typists' employment would terminate, they would be replaced by typists paid by the Galway County Council; that one of these typists had already been replaced, and that the second had now resigned.

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

"That the Council approve the creation of one post of Clerk-Typist at Galway Regional Hospital to replace the clerk-typist employed by the Radiologist."

2087 - RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The Chairman stated that in the interests of the patients it is undesirable that the post of Resident Medical Superintendent at the Hospital should remain vacant, and asked if it would be possible to have Dr. Cussen, Merlin Park, take over this office temporarily in addition to his ordinary duty.

The County Manager stated that the question of the filling of this post is at present under consideration by the Department of Health.

2088 - TEMPORARY STAFF: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved the continuation of temporary appointments as set out hereunder:-

- (a) One temporary Assistant County Medical Officer and One temporary Nurse and One temporary Clerk-Typist for operation of the polio vaccination scheme from 1st October, 1960 to 31st March, 1961.
- (b) One temporary Clerical Officer for work in connection with clinics at the Galway Regional Hospital from 1st September to 31st December, 1960, inclusive.

2089 - DENTAL SERVICES: Clr. Sirr complained that he is aware of a case in which a woman who applied for dentures is three years on the waiting list and has not yet obtained the dentures.

Clr. P. O. Ceallaigh stated that he knows the case of a child examined in school a few months ago who has defective teeth which have not been extracted yet.

2090 - ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved revision of remuneration of the Orthopaedic Surgeon as set out in the County Manager's letter of 25th May, 1960, viz:- Increase of £23. 13. 6d. per annum from 1st April, 1958 to 15th December, 1969, and a fully inclusive salary of £2080 per annum from 15th December, 1959 inclusive.

2091 - SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved revision of the remuneration of the switchboard operators at the Galway Regional Hospital and at the County Buildings, Galway, by increasing that remuneration by 12/- per week with effect from 30th January, 1960, inclusive.

2092 - FIRE BRIGADES: On the proposition of Clr. J. Cox, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved an increase of 15/6d. a week for the two wholtime Firemen Drivers in the Galway Fire Brigade, with effect from 26th January, 1960, inclusive (the differential of 8/- a week for the Station Officer to be maintained).

2093 - OFFICE CLEANER, COUNTY M.O.'S DEPARTMENT: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved the granting of an increase of 2/- a week to the office cleaner in the County M.O.'s Department with effect from 30th January, 1960, inclusive.

2094 - WAGES OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS: On the Chairman's request, it was decided to adjourn until the next meeting consideration of Item No: 7 on the Agenda.

2095 - CARRAROE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Letter of 15th August, 1960, from Rev. Father M. Godwin, Carraroe, was submitted, requesting that the Council would consider giving a grant for the erection of a Community Centre in Carraroe.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council has so far consistently refused all applications for financial aid towards erection of

village halls, and it was unanimously decided that this request would be refused also.

**2096 - DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS:** Letter 8/273/33 of 13th August, 1960, from the Department of Agriculture was submitted and noted. The letter referred to the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1960, which provides that each local authority will bear directly the expenditure incurred by it in the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1957, instead of, as hitherto, having half the expenditure recouped from the General Cattle Diseases Fund. The Act also provides that the General Cattle Diseases Fund shall be abolished.

**2097 - OVERDRAFT:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. Sarr, the Council approved the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £250,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1960.

**2098 - VISITING COMMITTEE:** The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee as set out hereunder, having been circulated to the members, were submitted and noted:-

- (a) Regional Hospital, 6/8/1960.
- (b) Clifden Hospital, 18/8/1960.
- (c) Tuam Home, 3/9/1960.

**2099 - STAFF QUARTERS AT REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** The Council noted that the estimated cost of providing quarters for the residential medical staff at the Regional Hospital is £27,308, and that the Department of Health had been requested to increase the grant of £20,000 which had already been allocated for this work.

**2100 - GALWAY COURTHOUSE:** The County Medical Officer's letter of the 13th September, 1960, was submitted, stating that the proposed alterations and renovations would not render the caretaker's quarters fit for habitation.

The County Manager suggested that the caretaker be granted a living-out allowance and be required to provide her own living accommodation, and that the caretaker's present apartments be then utilised for storage of books from the library and court offices.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to request that the County Engineer would investigate the possibility of erecting suitable apartments in the near vicinity of the Courthouse.

**2101 - CONGRATULATIONS:** On the proposal of Clr. P. O Ceallaigh, the Council congratulated the Galway Minor Team on its recent success, and on the proposal of Clr. P. Ruane, the Council congratulated the County Down team on winning the Gaelic Football Final for 1960.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.10 p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARYY AKAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**2102 - KILLEANEY HARBOUR:** Correspondence in connection with erection of navigation lights at Killeaney Harbour was submitted, showing that the Gaeltacht Department would give a grant of £800 being the estimated full cost of the work, provided that the Council would accept responsibility for future maintenance of these lights and would also be responsible for the arrangements that would be made for the site of the second (inland) light.

On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved this proposal.

**2103 - CLEGGAN HARBOUR:** Letter 29th July, 1960, from the Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted, giving particulars of a restricted scheme, estimated cost £2,150 - an earlier letter having explained that it was not considered that restoration of the dock gates, etc. at an estimated cost of £8,000, would be justified.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that the restoration of the dock gates is essential to give adequate protection to boats. Deputy J. Geoghegan supported.

On the Chairman's suggestion, it was decided that the Special Employment Schemes Office be requested to inform the Council of the amount of the contribution which would be required from the Council provided the major scheme at an estimated cost of £8,000 would be carried out.

**2104 - RUSHEENAMANAGH PIER, CARNA:** Letter of 23rd April, 1960, from the Gaeltacht Department and subsequent correspondence was submitted in regard to the proposal to carry out the scheme of improvements at Rusheenamanagh Pier at a total estimated cost of £1500, on the understanding that the Council would contribute the sum of £250, which is the cost of the portion of the work which relates to ordinary maintenance, which is the responsibility of the Council.

This proposal was approved, on the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Mannion.

**2105 - ERRALOUGH PIER, ROUNDSTONE:** Correspondence was submitted in connection with the offer of a 75% grant towards the cost of carrying out work at Erralough Pier at a total cost of £90, towards which the Council's contribution would be £22, 10. 0. The proposal was approved, on the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Mannion.

**2106 - CAHERLISTRANE - KILLAMONAGH ROAD:** A deputation in regard to above road, headed by Rev. Father Quinn was introduced by Deputy Killilea. Deputy Killilea and Fr. Quinn referred to the bad condition of this road, and requested the County Engineer to carry out some work on it to put it in order.

The County Engineer stated that he will inspect the road, but that if the request is that the road be put on the Five-Year Plan, the County Engineer points out that this Plan has already sufficient roads on it to take up to five years to complete.

**2107 - BALLINASLOE SWIMMING POOL:** Letter of 5th September, 1960, from Mr. F. T. Galvin, County Councillor, who is secretary of the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool Committee was submitted, and the Chairman and members congratulated Clr. Galvin on the magnificent effort made by himself and his Committee who have succeeded in raising the sum of £4,500 for this purpose.

Clr. Galvin stated that the up-to-date estimate of the cost of providing the swimming pool is £12,000 approximately, and confirmed that it is the intention of the Committee to hand over to the Ballinasloe Urban District Council the amount which they have collected, the pool to be actually provided by the Urban District Council.

Clr. P. Sarr, while congratulating Clr. Galvin on his achievement, stated that he could not support the provision of swimming pools while money was required for more essential services.

Eventually, it was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Kitt, and resolved:

"That the Council contribute one-third of the cost of providing a swimming pool for Ballinasloe, subject to a maximum contribution of £4,000."

Clr. Galvin, in his capacity as Secretary to the Committee, thanked the Council.

**2108 - ROAD AT GLENCOACHAN, BALLINAHINSH:** Letter 15th July, 1960 (S.W.2/3/114) from the Special Employment Schemes Office and subsequent correspondence was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council decided to take over a road 250 perches long, commencing at Glencochan Bridge, where County Road No. 41 at present terminates, and to repair this road (when it has been declared public) at an estimated cost of £568, towards which a grant of £284 will be paid by the Special Employment Schemes Office - the road to be maintainable in future by the Galway County Council.

**2109 - HALLS AT INISHMAAN AND CARRAROE:** Deputy Geoghegan suggested and it was decided to ask the persons who are providing the halls at Inishmaan and Carraroe to state if they have in each case a site available, the amount of money collected for the project, and if a grant is being made available from any other source.

**2110 - KILKERRIN-MOYLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** The Secretary stated that following on the decision in Minute No. 1944 of meeting of the Council held on 18th June, 1960, the members of the Council who are also members of the Aireachtas, approached the Minister for Industry & Commerce in support of the Council's request for a free import licence for asbestos cement pipes for this scheme; that the Minister is not prepared to grant the necessary licence, and that therefore the Council will have to incur the additional expense of £13,900 involved in the use of

Irish-made P.V.C. pipes, making the total cost of the scheme £129,200.

On the Chairman's suggestion, it was proposed by him, seconded by Clr. Patten and resolved:-

"That the members of the Council who are members of the Oireachtas would, on Thursday, 13th October, 1960, approach the Minister for Industry & Commerce again with a view to securing the licence for import of asbestos cement pipes free of duty for this extended scheme."

Clr. J. Cox stated that he has been informed that the workers employed on this scheme are not being paid the local rate of wages.

The County Manager stated that the contractors have on 14/9/1960 requested an assurance that should they give the increased rate of wages they will be recouped by the Council for the additional expenditure so incurred, and that this request is under consideration.

**2111 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, BARNADERG:** In connection with Item No: 18 on the Agenda, the Secretary explained that all the money available for public lighting in the current year's estimate has already been allocated, and it was decided that consideration of this item would be deferred until the next annual estimate of the Council.

**2112 - ST. MARY'S HOME, TUAM:** The County Manager explained that in order to render the present Home at Tuam suitable, it would be necessary to carry out a very expensive scheme of works, and that the Minister for Health is not prepared to approve the carrying out of this scheme, when it is a fact that accommodation is available in other homes for the patients at present accommodated in St. Mary's Home, Tuam.

The Chairman and Clr. Patten expressed the opinion that if at all possible, the Home at Tuam should be kept in use, and Deputy Killilea stated that he is not satisfied that it would be more economic to send the patients to other homes.

It was eventually agreed that the members of the Oireachtas who are members of the Galway County Council would approach the Minister for Health on this matter.

**2113 - ST. BRENDAN'S HOME, LOUGHREA:** Letter of 30th September, 1960, from the County Manager was submitted, explaining that the scheme of works required to put the home at St. Brendan's, Loughrea, into proper condition is estimated to cost £209,540; that if the infirmary patients at Loughrea can be transferred to a Unit in Merlin Park, a large proportion of this proposed scheme can be eliminated, reducing the cost by approximately £133,450; that the reduced cost for the work which would still be carried out at Loughrea would be £76,090.

The County Manager pointed out that the present cost of maintaining patients in St. Brendan's Home is only 6/10.62d. per day, compared with 21/7.04d. for the daily cost of maintaining patients in Merlin Park; that, however, the patients transferred from St. Brendan's Home to Merlin Park will not require medical and nursing attention to the same extent as patients already in Merlin Park, and that it is proposed in the first instance to charge a capitation rate of 12/- a day for the patients transferred to Merlin Park, subject to review in the light of ascertained costs.

The proposal for transfer of the infirmary patients (approximately 130) from St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, to Merlin Park, was approved by the Council on the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Collins.

Clrs. John Donnellan, P. Collins and Deputy M.F. Kitt, recommended that in cases in which patients are being discharged from the Galway Regional Hospital for transfer to St. Brendan's Home, these patients should be sent direct to Merlin Park, rather than that they should be sent to St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, and subsequently transferred to Merlin Park.

**2114 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCHEME:** After a discussion on this matter, it was proposed by Clr. Cox, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, and resolved:

"That the following sub-committee be appointed to consider the question of differential rents on houses provided by the Galway County Council:-

Deputy M. Carty, Chairman, and Clrs. P. Galvin, J. Cox, J.J. Ruane, P. Patten, and Deputy J. Geoghegan."

The Assistant County Manager stated that he will notify members of the sub-committee of a suitable date for meeting to consider this question.

**2115 - KILCORBAN FRIARY, TYNAGH:** On the proposition of Clr. J. Conning, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, it was decided that the County Council will take over the ancient monument known as Kilcorban Friary, Tynagh.

**2116 - ROAD AT ARD EAST, CARNA:** Letter 12th August, 1960, from the Department of the Gaeltacht and subsequent correspondence was submitted. The Department's letter stated that the Minister for the Gaeltacht is prepared to make a grant of £2,000 to the Galway County Council for repair and improvement of the road to the Gael-Linn Factory at Ard East, Carna, on the understanding that the Council will declare the road public and maintain it in future.

The County Engineer in letter 13/8/60 recommended the proposal for approval and it was approved on the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan seconded by Deputy M. Carty.

**2117 - ROADS TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL:** The following particulars were submitted in regard to roads on which the Council formerly expended money, but which are not now being maintained as public roads:

ROAD.	Cost of Reconstruction.	Cost of Maintenance.
Bollagh, Rosscahill.	450	40.
From Road No: 281 to Road No: 254 (Kilclough)	250	75
Frenchpark-Latoon-Shruffaun to Caltra-Ahascragh Rd.	660	65
Caltra-Craigie.	300	35.
Cooleeny Junction to Hollyhill Crossroads.	1190	120.

On the proposition of Deputy M.F. Kitt, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, the Council approved the raising of a loan of £3,000 for reconstruction of these roads from the National Bank Ltd; the loan to be repayable by instalment over a period of five years, with interest at the rate charged by the bank from time to time for such loans.

It was also decided that the roads would be declared public and when reconstructed would be maintained in future by the Galway County Council.

**2118 - LISTS OF MEDICAL CARD HOLDERS, ETC:** Referring to Item No: 24 on the Agenda, the Assistant County Manager stated that he considered that these lists should not be supplied, as much work would be involved in preparing them, and in fact the information is already available for any member who wishes to inspect the records.

Clr. King pointed out that applicants who had been refused cards, etc., frequently alleged that these services had been provided for some of their neighbours; that the Councillor concerned is unable to ascertain whether this statement is true or false, unless he calls to the County Buildings to obtain the facts.

The County Manager pointed out that the issue of medical cards and the approval to the making of disablement allowances are individual health functions, which are expressly set out to be executive functions only.

Deputy Geoghegan supported Clr. King.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Patten, seconded by Clr. P. Sarr and decided that the lists of medical card holders and of recipients of disablement allowances would not be issued to the members of the Council.

**2119 - SALTHILL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME:** The County Manager stated that he has been informed that Bord Fáilte is prepared to make a grant of £20,000 available for the work of extending the road and promenade from Deepoint to Grattan Road; that the total estimated cost of this work is £65,000 towards which the Council would be

required to contribute £10,000 and that the remainder would be met from the Main Road Reconstruction Grants.

Deputy Killilea stated that he was not in favour of diverting to Salthill such a large amount of the Main Road Reconstruction Grant which would be allocated to the county as a whole.

On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, it was decided that the Council would co-operate in this scheme of works.

2120 - STANDING ORDERS: Referring to Minute No: 2041, the Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government had stated that no model Standing Orders have been issued by his Department; that Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1955, empowers the Minister to make regulations relating to meetings of local authorities and other matters, and while such regulations are in fact being prepared in his Department at present, it may be some little time before the work is completed and the regulations are made.

2121- TOWN PLANNING: Particulars of the proposed Town Planning area adjacent to Galway City, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.  
The Chairman directed that this matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting for consideration.

2122 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The Abstract of Accounts of the Galway County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1960, was submitted to the meeting and noted.

2123 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Cllr. J. Dowd, the Council approved excess expenditure as set out hereunder for the year ending 31st March, 1960:-

ROADS:

Special Grant Works:	£12,744.
Government Grants:	£21,620.

HEALTH:

General Medical Services:	£3,291.
Institutional Services:	£29.
Boarding out of Children:	£49.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Home Assistance:	£188.
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SANITARY:

Drainage, etc. works:	£503.
Public Lighting:	£314.

GENERAL PURPOSES:

Public Libraries:	£11.
Scholarships:	£1.
Material Expense Account:	£25,757.

TOTAL:	£44,467.
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It was noted that the Road Grant excesses were met in full by additional grants allocated and that 50% of the excess on Health Account would be recouped by the Health Grant.

2124 - CLONFERT AND KYLEMORE BRIDGES: It was proposed by Cllr. John Dowd, seconded by Deputy M.F. Kitt, and resolved:

"That the Council request permission from the Minister for Transport and Power to erect a bridge at Clonfert and a bridge at Kylesmore, similar to the bridges erected at these places by Bord na Mona, on the understanding that the material used in these temporary bridges could be salvaged eventually.

2125 - ADJOURNMENT: The Chairman stated that he was ruling out of order all notices of motion by members relating to Water Supplies, and it was decided that consideration of the remainder of the business as set out in Items 27 (a) to (k) on the agenda would be adjourned until the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*R. McManis, Secretary.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*M. Carty, Chairman. 22nd. October, 1960.*

*22/10/60*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1960.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Deputy J. Geoghegan.  
(2) Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. T. King and J. Mannion.

Doctors M.J. Dyar, W.J. McHugh, C.F. MacCon and D.T. O'Driscoll.

Officials: Mr. T.M. O'Connor, Assistant County Manager, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer, Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer, Mr. L. O Luanaigh, Secretary.

1 - CHAIRMAN: As Deputy M. Carty was not present at the commencement of the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr. T. King, seconded by Dr. M.J. Dyar and resolved: "That Deputy J. Geoghegan take the Chair." Deputy Geoghegan then took the Chair.

2 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th August, 1960, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes, Dr. McHugh stated that since he is not a member of the Visiting Committee he felt he was not entitled to raise with that Committee the question of the inadequacy of the clerical staff in the X-Ray Department.

The Assistant County Manager stated that this matter was at present under consideration by himself and by the County Manager.

Cllr. King stated that while matters relating to staff are the function of the Manager rather than of the Council, he considers that if the Committee believes that the staff of the X-Ray Department is inadequate, they can bring that fact to the attention of the County Manager.

Cllr. King noted that the complaint in regard to the patient to whom he referred at the meeting on 30th August, 1960, was being investigated and reported to the Insurance Company.

3 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to General Medical Services Register:-

Total Number of Applications received:	25,801.
Total Number Granted:	22,904.
Number Refused:	2,666.
Number under Consideration:	231.
Number of Cards current:	20,400.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	60,777.

4 - SUSPENDED DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS: Dr. Dyar stated that he understood that the three Medical Officers in Connemara who are under suspension are being considered for recommendation by the Local Appointments Commission for appointment to other Districts; that he considered it extraordinary that this could be so while a decision had not yet been made in regard to the suspension of these doctors; that the long delay in making a decision in regard to these officers is deplorable. Cllrs. T. King and J. Mannion agreed.

DEPUTY M. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Deputy Carty stated that, in addition to the letter which had been sent by the County Council requesting an early decision on the suspension of these officers, he, Deputy Carty, had also written personally to the Minister requesting an early decision.

5 - DRUGS: Dr. Dyar requested that a statement be supplied to each District Medical Officer showing for the year ended 31st March, 1960, the cost of (a) drugs, and (b) appliances, and (c) the number of cases treated in each Dispensary District.

6 - PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS: Cllr. King stated that legal proceedings are being taken against a person who holds a Mayo Medical Card, who resides in Shrule, but has all his land in County Galway; and requested that these proceedings be stopped. The Assistant County Manager stated that this Council has been trying unsuccessfully to get County Mayo to pay in full for medical card holders in Mayo who obtain treatment in the Galway Regional Hospital; that County Roscommon does accept liability for the full cost of such cases.

Cllr. King suggested that County Mayo might at least accept responsibility for full payment for patients in County Mayo who reside within two miles of the Galway border.

Dr. Dyar suggested that there be a "deeming" arrangement between the two counties.

7 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Referring to the minutes of the previous meeting, the Secretary submitted a report from the Lay Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital, in explanation of the telegram sent to a mother of a patient to whom reference was made at meeting of 13th August, 1960.

Dr. Dyar referred to a report in the Connacht Tribune, quoting the County Manager as having stated that there is a surplus of beds for patients in the Galway Regional Hospital.

Dr. Dyar asked why, if there are vacant beds in the hospital, it was so difficult to have a patient admitted there instead of being put on a long waiting list.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that there could be vacant beds in one Department while one or more of the other Departments would be full.

Dr. Dyar complained of the delay in obtaining a reply to a request by doctors for appointments for specialist examination of patients at the Regional Hospital, and asked if this delay is due to a lack of clerical staff.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he considered the clerical staff in the hospital is adequate if properly organised.

8 - X-RAY DEPARTMENT STAFF: Dr. McHugh claimed that the clerical staff for the X-Ray Department is insufficient and stated that he had drawn attention to this matter on 1st February, 1960, and was still awaiting a reply; that there are at present two typists in the X-Ray Department, while previously when the number of examinations was lower, there were three typists in that Department; that he considered there should be a total of four clerk-typists in the X-Ray Department.

The Assistant County Manager stated that Dr. McHugh also obtains assistance from the typing pool; that it is not correct that there has not been any reply to Dr. McHugh's letter of 1st February, 1960, which is still under consideration, and which the Assistant County Manager had discussed with Dr. McHugh on at least two occasions.

The Committee adopted a suggestion by the Chairman requesting that a statement be made available to the next meeting of the Galway County Council in regard to the following matters:

- Position in regard to the appointment of an Assistant Radiologist.
- The adequacy of the clerical staff for the X-Ray Department.

9 - DIRECTION SIGNS: Dr. McHugh stressed the necessity for provision of direction signs in the hospital.

It was explained that the contract for the provision of these signs had been arranged in July, 1960.

The Committee requested that provision of the signs be expedited as much as possible.

10 - REGIONAL HOSPITAL - CLEANING: Dr. McHugh stated that there have sometimes been complaints in regard to lack of cleanliness in certain Departments of the Hospital.

The Assistant County Manager stated that eighteen cleaning machines had been ordered for the hospital.

11 - REGIONAL HOSPITAL - TOLLETS: Dr. McHugh requested that the lavatory accommodation for patients in the Regional Hospital be increased; that the tendency now is to get patients out of bed as quickly as possible, which increases

the demand on the toilets.

Clr. King drew attention to the condition of the lavatory beside the mortuary which he stated is entirely inadequate, and should either be closed down or made suitable.

DEPUTY J. GEOGHEGAN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

12 - REGIONAL HOSPITAL - STAFF ROOM: Dr. McHugh stated that there is no Staff Room in the Regional Hospital now, and that there is not any place in the hospital in which he or any of his colleagues could leave a note for another member of the Medical Staff.

The Assistant County Manager explained that it was proposed that the ambulance room be converted into a staff room, but that the Department of Health had deferred consideration of this proposal until the new Resident Medical Superintendent would take up duty.

DEPUTY M. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

13 - ST. BRENDAN'S HOME: In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, the Secretary explained that instead of carrying out an expensive scheme of improvement at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, it is now proposed that the non-ambulant (infirm) patients shall be transferred to a Unit which is vacant in Merlin Park - the number of patients involved being 120 approximately.

Dr. Dyar stated that the number of nurses employed in St. Brendan's Home is inadequate, having regard to the number of patients.

Clr. T. King suggested that there should be some number of vacant beds left in the Unit at Merlin Park - say ten or twelve vacant beds - so as to provide for future admissions.

The Chairmen stated that patients will not be admitted to the Unit in Merlin Park except by way of transfer from St. Brendan's Home.

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

Number of Grants approved for payment since 1/4/1960:	931.
Number of Grants paid in year ending 31st March, 1960:	1,681.

The Secretary stated that agreements for provision of maternity services have been completed by forty-one District Medical Officers and sixty-eight private practitioners, and also by thirty-three midwives employed by the Council, and by thirty-three private midwives.

Dr. O'Driscoll requested, and it was agreed by the Committee that a statement showing the number of patients who availed of the free maternity services in the year ending 31st March, 1960, be made available to the Committee at its next meeting.

Dr. Dyar recommended that patients should be sent a notification stating whether their application for free maternity services had been approved or not approved.

The Chairman explained that at present the practice is that patients are notified if their application is not approved; that it has not been considered necessary to send them any notification when their application is approved.

The Chairman considered that this arrangement which saves some work, does not cause any hardship to the patients.

15 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to disablement allowances:-

Total Number of applications received up to date:	3,922.
Number Granted:	1,913.
Number Refused:	1,934.
Number under consideration:	82.
Number of allowances discontinued by reason of death; award of State pensions, etc:	526.

Dr. Dyar referred to a case of an applicant who

had been examined by him and who had an operation in Merlin Park.

Dr. Dyar stated that information in regard to that operation would have been of help to him in deciding whether the applicant was incapacitated or not; that he sought this information from the Consultant in Merlin Park and has not obtained it.

The Committee recommended that the attention of Dr. Cussen, R.M.S., be drawn to this matter.

In reply to enquiries by Deputy Geoghegan, the Chairman pointed out that the certification of the disability of the applicant is a matter for the applicant's doctor in the first instance, and eventually for the County Medical Officer.

16 - POLIO VACCINATION SCHEME: In reply to an enquiry by the Chairman, Doctor MacCon, County Medical Officer, stated that the polio vaccination scheme will continue for a further six months at least.

17 - SPECTACLES: Clr. King referred to the case of a patient who had obtained spectacles a few years ago, the lenses of which now require changing. On calling at the hospital, this patient was directed to go to his local dispensary.

The Chairman stated that this procedure is correct, as a patient cannot make for himself an appointment at a Specialist Clinic at the Regional Hospital.

18 - LABORATORY ACCOUNTS: Dr. Dyar complained that requests are being sent to doctors to give the names and addresses of patients for whom specimens were sent for laboratory tests, while the necessary information had been given by the doctors in the forms sent to the laboratory in the first instance.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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13 Deire Fomhair, 1960.

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A Chara,

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Filling of Vacancy on Galway Harbour Authority.
4. Auditor's Report on audit of accounts of Galway County Council for two years to 31. 3. 1958.
5. Increase in remuneration of Coroners.
6. Wages of Ambulance Drivers - Minute No: 2073 of 22. 8. 1960.
7. Cleggan Harbour Improvements - Minute No: 103 of 1. 10. 1960.
8. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads:-

No.	Location	Terminal Points	Length.
1.	Curteen, Roundstone.	From Main Road No: 160 to Car Park, Curteen Strand.	90 perches.
2.	Silver Strand, Barna.	Extension of Branch Road No: 114 (From Barna Church to Silver Strand)	22 "
3.	Spiddal.	From Main Road No: 180 to Spiddal Dispensary Residence.	83 "
4.	Dooras, Woodford.	From Dooras Cemetery Gate, Road No: 579 to Lough Derg.	193 "
5.	Cotteenty.	From Cotteenty Road No: 136 to Council Cottages.	26 "
6.	Clough Village.	From Main Road No: 90 to Clough Village	182 "
7.	Errislannon.	Extension to Road No: 15 (from Clifden to Errislannon).	560 "

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No.	Location	Terminal Points.	Length.
8.	Clasganny to Parkroe.	Connecting Road No: 222 and Road No: 210.	1379 yds.
9.	Newtown Glynsk to Ardagh.	Connecting Road No: 275 and Stop End.	2112 "
10.	Moneen to Derryvode.	Connecting Road No: 120 and Road No: 269.	1638 "
11.	Clonbern to Ballyedmond.	Connecting Road No: 242 and Road No: 253	3577 "
12.	Cloondahamper to Lavally Village.	Connecting Road No: 243 and circular road.	976 "
13.	Carraun to Ballyglass.	Connecting Road No: 223 and Road No: 225	3141 "
14.	Garrabeg, Gort.	Adjoining Road No: 390.	396 "
15.	Newtown to Tierneevin.	Connecting Road No: 390 and Road No: 346.	1910 "
16.	Road No: 515 via Tycooley to Marmion's Cross	Connecting Road No: 463 and Road No: 515.	1760 "
17.	Ballincurry to Cloonfaughna.	Continuation of Road No: 277.	880 "
18.	Killian to Rookhill.	Connecting Road No: 458 and Road No: 458 (Loop).	1320 "
19.	Middle Third to Ardfry.	Connecting Road No: 186 and Road No: 188	1320 "
20.	Carraroe N.S. to Cross Roads Keeraunbeg.	Adjoining Road No: Co. Rd. 64.	1560 "
21.	Kings Junction Aughrismore to Lobster Pond.	Adjoining Road No: 1.	1100 "
22.	Ballybeg to Glanrevagh	Connecting Road No: 135 and Road No: 135.	825 "
23.	Clough Village.	Connecting Road No: 165 and Road No: 165.	1600 "
24.	Road to Dooras Cemetery.	Adjoining Road No: 579	1056 "
25.	Bracara to Pallas	Connecting Road No: 576 and Road No: 491	1980 "
26.	Belleview Road.	Connecting Road No: 430 and Road No: 558.	1800 "
27.	Menlough to Galway.	Adjoining Road No: 39.	100 "
28.	Collinamuck to Porridgetown.	Connecting Road No: 88 and Road No: 106.	1350 "
29.	Kiniska Village to Carraun.	Connecting Road No: 147 and Road No: 174.	1760 "

9. Making Preliminary Orders under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 for Sites No: 100 to 112 inclusive in Inishmore, Aran.
10. Town Planning - area adjacent to Galway City for which it is recommended that the Town and Regional Planning Acts be adopted.
11. Letter 1. 10. 60 from the County Councils' General Council requesting notice of items for next agenda.

## 12. Members' Notices of Motion:

(a) Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh:

1. "I will ask the County Manager (or the appropriate officer) if he will consider providing dispensary services in Ballymoe.
2. I will ask the County Engineer to consider the erection of a wall (or walls) or wired fence at the junction of the Springlawn-Mountbellow and Moylough-Newbridge Roads (Gorteen Cross).
3. That where possible use be made of materials from local quarries in the construction and improvement of roads, and that local labour be availed of in connection with same.
4. I will ask the County Manager to state the number of scholarships provided by the Galway County Council, and its subsidiary bodies, the cash value of each, and method of granting same.
5. I propose that before the adoption of the minutes of any meeting of the Galway County Council, members be entitled to question, clarify or seek information on contents of same.
6. I will ask the County Engineer if there has been any definite decision as to the areas (townlands) which will be served by the Moylough Water Supply Scheme and if such a decision has been made to inform the Council.

(b) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that canal at Shruffane Pier, Carraroe, be cleaned."

(c) Clr. T. King: "At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that this Council agrees to maintain pumps sunk or erected by L.L.C. or O.P.W. provided same are made available to the public."

(d) Clr. J. Cox: "I will ask the County Manager why the last all-round wage increase was not granted to the full-time members of Galway Fire Service, stationed at Fairhill, and if in fact it is his intention to grant it."

(e) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that a hand rail be put on the pier beside the ladder at Ince, Carna."

(f) Deputy M. Killilea: "To reconstruct the road leading from Donohoes at Cartoon through Knockallowery to Carrantrales."

(g) Clr. P. Patten:

1. "That the County Council take the necessary steps to remedy the following defects:-
  - (a) Defective sewerage at Shop Street and Bishop Street, Tuam, which causes an offensive odour.
  - (b) Stagnant water on Ballygaddy Road to Ballinamona Park, Tuam.
  - (c) Primitive sewerage arrangements at Loftus Terrace, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
  - (d) Flooding and sewerage overflow outside Peter Kelly's house at Old Road, Tuam.
2. That sanitary services be provided for Council cottages at Forty-acres, Dunmore Road, Tuam."

(h) Clr. W. Burke:

1. That piped water supply be provided for the village of Ratash Kilconly.
2. That piped water supply be provided for the village of Pollnchalla Caherlistrane.
3. I propose that the road leading from Caherlistrane through the village of Kilamonagh and finishing at Abbeytown be put on the five-year plan for rolling, and in the meantime to be put into reasonable repair.
4. That two additional lights be erected in the Fairgree, Dunmore."

(i) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "That a piped Water Supply be given to Minna, Inverin area."

(j) Deputy M.F. Kitt: At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose:

1. That a public light be erected at the dangerous turn in Ballymacward near the Church.

12. (j) Deputy M.F. Kitt:

2. That the flooding of the public road opposite T. O'Neill's house Garafine, Caltra be relieved.
3. that dangerous bend at Thomas Forde's, Lehenagh, Castleblakeny, be eased.
4. that the dangerous bend at Patrick Coffey's Lehenagh, be eased.
5. That the crossroads at Castlefrench be properly signposted.

(k) Deputy F. Coogan:

1. "That in view of the need of a Vocational School in Oughterard that the Council make recommendation for the provision of same.
2. In view of the Bacteriological and Pathological report of the condition of water at the main well (serving 60 families) at Minna, Inverin, that immediate steps be taken to protect and improve same."

(l) Clr. P.A. Patton:

1. "That pilot lights be provided in Dunmore Town.
2. That a public lavatory be provided in Dunmore Town.
3. That the nuisance caused by a sewer running into the river at Dunmore be remedied."

(m) Deputy T. Millar:

1. "That Galway County Council is of opinion that road leading from Larragh to Kilimordaly Church and Cemetery should be macadamised immediately, as it is most unsatisfactory at present.
2. That this Council is of opinion that road between Attymon main road and Cloncah Church be macadamised forthwith, as it is unsatisfactory at present.
3. That this Council considers it in the best interests of people requiring dentures in East Galway to have the necessary permission and assistance given to the Portiunculla Hospital authorities in Ballinasloe to start a dental clinic.

## 13. Other business.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, 1960.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Glynn, Greene, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Ctrs. Kyne, Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Deputy Millar, Ctrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane James J., Ruane Pat and Sirr.

2126 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to No: 2125 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman explained in reply to an enquiry by Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh that the cost of the Galway County Council's contribution to the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool would be charged on the Galway County Health District; that it is expected that a separate contribution will be made towards this project by the Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

2127 - AHASCRAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £14,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a sewerage scheme at Ahascragh; 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.

2128 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mr. John Sullivan (Pat), Loughconneera, Carna - damage to gate, pillar and wall, £20.  
Mr. William Duggan, Reamore - damage to plate glass panel of door to shop, £15.  
Messrs. T. O'Higgins & Co. Ltd., Shantalla, Galway, - destruction of premises and contents by fire, £75,000.

The Minister for Lands - Damage to Tractor at New Inn Forest, Mountbellew, £50.  
Mr. Andrew Jennings, Society Street, Ballinasloe - damage to plate glass window and shop fittings, £40.

2129 - GALWAY HARBOUR AUTHORITY: Letter of 20th September, 1960, from the Secretary and Harbourmaster, Galway, was submitted, notifying a vacancy on the Galway Harbour Authority due to the death of Miss Margaret A. Ashe.

It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, that Deputy M. Carty be appointed to the vacancy on the Galway Harbour Authority.

The appointment of Deputy F. Coogan to fill this vacancy was proposed by Clr. Gerald Kelly and seconded by Clr. James Cox.  
A vote taken resulted as follows:

For Deputy Carty: Ctrs. Carty, Donnellan, Dowd, Geoghegan, Glynn, Greene, Killilea, King, Kitt, Kyne, Mannion Martin, Millar and Mullins (13).

For Deputy Coogan: Ctrs. Collins, Cox, Galvin, and Kelly Gerald (4).

Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh abstained from voting, and the remaining thirteen Councillors were absent at the time the division was taken.

Deputy Michael Carty, having obtained the majority of the votes, was declared appointed to fill this vacancy.

2130 - KILKERRIN-MOYLLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Chairman stated that as arranged at the previous meeting, the Deputation from the Council met the Minister for Industry & Commerce on Thursday, 20th instant; that the deputation was accompanied by Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer, and Mr. F. McGrath, Consulting Engineer.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr. Doyle and Mr. McGrath for the assistance given and thanked particularly Mr. Doyle for the excellent statement prepared by him setting out the Council's case for remission of the

import duty on the pipes for this scheme.

2131 - MINNA WATER SUPPLY: The Chairman explained that while it was not to be taken as a precedent, he had consented to receive a deputation from Minna in regard to the water supply there.

The Deputation was received, and on their behalf Mr. Kelly a member of the deputation, stated that the Development Committee in Minna had had the water from the well which served the majority of inhabitants analysed by Doctor Folan, Galway Regional Hospital; that Dr. Folan's report showed that the water is contaminated by organisms of faecal origin. Mr. Kelly stated that the well is not a real spring well and that the provision of a water supply for Minna would involve the utilisation of some other source such as the Crumlin river, and requested that a proper water supply be made available for this area as soon as possible.

Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, explained that the problem at Minna is one which arises in many areas in south Connemara, and pointed out that a Consulting Engineer is about to be appointed to advise on the best way to deal with the provision of a water supply scheme for all south Connemara, including Minna.

Deputy Geoghegan thanked the Chairman for receiving the deputation and suggested that the Water Supply at Inverin might be extended to serve Minna.

Clr. J. Ridge supported the request for the provision of a proper water supply scheme for Minna.

2132 - WATER SUPPLIES SURVEY: With the Chairman's permission, Clr. King asked that he be informed of the progress made with the survey for water supply schemes in the county generally.

The County Engineer in reply stated that a Consulting Engineer is about to be appointed to advise on the best manner of dealing with the provision of water supplies for south Connemara; that to enable the survey to be carried out in other areas, the Council has already approved the appointment of two temporary Engineers; that the survey has actually commenced and that the County Engineer hopes to be able to submit the preliminary report thereon to the Council in approximately three months' time.

The County Engineer pointed out that the reception of deputations or submission of notices of motion by members will not help in any way in the completion of this survey.

Clr. Thomas King stated that the Minister for Local Government at a recent meeting of the General Council of County Councils had accused the elected representatives of apathy in regard to the submission of schemes for water supplies. Clr. King stated that the question of the cost of the schemes was a matter for the Council and for the Minister for Local Government and he asked that the Council would express willingness to have the schemes proceed as quickly as possible.

Reference was made to the suggestion that in some cases the supplies could be provided by means of small co-operative schemes, and Deputy Carty stated that on 25th instant, there will be a conference in Termonfeckin at which the Minister will speak on small co-operative water supply schemes.

Clr. P. Collins expressed the opinion that there should not be any scheme other than a local authority scheme.

The County Manager explained that there has not been any unnecessary delay in dealing with the schemes as suggested in the Minister's circular, but that the preparation of these schemes required the obtaining of a large quantity of data and it is obvious that the schemes will not be ready for submission for some time.

On the proposition of Clr. P. A. Patten, seconded by Mr. J. Lambert, it was decided that further consideration of this item be deferred for three months, and that in the meantime, any notices of motion relating to water supplies would not be placed on the agenda.

2133 - COUNTY MANAGER: The Chairman and members expressed their good wishes for a successful journey to both the County Manager and His Worship, the Mayor of Galway, who are travelling to the United States on Monday, 24th instant.  
The County Manager thanked the Chairman and members.

2134 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1958, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

The Secretary stated that statements had been received in connection with matters mentioned in the report, and it was directed that particulars of these statements or explanations be circulated to the members and that

further consideration of this report be adjourned until the next meeting of the County Council.

2135 - CORONERS: On the proposition of Council P. Galvin, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, The Council approved revised remuneration for Coroners as set out hereunder, with effect from 15th December, 1959, inclusive:-

- 1. Coroner for North Galway: £131 a year.
- 2. Coroner for East Galway: £233 a year.
- 3. Coroner for West Galway: £386 a year.

This remuneration was in accordance with the revision of salaries for officers generally.

2136 - ARAN DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER: Letter of 14/10/60 from the Department of Health was submitted. The County Manager explained that the existing District Medical Officer for Aran Dispensary District will be retiring under the age limit, and that it will be very difficult to attract and retain a doctor for this district; that in similar circumstances in County Donegal a special allowance of £300 a year was approved in addition to the normal salary.

It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by

Clr. P. Galvin and resolved:

"That the Council approve payment of a special allowance of £300 a year over and above the normal salary scale for the District Medical Officer to be appointed to Aran Dispensary District."

2137 - SUSPENDED DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS: In reply to an enquiry by the Chairman, the County Manager stated that the Minister for Health had given his decision in regard to the three Medical Officers in West Galway who have been suspended; that the Minister was satisfied that the conduct of these officers was such as would warrant their removal from office, but that they had been given an opportunity to resign from their posts, and it had been indicated to them that the Minister for Health will not object to their appointment to other Districts if they are so recommended by the Local Appointments Commission; that the doctors had been so informed and that their replies are being awaited.

2138 - APPRENTICES: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. T. King, the Council approved revised remuneration for the apprentices employed by the Galway County Council with effect from 21st May, 1960, viz:-

- First Year: 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. per hour.
- Second Year: 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. per hour.
- Third Year: 1/4d. per hour.
- Fourth Year: 1/9d. per hour.
- Fifth Year: 2/4d. per hour.
- Sixth Year: 3/- " " (Improver).

2139 - WAGES OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS: Consideration of Item No: 6 on the agenda was, on the Chairman's direction, adjourned until the next meeting.

2140 - CLEGGAN HARBOUR: The Secretary stated that in accordance with the direction of the previous meeting, he had written to the Special Employment Schemes Office enquiring as to the amount of the contribution which would be required from the Council provided that the major scheme at an estimated cost of £8,000 would be carried out at Cleggan Harbour; that a reply had not yet been received to that enquiry.

Clr. P. Joyce stated that at the July meeting he had proposed and it was seconded that the Council agree to the offer made by the Special Employment Schemes Office, as there is nothing to be gained by delaying this matter further.

On the Chairman's suggestion it was decided to defer consideration pending receipt of a reply to the letter sent on 10th instant to the Special Employment Schemes Office.

2141 - ROAD WORKS - COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION: Mr. James Donnellan, former Councillor, who was present, requested that the amount £250 approximately, which would have been available for him be expended on the road leading from the Belclare-Caherlistrane road through New Village.

The County Engineer explained that the position was that Clr. Donnellan had not sent in his proposal before the election in June; that if the Council does not object, the County Engineer would include the road on his list.

On the proposition of Clr. P. Galvin, seconded by Clr. P. O Ceallaigh, it was agreed that this road would be included in the list.

2142 - DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROADS: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, it was resolved:

"That the Council declare the following roads to be public Roads:

No.	Location	Terminal Points.	Length.
1.	Gurteen, Roundstone.	From Main Road No: 160 to Car Park, Gurteen Strand.	90 perches
2.	Silver Strand, Barna.	Extension of Branch Road No: 114 (From Barna Church to Silver Strand)	22 "
3.	Spiddal.	From Main Road No: 180 to Spiddal Dispensary Residence.	83 "
4.	Dooras, Woodford.	From Dooras Cemetery Gate, Road No: 579 to Lough Derg.	193 "
5.	Cotteenty.	From Cotteenty Road No: 136 to Council Cottages.	26 "
6.	Clough Village.	From Main Road No: 90 to Clough Village	182 "
7.	Errislannon.	Extension to Road No: 15 (From Clifden to Errislannon).	560 "
8.	Clasganny to Parkroe.	Connecting Road No: 222 and Road No: 210	1379 yds.
9.	Newton Glynsk to Ardagh.	Connecting Road No: 275 and Stop End.	2112 "
10.	Moneen to Derryvode.	Connecting Road No: 120 and Rd. No: 269.	1638 "
11.	Clonbern to Ballyedmond.	Connecting Road No: 242 and Road No: 253	3577 "
12.	Cloondahamper to Lavally Village	Connecting Road No: 243 and Circular Road.	976 "
13.	Carraun to Ballyglass.	Connecting Road No: 223 and Road No: 225.	3141 "
14.	Garrabeg, Gort.	Adjoining Road No: 390.	396 "
15.	Newtown to Tierneevin.	Connecting Road No: 390 and Road No: 346.	1910 "
16.	Road No: 515 via Tycooley to Mannion's Cross.	Connecting Road No: 463 and Road No: 515.	1760 "
17.	Ballincurry to Gloonfaughna.	Continuation of Road No: 277.	880 "
18.	Killian to Rookhill.	Connecting Road No: 458 and Road No: 458 (Loop)	1320 "
19.	Middle Third to Ardfray.	Connecting Road No: 186 and Road No: 188.	1320 "
20.	Carraroe N.S. to Cross Roads Keeraunbeg.	Adjoining Road No: Co. Rd. 64.	1580 "
21.	Kings Junction Aughrismore to Lobster Pond.	Adjoining Road No: 1.	1100 "
22.	Ballybeg to Glenrevagh.	Connecting Road No: 135 and Rd. No: 135.	825 "
23.	Clough Village.	Connecting Road No: 165 and Road No: 165.	1000 "
24.	Road to Dooras Cemetery.	Adjoining Road No: 579	1056 "
25.	Bracara to Pallas.	Connecting Road No: 576 and Road No: 491.	1980 "
26.	Belleview Road.	Connecting Road No: 430 and Road No: 558.	1800 "
27.	Menlough to Galway.	Adjoining Road No: 39.	100 "
28.	Collinamuck to Porridgetown.	Connecting Road No: 88 and Rd. No: 106.	1350 "
29.	Kiniska Village to Carraun.	Connecting Road No: 147 and Road No: 174.	1760 "

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

2143 - DERELICT SITES AT INISHMORE, ARAN: It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert and resolved:

"That the Council approve the making of Preliminary Orders for the undermentioned sites at Inishmore, Aran, under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940:-

Site No.	Location.	Area.
100.	Oatquarter, Kilmurvy.	10 sq. perches.
101.	Cowragh, Oghill.	6 " "
102.	Cowragh, Oghill.	13 " "
103.	Ballynaoregga, Oghill.	8 " "
104.	Oghill.	8 " "
105.	Oghill.	9 " "
106.	Kilronan.	6. " "
107.	Kilronan.	19 " "
108.	Kilronan.	13 " "
109.	Kilronan.	9 " "
100.	Kilronan.	10 " "
111.	Kilronan.	3 " "
112.	Kilronan.	1 " "

2144 - LORN FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: The Secretary read letter of the 17/10/1960 from the County Engineer, suggesting that each Councillor would select from his proposals roads up to a total length of five miles for each member - or that this selection be made by the County Council.

It was decided that the County Engineer would send to each member a list of the proposals submitted by that member, with a request that the member would reduce the total length to five miles.

Clr. P. Galvin requested that when the County Engineer would be reporting back on this matter to the County Council, he would indicate if, in his opinion, the road, in each case, is or is not a road of general public utility.

2145 - TOWN PLANNING: The County Engineer's letter of 15th September, 1960, together with a list of the townlands recommended to be included in the Town Planning area adjacent to Galway City, was submitted - copies of this list having already been circulated to the members.

On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Cox, the Council approved the proposed area adjacent to Galway City, for which it is recommended that Town and Regional Planning Acts be adopted.

2146 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter of 1st October, 1960, from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, requesting notice of any matters which the Council desires to have placed on the agenda for the next meeting, and it was directed that any members who have such matters for inclusion in the next agenda will send them to the Secretary to the Galway County Council before 5th November, 1960.

The Secretary read a letter of the 11/10/1960 from the General Council stating that the General Council had adopted the Galway County Council's motion that there should be co-operation between the Special Employment Schemes Office and the local authorities in regard to the expenditure of monies on the improvement of roads. The letter also stated that this Council's motion dealing with malicious damage - recommending that there be an amendment of the law, so as to ensure that the cost of the damage will not be levied on the ratepayers -

was, after discussion, withdrawn.

2147 - DISPENSARY FOR BALLYMOE: Clr. P. O Ceallaigh proposed that a dispensary be provided in Ballymoe. This proposal was supported by Clr. P. Sarr.

The Secretary read the County Medical Officer's letter of 12th instant, stating that he had discussed this matter with Dr. Roland, District Medical Officer, Williamstown, who informed him that in his opinion and from his experience as District Medical Officer in the area, there is no need for a dispensary in Ballymoe.

The Chairman stated that in view of the County Medical Officer's advice, the Council could not recommend provision of a dispensary in Ballymoe.

2148 - ROAD WORKS: Clr. O Ceallaigh stated that work mentioned in his Notice of Motion No: 12 (a) (2) was at present being carried out.

2149 - QUARRIES: In accordance with his Notice of Motion, Clr. P. O Ceallaigh proposed that where possible use be made of materials from local quarries for the construction and improvement of roads, and that local labour be availed of in connection with same. Clr. O Ceallaigh referred particularly to Knockagonnell Quarry, which is in fact used by Roscommon County Council.

The Chairman explained that this matter has already been considered several times by the Galway County Council over a number of years, and that the County Engineer had promised that he will, so far as possible, having regard to cost, use material from the local quarries; but that it is not feasible to use materials from the local quarries if it is more costly to do so than to convey material from the central pit.

Clr. P. Sarr supported the recommendation insofar as it referred to Knockagonnell Quarry.

2150 - SCHOLARSHIPS: In reply to Clr. P. O Ceallaigh's enquiry, the Secretary stated that for the coming year, 1961, the Council's Scheme makes provision for eight scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, in addition to the University Scholarships, the number of which is limited by the amount provided annually. Clr. P. O Ceallaigh recommended that scholarships be made available by the Council for tenure in Technological Colleges, viz., Kevin Street, Bolton Street, and Rathmines, Dublin. Clr. O Ceallaigh stated that such schemes exist in Counties Roscommon and Sligo.

It was decided that the Secretary would obtain particulars of these scholarships from counties Roscommon and Sligo; that the particulars be submitted to the County Council when, if considered desirable, they can then be referred for consideration to a meeting of the Education Committee.

Clr. P. Sarr, having complained that valuation is not a fair method of determining eligibility, the Chairman stated that the Council had revised and increased both the valuation and income limits on numerous occasions and that the Minister in fact has refused to sanction any further increase as it is pointed out that the scholarships are provided for those students whose circumstances are such that they would not otherwise be able to avail of secondary or vocational education without the aid of a scholarship.

Clr. Cox supported Clr. O Ceallaigh's recommendation that the scholarships be made available to Technological Colleges, and stated that this is very important in view of the growing industrialisation of the country.

The Chairman stated that a Commission is being set up to consider higher education and problems of this nature.

2151 - MINUTES: Clr. P. O Ceallaigh stated that he inserted his Notice of Motion No: 12 (a) (5) due to the fact that he had been informed at the annual meeting that it would be necessary for the proposer to name the Committee member whom he was proposing; that Clr. O Ceallaigh had since learned that in another county it is the practice to leave one vacancy on the agricultural committee for a nominee of the National Farmers' Association.

In regard to Minutes, the Chairman explained that any member is entitled, before the Minutes are signed, to object to them, if he thinks they contain anything which is an incorrect record of the proceedings; that after the signing the Minutes, permission is given to members to raise matters "arising out of the minutes".

2152 - KILKERRIN-MOYLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Chairman ruled out of order Clr. O Ceallaigh's Notice of Motion No: 12 (a) (6).

2153 - SHRUFFAUN PIER: Consideration of Deputy Goghegan's Notice of Motion No: 12 (b)

was adjourned until next meeting.

**2154 - I.L.C. AND O.P.W. PUMPS:** In connection with Clr. T. King's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that it has been the Council's practice to take over and maintain, when requested by the Office of Public Works or the Land Commission, pumps which have been sunk where a satisfactory water supply has been obtained.

Clr. King stated that this did not cover problems to which he referred, as he knew of cases in which wells had been sunk but pumps had not been erected thereon, e.g., Annaghdown School, Currandulla Garda Barracks, on the lands of the late Mr. P. Furey, Currandulla.

Clr. King stated that what he has in mind is that the Council should take proposals from members who recommend that such wells or pumps be taken over for maintenance.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Galvin and approved.

Clr. P. Collins recommended that the proposal should include cases in which the pump was sunk by the Landlord and the estate was subsequently taken over by the Land Commission.

**2155 - FIRE BRIGADES:** In connection with his Notice of Motion No: 12 (d), Clr. Cox stated that he was aware that the increase to which he referred had been granted to the full-time members of the Galway Fire Brigade in the meantime.

**2156 - MACE PIER:** Consideration of Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion No: 12 (e) was adjourned until next meeting.

**2157 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:** The Chairman directed that consideration of Deputy Killilea's Notice of Motion No: (2) (f) would be adjourned until the annual Roads Estimates Meeting.

**2158 - TUAM SEWERAGE:** In accordance with his Notice of Motion, Clr. P. Patten proposed and it was recommended that Items 12 (g) (1) (a) to (d) inclusive be referred to the appropriate officers, viz:-

- (a) Defective Sewerage at Shop Street and Bishop Street, Tuam.
- (b) Stagnant water on Ballygaddy road to Ballinamona Park, Tuam.
- (c) Primitive Sewerage arrangements at Naughton's Terrace, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
- (d) Flooding and sewerage overflow outside Peter Kelly's house at Old Road, Tuam.

Clr. Patten proposed and Deputy Killilea supported the proposition that sanitary services be provided for the County Council cottages at Forty Acres, Dunmore Road, Tuam.

**2159 - WATER SUPPLIES AND ROAD WORKS:** The Chairman directed that Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion No: 12 (h) (1) and (2) be ruled out of order and be referred to the County Engineer, and that Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion No: 12 (h) (3) be adjourned until the next Roads Estimates Meeting.

**2160 - DUNMORE PUBLIC LIGHTING:** Clr. Burke proposed, in accordance with his Notice of Motion, that two additional lights be erected at the Fairgreen, Dunmore.

Mr. J. Silke, Engineer, explained that the fairgreen is private property and cannot be lighted by the County Council.

Clr. Burke suggested that the Council take over the fairgreen.

Clr. Burke also recommended that pilot lights be provided in the town of Dunmore and the Chairman explained that the money provided for public lighting in the current year's estimate has been expended, and that therefore consideration of this matter must be deferred until the next Estimates Meeting.

**2161 - FAIRGREENS:** Deputy Killilea asked what will be the Council's attitude with regard to taking over fairgreens generally in view of the Department's regulations for sale of cattle.

The Chairman directed that consideration of this matter be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Clr. P. Galvin pointed out that it would require special legislation to abolish prescriptive rights in regard to fairs.

**2162 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, BALLINACWARD:** Consideration of Deputy Kitt's Notice of Motion No: 12 (j) (1) was adjourned until next annual Estimates Meeting.

**2163 - FLOODING AT GARRAFINE, CALTRA:** In reply to Clr. Kitt's Notice of Motion, No: 12 (j) (2), the County Engineer stated that the flooding is caused by surface water coming off the adjoining lands and the overflow of a drain, the cleaning of which is not the Council's responsibility. Deputy Kitt stated that he believed that if the drain was cleaned it would relieve the flooding.

The Council requested the County Engineer to do whatever it is feasible to do in regard to this matter.

Clr. P. O'Leary proposed that resumption of the Local Authorities (Works) Acts schemes be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the General Council of County Councils.

Clr. J. Dowd suggested that for the next agenda of the General Council the Council recommend that the Office of Public Works be amalgamated with the County Council.

The Chairman stated that he would not accept this recommendation.

**2164 - ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS:** It was directed that consideration of Deputy Kitt's Notice of Motion No: 12 (j) (3) and (4) would be adjourned until the next Annual Roads Estimates Meeting.

**2165 - ROAD SIGNS:** Referring to Deputy Kitt's Notice of Motion, No: 12 (j) (5), the County Engineer stated that temporary signs will be erected at Castlefrench, pending the receipt of proper signs from Bord Failte; that the latter may take some time as Bord Failte are working on a priority list.

Clr. P. Galvin stated that two main roads cross at this place; that consequently the Cross Roads is extremely dangerous and that "Stop" signs should be erected on one of the two roads.

The Chairman recommended that the County Engineer would issue a circular to all schoolteachers requesting that they would ask the children to refrain from damaging road signs.

**2166 - VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR OUGHTERARD:** In the absence of Deputy Coogan, consideration of his Notice of Motion No: 12 (k) was adjourned until the next meeting.

**2167 - PUBLIC LAVATORY FOR DUNMORE:** In connection with Clr. Patten's Notice of Motion No: 12 (L) (1) the Secretary submitted the County Engineer's report of 20th October, 1960, giving the result of his survey of the need for public conveniences of this nature, and explained that funds for provision of these conveniences have not been provided in the current year's estimate.

Mr. Silke stated that he had restricted this survey to towns with a population of 250 or more.

Clr. Flaherty pointed out that it is not the population residing in the towns who need this convenience but the people who come into the towns to do business.

It was directed that consideration of the County Engineer's report of 20th October, 1960, would be adjourned until the next Estimates Meeting.

**2168 - DUNMORE SEWERAGE:** In regard to his Notice of Motion No: 12 (L) (3) Clr. Patten stated that he would furnish further particulars of this nuisance.

**2169 - ROAD WORKS:** Consideration of Deputy Millar's Notice of Motion No: 12 (m) (1) and (2) was adjourned until the Roads Estimates Meeting.

**2170 - DENTAL SERVICES:** In connection with Deputy Millar's Notice of Motion No: 12 (m) (3) the Secretary stated that dental clinics for extractions had been approved for Portiuncula Hospital, but a clinic or clinics for provision of dentures at Portiuncula Hospital have not been approved by the Minister; that the number of adults seeking dentures who are still on the waiting list is 156 and that that number should be cleared off in approximately eight months.

Deputy Millar stated that a list had been sent to Portiuncula Hospital of people in that vicinity who require dentures, and that since the dentures will not be provided in Portiuncula Hospital, that list should be returned so as to be included in the waiting list for the County Clinic.

**2171 - OPHTHALMIC SERVICES:** Clr. P. O'Callaghan stated that he is aware of a case of a man who is on the waiting list at Portiuncula (for spectacles) for six months, and asked for particulars of the ophthalmic services being provided by the Council at Portiuncula Hospital.

2172 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with:

- (a) Deputy Geoghegan on the death of his Uncle.
- (b) The relatives of Mr. Robert Furey, Oranbeg, Oranmore, who was killed in a road accident on 21st instant.

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 THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.  
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*L. O'Luanaigh Ronai*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*M. Carr Chairman.*

*26<sup>th</sup> November, 1960*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
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Oifig an Runai,  
 Bothar Mor,  
 Gaillimh.

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 Gaillimh 2055.

17 Shamhain, 1960.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarntar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Conndae Dia Sathairn, 26adh la de Shamhain, 1960, ag tosú ar 12.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'Luanaigh.

Runai.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deeds for Loans:-
  - (a) £50,000 for Trucks and fuel tanks.
  - (b) £36,500 for Barna Water Supply Scheme.
  - (c) £32,800 for Inishmore (Aran) Regional Water Supply Scheme.
  - (d) £14,000 for Ahascragh Sewerage Scheme.
  - (e) £5,800 for Sewerage Extensions at Loughrea, Gort and Athenry.
  - (f) £2,050 for Assistant Engineer's office, Loughrea.
4. Visiting Committee Minutes:-
  - St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea. 22/9/1960.
  - do. 5/11/1960.
5. Sale of Plot at Kilmurvy, Aran - Notice 20/10/1960.
6. Application for extension of Cong Water Supply to some houses in County Galway.
7. Alterations to Tuam Water Supply Scheme as a result of the Corrib-Clare Drainage scheme.
8. Aran Water supply extensions:-
  - (a) To Killeany and Eararna.
  - (b) To Mainistir.
9. Appointment of Temporary Rate Collector for No.14 District for period to 30th April, 1961.
10. Revision of Remuneration for Rate Collector No.14 District.
11. Revision of Remuneration for Rate Collector No.36 District.
12. Creation of Temporary office of Clerical Officer for three months from 7/11/1960.
13. Continuation of temporary appointment of Clerk to County Galway Old Age Pensions Committee.

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## 14. Revision of salaries of:-

County Engineer.  
County Medical Officer.  
Assistant County Medical Officers.  
Dentists.  
District Medical Officers.  
County Accountant.

## 15. Auditor's Reports.

## 16. Wages of Ambulance Drivers (Minute No.2139 of 22/10/1960.)

## 17. New-Village Road (Minute No.2141 of 22/10/1960).

## 18. Scholarships in Technological Colleges.

## 19. Fairs and Fair Rights (Minute No.2161 of 22/10/1960).

and  
Clr. T. King's Notice of Motion, viz:-  
"That this Council acquire the toll rights (where possible) in all towns in the County where fairs or markets are held".

## 20. Fixing date of December meeting (since the 4th Monday will be St. Stephen's Day).

## 21. Making of Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 for Site No. M.1, Monivea.

22. (a) Deputy F. Congan: "That in view of the need for a Vocational School in Oughterard, the Council make recommendation for the provision of same".(b) Deputy John Geoghegan:

- (1) "I will propose that the canal at Shruffane Pier, Carraroe be cleaned".
- (2) "I will propose that a hand-rail be put beside the ladder on the pier at Mace, Carna".

(c) Clrs. John Mannion & P. D. Joyce: "That the Galway County Council widen the roadway from the County Council Office, Clifden to a point past the Dispensary Residence".(d) Clr. P. D. Joyce:

- (1) "That a Dispensary be erected at Cashel".
- (2) "That a Branch Library be opened at Cashel".
- (3) "That the source of the Cleggan water supply be fenced or covered".
- (4) "That a street light be provided on the E.S.B. pole near the Central Hotel, Clifden".
- (5) "That extra street lights be provided between the Domestic Economy School and Clifden".

(e) Deputy T. Miller: "I propose that plot attached to dispensary residence at Eyrecourt be sub-divided, in order to facilitate Mr. Patrick Quirke, Eyrecourt, who has had the use of this plot for a number of years, and bring to a satisfactory conclusion a matter which has been the subject of much controversy, legal and otherwise, for quite a long time".(f) Deputy M. F. Kitt: "At the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will propose that a footpath be provided opposite the Church in Ballymacward from the corner of the priest's house to the new Hall".(g) Clr. G. Kelly:

- (1) "That pipes be laid to carry the water for a short distance on the Coolarne road near the Convent School, instead of the open drain, which is there at present".
- (2) "That public lighting be provided for Brooklodge Monastery Church".
- (3) "That the flooding of James O'Shaughnessy's premises, Turloughmore be relieved".
- (4) "That public lighting be provided for Lackagh Church".
- (5) "That an ambulance be provided to remove the victims of fatal accidents from the scene of the accident".

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(h) Clr. Martin Mannion:

- (1) "I will propose that dangerous bend at Killascobe cross-roads be eased".
- (2) "That parking space be made available at Kilkerrin cemetery".
- (3) "To have large tree removed at Cooloorty Junction on Moylough-Galway main road".
- (4) "To have back cart way gravelled to Mountbellew town".

(i) Deputy M. F. Kitt: "That this County Council invite the Celtic Congress to County Galway next year".(j) Clr. Seamus Kyne: "That in view of the fact that Dublin, Belfast, Cork and Limerick have or are about to have Airport connections, would the Council consider taking immediate steps to have an Airport in Galway".(k) Clr. F. Mullin: "I, or some member acting for me, shall ask the County Manager to advise on the progress made towards carrying out the Sewerage Scheme at Woodford".(l) Clr. M. Mannion:

- (1) "At the next meeting of the County Council, I will propose that the County Engineer make provision:-
  - (a) That water lodging on Main Road be remedied opposite Brierfield P.O.
  - (b) To prevent water entering into Francis Donohue's house, Ballinastack.
- (2) "That the removing of dangerous bends on the Galway-Roscommon Main Road Horseleap Cross be included in this year's Main Road Improvements for carrying out, and also dangerous bend at Killareron Church, Barnaderg."
- (3) "That sign posts be erected at Laught cross-roads and also at Rushes Cross".
- (4) "To ask the County Engineer when does he propose to steamroll road between Abbeyknockmoy Church and Rychill Church".
- (5) "I will propose that the public street light at Monastery Corner, Mountbellew be moved to a position opposite the Church".

(m) Deputy M. Carty: "At the next meeting of the County Council, I or some other member acting on my behalf shall ask the County Manager to furnish each Councillor with a progress report on all applications for B.O.H. cottages under the specific instance scheme setting forth:-

- (1) Name and address of applicant.
- (2) Date when application was received.
- (3) Present stage reached.

Further, I shall ask the Council to recommend the issue of quarterly returns on the above lines".

(n) Clr. Jos. Lambert: "That the Council request the proper authority to carry out a drainage scheme for the Oranhill, Mares district to relieve flooding there".(o) Deputy M. F. Kitt: "At the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will propose that the following roads be put on the Five Year Plan for steamrolling:-

- (1) "Road No.428 from Menlough through Polnabrone to Cloonkeenkerill".
- (2) "Road No.421 from Glentane to Killascobe".
- (3) "Road No.423 from Lehenagh Cross to Doonwood".

(p) Clr. M. Mannion & Deputy M. F. Kitt: "At the next meeting of Galway County Council, we will propose:-

- (1) That road No.416 from Scary's Cross to Cooloo Junction be completed (original road from Garbally School to Cooloo Junction)".
- (2) That branches of road 512 known as Back Lane from Market Square, Ballygar and branch to Killaroran Graveyard be repaired and tarred.
- (3) That road No.409 between Cloonreelagh Junction and Annaghmore Junction be tarred and steamrolled.
- (4) Road No.261 from New forest junction to Kiltullagh Junction at Main Road No.270 be steamrolled and tarred.
- (5) That road by hill in Killasolan village be piped and gridded as surface water is continually wearing the road.
- (6) That roads Nos. 456 and 259 be put on the Five Year Plan for steamrolling (i.e. from Windfield Bridge to Cappagh)".

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(a) Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh:

- (1) "That additional lighting be provided at Ballygar".
- (2) "That this Council supports the application by the people of Ballygar for a Vocational School".
- (3) "That alterations be carried out at the F Junction opposite Martin Cunningham's house on the Newbridge-Ballinamore Bridge road".
- (4) "That the County Manager inform the Council of the cost of the survey which was carried out by the team of efficiency experts".
- (5) "That signposting at Ballygar be improved".
- (6) "That the County Manager inform this Council of any relief schemes which he intends to introduce, in order to relieve the serious unemployment in the county".

23. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO  
CONSIDER DIFFERENTIAL RENTS WHICH WAS HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1960.

CHAIRMAN: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy J. Geoghegan and Ctrs. J. Cox, P. Galvin, P. Patten and J.J. Ruane.

Mr. T.M. O'Connor, Assistant County Manager, Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer and Mr. L. O Luanaigh, Secretary.

Deputy M. Carty was unanimously appointed Chairman.

The Chairman explained the terms of the existing scheme for differential rents, which ranged between a minimum of 10/- a week and a maximum varying between 35/2d. and 37/2d. a week, the maximum being the economic rent for the scheme of houses in which the tenant resides.

The differential rent includes rates at the rate applying in the year in which the cottage was built, and any subsequent increases in rates are added to the tenant's rent.

The minimum rent of 10/- a week applies in all cases in which the gross income does not exceed £5 a week.

Allowances for dependents are as follows:-

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| (a) For wage earners, other than the tenant:     | 10/- a week. |
| (b) For dependents other than the tenant's wife: | 6/- a week.  |

These allowances are deducted from the gross income and the rent payable is one-sixth of the net income, subject to the proviso above that the minimum rent of 10/- a week applies where the gross income does not exceed £5 a week.

The Chairman explained that this works out unfairly in the case of tenants whose gross income exceeds slightly the amount £5 a week.

Proposes Scheme: The proposed scheme was submitted for consideration providing that:-

1. The minimum rent of 10/- a week would apply in all cases in which the net assessable family income does not exceed £5 a week.
2. Where the net assessable family income exceeds £5 and does not exceed £7 a week, the rent to be 10/- a week plus one-third of the amount by which the assessable income exceeds £5 a week.
3. Where the net assessable family income exceeds £7 a week, the rent chargeable to be one-sixth of the net assessable family income.

It is estimated that a reduction in rents resulting from this proposed scheme would be approximately £340 a year.

Particulars of the operation of the existing scheme in Tuam, Athenry, Headford and Portlanna were given.

Clr. Cox stated it is noted that the proposed scheme will give relief to tenants whose net assessable income does not exceed £7 a week, and stated that he would like to see this relief extended up to £8 a week.

The Assistant County Manager explained that it is very difficult to get the Minister's sanction to an amendment of the scheme; that any further extension of the relief would involve a greater loss of rents and that it is unlikely that any such proposal would be sanctioned.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Geoghegan, it was explained that the only family income excluded is children's allowances.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Patten, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin and resolved:

"That the Committee recommend to the County Council that the proposed scheme as described above be adopted."

The Chairman directed that particulars of the scheme be circulated to the members of the Council prior to meeting on the 26th instant.

Clr. P. Galvin asked if the review of tenants' income would be restricted to once yearly.

Mr. Doyle explained that this would not be approved by the

Department of Local Government and that at present the practice is to have the review carried out once in three months.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. P. Patton, it was explained that affidavits in regard to tenants' income are sought only in very exceptional cases; that in normal cases the tenant is required to make once a year a statutory declaration on a form which is supplied to him.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1960.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Joyce, Kelly Gerald, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Kyne, Senator Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Deputy Millar, Clrs. Mullins O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat and Sirr.

2173 - SYMPATHY: The Council unanimously adopted a vote of sympathy with the Army authorities and with the relatives of the Irish soldiers killed in the Congo Republic. Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

The brother and relatives of Mr. Stephen Flynn, Chairman of Leitrim County Council.  
Mr. W.E. Kennedy, Assistant County Engineer, Tuam, on the death of his father.  
Mrs. J. Freaney, High Street, Galway, on the death of Mr. Martin Freaney, Rate Collector.  
Dr. J.P. Sexton, Ballygar, on the death of his daughter.  
The Blunny family, St. Paul's Road, Galway, on the death of Mr. Christopher Blunny.  
The widow and relatives of Superintendent Patrick Lonorgan, Monksfield, Salthill, Galway.  
The relatives of the late Mr. Henry Flaherty, Woodquay, Galway.  
The relatives of the late Mr. James Folan, Woodquay, Galway.  
The Stiff Family, 60, Cooke's Terrace, Bohermore, on the death of Mr. Stiff.  
The Kelly Family, New Docks, Galway.

2174 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to 2172 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to amendment of Minute No: 2171 to provide that Cr. P. O Ceallaigh had made a recommendation that the number of ophthalmic clinics held at Portuncula Hospital be increased to four per month.

2175 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCHEME FOR COTTAGES: The minutes of meeting of Committee held on 22nd November, 1960, and the letter of 23rd November, 1960, sent to members of the Council, were submitted, and the proposed scheme for differential rents as set out in these minutes and in the letter was approved by the Council on the proposal of Deputy F. Coogan seconded by Clr. P. Patten.

2175 (a) - RESIDENT MEDICAL STAFF QUARTERS AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: In connection with Minute No: 2099 letter of 2nd November, 1960, from the Secretary, Department of Health was submitted, stating that the Minister is not prepared to authorise any increase in the grant of £20,000 allocated for this work which was clearly stated to be a maximum figure.

This letter was noted.

2175 (b) - CLEGGAN PIER IMPROVEMENT: With reference to Minute No: 2103, the Secretary stated that the Director, Special Employment Schemes Office, had been informed that the Councillors for the area maintained that the restoration of the dock gates at Cleggan is essential to give adequate protection to boats, and that the Council wished to be informed of the amount of the contribution which would be required from the Council, provided that the major scheme at an estimated cost of £8,000 would be carried out.

Letter of 18th November, 1960, from the Director, Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted, explaining that the funds at the disposal of that office are limited to minor marine works and that schemes of the order of cost of £8,000 would be outside the scope of the proposals which they could finance that they are advised that even in stormy weather the scheme proposed would prevent swell and maintain calm conditions in the docks; that if at a later stage the increased use of the harbour would warrant the need for further improvement by provision of dock gates, the boom now proposed to be provided would afford the necessary protection for the gates.

After considering this letter, it was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Council approve the carrying out of the scheme proposed by the Special Employment Schemes Office, at a total cost of £2,150, of which 25% will be contributed by the Galway County Council and the Council to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works when completed."



2176 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary submitted particulars of Malicious Damage claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mrs. Ellen Feeney, Shantalla Road, Galway - damage to gate and pillars, wall and window, £50.

Mr. Dermot Carter, Ballinduff, Corrandulla - damage to van, £30.

2177 - LOAN FOR TRUCKS AND FUEL TANKS: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 30th September, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £50,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of trucks and fuel tanks, to be repaid within five 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."

2178 - LOAN FOR BARRA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan 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 £36,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

2179 - LOAN FOR INISHMORE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan 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 £32,800 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

2180 - LOAN FOR AHASCRAUGH SEWERAGE SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £14,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

2181 - LOAN FOR SEWERAGE EXTENSIONS: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 28th day of September, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £5,800 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on sewerage extensions at:

- (a) The Hill, Loughrea,
- (b) Crowe Street, Cort,
- (c) Hotel School, Athenry,

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."

2182 - LOAN FOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, LOUGHREA: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 28th day of September, 1960, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £2,050 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of offices at Loughrea, for the Assistant County Engineer and the Agricultural Instructor, to be repaid within five 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."

2183 - NEW TRUCKS: A discussion took place in regard to the possibility of the Council's employing C.I.E. temporary drivers who would be displaced when the Council's new trucks will be brought into operation.

The County Manager stated that in recruiting drivers, the primary consideration will be that the persons to be appointed should be competent drivers and that, subject to this, consideration will be given to applications from displaced C.I. Drivers at the Council's gravel pits and to applicants who are married men.

2184 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The Minutes of meeting of the Visiting Committee held at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, on 22nd September, and 5th November, 1960, were submitted and noted.

In reply to an enquiry by the Chairman, the County Manager stated that it is expected that the transfer of patients from St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, to the Unit in Merlin Park Sanatorium will be carried out during the next week.

Deputy Kitt stated that he trusts that a patient who is on the point of death will not be transferred from the Regional Hospital to the County Home, and the County Manager stated that a patient who is not in a condition for transfer would not be removed from the Regional Hospital.

It having been suggested that a considerable number of patients admitted to the County Home died within fourteen days of admission, the Assistant County Manager stated that particulars of such cases were obtained, and in a period of a little over twelve months three patients transferred from the Regional Hospital had died within fourteen days, and one patient transferred from Portiuncula Hospital had died within a similar period.

2185 - DERELICT SITE NO. 1, KILMURVY, ARAN: Letter of 20th October, 1960, which was sent to each member of the Council in pursuance of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, was submitted and on the proposition of Clr. S. Kyne, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the proposed sale of a plot at Kilmurvy, area 3 sq. perches, 6 sq. yards to Mr. Michael Conneely (Michael), Kilmurvy, for £26. 12. 6d. plus costs of conveyance of the plot to Mr. Conneely.

2186 - ATHENRY DERELICT SITES: Deputy Coogan stated that a derelict site at Athenry was acquired by the Council without giving the owner an opportunity of having the site cleared up.

The County Manager stated that this was not so, and that in fact no attempt to clear up the site was made prior to the making of the Vesting Order.

2187 - ARAN DERELICT SITES (1960): The Chairman stated that there had been objection to the publication of Preliminary Orders for acquisition of derelict sites in Aran in the English language.

Clr. J. Donnellan proposed that all advertisements for matters relating to the Gaeltacht be in the Irish language.

Clr. J. Flaherty objected to the use of Irish in communications to people who do not understand the Irish language.

Clr. T. King considered that those who would be able to read the Preliminary Order if published in Irish would also understand that Order when published in English.

The discussion terminated.

2188 - CONG WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: Correspondence in connection with a suggestion that the Cong water supply (County Mayo) be extended to serve houses in Galway, viz:-

1. Clonbur Road extension which would serve two houses at a total estimated cost of £387 plus pro-rata for bulk items on the Bill of Quantities, and provision for supervisory expenses.
2. Extension north to Drumshiel cottages which would serve three houses and a school at an estimated cost of £260 plus overheads as above,

was submitted, and the proposal was approved on the proposition of Deputy M. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Kyne, it being noted that an annual charge of £20 would be payable to Mayo County Council in respect of the supply of water for these extensions.

2189 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY: On the proposition of Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. P. Sarr, the Council approved the employment of a Consulting Engineer for the carrying out of alterations to Tuam Waterworks Scheme rendered necessary as a result of Corrib-Clare drainage scheme.

**2190 - ARAN WATER SUPPLY EXTENSIONS:** The Secretary gave particulars of the estimated cost of extension of the Kiltronan Water Supply Scheme to Killeeny and to Bararna, viz., £5,113 and £3,300 respectively; the estimated cost per house for these extensions being £147 for the extension to Killeeny and £410 for the extension from Killeeny to Bararna.

The County Manager recommended that the extension to Killeeny only would be carried out.

After discussion, the Council pointed out that taking the two extensions together the cost per house for the entire scheme would be reduced to a reasonable figure, and the Council, on the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, approved the carrying out of both extensions, i.e., to Killeeny and to Bararna.

Correspondence was submitted in regard to extension of the Aran Regional Water Supply Scheme to the village of Mainistir, the estimated cost being £5,000 which is equivalent to approximately £700 per house.

It was noted that the County Manager did not recommend that this scheme be carried out in view of the very high cost, and no further action was taken by the Council in regard to it.

**2191 - WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES - GENERAL SURVEY:** Clr. P. Collins asked if the County Manager could at some future date give some estimate of the increased rate in the £. which will be required to meet the cost of the provision of water supplies in the county generally as contemplated in the general survey; Clr. Collins stated that he had heard it stated that in a neighbouring county this increase amounted to a rate of about 5/- in the £. and asked how the ratepayers can afford this great increase in the rates. The County Manager stated that it would be very difficult to give any estimate, at least until the survey would be completed, but that undoubtedly the cost will be very high.

AT THIS STAGE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. T. King stated that rural people are as well entitled to sanitary services as people residing in towns and that the Council should give every encouragement to the extension of water supplies to rural areas.

Clr. Flaherty also stated that an estimate of the expected increase in the rates should be supplied, so that those concerned may know that they cannot have the service without considerable addition to their rates. Clr. Flaherty also considered that water rents should still be collected from those receiving a water supply from the Council.

Clr. P. Patten pointed out that at an earlier meeting it was decided that all consideration of water supplies would be deferred for three months, and in view of this it was agreed that further consideration of this matter would be deferred.

**2192 - TEMPORARY RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO: 14 DISTRICT:** On the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, the Council appointed Mrs. Julia Freaney High Street, Galway, widow of the former Collector, to act temporarily as Rate Collector for No: 14 District, from 1st November, 1960, to 30th April, 1961, inclusive.

**2193 - REMUNERATION OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO: 14 DISTRICT:** Particulars of the revised remuneration for the incoming permanent Rate Collector for No: 14 District, having been circulated, were submitted.

Deputy Killilea stated that Collectors have difficulty in lodging the required amount at 30th September, in each year, to enable them to qualify for the bonus, and he suggested that the percentage at this point should be reduced from 75% to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %.

The County Manager pointed out that the conditions of appointment, including this provision in regard to the bonus, had been prescribed by the Minister for Local Government.

Clrs. Burke and O Ceallaigh considered that the vacancies should not be filled and that the Council should have a system of collecting rates either through the banks or by payment into the Council's offices.

Clr. P. Sirm considered that it is wasteful to require a Collector to retire at the age of 65 which involves payment of a pension to the Collector retiring, and payment of a salary to his successor.

The County Manager pointed out that this might be said in the case of all officers who are subject to an age limit as well as a Rate Collector.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh suggested that particulars be obtained of the cost of rate collection in other counties where the rates are collected direct from the Council's Offices.

The County Manager stated that the office collection which is being carried out in a few counties is only in an experimental stage and for a small number of districts in each county; that in these counties the Councils are still dependent upon the ex-Collector for the performance of such duties as preparation of the election Electors' Lists, checking of abatement claims, etc; that any extensive collection of rates from the Council's offices would require recruitment of additional staff there, that there should be a proportion of the overhead expenses charged into that expense also.

Eventually the Council approved the proposed revised remuneration for the Rate Collector in District No: 14, on the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd.

**2194 - REMUNERATION OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO: 36 DISTRICT:** The statement circulated to the members was submitted, giving particulars of the proposed remuneration for the incoming permanent Collector when the existing Rate Collector will retire on reaching the age limit on 11th June, 1961.

Clr. King stated that since the Collector does not reach the age limit until a date within the next financial year, he considered that that Collector should continue in office until the close of the collection of rates for the year ended 31st March, 1962, and requested that this matter be enquired into.

In regard to the bonus condition of 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the warrant being collected by 31st March, the County Manager informed Councillor King that he has a discretion in regard to this condition in a case in which in fact 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the warrant is not collectible at all.

On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council approved the proposed remuneration for the incoming Rate Collector for No:36 District.

**2195 - RATES - EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES:** Clr. King stated that he has learned that in some counties eleven months' employment in a calendar year is regarded as "employment for the full year" for the purpose of granting an employment allowance.

The County Manager stated that the law provides that the man concerned shall be employed for the full twelve months and that if the Minister desires that there should be some relaxation of this requirement, he should amend the law accordingly.

Eventually it was directed that the Secretary obtain particulars from other counties of the period of employment required to qualify for an employment allowance, and that this matter be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

**2196 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved the creation of a post of clerical officer for a period of three months from 7th November, 1960 to replace a clerical officer from the County Accountant's Department, who will be assisting the Auditor.

**2197 - COUNTY GALWAY OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE:** On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert, the Council approved the extension of Mr. David Egan's employment as temporary clerk to the County Galway Old Age Pension Committee for a period of six months from 1st December, 1960 to 31st May, 1961, inclusive.

**2198 - SALARY REVISIONS - SENIOR STAFF:** Letter of 10th November, 1960, which was sent by the County Manager to each member of the Council, giving particulars of revision of salaries of certain senior officers recommended subject to the Council's approval and the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, was submitted.

After a discussion, the Council adopted a proposal by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, that consideration of this matter be deferred until next meeting of the Council when it will be considered by the Council in committee before the start of the ordinary meeting.

**2199 - AUDITOR'S REPORT:** The Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the River Fergus Joint Drainage District Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1960, was submitted and noted.

As the County Manager's statement on the audit of the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years to 31st March, 1958, had only been

received by some members on 26th instant, it was decided to defer further consideration of that report until the next meeting of the Council.

2200 - WAGES OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS: Consideration of this item (No: 16 on the Agenda) was adjourned until the next meeting.

2201 - NEW VILLAGE ROAD: Clr. O Ceallaigh referred to Minute No: 2141 of 22nd October, 1960, and explained that it was ascertained subsequently that this road is already maintainable by the County Council.

Clr. O Ceallaigh requested that since this road is very much in need of improvement, the Council would agree to expenditure of the amount allocated on improvement of this existing road.

The Chairman explained that since this money is allocated especially for new roads, the Council could not agree to this request.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh then proposed that Clr. Donnellan be permitted to nominate another road instead.

This proposal was opposed by Deputy M. Killilea.

It was eventually decided that it would be left to the County Engineer to select a road within a radius of five miles of Tuam Town.

2202 - SCHOLARSHIPS IN TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGES: With reference to Minute No: 2150, the correspondence in the meantime was submitted, stating that Sligo Vocational Education Committee awards scholarships to Kevin Street Technical School and Sligo County Vocational Committee awards scholarships to Bolton Street Technical School; also that Monaghan County Council operates a scheme whereby scholarships are tenable at certain City of Dublin Vocational Schools.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, it was directed that this matter be referred to the County Vocational Education Committee for consideration.

2203 - VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS: Deputy F. Coogan recommended that when a student who obtains a Council's scholarship also obtains a scholarship from some other source, the amount of the Council's scholarship should not be abated.

The County Manager explained that this abatement is made in accordance with the terms of the scheme, and is in accordance with the primary purpose of the scheme, i.e., to provide scholarships to assist with their education, students who could not otherwise afford to pursue a course in a secondary school or a University.

2203 (a) FAIRS AND MARKETS: Clr. King proposed in accordance with his notice of motion that the Council acquire the toll rights (where possible) in all towns in the county where fairs and markets are held.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. J. Dowd.

The Chairman suggested that in order that this matter might receive consideration, Councillors would give to the Secretary particulars of the persons owning the toll rights in the towns in their area.

The following particulars were then given:-

Town.	Owner of Fair Rights.
Gort.	Mr. James Broderick, The Square, Gort.
Clifden.	Mr. Festy King, Main Street, Clifden.
Woodford.	Mr. Joseph Sullivan, Kylemore, Abbey, Loughrea.
Headford.	Mr. Richard Garaghty, Headford.
Eyreecourt.	Mr. John Higgins, Eyreecourt.
Dunmore.	The Trustees.
Mountbellew.	Mr. Emmet Fleming, Mountbellew.
Ballygar.	Mr. Martin Kelly, Ballygar.
Moylough.	Mr. Emmet Fleming, Mountbellew.

The County Manager stated that in many cases the fair rights are valueless, and that there will be a difficulty in establishing the legal right of the "owner to collect tolls."

Clr. P. Galvin stated that while it is desirable to remove fairs from streets and while he considers that tolls should be abolished entirely, it is to be noted that there is a loss in the collection of the tolls in Ballinasloe town, and that the Council could not expect that there would be any profit in taking over the fair rights in towns in the County.

2204 - NEXT MEETING: It was unanimously decided that the next ordinary meeting of the Galway County Council would be held on Wednesday, 21st December, 1960, commencing at

12.30. p.m. - Item No: 14 on this agenda to be considered in Committee before the other business of the meeting will commence.

2205 - DERELICT SITE No: M.1, MONIVEA: Consideration of the making of a Preliminary Order for acquisition of this site was adjourned until the next meeting of the Council, so as to give the owner an opportunity to have the site cleaned up.

2206 - VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR OUGHTERARD: Deputy Coogan proposed that the Council recommend that a Vocational School be provided in Oughterard.

The Chairman gave particulars of the progress being made by the Vocational Education Committee in the provision of technical schools, showing that six new schools have been provided in recent times, and that extensions had been provided to a large number of existing schools; that the programme is being carried out in such a manner as to give equal consideration to the various areas in the county; that new schools are now under consideration for Glenamaddy, Carna, Cornamona and Athenry.

Clr. J. Donnellan stated that this item was considered by the Vocational Committee at their last meeting and that the need for a school in Oughterard is being investigated.

Clr. P. Joyce stated that during five years of his membership of the Vocational Education Committee he did not receive any demand for a vocational school in Oughterard; that since this matter received some publicity recently, an application had been made by the National Farmers' Association, and that on the proposal made by Clr. Donnellan and Councillor Joyce, the need for a school in Oughterard is being investigated.

2207 - SHRUFFAUN PIER: In connection with Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, letter of 27/10/1960 from the Gaeltacht Department was submitted, stating that a grant could not be given for the cleaning of this quay since that would be maintenance work for which the Council is responsible; that if after having cleaned up the quay it appears that further improvement is necessary, the matter would be considered again.

Clr. Geoghegan explained that what he is seeking is that the silt and mud be removed.

The County Engineer stated that the estimated cost of doing this is £180 and the work was approved unanimously.

2208 - MACE PIER: It was noted that the hand-rail is being provided, and that the broken rungs of the ladder are being replaced at this pier.

2209 - DISPENSARY FOR CASHEL: The Secretary stated that this item, which is the subject of Clr. Joyce's notice of Motion No: 22 (d)(1) had been under consideration before and that in 1957 the County Medical Officer reported that there is no need for a dispensary in that area.

The County Manager stated that the number of patients attending the two existing dispensaries at Recess and Roundstone is less than ten in the week, and that consequently it would be very difficult to justify the provision of an additional dispensary at Cashel.

It was eventually recommended that the District Medical Officer be requested to state whether he considered that a dispensary should be provided at Cashel.

2210 - BRANCH LIBRARY FOR CASHEL: It was directed that Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion No: 22 (d) (2) be referred to the Library Committee for consideration.

2211 - CLEGGAN WATER SUPPLY: With reference to Clr. Joyce's notice of motion No: 22(d)(3) the County Engineer's report of the 25th instant was submitted, giving an estimate of £66 for the work, and stating that provision for it will be made in next year's estimate.

2212 - CLIFDEN PUBLIC LIGHTING: It was directed that Clr. Joyce's notice of motion No: 22 (d) (4) and (5) be referred to the County Engineer for consideration at the next Estimates meeting.

2213 - EYREECOURT DISPENSARY RESIDENCE PLOT: Deputy Millar requested in accordance with his notice of motion that the dispensary residence plot at Eyreecourt be divided so as to allow Mr. Patrick Quirke, Eyreecourt, to have a portion of the plot, "the use of which he has had, in fact, for many years".

The County Manager explained that this plot was acquired as a derelict site, and that the entire site belongs to the Council and that Mr. Quirke has trespassed on the plot and has erected a fence there without

any right to do so, and without any permission from the Council; that there cannot be any consideration of this matter until the Quirke's cease trespassing and remove the fence which they erected.

Clr. Dowd stated that there is no space at the back of Quirke's house and that they had been keeping fowl on this plot for many years.

Deputy Millar stated that the fence is down, if not removed.

2214 - ROAD DRAINAGE AT COOLARNE: Clr. Kelly stated that in reference to his notice of motion No: 22 (g)(1) he thought that a short length of pipe would remedy the trouble.

The County Engineer explained, however, that the closing of the gap with pipe of the same diameter as that already running through the remainder of the drain would cause more trouble as there would be frequent blockages of the pipe which could not be cleared; that the drain is too small to permit of the laying of large pipes, and that also there was difficulty regarding compensation to be paid to the adjoining land owner for discharging the water onto his land.

Clr. Kelly stated that this man is prepared to take any compensation he is offered by the Council, and the County Engineer undertook to have him interviewed again.

2215 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - BROOKLODGE MONASTERY: Consideration of this item was deferred until the next Estimates Meeting.

2216 - FLOODING AT TURLOUGHMORE - MR. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY'S PREMISES: With reference to Clr. Kelly's notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that this house is, and always has been below the road level and that in fact any work carried out by the Council has improved matters rather than otherwise; that the Council cannot carry out any work in this case as the Council has no legal responsibility therefor.

Clr. P. Ruane suggested that it might be possible to have the water, which flows down a long hill, diverted before it reaches O'Shaughnessy's.

Finally, the County Manager suggested that Mr. O'Shaughnessy could pay the cost and give an indemnity to the Council that the work could then be carried out by the Council.

2217 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, LACKAGH: Consideration of this item was deferred until the next Estimates meeting (22 (g) (4)).

2218 - AMBULANCE SERVICE: With reference to Clr. Kelly's notice of motion, No: 22 (g) (5) it was noted that this matter had been discussed at a Visiting Committee meeting at the Regional Hospital, and the Secretary explained that the Minister for Health had given authority for the use of an ambulance for the conveyance of injured persons from the scene of an accident immediately after the accident, even though the persons might be apparently dead; that the ambulance could not be used for the conveyance of bodies discovered some time after their deaths.

2219 - ROAD WIDENING: With reference to Clr. Mammion's Notice of motion No: 22 (h) (1) the County Engineer stated that this work would receive attention in the course of the carrying out of the major scheme which is at present in hands.

With reference to Clr. Mammion's notice of motion No: 22 (h) (3) the County Engineer stated that this tree does not, in his opinion, interfere very much with the view and that the owner objected to its removal; that if the owner has withdrawn his objection, he will remove the tree.

2220 - CELTIC CONGRESS: With reference to Deputy Kitt's Notice of Motion No: 22 (1) the County Manager stated that the Congress organisers have already notified Galway Corporation that they are coming to Galway. It was therefore considered unnecessary to take any action in regard to inviting them.

2221 - GALWAY AIRPORT: It was proposed by Clr. S. Kyno, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and approved, that in view of the fact that Dublin, Belfast, Cork and Limerick have or are about to have airport connections, the Council recommend to the Ministers for Transport and Power, the Gaelteacht, and Industry and Commerce, that an airport be established in Galway.

2222 - WOODFORD SEWERAGE SCHEME: With reference to Clr. Mullins' notice of motion No: 22 (k), Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E. stated that the delay in this case was due to the fact that there was difficulty in obtaining agreement as to the amount of the compensation for the site for the disposal works; that agreement had now been reached, and that it would be possible to issue advertisement inviting tenders immediately the

land is legally conveyed to the Council.

2223 - FLOODING: With reference to Clr. M. Mammion's notice of Motion No: 22(1) (1) (a) and (b), regarding flooding at Brierfield and at Ballinastack, the County Engineer stated that he will be able to attend to these matters out of the current year's maintenance monies.

2224 - MOUNTBELLEW PUBLIC LIGHTING: Consideration of Clr. M. Mammion's Notice of Motion No: 22 (1) (5) was adjourned until the next Estimates meeting.

2225 - NEW COTTAGES - SPECIFIC INSTANCES: It was proposed by Deputy Carty and unanimously agreed that each Councillor be furnished twice-yearly with a progress report on all applications for cottages under the Specific Instances Scheme, setting forth:

1. Name and address of applicant.
2. Date when application was received.
3. Present stage reached.

2226 - DRAINAGE AT ORANHILL AND MAREE: Consideration of Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion No: 22 (n) was adjourned until next meeting.

2227 - BALLYGAR PUBLIC LIGHTING: Consideration of Clr. P. O Ceallaigh's notice of motion No: 22 (a) (1) was adjourned until the next Estimates meeting, and it was requested that Clr. O Ceallaigh would specify the places at which the additional lighting is required.

2228 - VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR BALLYGAR: Clr. P. O Ceallaigh in accordance with his notice of motion No: 22 (a) (2) requested that the Council would support the application by the people of Ballygar for a Vocational School.

The Chairman explained that this matter is already under consideration by the Vocational Education Committee and that the need for a vocational school at Ballygar is being investigated by the Chief Executive Officer.

2229 - ROADS ESTIMATES MEETING: It was directed that consideration of the following roads items on the current agenda would be referred to the next Roads Estimates Meeting:

Items 22 (a), 22(f), 22(h) (2 and (4)), 22 (L) (2), (3) and (4), 22 (o), 22(p) and 22(q) (3) (5) (6).

2230 - EFFICIENCY EXPERTS: In reply to Clr. P. O Ceallaigh's notice of motion, No: 22 (q) (4), the Secretary stated that the cost of the survey carried out by the firm of Industrial Consultants in 1958 was £1,785.

2231 - RELIEF SCHEMES: Clr. P. O Ceallaigh requested that a list of the relief schemes for the current year would be supplied to him.

2232 - ROAD WIDENING, GALWAY CITY: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the County Engineer stated that he is awaiting the consents of the landowners for the acquisition of land required for road widening at Threadneedle Road, Galway.

The Chairman stated that the Governing Body, University College, Galway, requests that the Council would consider widening University Road all the way from the corner at the hospital down to the Canal.

Deputy Coogan requested that there be a recess in the wall near the University entrance, so that a bus shelter could be provided there.

2233 - GALWAY COURTHOUSE: Clr. J. Cox, having enquired as to the progress which had been made with the provision of suitable accommodation for the caretaker of Galway Courthouse, Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E., stated that he could not find any site in the vicinity, and the County Engineer explained that the plans prepared by the Council's Architect some years ago were not for provision of a separate dwelling, but for an extension of the existing courthouse on to the pathway facing the Salmon Weir Bridge; that this would still leave some of the quarters under the road level and that the County Medical Officer does not approve of this.

Clr. T. King suggested that the rooms vacated by the former State Solicitor might be utilised in such a manner to provide better accommodation for the caretaker.

The County Manager stated that these rooms have been taken over by the County Registrar and for use as a Solicitors' Consulting Room on

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days on which the Court is in progress.

There was some reference to the expiring lease of the Town Hall, Galway, and to the necessity for the provision of a municipal building, and finally the County Manager informed Clr. Cox that he would not see any solution to the problem of provision of suitable quarters for the caretaker except by granting her a living-out allowance, if the County Registrar would be agreeable to the caretaker's living away from the Courthouse.

The Council wished speedy recovery from her illness to Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Seán MacLoighin*

*Chairman.*

*29th December, 1960.*

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Galway County

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1960.

PRESENT: Clrs. T. King, and J. Mannion, Deputy J. Geoghegan, Dr. M.J. Dyar, Dr. W.J. McHugh, Dr. C.F. MacCon, Mr. T.M. O'Connor, Assistant County Manager, Mr. P. Duffy, Staff Officer, Mr. L. O Luanaigh, Secretary.

1 - CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Deputy M. Carty, it was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Mannion and resolved:

"That Mr. Thomas King, County Councillor, take the Chair."

Clr. King then took the Chair.

2 - MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 1960, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars of Medical Cards issued:

Total Number of applications received:	26,299.
Total number granted:	23,302.
Number refused:	2,712.
Number under consideration:	285.
Number of cards current:	20,592.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	61,108.

Deputy Geoghegan requested that particulars of the number of cards cancelled for reasons other than death or departure from district be given to the members at the next meeting of the Committee.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that he considered the letter sent to card-holders when applications are being revised is misleading and causes alarm to the card-holders.

Clr. John Mannion was informed in reply to his enquiry that in any case in which there is a complaint that a person not entitled to a card has received one, the means of that person are re-investigated.

Doctor Dyar complained of the insufficiency of the dental service, and stated that many people are suffering great pain and ill-health through defective teeth.

Clr. J. Mannion pointed out that it is the policy for the Minister for Health that the funds available for dental services will be used principally for the treatment of children.

Deputy Geoghegan requested and it was agreed that by the Committee that particulars of the number of medical cards issued for each district and still current be made available to the members of the Committee.

4 - GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Doctor McHugh requested that additional parking facilities be made available at the Regional Hospital.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he had been looking into this matter already; that in fact there is extensive parking space near the back gate to the hospital and that the County Engineer has been requested to see what can be done to have the space available utilised more fully.

Dr. McHugh requested that special parking space be reserved for the members of the Medical Staff.

5 - MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars of the Maternity Services:

Number of Maternity Cash Grants approved for payment since 1st April, 1960:	1,157.
Number paid in financial year to 31st March, 1960:	1,681.
Number of agreements for maternity services in operation:	
Doctors - District Medical Officers:	41.
" - Private Practitioners:	68.
Midwives - Dispensary District Midwives:	33.
" - Private:	38.

6 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following particulars of allowances under the Disablement Persons Maintenance Allowances Regulations:-

Total number of applications received:	3,996.
Total Number granted;	1,979.
Total number refused:	1,961.
Number under consideration:	56.
Number of allowances discontinued by reason of death, award of State pension, etc.	540.

Dr. McHugh was informed that the maximum rate of disablement allowance is £1 per week.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the expenditure on these allowances is likely to exceed the amount provided in the estimate.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the money spent on disablement allowances might be utilised more beneficially on provision of the dental services.

Mr. J. Mannion stated that these allowances are given only to persons who have no means to support themselves; that in many cases a person who would not seek home assistance does apply for and receive disablement allowance which in such cases is very much needed.

Deputy J. Geoghegan recommended that information be given regarding the amount of the reduction in home assistance for each applicant who was receiving home assistance prior to being awarded a disablement allowance.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the compiling of these statistics would not serve any useful purpose, and the discussion was not pursued.

Dr. Dyar complained of the delay in implementing the rehabilitation provisions of the Health Act, 1953.

7 - DISPENSARY SERVICES: Dr. Dyar pointed out that since the dispensary opening day is a fixed day in each week, it is sometimes necessary to open dispensaries on a Church Holyday. Dr. Dyar asked if an alternative opening day would be arranged in such cases.

In the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out that putting up a notice in the dispensary on the previous dispensary day would not meet the case since patients attending on a particular day would in most cases not have been at the dispensary on the previous opening day.

The Committee did not make any recommendation.

The Chairman wished the members and staff a Happy Christmas.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMH.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.

13 Nollaig, 1960.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Conndae An Cheadaoin, 21adh la de mhí na Nollag, ag tosnu ar 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

Runai.

A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Revision of salaries of the Senior Officials specified in item 14 of agenda for meeting 26/11/1960. (This item will be considered by the Council in Committee).
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Claims.
4. Visiting Committee Minutes:-  
Regional Hospital, 29. 10. 1960.
5. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan of £25,000 for issue of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
6. Overdraft for quarter to 31. 3. 1961.
7. Excess expenditure on Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances in year ending 31. 3. 1961.
8. Rates - employment allowances - minute 2195 of 26. 11. 1960.
9. Creation of offices for Public Analyst's Laboratory:-  
(a) Clerk-Typist.  
(b) Technician Trainee.
10. Proposed payment to Mr. M.G. Little, Orthopaedic Surgeon for period 15. 8. 50 to 30. 9. '55 of compensation for loss of private beds.
11. Auditor's Reports.
12. Adoption of University Scholarship Scheme 1961, with amendments similar to those in the Secondary Scholarship Scheme already adopted.
13. Application by Gael Linn, Carna, for remission of rates, under Section 9 of the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952.

14. New Roads - Co. Engineer's proposals for expenditure of £250 - Minute No: 2201 of 26/11/1960.
15. Making of Preliminary Order under Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 for Site No: M1, Monivea.
16. Dispensary for Cashel - Minute No: 2209 of 26. 11. 1960.
17. Closing of St. Mary's Home, Tuam - Minute No: 2112 of 1. 10. 1960.
18. Water Supply Scheme for Caltra-Castleblakeney.
19. Water Supply Scheme for Milltown.
20. Galway Courthouse reconstruction - engagement of Architect.
21. Declaration of road to be a public road viz: Road at Ard East, Carna, length 448 perches.
22. Fixing dates of meetings viz:-
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| Roads Estimate Meeting:      | 31st December, 1960. |
| Estimates Committee Meeting: | 4th March, 1961.     |
| Estimates Meeting:           | 25th March, 1961.    |
23. Airport for Galway - Minute 2231 of 26. 11. '60.
24. Members' Notices of Motion:
- (a) Clr. J. Lambert: "That the Council request the proper authority to carry out a drainage scheme for the Oranhill, Laree District to relieve flooding there."
- (b) Clr. W. Burke:
1. That 2 lights be erected outside Caherlistrane Church and Hall.
  2. I will propose that the Dunmore fairgreen be taken over by the Council."
- (c) Deputy M. Killilea: "I propose that Mr. Peter Raftery Ballygar be appointed on the Ballygar-Mountbellew O.A.P. Committee."
- (d) Clr. P.A. Patten: "Take notice that at the next meeting of Galway County Council I will propose that the Council provides a properly developed public park and other suitable amenities in the Palace Grounds, Bishop Street Tuam."
- (e) Clr. G. Kelly:
1. I propose that if suitable drivers are available on the present County Council staff, that first preference be given to them, as drivers of the additional new lorries.
  2. I propose that the members of the Western Health Institutions Board, on this Body, request at their next meeting that the hours of admission to Merlin Park be changed from 4. 15. to 3. 15. during the winter months
- (f) Clr. J. Dowd:
1. I will propose that the old arch now in a dangerous condition at the Kiltormer end of the Belvue Road be removed.
  2. I will propose that about one hundred yards of drain be cleaned in order to avoid flooding of the dispensary and Priest's house and other houses in Kiltormer."
- (g) Clr. M. Mammion: "At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that cottage plot at Carralena Kilkerrin, tenant John Carr, be drained."

24. (h) Clrs. P. Sarr and P. O Coallaigh: "That this Council instructs its officials to prepare a report on the following items as listed in a letter which was forwarded to the Co. Manager and to all Councillors in the Tuam area, by the Secretary of the Glonamaddy Development Association, and that any improvements which can be effected should be carried out at once:-
1. The Old Cemetery:
    - (a) Re-surfacing of entrances.
    - (b) repair of gates from Church Street entrance. They do not meet or match and consequently cannot be locked.
    - (c) repair of boundary walls.
    - (d) erection of a street lamp at the Church Street entrance.
  2. A number of street lamps are required in the town.
  3. The completion of the road widening at the Ballymoe Road.
  4. The removal of the wall between Mr. P. Quinn's and Garda Stn.
  5. The extension of the footpath from the Curate's residence to the new Cemetery.
  6. Improvement of town entrance from the Kilkerrin Road.
  7. Extension of the water supply.
  8. The flooding of houses on Main Street and Kilkerrin Road be prevented.
  9. The erection of Traffic Island on the square be carried out.
  10. Tree planting of the streets be carried out.
  11. The cleaning of streets after fair days be completed more speedily.
  12. The foot path at the gate between Mr. Heneghan's and Mr. Burke's residences on the Kilkerrin Road be lowered.
  13. Blind turns on each of the roads leading to the town be improved.
- (i) Clr. P. O Coallaigh: "That in order to speed up the cleaning of streets after fairs and where a public water supply exists, County Council workers be supplied with hose, etc."
- (j) Deputy T. Millar: "It is the opinion of this Council that plot of ground at Killan which has been the subject of much negotiation should be disposed of at a figure deemed to be market value."
25. Other business.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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Galway 2055.

Secretary's Office,  
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GALWAY.

15th December, 1960.

To Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

Please note that, on the direction of the Chairman, the meeting of the Galway County Council, which was summoned for 21st instant, has been postponed until Thursday, 29th December, 1960 - commencing at 12.30.p.m. in the County Buildings, Galway.

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 THURSDAY,  
29th DECEMBER, 1960.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Deputy M. Carty,  
(2) Deputy J. Geoghegan.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Millilea, Cllr. King, Deputy Kitt, Cllr. Kyne, Senator Lahiff, Councillors Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane, James, Ruane Pat, and Carr.

2234 - REVISION OF SALARIES: The Council went into Committee to consider this item.

The County Manager's letter to each member of the Council dated 10th November, 1960, was submitted.

The Chairman explained that the total additional expenditure for implementation of these proposals would be £8,880 for the period from 1st August, 1960, to 31st March, 1961, and would be £13,325 for a full year; that the recoupment from the Health Grant would be £4,440 for the period of eight months to 31st March, 1961, and would be £6,662 for a full year; that, consequently the net amount falling on the rates in the current year would be £4,440 and for a full year £6,662; that the increase in rate involved would be 1.75d. in the £. for the current year, and 2.62d. in the £. for a full year.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Geoghegan, the County Manager stated that he had received applications for increases of salaries from other grades in addition to those mentioned in his letter of 10th November, 1960, but that a decision had not yet been reached in the case of any of these other applications.

Senator Lahiff stated that farmers and shopkeepers cannot afford any further increase in rates and that he therefore opposed the proposals.

Senator Lahiff was supported by Mrs. J. Flaherty, and P. Collins, Mr. Collins stating that he had sympathy for the District Medical Officers.

Cllr. Lambert stated that the hardship being experienced by the District Medical Officers is a result of the Health Acts.

The County Manager pointed out that 94% of the expenditure involved in granting the revisions proposed is due to the increases proposed for District Medical Officers.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that the County Librarians deserve an increase in remuneration, and requested particulars of the remuneration received by District Medical Officers from all sources.

Deputy Coogan proposed that revised salary scales as set out in the County Manager's letter be approved for the County Engineer and for the County Accountant.

Deputy Kitt stated that he had heard that the remuneration of the County Librarian had been revised in another county; that if the increases proposed are in line with similar revisions in the Civil Service that they should be approved by this Council.

Cllr. P. O'Ceallaigh stated that the remuneration paid to the lower grades of officers employed by the Council is not as high as that being paid in other services: such as the Electricity Supply Board.

Cllr. P. Patten expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by the Council's Officials and stated that he favoured the proposed revision.

Cllr. T. King stated that while satisfied with the officials' performance, he considered that in a small country like this there should be a maximum figure beyond which any salary should not be increased; that he suggested that consideration of this matter be adjourned until the Estimates Meeting when particulars of increases sought by all grades be placed before the Council.

The County Manager pointed out that in the past twenty-five years the percentage increase in remuneration granted to the lower grades of employees and officers has been much higher than the percentage increase granted in the same period to the higher grades of officers; that the considerable increase now proposed for District Medical Officers is by way of compensation for loss of part of their private practice through the issue of Health Cards.

The Chairman explained that almost 40% of the people in this county are entitled, through the issue of health cards, to free medical treatment; that formerly a great number of these patients would have paid fees to the doctors and



that consequently it could be said that the doctor has lost approximately 30% of his income from private practice; that if the increased salaries are granted by other authorities doctors will not be attracted to vacant posts in a county which has not approved the increased remuneration.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that he agreed with Clr. King that this matter should be considered at the Estimates Meeting, when information will be available on the increases sought by all grades concerned.

The County Manager stated that the Minister is not prepared to consider a general revision for all grades, but only for those grades who are entitled to an increase on their own merits.

Clr. Dowd stated that he would like to support the proposed increase for District Medical Officers but that he objected to the granting of an increase by the Council, a great portion of which would be returned to the Revenue Commissioners by way of income tax.

Deputy Geoghegan asked that information be supplied as to the total paid in each year to each District Medical Officer.

Clr. P. Ruane supported the proposals for an increase in the revision of District Medical Officers.

Clr. P. Joyce stated that District Medical Officers' income from private practice varies from District to District and that account should be taken of the doctors' income from other sources in fixing his revised salary.

The County Manager explained that an additional allowance of £300 a year has already been approved for Ardnahilly Dispensary District and that a similar allowance for Inishboffin cannot be considered until the post again becomes vacant.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion and seconded by Clr. J. Glynn that the proposals for revision of the salary scales of the County Engineer, County Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officers, County Accountant, District Medical Officers and Dentists as set out in the County Manager's letter of 10th November, 1960, be approved.

Clr. King suggested that since there is a great difference in the number of medical cards for each dispensary district some system of remuneration should be devised which would be proportionate to the number of patients on the General Medical Services Register for the particular dispensary district.

The County Manager stated that he had at one time suggested this to the Minister for Health but that the Minister did not agree that it was feasible.

The Chairman stated that leaving out the proposals for the District Medical Officers' increase, the annual amount required to pay the increases proposed for all the other grades is £820, less £350 from the Health Grant, i.e., a net of £470 a year to be borne by the rates.

It was proposed by Senator Lahiff and seconded by Clr. Flaherty that 50% of the increase proposed by the County Manager for District Medical Officers be approved, and that the remaining proposals set out in the County Manager's letter of the 10th November, 1960, be not approved.

Clr. J. Lambert suggested that each grade be taken individually for consideration.

Clr. J. Glynn pointed out that formerly there were two County Surveyors in this county, at a time when the amount of work to be carried out was very much less.

Deputy Geoghegan and Clr. King suggested that Senator Lahiff would withdraw his proposal, but Senator Lahiff stated that he regretted that he was not prepared to withdraw.

Clr. G. Kelly supported Senator Lahiff. It was proposed by Deputy Killilea and seconded by Clr. Lambert that the Council approve 50% of the increase proposed for each grade as set out in the County Manager's letter of the 10th November, 1960.

A vote was then taken between Clr. Mannion's and Deputy Killilea's proposals, resulting as follows:-

For full increase as set out in County Manager's letter of 10th November, 1960 - for District Medical Officers: Clrs. Canning, Carty, Coogan, Donnellan, Geoghegan, Glynn, Kitt, Mannion, J., Mannion M., Mullins, O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P. and Sirr (16).

For 50% of the increased remuneration as set out in County Manager's letter of 10th November, 1960 - Clrs. Burke, Collins, Cox, For District Medical Officers:

Dowd, Flaherty, Joyce, Kelly, Killilea, King, Kyne, Lahiff, Lambert (12).

The Chairman declared Clr. Mannion's proposal approved, i.e., that the full increased remuneration be granted to District Medical Officers, i.e., on a revised salary scale of £900 to £5 to £1250 a year with effect from 1st August, 1960.

It was then proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Clr. P. Patten that the revised remuneration proposed for each of the other grades other than District Medical Officers be approved.

At this stage Deputy Killilea withdrew his proposal.

Clr. Cox stated that since the increase had been approved by the Council for the District Medical Officers it would not be correct to differentiate and that it should therefore be approved in full for the other grades also.

The Chairman then directed that a vote be taken on the question as to whether the revised salary scales set out in the County Manager's letter of the 10th November, 1960, for the County Engineer, County Medical Officer, County Accountant, Assistant County Medical Officers and Dentists be approved in full or be refused.

This vote resulted as follows:-

For the full increase: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Carty, Coogan, Cox, Donnellan, Geoghegan, Glynn, Joyce, King, Kitt, Mannion J., Mannion M., Mullins, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr (19)

For Refusal of the proposal: Clrs. Collins, Dowd, Flaherty, Kelly, Killilea, Kyne, Lahiff, Lambert and O Ceallaigh (9).

The Chairman declared Clr. J. Mannion's proposal approved for the other grades concerned, viz., that the revised remuneration as set out in the County Manager's letter of 10th November, 1960, be approved with effect from 1st August, 1960, for the following grades, viz:-

County Engineer:	£1880 x £65 to £2140.
County Accountant:	£1065 x £40 to £1345.
County Medical Officer:	£1880 x £65 to £2140.
Assistant Co. Medical Officers:	£1350 x £40 to £1550.
Wholetime Dentists:	£1300 x £40 to £1550.

Clr. T. King suggested that the increases should not be retrospective.

The Chairman pointed out that the vote was taken on the proposals set out in the County Manager's letter of 10th November, 1960, which stated that they would apply from 1st August, 1960, inclusive.

Clr. King proposed that the revised remuneration apply from 1st January, 1961, only.

This proposal was not seconded.

The meeting in Committee then terminated and the Council adjourned proceedings until 3.30 p.m.

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

And giving particulars of the decision arrived at by the meeting in Committee stated that in order to remove any doubt he now proposed, and it was seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved:

"That the revised salary scales for the County Engineer, County Medical Officer, County Accountant, District Medical Officers, Assistant County Medical Officers and wholetime Dentists as set out in the County Manager's letter of 10th November, 1960, are approved by the Council with effect from 1st August, 1960, inclusive, and that the Council also approves the additional expenditure involved in giving effect to these proposals in the current year.

DEPUTY J. GEOGHEGAN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

2235 - MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting to No: 2233 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2236 - AMBULANCE SERVICES: Clr. G. Kelly stated that recently ~~when a body was~~ taken out of a river, the ambulance was not provided to remove it to the morgue.

The Secretary read Minute No: 2218 of 6th November, 1960, in which the regulations regarding the use of the ambulance in such cases had been explained, i.e., that it could be used for conveyance of injured persons from the scene of the accident immediately after the accident, even though the persons might be apparently dead, that the ambulance could not be used for the conveyance of bodies discovered some time after their deaths.

Deputy Coogan stated that it is deplorable that there is no fixed arrangement for conveyance of bodies in such cases, and requested that this matter would be investigated by the County Manager, with a view to making proper arrangements.

2237 - ADJOURNED ITEMS: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Joyce, the Secretary stated that normally when consideration of a Councillor's Notice of Motion is adjourned at a meeting, then the notice of motion appears on the agenda for the next meeting; that, however, it was recently directed that all notices of motion relating to road works be referred to the Roads Estimate Meeting, and that notices of motion relating to water supplies should not be placed on the agenda.

2238 - RATE COLLECTOR, NO: 36 DISTRICT: Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Clr. T. King pointed out that the Rate Collector for No: 36 District, will not reach the age limit of 65 years until 11th June, 1961; that according to regulations, he would be permitted to continue temporarily until 30th April, 1962, if his warrant had been issued to him before he reached the age limit; that it is accidental that the warrant will not be in the Collector's hands by 11th June, 1961, and in fairness, he considered the Collector's employment should be continued temporarily up to 30th April, 1962, which would in fact, result in a saving of the amount of the Collector's pension for that period. Clr. King therefore proposed, and it was seconded by Deputy Kitt that the employment of Mr. J. Dermody, Rate Collector for No: 36 District, be continued temporarily from 11th June, 1961, to 30th April, 1962, inclusive. This proposal was supported by Clrs. P. Patten and P. Collins, and was approved by the Council.

2239 - GORT SEWERAGE: Senator R. Lohiff complained that during the Christmas time the manholes at Crowe Street, Gort, had burst, and that crude sewerage was running down the street, and requested that this matter would receive urgent attention.

Mr. Silke, C.A.C.E., stated that the defect/due to broken pipes at the rear of the houses in Crowe Street; that the remedying of the defects is in progress and would already be completed but for the Christmas break.

2239 (a) MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received since the previous meeting, viz.,

Mr. Thomas McCormack, Blmbank Hatcheries, Cavan - for damage to a sign at Rosshill, 16/11/60 - £33. 13. 9d.  
Mr. Thomas Derrane, Oatquarter, Kilonan, Aran - damage to wooden gate, concrete pillars and wall, 25/10/60 - £50.

2240 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The Minutes of meeting of the Visiting Committee held at the Galway Regional Hospital on 29/10/60, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. F. O Ceallaigh, the County Manager stated that he had received a protest from RGDATA in regard to the establishment of a shop at the Regional Hospital, and that this protest is receiving consideration and will be considered by a meeting of the Visiting Committee.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the County Manager stated that he had already authorised the provision of mirrors over the washbasins at the hospital.

2241 - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOAN: It was proposed by Deputy M.F. Kitt and seconded by Clr. J. Dowd and resolved: "That our Corporate Seal be

affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £25,000 proposed to be advanced by them to use under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1958."

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

2242 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Deputy M.F. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £200,000 on the Council's General Account for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1961."

2243 - DISABLED PERSONS' MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave particulars of the expenditure on the above, and explained that it is anticipated that there will be an excess of £2,500 in the current year over the amount approved in the Estimate.

The excess expenditure of £2,500 was approved by the Council on the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. P. Sarr.

2244 - RATES - EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary stated that as directed in Minute No: 2195, he sought particulars from each other County Council of the minimum employment accepted for the granting of an employment allowance; that in a number of cases employment for the whole twelve months was required, while in some cases special consideration was given to a break due to illness or difficulty in obtaining a replacement, the maximum annual period allowed for such breaks varying from two weeks to four weeks.

The Council requested that this matter would be referred to the County Manager for consideration.

2245 - PUBLIC ANALYST'S LABORATORY: On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. P. Sarr, the Council approved the creation of the following offices for the Public Analyst's Laboratory, Galway:-

- One Clerk-typist, with salary scale at the normal rate approved for clerk-typists generally.
- One Trainee Technician with salary scale similar to that being paid to Trainee Technicians in the Public Analyst's Laboratory, Dublin.

2246 - ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON: On the proposition of Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Clr. T. King, the Council approved the making of a payment at the rate of £450 a year to Dr. M.G.A. Little, Orthopaedic Surgeon, for the period from 15th August, 1950, to 30th September, 1955, inclusive, as compensation for loss of his private beds during the same period, this payment to be abated by the amounts already paid by counties Galway, Roscommon and Mayo.

It was noted that the total net amount payable to Surgeon Little will be £1280. 10. 3d. which will be divided over the counties Donegal, Leitrim, Roscommon, Sligo, Mayo and Galway, County Galway's proportion being £235. 1. 5d.

The Council also approved the additional expenditure involved in giving effect to this proposal in the current year.

2247 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Galway County Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1958, was submitted and was, on the proposition of Clr. P. Sarr, seconded by Clr. G. Kelly, noted.

The Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees for the year ended 31st March, 1960, was submitted and noted.

2248 - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME, 1961: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council hereby adopt a scheme for University Scholarships (ordinary and agricultural) for the year 1961, similar to the scheme for 1960, with the following amendments:

- £640 to be substituted for £540 in Clause I.

2248. (b) £700 to be substituted for £600 in Clause IV (2) (i).  
 (c) £14 to be substituted for £12 in Clause IV (2) (ii).

2249 - UNDEVELOPED AREAS ACT, 1952: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved: "That the Council hereby grant remission of rates in accordance with Section 9 of the Undeveloped Areas Act, 1952, to Gael-Linn, 54, Sraid Grafton, Baile Atha Cliath, for their factory premises at Ard East, Carna."

2250 - ROAD WORKS, 1960/61: The County Engineer's letter of the 7th December, 1960, was submitted and, on the proposition of Clr. P. Patten, seconded by Clr. P. Ruane, the Council approved the proposal therein re construction of new roads, viz.,

1. Road to Gaelic Sports Stadium, Tuam, from Barrack Street to Sports Stadium - 20 perches, £130.
2. Road to Bone Meal Factory, Kileelaim from Main Road at Kileelaim to Bone Meal Factory, Length 87 perches, £120.

2251 - DERELICT SITES, MONIVEA: On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion, the Council decided to adjourn until next meeting consideration of the making of a preliminary Order for acquisition of Derelict Site No: M1, Monivea.

2252 - DISPENSARY FOR CASHEL: The Secretary stated that as directed at the previous meeting he had requested the District Medical Officer to give his views on the necessity for the establishment of a dispensary at Cashel; that as the District Medical Officer is absent owing to illness, a reply has not been received.

Consideration of this item was adjourned until next meeting.

2253 - ST. MARY'S HOME, TUAM: The Secretary stated that in Minute No: 2112 of 1st October, 1960, it was agreed that members of the Oireachtas who are members of the Galway County Council would approach the Minister for Health in regard to the proposed closing of St. Mary's Home, Tuam, and that the result of that deputation had not been received by the Council.  
 It was directed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2254 - CALTRA-CASTLEBLAKENEY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this scheme is £35,765 i.e., approximately £343 per house.  
 On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council approved the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to prepare detailed plans of the scheme.

2255 - MILLTOWN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this scheme is £41,266 or approximately £308 per house.  
 On the proposition of Clr. W. Burke, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn, the Council approved the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to prepare detailed plans of the scheme.

2256 - GALWAY COURTHOUSE RECONSTRUCTION: The Secretary submitted letter of 9th December, 1960, of the County Manager, requesting that the Council approve the engagement of the services of an Architect to submit a draft reconstruction plan and an estimate of the cost of reconstructing the Courthouse at Galway.  
 Deputy F. Coogan and Clr. M. Mannion requested that they be informed of the procedure for appointment of Architects, both stating that competent Architects are available in Galway County.  
 The County Manager explained that Mr. P.J. Sheahan, Architect, had already carried out a preliminary survey of this work for which he had not received any payment.

The County Engineer stated that the Department's direction in regard to Consultants is that except in certain specific cases, an advertisement inviting applications be inserted - one of the

exceptions being that the employment of a Consultant may be extended when he has been engaged previously for the same work.

Clr. M. Mannion proposed that any future work be offered to Architects in Galway.

Clr. J. Donnellan considered that local Consultants should get preference when qualifications, etc. are equal.

Deputy Kitt stated that there have often been long delays in preparation of schemes by Consultants, that if too much work is given to one Consultant resulting in delays, then the work should be divided between a number of Consultants.

Clr. P. Joyce stated that in the case of Letterfrack Sewerage Scheme the documents had been held up with the Consultants for fourteen months.

Clr. King asked if it was necessary to employ an Architect and if the work could not be carried out in this case by the Council's Engineer.

Clr. J. Glynn suggested that if the roof is in a bad condition the extension might be made upwards.

Clr. J. Cox stated that he was inclined to agree with Mr. King that for a reconstruction job an Architect would not be necessary; that he was mostly concerned with the accommodation of the caretaker.

Clr. P. Patten stated that it was the feeling of the meeting that preference be given to local Architects and that it might be recommended to the County Manager that this be borne in mind.

Clr. J. Glynn proposed, and it was seconded by Clr. E. Mullins, that an Architect be engaged to submit a draft reconstruction plan and estimated cost of the work required at Galway Courthouse.

It was proposed by Clr. W. Burke and seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty that an Architect or Consultant be not employed for this purpose.

Clr. T. King suggested that this work be deferred as several times it has been represented that the Department of Justice should take over the control of courthouses.

Eventually Clr. Burke withdrew his proposal and the Council therefore approved the proposal made by Clr. J. Glynn.

2257 - PUBLIC ROADS: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, it was resolved:

"That the Council hereby declare that the following road should be a public road, viz:-

Location:  
Ard East, Carna.

Terminal Points: From the junction with Road No: 46 north of Ard school to the cross roads adjoining the Gael Linn factory.

Length: 448 perches.

2258 - MEETINGS: It was unanimously agreed that the following meetings will be held on the dates specified:

Roads Estimates Meeting:	7th January, 1961.
Estimates Committee Meeting:	4th March, 1961.
Estimates Meeting:	25th March, 1961.

2259 - AIRPORT FOR GALWAY: With reference to Minute No: 2221 of 26th November, 1960, the Secretary read letter of 10th December, 1960, from the Secretary, Department of Transport and Power.

Clr. P. Kyne stated that the Council should take an active part along with Galway Corporation in having an Airport established in Galway.

Deputy F. Coogan stated that the Galway Corporation would welcome the co-operation of the Galway County Council in this matter.

The County Manager suggested that the Chairman or one of his colleagues in the Mail might put down a question asking the Minister to state how the cost of the Galway Airport is being defrayed.

2260 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:

Mrs. Kineen, Presentation Road, on the death of her sister.

Mrs. Vincent Judge, Carrowounlaun, Caherlistrane, on the death of her husband.  
 The Moran Family, Bohercuill, Caherlistrane.  
 Corless Family, Cloonascragh, Caherlistrane.  
 Brehony Family, Mire Hill, Caherlistrane.  
 The Haverty Family, Cloonboo, Levally, Tuam.

2261 - ADJOURNMENT: Consideration of members' notices of motion Nos 24 (a) to (j) was adjourned until the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. O. LUANAIGH - Runai*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*M. Carb Chairman*

*Date: 28/1/61*

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,  
 County Buildings,  
 GALWAY.

2nd January, 1961.

To:  
 Each Member of the Council.

ROADS ESTIMATE MEETING.

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, 7th January, 1961, commencing at 12.30 p.m., to consider the Estimate for Road Works for the year ending 31st March, 1962.

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

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1961, TO CONSIDER THE ROADS WORKS ESTIMATES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1962.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. Burke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Cllr. King, Deputy Kitt, Cllr. Kyne, Senator Lahiff, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Deputy Millar, Cllrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

1 - ROAD AT ARD EAST, CARNA: The Secretary explained that the Council had recently declared a public road a road at Ard East, Carna, length 448 perches; that the County Engineer now recommends that a further section of this road, length 50 perches, be declared a public road.

On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Committee recommended that the Council proceed with the formalities for declaring a public road this road at Ard East, Carna, from the Cross Roads near the factory to the factory gate, length 50 perches.

2 - ROADS ESTIMATE, 1961/62: The estimate as circulated to the members was submitted, showing a total estimated expenditure for main roads £180,130, and for county roads £213,165.

The Chairman explained that the Estimate submitted for the year 1961/62 is the same as that for the current year, subject to the following variations:-

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| (a) Loan Charges, Main Roads:   | Increase £40. |
| (b) Loan Charges, County Roads:   | " £60.        |
| (c) The amount £7,750 for members' notices of motion in the current year is not provided in the estimate submitted. |               |

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Collins, seconded by Deputy M. Carty and resolved: "That the Council call on the Minister for Local Government to continue the tourist road grant for a further period of eight years."

The Chairman, Deputy M. Carty, congratulated the County Engineer on presenting a roads estimate which does not show any increase on the previous year, despite the fact that wages have been increased.

The Chairman stated that this is an excellent contribution towards stabilisation of the county rate and he proposed, and Deputy J. Geoghegan seconded that the estimate as submitted be approved.

Cllr. J. Cox requested information regarding the improvement of the road from Moneenaguisha Cross to the Tuam Road.

The County Engineer explained that the improvement on that section of road would be carried out out of the Main Road Improvement Grant; that the carrying out of these improvements depends on the amount of the Main Road Improvement Grant which will be made available, and the demand for other necessary improvements in other parts of the City of Galway.

Deputy Coogan supported Cllr. Cox in requesting improvement of the road from Moneenaguish Cross to the Tuam road, and also requested that there be some improvement of the corner at Moneenaguisha.

Proposals for Taking over of New Roads: Deputy M. Kitt stated that he would not agree with the proposal for approving of the estimate unless something is provided for Councillors' Notices of Motion for new roads.

The County Engineer stated that the list of proposals submitted by Councillors for the taking over of new roads under the loan is now being sent to the Assistant County Engineers for report and estimate, which will then be referred to the Department of Local Government.

Cllr. Galvin stated that he agreed with Deputy Kitt, but that in view of the County Engineer's statement, he was satisfied.

The Chairman asked if it was to be taken that the normal provision of £7,000 approximately for members' notices of motion would be omitted from the Estimate for 1961/62.

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In reply to an enquiry by Cllr. Mannion, the County Engineer stated that there was a closing date for receipt of proposals for work to be carried out under the loan and that that date had expired.

Cllr. P. Sirr stated that he regretted to note that the money provided for notices of motion in the current year had not yet been expended, and requested that the Council would provide as much as possible for the doing of such roads out of revenue in the year 1961/62.

In the course of the discussion, Senator Lahiff stated that he had the utmost confidence in the County Engineer and in his staff. Senator Lahiff also stated that he is aware of a case in which the Council is requiring a land owner to produce his full title to the land before he will be paid the compensation due to him by the Galway County Council.

The County Manager explained the procedure, viz., that the Council does not seek title or arrange conveyances for acquisition of small pieces of land, but if the area of land being acquired is considerable, it is in the owner's interests to have a conveyance completed.

The County Engineer stated that he would look into the case to which Senator Lahiff referred.

The County Manager stated that it is his duty to warn the Council that there is likely to be considerable increase in the rate for the year 1961/62 for services other than roads.

Cllr. Dowd supported Cllr. Kitt.

Cllr. Glynn recommended that in the carrying out of the work on the new road in his area, the families residing along that road be employed as they would give a better return for the money paid to them.

The County Engineer explained that first preference is given to regular workers of the Council whose employment has been terminated, next preference being given to those on the list at the Employment Exchange.

The Chairman stated that he did not agree with Cllr. Glynn, as it would be inconsistent that one Department of State would be paying unemployment assistance to men, while another department would refuse to give them any employment.

Cllr. King asked what provision is made in the estimate for sign-posting and white lines on main roads, and suggested that this expenditure should be the responsibility of the Department of Justice.

The County Engineer stated that the provision of traffic signs is the responsibility of the local authority which is required to consult with the Gardai; that the consent of the latter is assumed except for "Stop" signs; that the local authorities are also required to provide signs where the Gardai so request.

Cllr. King stated that he will agree with the proposal for approval of the estimate, if the provision of white lines is deleted.

The Chairman, having again referred to the question of providing monies for Councillors' notices of motion for new roads, it was proposed by Cllr. P. Sirr and seconded by Cllr. J. Dowd that the sum of £7,750 be provided for members' notices of motion for new roads to be taken over in the estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1962.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Mannion and seconded by Deputy M. Carty, that the Council do not make any provision for Councillors' notices of motion for road works in the estimate for 1961/62.

Cllr. P. Galvin stated that since a loan of £50,000 is being raised for this purpose, it is unlikely that the County Engineer could deal with further work of this nature during the coming year, and that therefore it would be duplication to provide a further amount in Revenue Account.

The County Manager stated that there would not be much point in providing this money unless it could be expended before the loan money would be available, and the County Engineer stated that he would prefer to deal only with the loan funds in the coming year.

A vote taken for or against the provision of £7,750 in the estimate for 1961/62 for Councillors' notices of motion for new roads resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Burke, Collins, Coogan, Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Glynn, Kelly, King, Kitt, Kyne, Lambert, Mannion M., Millar, Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane P. and Sirr. (24)

Against: Cllrs. Carty, Killilea, Lahiff and Mannion J. (4).

The Chairman declared Cllr. P. Sirr's proposal carried, i.e., that the £7,750 be provided in the estimate for 1961/62 for Councillors' notices of motion for road works.

3 - NOTICES OF MOTION SUBMITTED DURING 1960: A list of above was furnished to the members along with the statement of the estimate.

The County Engineer now gave his observations thereon, viz:-

(a) Estimated Cost as shown hereunder and no provision made in the estimate:

No: 4 - £7,200.	No: 10 - £450 45	No: 24 - £2,000
No: 7 - £1,800.	12(b) - £2,000	28 - £2,040
8 - £450.	15 - £150	29 - £1,500
9 - £75.	21 - £400	33 - £400
	No: 35 - £500	
	36 - £150	
	37 - £150	
	39 - £4,000	

(b) Will consider at revision of the Five-Year Plan late in 1961:-

1, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, 30, 31 and 34.

(c) Will do in 1961/62:

No: 3.

(d) Will do in current year:

No: 38.

(e) No need for this work and if it were to be done, it should be done in the normal way by acquiring the land:

No: 5.

(f) Not a public road:-

Nos: 20 and 40.

(g) County Engineer does not agree:

No: 23.

(h) Not possible to do during the next few years - No: 32.

In the discussion on above Deputy Coogan and Clr. King recommended that the improvement of the footpaths near Galway town be carried out gradually over a number of years, and the meeting agreed that a member could, if he so desired, devote his allocation of the "notice of motion" money to this work. The Council agreed to Deputy Killilea's request that his notice of motion No: 20 for reconstruction of the road leading from Donohoe's at Cartoon through Knockalwery to Carrantales be included in the list of roads to be done on foot of the loan.

Senator Lahiff stated in regard to his notice of motion No: 26, Road at Moy, Kinvara, that the County Clare portion of this road is being improved, and that it is recommended that the Galway portion be improved to link up with it.

In regard to his notice of motion No: 27, Clr. M. Mannion requested that where hauliers are available locally that they be asked to tender for these road works as is the practice for roads being carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works.

The County Engineer stated that this is already done where it fits in conveniently with the Council's arrangements.

The Chairman wished the members and staff a Happy New Year and

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*  
*Michael Carby*  
*Chairman.*

*Date: 28/1/61*

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.

19th January, 1961.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag oruinniu de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Conndae an Sathairn, 28adh la d'Eanair, 1961, ag tosnu ar 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O LUANAIGH.

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A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Replacement of an Honorary Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.
4. Adoption of Scheme for supply of Seeds and Fertilizers on Loan terms for 1961.
5. Raising of Loans:-
  - (a) £84,000 for new cottages.
  - (b) £20,000 for Supplementary Housing Grants (Repair and Improvement - Sectn.12).
  - (c) £5,000 for Supplementary Housing Grants (Repair and Improvement - Sectn.13).
  - (d) £1,700 - Rosmuck Water Supply Extension.
6. Excess Expenditure:-
  - (a) Offices Extensions.
  - (b) Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances.
  - (c) Sanitary Services Account.
7. Payment of contribution to Tuam Brass Band.
8. Remuneration Increase - Caretaker of Moycullen Dispensary.
9. Remuneration Increase - Boilerman, St. Brendan's Home.
10. Pensions Increase.
11. Approval to New Works i.e., Wells, Burial Ground and Dumping Ground.
12. Sale of plot at Killaan - notice of 10. 1. 1961.
13. Kiltoran Harbour Improvements.
14. Town Planning for Loughrea Town - letters from Town Clerk, Loughrea.
15. Closing of St. Mary's Home, Tuam (Min. 2253 of 29. 12. 60).
16. Making of Preliminary Order for Site No: M.L., Monivea.

17. Making of Preliminary Orders for Sites Nos: 3 and 7, Oughterard.
18. Dispensary for Cashel (Min. 2252 of 29. 12. '60).
19. Wages of Ambulance Drivers.
- 20 Visiting Committee Minutes:-  
Clifden: 3. 12. 1960.  
Galway: 14. 1. 1961.
21. Malicious Damage Claims - letter 22/12/60 from General Council of County Councils.
22. Members' Notices of Motion:
- (a) Clr. J. Lambert: "That the Council request the proper authority to carry out a drainage scheme for the Oranhill, Maree District, to relieve flooding there."
- (b) "Clr. W. Burke:
1. That two lights be erected outside Caherlistrane Church and Hall.
  2. I will propose that the Dunmore fairgreen be taken over by the Council."
- (c) Deputy M. Killilea: "I propose that Mr. Peter Raftery, Ballygar, be appointed on the Ballygar-Mountbellew O.A.P. Committee."
- (d) Clr. P.A. Patten: "Take notice that at the next meeting of Galway County Council I will propose that the Council provides a properly developed public park and other suitable amenities in the Palace Grounds, Bishop Street, Tuam."
- (e) Clr. G. Kelly:
1. I propose that if suitable drivers are available on the present County Council staff, that first preference be given to them, as drivers of the additional new lorries.
  2. I propose that the members of the Western Health Institutions Board, on this Body, request at their next meeting that the hours of admission to Merlin Park be changed from 4.15. to 3.15. during the winter months."
- (f) Clr. J. Dowd:
1. I will propose that the old arch now in a dangerous condition at the Kiltormer end of the Belvue Road be removed.
  2. I will propose that about one hundred yards of drain be cleaned in order to avoid flooding of the dispensary and Priest's house and other houses in Kiltormer."
- (g) Clr. M. Mannion: "At the next Co. Council meeting I will propose that cottage plot at Carralena Kilkerrin, tenant John Carr, be drained."
- (h) Clrs. P. Sirr and P. O Ceallaigh: "That this Council instructs its officials to prepare a report on the following items as listed in a letter which was forwarded to the Co. Manager and to all Councillors in the Tuam area, by the Secretary of the Glensmaddy Development Association, and that any improvements which can be effected should be carried out at once:-
1. The Old Cemetery:
    - (a) Re-surfacing of entrances.
    - (b) Repair of gates from Church Street entrances. They do not meet or match and consequently cannot be locked.
    - (c) Repair of boundary walls.
    - (d) Erection of a street lamp at the Church Street entrance.
  2. A number of street lamps are required in the town.
  3. The completion of the road widening at the Ballymoe Road.
  4. The removal of the wall between Mr. P. Quinn's and Garda Station.
  5. The extension of the footpath from the Curate's residence to the new Cemetery.

22. (h) Clrs. P. Sirr and P. O Ceallaigh:

6. Improvement of town entrance from the Kilkerrin Road,
  7. Extension of the water supply.
  8. The flooding of houses on Main Street and Kilkerrin Road be prevented.
  9. The erection of Traffic Island on the square be carried out.
  10. Tree planting of the streets be carried out.
  11. The cleaning of streets after fair days be completed more speedily.
  12. The footpath at the gate between Mr. Haneghan's and Mr. Burke's residences on the Kilkerrin Road be lowered.
  13. Blind turns on each of the roads leading to the town be improved.
- (i) Clr. P. O Ceallaigh: "That in order to speed up the cleaning of streets after fairs and where a public water supply exists, County Council workers be supplied with hose, etc."
- (j) Deputy T. Millar: "It is the opinion of this Council that plot of ground at Killan which has been the subject of much negotiation should be disposed of at a figure deemed to be market value."
- (k) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
1. "I will propose that two extra lights be provided at Ard varna, Oughterard.
  2. I will ask the County Engineer to state what progress has been made with the extension of a water supply from Gallowfenish Cross to Rusheenmanagh and also what progress has been made with the new water supply for Kilkerrin, Carna."
- (l) Clr. J.J. Ruane:
1. "That immediate steps be taken to go ahead with the final development of the new Athenry Fairgreen in view of the fact that the purchase of the Site and Tolls is now completed.
  2. That a Public Latrine be provided for the town of Athenry (Male and Female) without delay.
  3. That in view of the deplorable condition of the Athenry Courthouse prompt action be taken to provide a new Building, the latter to also include
    - (a) Suitable accommodation for Branch Library with reading room.
    - (b) Offices for District Assistant County Engineer.
  4. That the building of the new Fire Station at Athenry be proceeded with without any further delay in view of the urgency of the matter."
- (m) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that the Council agree to continue the Housing Supplementary Grants for at least another 12 months."
- (n) Clr. P. O Ceallaigh:
1. "I will ask the County Engineer to state when will drainage operations be carried out on the River Shiven which rises in Kilkerrin and flows through Carralena, Gunnod, Windfield and Tyrur.
  2. That sewage disposal unit be provided at Newbridge septic tank."
- (o) Clr. W. Burke:
1. "At the next meeting I will propose that water and sewerage be provided for unserved houses in and around the town of Tuam.
  2. That the road leading to St. Joseph's Park be widened and relieved of constant flooding after heavy rain."
- (p) Clr. Patrick Ruane: "I wish to move at the next meeting of the Galway Council that the Council take immediate action to prohibit the relaying of contaminated oysters on the natural oyster beds in Galway Bay."

## 23. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY on SATURDAY  
20th January, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Deputy M. Carty (2) Mr. Mark Killilea, T.D.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Kelly, King, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Kyne, Senator Lahiff, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Deputy Millar, Cllrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Pat and Sirr.

2262 - MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting to No. 2261 inclusive having been circulated to the members were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2263 - PRESIDENT OF U.S.A.: It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Patten and unanimously approved that the Chairman of the Galway County Council send a message of congratulation to President John F. Kennedy, United States of America on his election as President.

2264 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Messrs. Silke & Sons, Ltd., William St. West, Galway - Damage to Window and Display Shelf - 23/12/1960 - £35.  
Messrs. Hippé, Ltd., 11, Green Street, Dublin - Damage to Plate Glass and lock in doorway - 22/12/1960 - £10.  
Electricity Supply Board - Damage to High Tension Line and Wooden Pole - 31/12/1960 - £108.8.2d.  
Coras Iompair Eireann - Damage to Railway Engine - 14/1/1961 - £350.  
K.C.R. Garage, Ltd. - Damage to Motor Car at Dunmore - 1/1/1961 - £195.

2265 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. P. Patten, Mr. Patrick Kennedy of Messrs. Joyce, Mokie & Loughed of Eyre Square, Galway was appointed an honorary member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee to replace Mr. J. M. G. Sweeney, Athenry who has resigned from membership of the Committee.

2266 - BREEDS AND FERTILIZERS SCHEME: The Scheme proposed for 1961 was submitted and on the proposal of Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the Scheme and directed that the seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

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

2267 - LOAN FOR ERECTION OF NEW COTTAGES: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £84,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for erection of 75 cottages; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 35 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

2268 - LOAN FOR HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved

"that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £20,000 from the National Bank, Ltd. to enable the Council to make grants for repair and improvement under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954; 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 loan".

2269 - LOAN FOR ISSUE OF RECONSTRUCTION ADVANCES: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved

"that the Council approve the raising of a loan of £5,000 from the National Bank, Ltd. for issue of advances for reconstruction, repair or improvement of dwelling houses in accordance with Section 13 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958; the loan to be repayable by instalment over a period of ten years with interest at the rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such loans".

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2270 - LOAN FOR ROSMUCK WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved

"that the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,700 for extension of the Rosmuck Water Supply to Smebo and Kilbricken; the loan to be obtained from the National Bank, Ltd.; repayable by instalment over a period of ten years with interest at the rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such loans".

2271 - LOAN FOR KILKERRIN-MOYLLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Secretary stated that the total estimated cost of this Scheme including the extensions approved is £135,914; that the loan already raised for this work amounted to £43,750; that therefore a further loan of £92,000 is required to meet the cost of this work.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved

"that the Council approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £92,000 for Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Supply Scheme; the loan to be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years or such other period as the Minister for Local Government may approve, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

2272 - LIBRARY SERVICE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: The Assistant County Manager gave particulars of the draft scheme for improvement of the Library Service as received with the County Librarian's letter of 28th January, 1961, and explained that this draft scheme had been considered and approved by the Libraries' Committee at a Meeting on 27th January, 1961. The Committee recommended the scheme to the Council for approval to its submission to the Library Council with a view to obtaining financial assistance towards the carrying out of the improvements recommended in the Scheme.

The Chairman explained that approval to the Scheme would not involve the Council in any expenditure at present; that when notification is received from the Library Council of the amount of assistance which they are prepared to give, the Council can then consider and decide upon the additional funds to be allocated.

The Council approved of the sending of the Scheme to the Library Council - on the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd.

2273 - MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN GALWAY: Deputy Coogan stated that a civic centre is needed in Galway and recommended that this be provided by the County Council in conjunction with the Galway Corporation.

The County Manager agreed that a building in Galway which would house the Corporation Offices, the County Library and a Museum and Art Gallery and possibly the Taibhearc Theatre - would be very desirable.

Clr. J. Glynn suggested that the Bodies concerned should come together to consider this matter.

Cllrs. King and Coogan recommended that a conference be held to consider this matter between representatives of the Galway Corporation, Galway County Council and any Government Department which might intend transferring all or part of its staff to Galway.

Clr. Cox stated that he agreed to the need for a Municipal Building - the County Council to share the cost, but did not agree to making its provision dependent on the co-operation of any State Department.

On the Chairman's suggestion, it was agreed that it be left to the County Manager to consider this matter and to have his suggestions submitted to the Council at a later meeting.

2274 - HOUSING: Deputy J. Geoghegan referred to a circular received from a Solicitor stating that a group of persons wishes to obtain land in the vicinity of Galway city for the erection of houses, and suggested that the Council might utilise its compulsory powers for acquisition of the land.

The County Manager stated that he had received a copy of this letter and had asked the sender for further information which has not up to the present been supplied; that when further information is available, the County Manager will inform



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the Council.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. O'Ceallaigh, the County Manager stated that a survey of the housing needs of the Council is being carried out on the direction of the Minister for Local Government; that this is done periodically in all counties.

Clr. J. Glynn having stated that he is aware of cases in which people living in unfit houses have submitted applications for cottages, which have not been provided, the County Manager requested that Clr. Glynn would give specific particulars and the information regarding these applications would be supplied to him.

It was explained to Clr. J. Lambert that the delay in acquisition of sites for erection of cottages is frequently due to the difficulty in obtaining clear Title.

2275 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved excess expenditure as set out hereunder:-

Office Extensions at County Buildings. ....	£1237.17.6d
Disablement Allowances - Additional expenditure involved in the implementation of the Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) Regulations, 1960 with effect from 1st January, 1961.....	£2,000.0.0

Sanitary Services Account:-

New Pumps.....	£5,250	
Maintenance of Sewerages. £900		
Maintenance of Burial Grounds.....	£500	£6,650

2276 - HOUSING GRANTS: The Chairman and Members of the Council congratulated Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer on the progress made with applications for Housing Grants.

2277 - GRANTS FOR WATER SUPPLIES: The Chairman explained in reply to an enquiry by Deputy Millar that the Council is operating a scheme for issue of supplementary grants for provision of water and sewerage services to private houses.

Clr. Flaherty suggested that it would be better if the applicants applied to the Department of Agriculture which gives a grant equivalent to half the cost of the work.

Clr. P. Collins stated that waste is involved when the Council makes a grant in a place in which eventually a piped water supply scheme will be provided.

Clr. T. King stated that the Council should not sanction the carrying out of a minor scheme when it is intended that eventually a major scheme will be provided in the area; that pending receipt of the survey report, the Council should not sanction any minor schemes.

Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer stated that subject to the statutory maximum, there is not any statutory means test for the supplementary grant for water and sewerage services.

The County Engineer stated that it is expected that the report on the survey of water supply needs will be available within the next four weeks.

2278 - TUAM BRASS BAND: On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, the Council approved the making of a contribution of £20 to the Tuam Brass Band for the year ending 31st March, 1961, and approved the provision in the forthcoming Estimate of a similar amount for the year ending 31st March, 1962.

2279 - MOYCULLEN DISPENSARY CARETAKER: On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Donnellan, the Council approved an increase of £5 in the remuneration of the Moycullen Dispensary Caretaker with effect from 1st December, 1960, making the revised remuneration from that date £20 a year.

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2280 - REMUNERATION OF BOILER-MAN, ST. BRENDAN'S HOME, LOUGHREA: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved an increase of 9/- a week in the wages of the Boiler-man, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea with effect from 1st April, 1960 inclusive.

2281 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS' REMUNERATION: Clr. J. Glynn requested that, since the rate of Social Welfare Insurance Contributions has increased, the Assistant Co. Manager will consider increasing the remuneration of Branch Librarians.

2282 - PENSIONS INCREASES: The Pensions (Increase) Act, 1960 was submitted and the Secretary reported that the additional expenditure involved in granting the increases from 1st August, 1960 would be £755 for the current year and £1,032 for a full year.

On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Glynn, the Council approved the granting of the pension increase as set out in the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1960 with effect from 1st August, 1960 inclusive, and also approved the additional expenditure required to give effect to this proposal in the current year.

2283 - NEW WORKS: On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council approved the carrying out of new works viz:-

Improvement of wells, development of Ballymacward Burial Ground and Development of Dunmore Dumping Ground as set out in letter of 3rd January, 1961 from Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer.

2284 - TUAM DUMPING GROUND: Deputy Killilea stated that the Tuam Dumping Ground should be cleaned up and tidied, and that the dump should be transferred to another site.

Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the site has been obtained from the authorities of St. Jarlath's and that the County Engineer's report on the development of this site has been furnished and is awaiting the Manager's approval.

2285 - KILLINA BURIAL GROUND, KINVARA: In reply to his enquiry, Clr. J. Lambert was informed that this Burial Ground is not vested in the Galway County Council.

2286 - SALE OF PLOT AT KILLAAN: The notice dated 10th January, 1961 which was sent to each Member of the Council was submitted along with Deputy Millar's Notice of Motion No. 22(j). It was proposed by Deputy T. Millar and seconded by Clr. J. Dowd that the plot at Killaan, area 1 acre, 3 roods and 2 perches be sold to Mr. John Mullen, Killaan for £65 plus costs of conveyance.

The County Manager explained that there is authority in the Local Government Acts for transfer of this Plot to the adjoining land owner, who in this case is Mr. Malachy Naughton; that of the offers received, Mr. Naughton's offer of £80 plus £5 for costs of conveyance is the highest; that if the plot is not sold to Mr. Naughton, the members supporting the proposal to dispose of it at a lower figure than that offered by Mr. Naughton may be liable to sur-charge. It was proposed by Clr. P. Galvin, seconded by Clr. P. SIRR that the plot be sold to Mr. Malachy Naughton in accordance with the Notice.

A vote was then taken as between the two proposals, i.e. for sale of the plot to Mr. Mullen or for sale of the plot to Mr. Naughton, the Chairman having pointed out in advance that those who support the sale of the plot to Mr. Mullen may be liable for sur-charge. The result of this division was as follows:-

FOR SALE OF THE PLOT TO MR. NAUGHTON: Clrs. F. Coogan, J. Cox, P. T. Galvin, J. Ridge, P. Ruane, and P. SIRR. (6)

FOR SALE OF THE PLOT TO MR. JOHN MULLEN: Clrs. W. Burke, M. Carty, P. Collins, J. Donnellan, J. Dowd, J. Flaherty, J. Geoghegan, J. Glynn, G. Kelly, M. Killilea, T. King, M. Kitt, S. Kyne, R. Lahiff, J. Lambert, M. Mannion, A. Millar, F. Mullins, P. O' Ceallaigh, J. Ruane. (20)

The Chairman declared Deputy A. Millar's proposal carried, i.e. that the Council approve sale of the plot at Killaan, area 1 acre, 3 roods and 2 sq. perches to Mr. John Mullen, Killaan, Woodlawn.

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**2287 - SYMPATHY:** Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

Clr. P. Patten on the death of his Aunt.  
Mr. & Mrs. T. P. Flanagan and family, Castlebar on the death of their son.  
The Caulfield family, Dominick Street, Galway on the death of Mr. Caulfield.  
The Caulfield family, Presentation Road, Galway on the death of Mr. Caulfield.  
The Sullivan Family, Cornamona on the death of Mr. Sullivan.  
The O'Sullivan family, Oughterard on the death of Mr. O'Sullivan.  
The Cloherly family, University Road on the death of Mr. Cloherly.  
The Costello family, c/o Power's Hotel, Dublin on the death of Mr. J.T. Costello.  
Mr. B. J. Ryan, Ballygar on the death of his nephew.  
The Hurley family, Ballinacurry, Glynsk, Ballymoa.  
The Monaghan family, Tuam.  
The Gormley family, Tuam.  
The Beegan family, Ballinasloe on the death of Mr. Anthony Beegan.  
The Keeley family, Kilbeacarty on the death of Mr. Thomas Keeley.  
Mr. Edward Naughton, Demesne, Eyrecourt, on the death of his wife.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.15 p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**2288 - KILRONAN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS:** Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted including letters of 2nd August and 9th December, 1960 from the Department of the Gaeltacht.

The Secretary gave particulars of the improvements proposed which are estimated at a cost of £38,000. He stated that the Gaeltacht Department in letter of 9th December, 1960 has stated that a contribution of £10,000 towards this work would be made by the Department of Lands, Fisheries Branch; that the Department of the Gaeltacht asked what contribution towards the work would be made by the Galway County Council, and the Council would consent to the taking over of future maintenance of the works when completed.

On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved the taking over the future maintenance of these works when completed, but did not approve making any contribution towards the cost of the proposed work.

**2289 - TOWN PLANNING - LOUGHREA TOWN:** Letters 30th December, 1960 and 10th January, 1961 from the Town Clerk, Loughrea were submitted recommending to the Galway County Council that Town Planning be adopted for the town of Loughrea, and that the resulting expenses be charged on the Galway County Health District.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Senator R. Lahiff, the Council approved proceeding with the formalities for adoption of Town Planning for Loughrea town and vicinity, the resulting expense to be charged on the Galway County Health District.

**2290 - DERELICT SITE NO. M.1, MONIVEA:** The Preliminary Order for acquisition of this site was submitted and on the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion, consideration was adjourned for a period of six months.

**2291 - DERELICT SITES AT OUGHTERARD:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, it was resolved

"that the Council approve the making of Preliminary Orders for the following derelict sites at Oughterard:-

Derelict Site No. A.3 at Main Street, Oughterard, area 2 sq. perches.  
Derelict Site No. A.7 at Camp Street, Oughterard, area 3 sq. perches

and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Preliminary Orders for acquisition of these sites under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940.

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

**2292 - DISPENSARY FOR CASHEL:** In reference to Minute No. 2252 of 29th December, 1960, the Secretary read the County Medical Officer's report of 30th December, 1960 in which it was stated that in the opinion of the County Medical Officer, there are no

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special reasons which would justify the establishment of a Dispensary Depot at Cashel.

The Council noted the contents of the County Medical Officer's report.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that parts of the Roundstone Dispensary district are eleven miles from Roundstone Dispensary.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the Secretary stated that temporary Medical Officers have been appointed for the Dispensary Districts of Spiddal, Oughterard and Carna; that since the Medical Officer for the Roundstone Dispensary District has recently been absent on sick leave, the temporary Medical Officer in Carna is also doing duty for the Roundstone District.

**2293 - ST. MARY'S HOME, TUAM - CLOSING:** In reference to Minute No. 2253 of 29th December, 1960, letter of 14th December, 1960 from the Secretary, Department of Health was submitted. This letter stated that the Minister had received the deputation in connection with the closing of the Children's Home at Tuam; that the Minister had informed the Deputies present that he must adhere to his decision to close the Home in view of the unsatisfactory condition in the Home, the high cost of bringing the Home up to modern standards and the fact that there is ample first class accommodation available for mothers and children in existing Institutions.

Dr. A. Waldron, Medical Officer, St. Mary's Home addressed the meeting at the request of the Chairman. Dr. Waldron stated that two grounds on which it was proposed that the Home be closed were that it was unsuitable and that adequate accommodation was available elsewhere; that since the Council has carried out very desirable improvements in the home and since the number of children accommodated there has fallen, it is now in his opinion, very comfortable for the children, and that its closing is not a matter of urgency; that if the Home is closed, there will be no such Institution available for Mothers and children in the West of Ireland; that other Bodies with special interest in this matter might have been consulted, viz: the Adoption Authorities, the Catholic Rescue Society and the Consultative Health Committee. Dr. Waldron stated that on account of the drop in numbers the fire risk has been reduced, as all but school going age children are accommodated on the Ground Floor; that the children of school going age are accommodated on the First Floor at night; that the Home also provides facilities for the Medical School of University College, Galway; that there are in the Home ten or twelve girls who have been there for many years and whose only Home it is; that the location of the Home in Tuam facilitates contacting Clergy etc. and that by closing the Home there would be a loss of the services of Sisters experienced in this work; that there is an improvement in the mental development of the children since the numbers accommodated in the Home has been reduced. The Chairman thanked Dr. Waldron.

The County Manager stated that the question of closing the Home arose as a result of the enormous amount which would be required to be spent on the Home to bring it into proper condition for accommodation of the Mothers and Children; that it is not so essential that the Home be located in Galway as in fact, frequently requests are received to have expectant mothers accommodated in Homes outside the County; that as the numbers accommodated in the Home decrease, the continued operation of the Home will become more uneconomic, and that the County Manager cannot see any justification for its retention.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Home still constitutes a serious fire hazard.

Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the work which was carried out did not reduce the Fire risk, and that, in other circumstances, the Fire Officer would probably have condemned the Home as unfit for use for its purpose.

The Assistant County Manager also stated that the standard of comfort in the Home is not all that it should be.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Killilea, the County Manager stated that the Homes to which it is proposed that the patients will be transferred have been inspected frequently by Officials of the Department of Health who are satisfied that they are in very good condition; the County Manager also pointed out that the lack of central heating in the Home at Tuam is a serious defect.

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Deputy Kitt stated that the Grove Hospital, Tuam is being extended and that it is possible that the girls who have been in St. Mary's Home, Tuam for a long time might be employed there.

Clr. W. Burke considered that there should be in the West a Home to accommodate such patients who are natives of the Western part of the country.

Deputy Killilea stated that while the Home is located in Tuam, the County has the benefit of the money spent there; also that the members of the Council are authorised to visit and inspect the Home and that it is convenient for any relatives of the patients who desire to visit them.

Clr. King having stated that the onus should be on the Minister to show why the Home should be closed, the Chairman read the Department of Health letter of 14th December, 1960. The Chairman stated that having regard to the facts and figures given by the Minister, he could not oppose the closing of St. Mary's Home.

It was proposed by Clr. Burke and seconded by Clr. Dowd  
"that St. Mary's Home,  
Tuam be not closed".

It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Clr. P. Collins  
"that the Council  
approve the proposal for the closing of St. Mary's Home, Tuam".

Deputy M. Kitt proposed that the Home be kept open as long as possible.

Eventually all other proposals were withdrawn and the Council approved Deputy Carty's proposal that the Council approve the closing of St. Mary's Home, Tuam.

**2294 - WAGES OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS:** The Secretary gave particulars of the remuneration of Ambulance Drivers for Galway Regional Hospital, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital and St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea.

The County Manager stated that recently arrangements have been made for location of one of the Loughrea ambulances in Portlucula in the day time.

The Chairman stated that he considered that there should be parity of remuneration for all Ambulance Drivers.

The County Manager pointed out that the remuneration of all the Council's employees in Galway City area is higher than that for employees in the remainder of the County.

The Council noted the position and agreed that it be left to the County Manager to deal with the question of the remuneration of Ambulance Drivers.

**2295 - VISITING COMMITTEE:** Minutes of the Visiting Committee of the following meetings were submitted:-

Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden - 3/12/1960.  
Regional Hospital, Galway - 14/1/1961.  
St. Mary's Home, Tuam - 20/1/1961.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the County Manager stated that it is the responsibility of the Gardai to provide transport for the conveyance of the body of a deceased person pending inquest.

Clr. G. Kelly suggested that an old ambulance be allocated for this purpose.

The Chairman referred to the Coroner's criticism of the County Council at a recent inquest at Galway Morgue and pointed out that the Council has no responsibility for the provision or maintenance of the Morgue in Galway City.

The Chairman stated that on an occasion recently, he had seen three remains laid out in the Morgue at the Galway Regional Hospital and that candles were not lighting there. The Chairman requested that the County Manager would investigate this matter.

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**2296 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS:** The Secretary read letter of 22nd December, 1960 from the County Councils' General Council in which it was requested that the Council would give its views on

- (a) Repeal of the Malicious Damage Acts,
- (b) Retention of the Acts,
- (c) Reasonable amendments of the said Acts.

It was directed that a copy of this letter be sent to each member of the Council, and that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**2297 - WATER RENTS:** The County Manager's recommendation in his letter of 23rd December, 1960 to the members of the Council that charges for domestic water supplies in the County Health District be abolished was submitted.

Deputy J. Geoghegan proposed that the Council approve the abolition of charges for supply of water for domestic purposes.

Deputy M. Kitt stated that he considered that there should be a flat charge of £1 per premises for this purpose.

Clr. J. Donnellan considered that these charges should be retained until all Rural areas have been supplied with water.

On the proposition of Clr. W. Burke, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, the Council approved the abolition of Water Rents for Tuam town - for domestic purposes.

It was decided that consideration of the abolition of water rents for domestic purposes in the County Health District generally would be adjourned until next meeting.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**2298 - DRAINAGE FOR ORANHILL:** Consideration for Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion No. 22(a) was adjourned until next meeting.

**2299 - PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR CAHERLISTRANE:** It was directed that Clr. W. Burke's Notice of Motion No. 22(b) (1) be referred to the County Engineer for consideration at the next Estimates meeting.

**2300 - DUNMORE FAIR GREEN:** Clr. Burke agreed to adjournment of his proposal No. 22(b) (2) until the Council will be considering Fair Greens generally.

**2301 - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, the Council appointed Mr. Peter Raftery, Ballygar a member of Ballygar-Mountbellow Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

On the proposition of Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, the Council appointed Mr. Michael Comer, Barnaderg a member of the Tuam Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

**2302 - TUAM PALACE GROUNDS:** In connection with Clr. P.A. Patten's Notice of Motion No. 22(d), the Council on the proposal of Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan approved the employment of the Architect for the Housing Scheme to prepare a Scheme for the development of the Palace Grounds.

**2303 - LORRY-DRIVERS:** Clr. G. Kelly proposed that if suitable Drivers are available on the present County Council staff, first preference should be given to them as Drivers of the additional new lorries.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had already expressed its opinion in regard to the consideration to be given to C.I.E. Drivers displaced as a result of the purchase of these additional trucks by the County Council.

Clr. King stated that he agreed with Clr. Kelly and it was eventually decided to leave this matter to the County Manager and the County Engineer.

**2304 - MERLIN PARK - HOURS OF ADMISSION OF VISITORS:** In connection with Clr. Kelly's Notice of Motion No. 22(e) (2), the Council approved the County Manager's suggestion that this item be referred to Dr. Cussen, R.M.S. for consideration.

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On Deputy J. Geoghegan's request, the County Manager stated that the question of arranging improved visiting hours for visitors to Orthopaedic Section patients would be also taken into consideration.

2305 - BELLVUE GATEWAY: In reference to Clr. J. Dowd's Notice of Motion No.22(f)(1), it was decided that it be left to Mr. Dowd to discuss this matter with Rev. Fr. Egan.

2306 - DRAINAGE AT KILTORMER: Clr. J. Dowd stated that the work mentioned in his letter No.22(f)(2) is being carried out.

2307 - COTTAGE PLOT AT CARRALENA: Clr. M. Mannion proposed that the cottage plot at Carralena, Kilkerrin, Tenant John Carr, be drained.

Mr. J. Silke stated that it is not the Council's practice to do such work as it is for the tenant to attend to the drainage of his plot, and that no funds are available for this purpose.

The Council noted the position.

2308 - GLENAMADDY TOWN IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E. read his report on each of the items mentioned in Notice of Motion No.22(h)(1-13).

The report was noted by the Council.

2309 - CLEANING OF STREETS: In connection with Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh's Notice of Motion No.22(i), Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E. stated that instructions have been issued to the Assistant County Engineers to arrange for prompt cleaning of the streets in towns after fairs - by hosing down.

2310 - OUGHTERARD PUBLIC LIGHTING: It was directed that Deputy J. Geoghegan's Notice of Motion No.22(k)(1) be referred to the County Engineer for consideration at the next Estimates Meeting.

Consideration of Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion No.22(k)(2) (Water Supply Extension) was ruled out of order.

2311 - ATHENRY FAIR GREEN - DEVELOPMENT: Clr. J. J. Ruane proposed that immediate steps be taken to go ahead with the final development of the Athenry Fair Green.

The Chairman stated that it would be well to move slowly in regard to development of Fair Greens, and Clr. Ruane agreed to the Chairman's suggestion which was adopted by the Council that consideration of this development be left over for twelve months.

2312 - ATHENRY PUBLIC LAVATORY: It was directed that consideration of Clr. J. J. Ruane's Notice of Motion No. 22(1)(2) be deferred until the next Estimates Meeting.

2313 - ATHENRY COURTHOUSE: In reply to Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion No.22(1)(3), the County Manager stated that the Council has for a considerable time been writing to the Department of Justice in connection with the revised plans for this Courthouse, and that so far a reply has not been received.

It was decided that it be left to the County Manager to deal with this matter in the most appropriate way.

2314 - ATHENRY FIRE STATION: In connection with Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion No. 22(1)(4), the Council decided that the Minister be requested to reconsider his decision in regard to the site proposed which the Council believe to be quite suitable.

2315 - HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Donnellan and resolved

"that the Council approve the continuation of all existing schemes for Housing Supplementary Grants for a further year up to 31st December, 1962"

Deputy Geoghegan stated that Supplementary Grant being given by the Council to applicants whose houses are located in the Fíor Gaeltacht areas are not as high as the Government Grants for these houses, and he requested that this matter be investigated.

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2316 - RIVER SHIVEN DRAINAGE: In reply to Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh's Notice of Motion, Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E. stated that this river was cleaned in the years ending 31st March, 1955 and 1959 and that provision for cleaning of the section of the district in Cloonconor bog will be made in the Estimate for 1961/62.

2317 - NEWBRIDGE SEWERAGE: Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh proposed that sewerage disposal unit be provided at Newbridge Septic Tank. Mr. Silke, C.A.C.E. stated that there was a proposal to pipe this sewerage into the river, but that the land owner concerned had objected and is still maintaining his objection; that the only alternative is to pipe the sewerage to a point in the river below this man's premises; that estimates for both schemes are being prepared and will be submitted to the County Manager.

The County Manager expressed the opinion that since this is not a proper sewerage system, it is the responsibility of the householders to arrange for proper disposal of their sewerage.

2318 - TUAM SEWERAGE: Clr. Burke proposed in accordance with his Notice of Motion No.22(o)(1) that water and sewerage be provided for unserved houses in and around the town of Tuam.

Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E. explained the provisions of the scheme whereby the Tenants could pay for the cost of the sewerage services by a small weekly addition to their rent, or could have the work carried out, the Council to contribute 50% of the cost, and stated that there had been a most unsatisfactory response to this scheme; that where persons in Tuam had agreed the work has already been carried out.

Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh stated that at least 22 tenants would be prepared to agree to the arrangement and desired that there be a meeting to discuss the matter.

It was directed that a meeting for this purpose with the tenants be held in Tuam.

2319 - ROAD LEADING TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARK, TUAM: In reply to Clr. W. Burke's Notice of Motion, Mr. J. Silke, C.A.C.E. stated that the estimated cost of this work is £490 and that it is recommended that the road be declared a public road; that the provision of a fence at this road is not recommended.

2320 - OYSTER BEDS: Consideration of Clr. P. Ruane's Notice of Motion No.22(p) was adjourned.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. Ruane - Romi*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Michael Carby. Chairman.*

*25th. February, 1961.*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy J. Geoghegan.

ALSO PRESENT: J. Mannion, Clrs. T. King and P. Galvin.  
Dr. D.T. O'Driscoll, Dr. W.J. McHugh.  
Mr. T.M. O'Connor, Assistant County Manager, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer, Mr. L. O Laanaigh, Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting held on 10th December, 1960, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman (Deputy J. Geoghegan having been appointed chairman of the meeting on the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin).

Arising out of the minutes, the Secretary stated that the total number of medical cards cancelled up to the present was 2,880, of which approximately 200 were cancelled due to improvement of the means of the holder.

A statement showing the number of medical cards current in each district at 1st February, 1961, and the number of persons covered by these cards was circulated to the members of the Committee at the meeting. The statement shows a total number of current cards as 20,843 and the number of persons covered thereby 61,461.

The Secretary stated that the request that additional parking facilities be made available at the Regional Hospital had been referred to the County Engineer who is obtaining statistics regarding the number of cars parked daily over a period - with a view to improving the facilities.

2 - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave particulars of general medical service cards, viz:-

Total number of applications received:	26,760.
Total number granted:	23,720.
Number refused:	2,747.
Number under consideration:	293.
Number of cards current:	20,843.
Number of persons covered by current cards:	61,461.

It was noted that the number of applications for medical cards still being received is quite considerable; that it is possible that applicants think it is necessary to hold a medical card to avoid payment of a hospital bill.

Clr. King suggested that the issue of a list of the names and addresses of card holders to the members of the County Council might reveal some cases in which persons who are not entitled to cards hold them.

3 - INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Dr. McHugh stated that the lack of mirrors in the single-bed rooms at the Galway Regional Hospital causes inconvenience, and requested that mirrors be provided.

Dr. McHugh also requested that on each floor of the Galway Regional Hospital the sign which gives the floor number should also show the names of the wards on that floor.

4 - MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary gave particulars as follows:-

Number of Maternity Grants approved for payment since 1st April, 1960:	1,426.
Number of Maternity Grants paid in the year ending 31st March, 1960:	1,681.
Number of agreements completed by Doctors and Midwives for provision of Maternity Services:-	

Doctors:		
District Medical Officers:		41.
Private Practitioners:		68.

Midwives:		
Dispensary Midwives:		23.
Private Midwives:		46.

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In reply to an enquiry by Dr. O'Driscoll, the Secretary gave the following particulars of persons (patients) in respect of whom agreements were completed in the year ended 31st December, 1959:-

Doctors:	2,486.
Midwives:	391.
Total:	2,877.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that it would appear that the number of persons actually paying for their confinements is very low.

5 - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave particulars as follows:-

Total number of applications received to date:	4,054.
Total Number Granted:	2,014.
Number Refused:	1,984.
Number being dealt with:	56.
Number discontinued by reason of death, award of State pension, etc:	554.

In a discussion subsequently Clr. J. Mannion and P. Galvin considered that the means test for the granting of a disablement allowance is rather severe, and the Assistant County Manager explained that where the applicant's parents, children, brothers or sisters with whom he is residing have the means to maintain him, he is not, according to the regulations, entitled to receive a disablement allowance.

6 - PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL: Doctor O'Driscoll referred to the arrangement that patients from certain dispensary districts be sent to Portiuncula Hospital and asked if the patients have any choice in this matter.

The Assistant County Manager explained that a patient availing of the health services provided by the health authority is required to avail of them in the institutions provided for that purpose by the health authority; that arrangement for sending patients to Portiuncula is subject to the provision that a bed and suitable treatment are available at Portiuncula, i.e., that the doctor makes the decision in regard to the suitability of treatment available but that the patient has not any choice.

7 - HOUSING SURVEY: Mr. P. Galvin, Co.C., stated that a housing survey has been carried out in Ballinasloe and that almost every house in the town is being inspected, although there is obviously no need for such inspection in many cases.

8 - ITINERANTS: In reply to an enquiry by Dr. O'Driscoll, the Secretary stated that the Galway County Council was requested to submit its views or observations in regard to above for consideration by the Commission which is considering these problems; that this was done some months ago.

Dr. O'Driscoll asked if the Committee could submit its observations or recommendations and it was considered that the appropriate course would be that the Committee should submit its observations to the Galway County Council.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

## COMHAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

16adh Fheabhra, 1961.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae an Sathairn, 25adh Ia d'Fheabhra, 1961, ag tosnú ar 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

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L. O LUANAIGH.

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A G E N D A  
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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Malicious Damage Claims - Letter of 22. 12. 1960 from County Councils General Council (Minute 2296 of 28. 1. 1961).
4. Adoption of a resolution deciding to make a planning scheme under the Town and Regional Planning Acts, for a portion of the Galway County Health District. (Copy of Resolution is attached).
5. Town Planning - Letter 9. 2. 1961 from Tuam Town Commissioners requesting that Town Planning be adopted for Tuam Town.
6. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads, viz:-
  - (a) Road at Ard East, Carna, from Cross-Roads near the Gael-linn Factory to the Factory Gate - 50 perches.
  - (b) Road from Bar rack Street to the Gaelic Sports Stadium, Tuam - 20 perches.
  - (c) Road from the main road at Killeelaun to the Bone-meal Factory, Killeelaun, Tuam - 87 perches.
7. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan £5,350 for Hearnbrook Bridge.
8. Overdraft for quarter to 30th June, 1961.
9. Expenditure on Excess Estimate for year ending 31st March, 1961.
10. Remuneration for the post of Analytical Chemist in Public Analyst's Laboratory.
11. Visiting Committee Minutes -
 

St. Mary's Home, Tuam:	20. 1. 1961.
St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea:	10. 2. 1961.
12. Proposed extensions to Killimor Water Supply Scheme.
13. Abolition of Rents or Charges for Domestic Water Supplies in Galway County Health District - Minute No: 2297 of 28. 1. 1961.

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14. Visiting hours for Western Regional Sanatorium - Min. No: 2304 of 28. 1. 1961.
15. Belleview Gateway - Minute No: 2305 of 28. 1. 1961.
16. Scholarships to Technological Colleges - Minute No: 2202 of 26. 11. 1960.
17. Members' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. J. Lambert: "That the Council request the proper authority to carry out a drainage scheme for the Cranhill, Marse District, to relieve flooding there."
  - (b) Clr. Patrick Ruane: "I wish to move at the next meeting of the Galway Council that the Council take immediate action to prohibit the relaying of contaminated oysters on the natural oyster beds in Galway Bay."
 

and

Clr. J. Lambert: "That a stop be put to the relaying of contaminated oysters from polluted beds on the natural oyster beds in Galway Bay for the whole year."
  - (c) Clr. J. Cox:
    1. "I will ask the Co. Council to instruct its representative on the various Hospital Committees to put before such Committees the necessity for employing "Male Nurses" where necessary, or at least "Orderlies".
    2. I will ask the Co. Council to instruct its representatives on Western Health Institutions Board, Merlin Park, to put before such Board the need for shelter for the "Turf Trimmers" working at Merlin Park.
    3. That a sub-committee be set up immediately to prepare and submit to the Co. Council and the Co. Manager a sick-pay scheme for its pensionable servants."
  - (d) Clr. S. O Domhnallain:
    1. Go dtogfar droichead ar Bóhair Baile an tSagairt, An Spideal Thoir.
    2. Iarraimid ar an Condae-Innealtóir an droichead treasna na a i Mhagh Cuillinn a dheisiú.
    3. That report be obtained from the District Medical Officers as to the condition of heating in each dispensary in the county and also the facilities available for the supply of hot water."
  - (e) Clr. J. Lambert: "That this Council express its views on the statement made recently by the Minister for Local Government in regard to collection of rates by small instalments."
  - (f) Clr. Martin Mannion: "I will propose that the roadside mound between Mountbellew Church entrance and Ballynahattina junction be removed and a curbing laid."
  - (g) Clr. P.A. Patten:
    1. "That the Council takes steps to remove the corner at the junction of the road leading from Bishop Street, Tuam, to Dunmore.
    2. That the road leading from Upper Bishop Street, Tuam to Castlemoyle Bridge be repaired.
    3. That the Council takes steps to instal a water supply to Sylau National School, Belclare, Tuam."
  - (h) Clr. P. O Ceallaigh: "That warning signs be erected on the Mountbellew-Caltra Road (Ballinahattina Cross Roads - scene of a recent fatal accident)."
  - (i) Mrs. P. Ruane and P. O Ceallaigh:
    1. We will ask the County Manager to state whether ratepayers whose land is flooded for the whole or part of a year, are entitled to a remission of rates or valuation for that period.

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17. (i) 2. That this Council protests against the increase in fixed charges made by the E.S.B.  
 3. We will ask for details of the following:

Total Income for year 1960 or latest accounting year:  
 (a) Rates, (b) Grants, (c) Loans, (d) Other Sources.

Current Total Indebtedness:

(a) Due on Loans, (b) Due to bank overdraft, (c) due to other sources.

Annual Cost of Servicing Debt:

(a) On Loans, (b) On Bank Overdraft, (c) Average Rates of interest on (a) and on (b).

Collection of Rates:

- (a) - No. of Collection Districts in County.  
 (b) - Total cost of collecting rates for last financial year.  
 (c) - Total rate warrant for county for last financial year."

18. Other business:

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COMHAIRLE CONNDÁE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
 County Buildings,  
 Galway.

18th February, 1961.

To:  
 Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

Meeting of Galway County Council - 25/2/1961.

Please note the following item as an addition to the Agenda already sent to you for the meeting which will be held on 25th instant, viz:-

- (16)(a) To consider the amalgamation of Rate Collection Districts Nos. 35 and 36 and, the making of arrangements for collection of rates for No. 14 District direct from the Council's offices.

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L. O'Luanaigh.

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RESOLUTION DECIDING TO MAKE A PLANNING SCHEME.

Resolved that the Galway County Council being the district planning authority for the following planning district, that is to say THE GALWAY COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT hereby decides to make a district planning scheme for the following area, being a portion of such planning district, that is to say:-  
The area consisting of the townlands set out hereunder forming part of the Electoral Divisions of BALLINTEMPLE, BALLYNACOURTY, BARNA, CARROWBROWNE, CLARINBRIDGE, FURBOGH, GALWAY RURAL, KILLANNIN, ORANMORE, and SPIDDLE and shown enclosed within the inner edge of a red coloured border, on a map now produced to us the said Galway County Council.

TOWNLANDS.

IN BALLINTEMPLE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

ARDAUN, BALLYGARRAUN, BRFANLOUGHAUN, CAPANABORNIA, CARROWKEEL, CARTRON, COOLAGH, CURRAGREAN, DOUGHISKA, GARRAUN NORTH, GARRAUN SOUTH.

IN BALLYNACOURTY ELECTORAL DIVISION: -

ARDFRY, MARSHALLSPARK, TREATLAUR.

IN BARNA ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

ACRES, AHAGLUGGER, BALLARD EAST, BALLARD WEST, BALLYBURKE, BALLYMONEEN EAST, BALLYMONEEN WEST, BALLYNAHOWN EAST, BARNA, CLOGHSCOLTIA, CLOONAGOWER, CLYBAUN, DERRYLONEY, FORRAMOYLE EAST, FORRAMOYLE WEST, FREEPORT, GORTMALECKA, KEERAUN, KILLEEN, KIMMEENMORE, KNOCKAUNNACARRAGH, KNOCKNACARRAGH (PART OF), LACKLEA, LENABOWER, LENAREVAGH, LOUGHINCH, MINCLOON (part of), NEWVILLAGE, POLLNAROOMA WEST (part of), RUSHEEN, SEARPOINT, SHANBALLYDUFF, SHANGORT, TRUSKY EAST, TRUSKY WEST.

IN CARROWBROWNE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

BALLINDOOLY.

IN CLARINBRIDGE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

MONEYDUFF, ORANHILL, RINVILLE EAST, RINVILLE WEST.

IN FURBOGH ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

ALLAPHREAGHAUN, BALLYNAHOWN, CUSHMAIGMORE, DERRYLOUGHAUN EAST, DERRYLOUGHAUN WEST, FURBOGHGARVE, KNOCKNAVODDY, KNOCKNAGREANA, SEERSHIN, STRIPE.

IN GALWAY RURAL ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

BALLAGH, BALLYBAAN BEG (part of), BALLYBAAN MORE (part of), BALLYBRIT, BARNACRANNY (part of), BUSHYPARK, CASTLEGAR (part of), COOLAGH (part of), DANGAN LOWER (part of), GLFNANAIL (part of), KENTFIELD, LETTERAGH (part of), MENLOUGH (part of), MERLINPARK, MUROOGH (part of), PARKMORE, RAHOON (part of), RAHYLIN GLEBE (part of), ROSCAM.

IN KILLANNIN ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

BOHOONA EAST.

(2)

IN ORANMORE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

CARROWMONEASH, DEERPARK, FRENCHFORT, GLENNASCAUL, INNPILOT, MILLPILOT, ORANBEG, ORANMORE, ROCKLANDS.

IN SPIDDLE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

KILLOUGH, LIPPA, BARK, SHEEAUNROE, SPIDDLE EAST, SPIDDLE MIDDLE, SPIDDLE WEST.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Deputy Michael Carty.  
(2) Deputy Mark Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Gaynn, Greene, Kelly, King, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Kyne, Senator Lahiff, Cllrs. Lambert, Mannion Martin, Deputy Millar, Cllrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr, and Deputy Geoghegan.

2321 - KILKERRIN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Clr. J. Flaherty stated that the labourers working on this scheme are being paid at £5. 10. 0. a week only, and he proposed that these workers be paid at the same rate as the Council's road workers, viz., £6. 0. 0. a week. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Cox.

The County Manager explained that it is a matter for the Contractor to make application to the Council for payment of the increase in wages as an extra to the contract, and stated that he would have the matter investigated.

2322 - OYSTER BEDS IN GALWAY BAY: In accordance with their Notices of Motion Nos: 17 (b), Cllrs. P. Ruane and J. Lambert proposed that the Galway County Council take such action as may be necessary to prohibit the re-laying of contaminated oysters on the natural oyster beds in Galway Bay during the entire year.

The Secretary read the County Medical Officer's report of the 26th January, 1961, stating that all sites in Kilcolgan Bay in which imported oysters are re-laid are inspected by the County Medical Officer or by an officer of his Department to determine the suitability of the site for such re-laying; that of the several sites approved, none of the sites is on the natural oyster bed or even within such distance of that bed as to have any influence on it.

With the Chairman's permission Mr. Haniffy, a member of a deputation which attended in connection with this matter addressed the meeting. Mr. Haniffy stated that local effort had developed the natural oyster beds and that the people who developed the natural beds cannot now sell their oysters due to the fact that buyers are bringing in from outside the county oysters which are being re-laid in Kilcolgan Bay; that this re-laying is being carried out within twenty yards of the natural oyster bed which is therefore in danger of becoming contaminated.

The County Medical Officer stated that the procedure is that those who bring in oysters from outside the county for re-laying in Kilcolgan Bay, make application to his Department for approval, and that a check is carried out on each case to ensure that the place in which the oysters are re-laid is suitable for the purpose; that re-laying of oysters in this manner is prohibited during the period from September to February inclusive.

Clr. J. Lambert recommended that the re-laying of oysters be prohibited for the full year, and Clr. P. Ruane stated that oysters re-laid in this manner should not be sold as Galway oysters.

The County Medical Officer explained that oysters cannot be dredged anywhere during the period from May to September inclusive and stated that he is not aware of any authority to do what is requested by Cllrs. Lambert and Ruane.

The County Medical Officer pointed out that the re-laying to which reference is made is being done by local people.

The Chairman, Deputy M. Carty, proposed that the Council request the Department of Lands and Fisheries to make an Order prohibiting the re-laying in Galway Bay of oysters imported from any other part of the country.

The Chairman also recommended that the members of the Oireachtas who are members of the Galway County Council would approach the Minister for Lands and Fisheries in connection with this matter.

The County Medical Officer recommended that this proposal be confined to Kilcolgan Bay as expensive tanks have been or are about to be erected for re-laying of oysters in other parts of Galway Bay.

Cllrs. Cox and King considered that since this trouble appears to be at local level matters should be investigated locally before any such Order as proposed would be made.

Eventually the Chairman's proposal and recommendation were approved by the Council.

2323 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to No: 2320 inclusive having been circulated to the members, were submitted and after alteration of the word "should" to read "would" in the third paragraph of Minute No: 2318, were approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2324 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mr. Patrick Folan, Inishnee, Roundstone - Damage to gate and wall, 27/1/1961 - £15.  
Mr. Patrick McDonagh, Furnish, Lettermullen - damage to car at Lettermore, 31/1/1961 - £90. 14. 6d.  
Mr. Michael Folan, Lettermullen - damage to car at Lettermore, 31/1/61 - £39. 11. 6d.

Letter of 22nd November, 1960, from the County Councils' General Council, having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

The Chairman explained that a Committee is being set up by the Government to consider if an amendment of the Malicious Damage Act is necessary.

The County Manager stated that it would be desirable that there would be a limit on the amount of any individual claim, as persons owning valuable property should have their property covered by insurance.

Eventually the following recommendations were approved, viz:-

- The Council does not recommend that the Malicious Injury Acts be repealed.
- The Council recommends that any individual claim against a local authority should not be for an amount in excess of £1,000.
- That local authorities be empowered to effect insurance to cover their liability for malicious damage claims - or the excess over a certain amount for each year.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3. 15 p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

2325 - TOWN PLANNING - NO: 1 SCHEME: The notice of intention to propose a resolution to make a planning scheme for portion of the Galway County Health District - which was sent to each member of the Council by registered post on 5th January, 1961, was submitted.

Clr. F. King stated that at the last meeting of the County Councils' General Council the Minister for Local Government stated that preparation of a National Planning Scheme is being considered. In view of this Clr. King proposed that consideration of the adoption of a Planning Resolution for the part of the County Health District described in the notice to the members, be adjourned.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Ruane. The County Manager explained that after adoption of the Planning Resolution, the Council is enabled to exercise interim control.

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Carty and seconded by Clr. John Dowd, that it is resolved that the Galway County Council being the district planning authority for the following planning district, that is to say THE GALWAY COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT hereby decides to make a district planning scheme for the following area, being a portion of such planning district, that is to say:-

The area consisting of the townlands set out hereunder forming part of the Electoral Divisions of BALLINTEMPLE, BALLYMACOURTY, BARNA, CARRONBROWNE, CIA RINBRIDGE, FURBOGH, GALWAY RURAL, KILLANIN, ORANMORE and SPIDDLE and shown enclosed within the inner edge of a red coloured border, on a map now produced to us the said Galway County Council.

TOWNLANDS.

IN BALLINTEMPLE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

ARDAUN, BALLYGARRAUN, BREANLOUGHAUN, CAPPANABORNIA, CARRONKEEL, CARTRON, COOLAGH, CURRAGREAN, DOUGHISKA, GARRAUN NORTH, GARRAUN SOUTH.

IN BALLYMACOURTY ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

ARDRRY, MARSHALLSPARK, TREANLAUR.

IN BARNA ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

ACRES, AHAGLUGGER, BALLARD EAST, BALLARD WEST, BALLYBURKE, BALLYMONEEN EAST, BALLYMONEEN WEST, BALLYNAHOWN EAST, BARNA, CLOGHSCOLTIA, CLOONAGOWER, CLYBAUN, DERRYLONEY, FORRAMOYLE EAST, FORRAMOYLE WEST, FREEPORT, GORTNALECKA, KEFRAUN, KILLEEN, KIMMEENMORE, KNOCKAUNMACARRAGH, KNOCKNACARRAGH (PART OF), LACKLEA, LENABOWER, LENAREVAGH, LOUGHINCH, MINCLOON (PART OF), NEWVILLAGE, POLLNAROOMA WEST (PART OF), RUSHEEN, SEAPOINT, SHANBALLYDUFF, SHANGORT, TRUSKY EAST, TRUSKY WEST.

IN CARROWBROWNE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

BALLINDOOLY.

IN CLARINBRIDGE ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

MONEYDUFF, ORANHILL, RINVILLE EAST, RINVILLE WEST.

IN FURBOGH ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

ALLAPHREAGHAUN, BALLYNAHOWN, CUSHMAIGMORE, DERRYLOUGHAIN EAST, DERRYLOUGHAIN WEST, FURBOGHGARVE, KNOCKANAVODDY, KNOCKNAGREANA, SEERSHIN, STRIPE.

IN GALWAY RURAL ELECTORAL DIVISION:-

BALLAGH, BALLYBAAN BEG (PART OF), BALLYBAAN MORE (PART OF), BALLYBRIT, BARNACRANNY (PART OF), BUSHYPARK, CASTLEGAR (part of), COOLAGH (part of), DANGAN LOWER (part of), GLENMALL (part of), KENTFIELD, LETTERAGH (part of), MENLOUGH (part of), MERLINPARK, MURCOGH (part of), PARKMORE, RAHOON (part of), RAHYLIN GLEBE (part of), ROSCAM.

IN KILLANIN ELECTORAL DIVISION:

BOHOONA EAST.

IN ORANMORE ELECTORAL DIVISION:

CARROWMONDASH, DEERPARK, FRENCHFORT, GLENNASCAUL, INNPLAT, MILUPLOT, ORANBEG, ORANMORE, ROCKLANDS.

IN SPIDDLE ELECTORAL DIVISION:

KILLOUGH, LIPPA, PARK, SHEAUNMORE, SPIDOLE EAST, SPIDOLE MIDDLE, SPIDOLE WEST."

The Secretary stated that the notices published stated that the Council would adopt the resolution at the meeting which would be held on 25th February, 1961, and that a decision on the adoption or rejection of the resolution should be made at that meeting.

Following this Clr. T. King withdrew his proposal that consideration of the matter be adjourned.

It was then proposed by Clr. Thomas King and seconded by Clr. Pat Ruane, that a Planning Resolution for the part of the Galway County Health District described in Deputy M. Carty's proposals above be not adopted.

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

**FOR:** Clrs. Burke, Collins, Donnellan, Geoghegan, Kitt, King, Lambert, Mannion M., Ridge and Ruane P. (10).

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Carty, Coogan, Cox, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Kelly, Killilea, Kyne, Lahiff, Millar, Mullins, O'Connell, Patten, Ruane J., and Sirr (17).

Clr. King's proposal was declared lost and Deputy M. Carty's proposal was then put to the meeting, the voting being as follows:-

**FOR:** Clrs. Carty, Coogan, Cox, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Kelly, Killilea, Kyne, Lahiff, Millar, Mullins, O'Connell, Patten, Ruane J., and Sirr (17).

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Burke, Collins, Donnellan, Geoghegan, King, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion M., Ridge and Ruane P. (10).

The following members were absent when the above divisions were taken, viz: Clrs. Canning, Greene, Joyce and Mannion J.

Deputy M. Carty's proposal was therefore declared approved by the Council.

**2326 - TOWN PLANNING, TUAM TOWN:** Letter of 9th February, 1961, from the Town Clerk, Tuam, was submitted, setting out a resolution adopted by the Tuam Town Commissioners requesting that the Galway County Council adopt Town and Regional Planning for the town of Tuam.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Patten, seconded by

Deputy M. Killilea and resolved:

"That the Council approve the proceeding with the formalities for adoption of Town Planning for Tuam Town, the resultant expense to be charged on the Galway County Health District."

**2327 - DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROADS:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council declare the following road to be a public road, viz:-  
Road at 4rd East, Carna, from Crossroads near Gael-Linn Factory to the Factory Gate, length 50 perches."

It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. P. Fatten and resolved:-

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

- (a) Road from Barrack Street to the Gaelic Sports Stadium, Tuam, length 20 perches.
- (b) Road to the Bone Meal Factory, Killelaun, Tuam, from the main road at Killelaun to the Bone Meal Factory, length 87 perches."

**2328 - ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING:** It was unanimously decided that the Estimates Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, 11th March, 1961, commencing at 11 a.m. (instead of on 4th March, 1961, as previously arranged).

**2329 - LOAN FOR HEARNSBROOK BRIDGE:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, for repayment of the sum of £5,350 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government Acts, 1925 to 1955."

of the Council.

The mortgage deed was then sealed with the seal

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**2330 - OVERDRAFT:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account not exceeding £200,000 for the Quarter Ending 30th June, 1961."

**2331 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan seconded by Clr. S. Kyne, the Council approved excess expenditure in the current year over the amount provided in the estimate as follows:-

- (a) Home "assistants: £2,000
- (b) Repairs and Maintenance at St. Brendan's Home; Loughrea: £250

**2332 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:** Letter of 22nd February, 1961, from the County Councils' General Council was submitted, drawing attention to Section 14 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, requesting that the Council would increase its contribution to £30 a year.

On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. S. Kyne, the Council approved provision of £30 for contribution to the County Councils' General Council in the Council's Estimate for Year Ending 31st March, 1962.

**2333 - ANALYTICAL CHEMIST:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved the revised remuneration for the post of Analytical Chemist in the Public Analyst's Laboratory as follows:-

Where a person possesses on appointment or subsequently obtains a qualification in chemistry including "microscopy" of food, drugs and water approved by the Minister for Health: £1061 x £29 to £1300 per annum.

Where a person on appointment does not possess such a qualification: £966 x £29 to £1205 per annum.

**2334 - VISITING COMMITTEE:** The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee held at St. Mary's Home, Tuam, on 20/1/51, and at St. Brendan's Home, Louchrea, on 10/2/1961, were submitted and noted, copies having already been circulated to the members.

**2335 - KILLIMOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** On the proposition of Deputy A. Millar, seconded by Mr. F. Mallin, the Council approved extensions to Killimor Water Supply Scheme as set out hereunder:-

	Estimated Cost.
Balinasloe Road:	£1100.
Deradda Road:	£550.
Portumna Road:	£4700.

**2336 - WATER RENTS:** In connection with the County Manager's recommendation that water rents or charges for domestic water supplies in the Galway County Health District be abolished, Clr. J. Flaherty stated that he considers that those receiving the water supply should still pay the charge levied.

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, and seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, that the water rents or charges for domestic water supplies in the Galway County Health District be abolished.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Donnellan and seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty that consideration of this matter be deferred until water supplies will be made available by the Council to most of the people in the Galway County Health District.

After discussion, it was decided eventually that consideration of this matter be adjourned for a period of twelve months.

**2337 - WESTERN REGIONAL SANATORIUM, VISITING HOURS:** Arising out of Minute No: 2304 of 28/1/1961, the Secretary read letter of 9th February, 1961, from Dr. Cussen, Medical Superintendent. This letter stated that in the interests of the patients, Dr. Cussen could not agree to an alteration in the visiting hours and pointed out that there is an arrangement by which visitors living at a distance from the Institution are given special permission on application to the Medical Superintendent, to visit between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. on Thursdays.

The Council noted the position.

**2338 - BELLEVIEW GATEWAY:** Clr. J. Dowd informed the Council that he has been in communication with Mr. Egan about this matter, and that he will inform the Council eventually of the result of their discussions.

DEPUTY M. CARTY AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**2339 - SCHOLARSHIPS TO TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGES:** Arising out of Minute No: 2202 of 26th November, 1960, the Secretary read letter of 21st January, 1961, from the County Galway Vocational Education Committee, in which it was stated that Monaghan County Council has authorised Council scholarship holders to follow courses of instruction in Bolton Street and Kevin Street and in Colaiste Muire le Tios, Dublin; that many County Vocational Committees award scholarships to Technological Colleges in Dublin; that in recent times the County Galway Vocational Committee has awarded scholarships temble at Kevin Street Technical School and at Colaiste Muire, Dublin, as well as supplementary scholarships to former Gaeltacht students of the Committee who secure entrance to one or other of the domestic economy trainee colleges for teachers; that the Committee is at present receiving the maximum rate of contribution from the Council.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh recommended that the Council would, from its own funds, provide one scholarship for boys and one scholarship for girls - to Technological Colleges in Dublin; the scholarships to be awarded on the results of the Group Certificate examination and to be approximately £150 each in value.

Deputy F. Coogan supported Clr. O Ceallaigh. The Chairman, Deputy M. Carty, stated that the Galway County Vocational Education Committee spends more on vocational education than is spent by any other Vocational Committee in Connacht, and that under the Council's University Scholarships Scheme, scholarships are made available for the Agriculture and Mechanical Engineering faculties; that a Commission has been established to advise on the integration of vocational, secondary and national education.

Deputy M. Killilea considered that the vocational schools should concentrate more on domestic economy.

Clr. O Ceallaigh stated that he is not concerned with the question of whether the scholarships should be provided by the Vocational Education Committee or by the County

Council but that they be provided.

Clr. Cox supported Clr. O Ceallaigh.

The Council approved the Chairman's suggestion that this matter be referred to the Council's Scholarships Committee to be considered at a meeting at an early date, and that Mr. Grennan, Department of Education Inspector, be invited to attend that meeting.

**2340 - RATE COLLECTION - DISTRICTS NOS: 14, 35 and 36:** Letter of 20th February, 1961, which was sent by the County Manager to each member of the Council was submitted. On the Chairman's proposal it was unanimously decided that consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

**2341 - INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** The Council unanimously approved the provision in next year's estimate of a sum of £50 for contribution to the Institute of Public Administration.

**2342 - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD:** The Council unanimously appointed Deputy Michael Carty as its nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for the coming year.

**2343 - DRAINAGE AT ORANHILL, MARREE:** In connection with Clr. Lambert's notice of motion, the Chairman explained that this matter should be taken up with the Commissioners of Public Works, 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, by the people concerned.

**2344 - MALE NURSES:** It was directed that consideration of Clr. Cox's notice of Motion No: 17 (c) (1) be referred to the Visiting Committee at its next meeting at Galway Regional Hospital.

**2345 - WESTERN REGIONAL SANATORIUM:** In connection with his notice of motion, 17 (c) (2) Clr. Cox explained that conditions will be much improved for the turf trimmers if the open space between the turf shed and the agitators was covered in.

The County Manager stated that he would look into this matter and take it up with the Department of Health.

**2346 - SICK PAY SCHEME FOR SERVANTS:** With reference to Clr. Cox's notice of motion 17 (c) (3), it was directed that all relevant information available be obtained on this matter from the Galway Corporation and that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so that a sub-committee may then be appointed.

**2347 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:** In connection with Clr. Donnellan's notices of motion No: 17 (d) (1) and (2), Mr. S. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, stated that the provision of a bridge at Baile an tSagairt would cost £1200 and that the traffic along the road would not justify this expenditure; that it is intended that the work sought on the bridge over the canal at Moycullen will be carried out during the coming financial year.

Clr. Donnellan withdrew his notice of motion No: 17 (d) (3).

**2348 - RATE COLLECTION BY INSTALMENTS:** In connection with Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion No: 17 (e) the Chairman explained that the County Manager has received a letter from the Department of Local Government in connection with this matter, which is being considered by him and of which the Council will be informed later.

**2349 - ROAD AT MOUNTBELLEW:** In reference to Clr. Mammion's Notice of Motion No: 17 (f) Mr. Cullinan, Engineer, stated that the Council would be prepared to take over and surface the area at the church gate entrance but that the Council is not prepared to remove the mound to which Clr. Mammion referred.

**2350 - ROAD SIGNS AT BALLINAHATTINA CROSSROADS:** It was noted that the work to which Clr. P. O Ceallaigh referred in his notice of motion 17 (h) had been carried out.

**2351 - RATES ON FLOODED LANDS:** In connection with Clr. O Ceallaigh's and Ruane's notice of motion No: 17 (1) the Chairman explained that this matter had been considered by the Council many times already and that the Council has no legal authority to do what is sought.

The County Manager stated that if the flooding is casual the Valuation Office will not strike off or reduce the valuation. It was eventually suggested that Clr. O Ceallaigh would inform the persons concerned of the position and if the flooding is very severe request them to submit an application for revision of the valuation of their holdings.

2352 - E.S.B. CHARGES: The Council approved Clrs. Ruane's and O'Ceallaigh's notice of motion that this Council protests against the increase in fixed charges made by the Electricity Supply Board."

2353 - COUNCIL'S INCOME, INDEBTEDNESS, ETC: It was directed that the information sought in Councillors Ruane's and O'Ceallaigh's notice of motion 17 (i) (3) be circulated to the members.

That information is as follows:-

Revenue Account Receipts Year Ended 31st March, 1960:-

	£
Rates:	690,314.
Agricultural Grant:	455,653.
Other Grants:	899,349.
Urban Contributions:	145,305.
Other Receipts:	139,285.
TOTAL:	£2,329,906.

Capital Account Receipts Year Ended 31st March, 1960:-

	£
Loans:	172,885.
Grants:	73,330.
Other Receipts:	710.
TOTAL:	£246,925.

Total amount of Loans outstanding at 31st March, 1960: £1,919,139.

Annual Cost of repayment of Loans:-

	£.
Principal:	84,870.
Interest:	82,224.
TOTAL:	£167,094.

Bank Interest for Year Ended 31st March, 1960:-

	£
Paid:	982. 19. 6d.
Received:	579. 12. 0d.
Net Amount Paid:	£403. 7. 6d.

Rate Collection: There are 36 Rate Collection Districts, but rates are not collected in two of these, viz., Inishboffin and Inishmaan and Inishere.

The total number of Rate Collectors is 34.

The total cost of rate collection for the year ended 31st March, 1960, was as follows:-

Rate Collectors' Remuneration:	£23,507.
Rate Inspectors' Remuneration:	£1,534.
Other expenses, e.g., preparation of rate books, stationery, etc:	£4,212.
TOTAL:	£29,253.

The rate warrant for the current year ending 31st March, 1961, is £733,216.

2354 - ROAD WORKS: In reply to Clr. P. Patten's notice of motion No: 17 (g) (1) and (2) Mr. S. Cullinan, Acting County Engineer, stated that it is expected that during the coming year the corner at the junction of the road leading from Bishop Street, Tuam, to Dunmore, will be improved.

In regard to the road leading from Upper Bishop Street, Tuam, to Castlemoyle Bridge, Mr. Cullinan explained that only ordinary maintenance can be carried out on this road.

2355 - WATER SUPPLY TO SYLAUNE NATIONAL SCHOOL, BELCLARE: In connection with Clr. Patten's Notice of Motion No: 17 (g) (3), Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the best arrangement would be that the Manager of the school and local people would form themselves into a group and apply to the Department of Local Government for the appropriate grant.

The Chairman also stated that the Department of Education could give a full cost grant for a water supply to a school if an application for that grant was made to them by the Manager of the School.

2356 - DENTURES: Deputy J. Geoghegan complained that the clinic which is held in the County Clinic at Shantalla, once a month for dentures has now been altered to once a quarter.

The County Manager stated that the clinics for this purpose are now held at the Regional Hospital.

2357 - RURAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. O'Ceallaigh regarding the carrying out of a rural improvement scheme on a road which leads to a Council cottage, the County Manager stated that if the cottage is not vested in the tenant the Council would be prepared to pay the tenant's contribution towards the cost of repairing this road.

2358 - ROAD WORKERS: Clr. Cox requested that the County Manager would consider granting the Council's road workers a half-day of leave on Good Friday without loss of pay.

2359 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following in their bereavements:-

- Mr. Michael Fahy, St. Mary's Road, Galway, on the death of his wife.
- Deputy F. Coogan on the death of his mother-in-law.
- Mr. Gabriel Browne, Tuam, Town Commissioners, on the death of his father-in-law.
- Mr. Michael Fintan Sweeney, Loughrea.
- The relatives of Mr. Martin Walsh, San Antonio Terrace, Salthill.

2360 - MISCELLANEOUS: On the proposal of Clr. P. Patten the Council unanimously wished Deputy Coogan a safe journey and good fortune in his forthcoming trip to the United States.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*M. C. C. Chairman*

*Submitted, approved, and confirmed.*

*Michael C. C. Chairman.*

*Date: 25th March, 1961.*  
*8. 4. 1961*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,  
GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 11th MARCH, 1961.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Canning, Collins, Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin,  
Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Millilea, Deputy Kitt,  
Clrs. Kynne, Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge,  
Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

The Estimate which was circulated to the members on 6th instant, was submitted, showing total expenditure and receipts for county charges as £2,623,992, and £1,206,980, respectively.

The County Manager gave an explanation of the Estimate which as submitted, would involve an increase of 35<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. in the £. in the rate for county charges, and stated that applications have been received for increase in the remuneration of several grades of officers, and that provision for these increases has not been made in the Estimate submitted.

The Chairman referred to the delay in receipt of Government Grants and the resulting effect on the Council's bank balance.

A general examination of the explanatory statement for all services followed, from which it was noted that the expenditure on medical supplies for dispensary districts has increased very rapidly during recent years.

The meeting was adjourned until 2.15.p.m. and on resumption of the meeting, Deputy M. Carty again took the chair.

A lengthy consideration of the estimate followed and the following reductions were made:-

ROADS:

Expenditure -		
Travelling Expenses:	£200.	
Stationery, etc:	£100.	
	<u>£300</u>	
Receipts:-		
Superannuation contributions	£100	£400
increased by		

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

Home Assistance:	£1,000	
Retiring Allowances:	200	£1,200

HEALTH SERVICES:

General Medical Services:		
Salaries:	£1,000	
Medicines:	£1,000	£2,000

CLR. T. KING NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Institutions - Galway Regional Hospital:

Heating, etc:	£2,200	
Furniture:	100	
Laboratory Expenses:	200	
Repairs:	200	£2,700

As it was 5.30.p.m. when this stage was reached, it was decided that the further consideration of the Estimate by the Committee would be adjourned until Monday, 13th March, 1961, commencing at 11 o'clock. Subsequently it was arranged to change this to Saturday, 18th March, commencing at 12 o'clock noon.  
THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Michael Carty Chairman

*L. O. Luanaitigh*

*8. 4. 1961*

COMHAIRLE CONNDÁE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
Galway.

13th March, 1961.

Phone:  
Galway 2055.

To: Each Member of the Galway County Council.

A Chara,

ESTIMATE

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Committee Meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 18th March, 1961, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon, to consider the Estimate of Expenses of the Galway County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1962.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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

13th March, 1961.

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, 25th March, 1961, 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, 1962, and to determine the rate in the pound for County Charges, Separate Charges and Town Charges.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.  
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Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mór,  
GAILLIMHE.

13 Marta, 1961.

Chuíg Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bhoith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Connadae an Sathairn, 25adh lae de Marta, 1961, ag tosnu nuair a bheidh deire leis an gcrúinniú meastachan.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

A G E N D ATO CONSIDER:

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2. Malicious Damage Claims.
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4. Extension of the following temporary posts:-
  - (a) Clerk-Typist, Polio Scheme 1st April to 30th June, 1961.
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5. Creation of post of Senior House Surgeon in Ear, Nose and Throat Department in lieu of Junior House Surgeon.
6. Remuneration Increases:-
  - (a) Coroners (Dept. of Justice letter 6/3/61).
  - (b) Drivers at Central Crushing Plants.
7. Adoption of Bye-laws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.
8. Provision of a Swimming Pool at Tuam.
9. Extension of Water & Sewerage Services to Glanamaddy New Vocational School.
10. Scholarships in Technological Colleges (Minute 2339 of 25. 2. 1961).
11. Rate Collection in Districts No: 14, 35 and 36 (Minute 2340 of 25. 2. 1961).
12. Sick Pay Scheme for Servants - (Minute 2346 of 25. 2. 1961).
13. To Extinguish the public right of way over the section of road included in the plot being sold at Killaan, Woodlawn.
14. Sale of Plot of Ground at Killaan Woodlawn - Notice 24. 2. 1961.
15. Fairs Rights Acquisition - Minute No: 2203(a) of 26. 11. 1960.
16. County Councils General Council - items for next agenda.

## 17. Members' Notices of Motion:-

(a) Mr. F. Mullen:

1. "I propose that two lights be erected in village of Gurteeny, Woodford.
2. I propose that "oodford fairgreen be taken over by the Council."

(b) Deputy M. Killilea:

1. "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a sign post be erected at or opposite the main gate leading into Moyne College at Derreen, Ballyglunin.
2. I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a sign post be erected opposite the main gate leading into Toghernmore Rehabilitation Centre on the "ublin Road Tuam."

(c) Mr. John Flaherty:Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Supply Scheme.

1. I will ask the Engineer in Charge if it is his intention to extend the piped Water Supply to serve the ten houses in Cooloo already asked for.
2. I will ask the Engineer in Charge if he intends to extend the piped water to the villages of Timiduane, Kippanagh, Clonbern and Coguala."

(d) Deputy T. Millar:

"I will propose that a fence be provided on the roadside on the lands of Mr. Walter B. Burke, Cloonkeen, Athenry."

## 18. Other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,  
GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Deputy M. Carty.  
(2) Deputy M. Killilea.  
(3) Mr. T. King.

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Cirs. Glynn, Kelly, Deputy Kitt, Cirs. Kyne, Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Mullins, O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane James and Sirr.

SYMBATHY: The Chairman and members expressed their deep sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. George Lee, former County Engineer, and in respect to Mr. Lee's memory, it was proposed by the Chairman, Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, and resolved that the meeting be adjourned until 2 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned and on resumption, Deputy M. Carty again took the Chair.

ESTIMATES, 1961/62: Mr. John Donnellan and Mr. P. O Ceallaigh asked if provision for the salary increases mentioned at the previous committee meeting should be made in the Estimate, as he understood that these increases have been granted by several County Councils already. Mr. Donnellan stated that he will propose at the Estimates Meeting that provision for the granting of these increases be made in the Estimate.

The County Manager stated that it is not clear that the increases proposed will be sanctioned and that it was his intention to await the result of the application for sanction made by other counties before submitting these proposals to the County Council.

The Committee then resumed the detailed examination of the Estimate for 1961/62.

HEALTH: The Estimates for Institutions - St. Brendan's Home and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital expenditure, and for Health Account Receipts were approved.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Extern Institutions: The estimated expenditure for mental defectives was reduced by £1,000 to £17,700.

Mental Health Services: Mr. P. O Ceallaigh stated that some patients in the Mental Hospital are young boys who have been sent there since accommodation is not available in other Institutions and whose condition deteriorates through association with the ordinary mental hospital patients.

The Chairman explained that any patient admitted as a voluntary patient is at liberty to leave the Mental Hospital at any time.

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. J. Flaherty, the County Manager stated that a patient in the Mental Hospital who is cured but who has nobody to claim him can be sent to St. Brendan's Home.

Maternity and Child Health Services: Deputy J. Geoghegan complained that in some cases the Dudley Nurses are not located in a central position in the district.

Tuberculosis, etc: The amount provided for maintenance allowances was reduced by £500 to £13,500.

General Administration: The following reductions were made in the Estimate:

Salaries, reduced by £1,000 to £24,000.  
Travelling Expenses, reduced by £200 to £3,300.

It was noted that as a result of the alterations made in the Estimate the Health Grant would be reduced by £3,700.

SANITARY: The amount provided for water supplies was reduced by £5,000 to £25,910.

Public Lighting: Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, gave particulars of the

additions or improvements to public lighting sought by Councillors during the year and deferred for consideration at the Estimates Meeting. The estimated cost of these additions already sought was, Mr. Silke stated, £2,140 and that further improvements in lighting have since been sought at Athenry.

It was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, that provision for these additions and improvements to the public lighting as set out in Mr. Silke's report be not made in the Estimate for 1961/62.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Dowd and seconded by Clr. G. Kelly that the amount £2,140 be added to the estimates to provide for these improvements to public lighting.

On a show of hands, Clr. J. Dowd's amendment was defeated, and it was therefore decided that provision would not be made in the Estimate for 1961/62 for additions or improvements to the public lighting.

CLR. T. KING NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**HOUSING:** The Estimate as submitted for Housing Account was approved.

**GENERAL PURPOSES:**

The following alterations were made in the Estimate for General Purposes Account:

Expenditure - Rate Collection: Reduced by £1,500 to £32,500.

On the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. P. Kelly, the Council approved an increase of £250 in the contribution to the Irish Tourist Association, i.e., making the amount as set out in the Estimate £1,750 for the year ending 31st March, 1962.

**Receipts:** It was decided to increase the receipts by £200 under the Heading "Miscellaneous" in respect of derelict sites grants.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

**ROADS:** Consideration of the amount £7,250 provided for Councillors' Notices of Motion, having been left in abeyance, the Committee was now asked to consider that item.

The Committee decided that the item be left in the Estimate pending any further consideration necessary at the formal Estimates Meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. O. Luanaigh, Runai.*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Michael Carli, Chairman.*

*25th March, 1961 8.4.1961*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.

28 Marta, 1961.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chars,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag oruinniu de Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Conndae an Sathairn, 8adh la de Aibrean, 1961, ag tosnu ar 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

AGENDA

TO CONSIDER:

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14. Side of Plot of Ground at Killaan Woodlawn - Notice 24. 2. 1961.
15. Fair Rights Acquisition - Minute No: 2203(A) of 26. 11. 1960.
16. County Councils General Council - items for next agenda.
17. Expenditure in excess of Estimate for year to 31. 3. 1961.
18. Belleview Gateway, Laurencetown - Minute NoF 2338 of 25. 2. 1961.
19. Banagher Bridge - Draft of Bridge Order.
20. Piddal New Courthouse - Dept. of Justice letter requesting that Council proceed with erection of.
21. Control of Dogs - Dept. of Agriculture letter 17. 2. 1961.
22. Improvement of Fishing Ports - Dept. of Lands letter of 17. 2. 1961.
23. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. F. Mullen:
    1. I propose that two lights be erected in village of Gurteeny, Woodford.
    2. I propose that Woodford fairgreen be taken over by the Council.
  - (b) Deputy M. Killilea:
    1. "I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that a sign post be erected at or opposite the main gate leading into Moyne College at Derreen, Ballyglunin.
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  - (c) Clr. John Flaherty:

Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Supply Scheme.

    1. "I will ask the Engineer in Charge if it is his intention to extend the piped Water Supply to serve the ten houses in Cooloo already asked for.
    2. I will ask the Engineer in Charge if he intends to extend the piped water to the villages of Timiduan, Kippanagh, Clonbern and Coguala."
  - (d) Deputy T. Millar:

"I will propose that a fence be provided on the roadside on the lands of Mr. Walter B. Burke, Cloonkeen, Athenry."
24. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,  
ON SATURDAY, 25th MARCH, 1961.

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IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kyne, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Marnion J., Marnion M., Deputy Millar, Clrs. Mullins, O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P. and Sirr.

2361 - ESTIMATE: The Estimate of expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1962, as originally circulated to the members, was submitted, showing total expenditure and receipts for county charges of £2,623,992 and £1,206,980 respectively, and showing the net amounts to be levied as set out hereunder:-

County Charges - County Health District:	£1,274,852, equivalent to a rate of 610.644d. in £.
Separate " " " "	£39,956. 4. Od. equivalent to a rate of 19.26d. in £.

Town Charges:

Loughrea:	£530 equivalent to a rate of 21.0d. in £.
Tuam:	£3, 348 " " " " " 75.75d. in £.

Other Separate Charges levied on areas less than the County Health District:

Net amount to be levied: £1636. 14. 3d.

The Amendments in this Estimate made at the Committee Meetings held on 11th and 18th instant, amounted to a total of £15,400 in expenditure; the amendments in receipts totalled £300; and as a result of the reduction of certain items in Health Account. expenditure, the amount of the Health Grant was reduced by £3,700.

The net reduction of expenditure effected at the Committee Meetings was therefore £12,000.

The Chairman stated that the Estimate as originally circulated provided for an increase of 2/11d. in the rate for the current year; that the amendments effected at the Committee Meetings resulted in a reduction equivalent to 5d; that the increase in the rate would still be 2/6d.

The Chairman stated that this increase in the rate is principally in the Health Services and is also due to the fact that a credit balance was available when preparing the estimate for the current year, and that no such balance can be taken into account for the coming year; that the Council is bound to provide the services and as the valuation of the county is relatively low, an increase in rates cannot be prevented; that a rates equalisation fund would be desirable to offset the unavoidable increase in rates in counties with a relatively low valuation.

The following observations were made by members:-

Clr. P. Collins: That in relation to Health Services expenditure, the minority is paying for the majority of the population; also that generally high valuation is being placed on new houses as compared with old houses.

Clr. J. Dowd: That several of the services should be a national charge.

Clr. P. Sirr: That if the people require the services they cannot avoid the resulting increase in the rates.

Deputy Killilea: That making some of the services a State charge would only shift the onus from the ratepayer to the tax payer; that it is more relevant to see if any saving can be effected, e.g., in medicines.

Deputy M. Carty, Chairman: That the expenditure in drugs and medicines for dispensary districts had increased from £10,000 to £24,000 in a period of three years.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh: That if office collection of rates was instituted a saving of 6d. in the £. in the rate would be effected; that the Visiting Committee for an Institution should be made up of members who reside reasonably near that institution; that the citizens' burden is not relieved whether the amount to be levied is to be raised by rate or by taxation.

Clr. J. Cox: That the health of the people is the most important consideration, and that the Council should be more concerned with insuring that there is not an abuse of any service properly provided by the Council.

Clr. King: That the Estimate, having been already considered in detail for two days, that the Council should now consider whether any further reduction could be effected, i.e., in notices of motion by members for road works or in health services account.

Clr. J. Ridge: Asked if it is a fact that there are men employed in the Galway Regional Hospital for seven days a week with remuneration not exceeding £5 a week.

The County Manager thanked the Chairman for his explanation of the Estimate and stated that the Estimate had already been examined very carefully at the Committee Meetings and that it does not include any amount to meet the cost of pending claims for salary increases; that it is difficult to determine the amount of the increase in the rate which is attributable to the Health Acts, as owing to rising costs, the cost of Health Services would, in any case, have increased very considerably, even if the Health Act had not come into operation; that there is a very high mileage of county roads being maintained by the Council in this county; that although the rate in the £. is high in County Galway, the rate per head of population in this county compares favourably with that for counties in which the rate in the £. is low; that the increase in salaries, if granted, would involve an increase of 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. in the rate in the £.

In reply to a question by Deputy Geoghegan, the County Manager stated that the effect of remunerating Rate Collectors by salary instead of poundage will eventually effect a reduction in the cost of rate collection.

Clr. J. Flaherty stated that in Roads and Health Services, the people receive good value for the money expended; that he did not agree that membership of a Visiting Committee for a District Institution should be restricted to members who live in the vicinity of that Institution.

Clr. J. Glynn stated that the valuation of houses in small towns is much too high as compared with land valuations and that there should be some type of relief for small town ratepayers; that a large part of a salary increase was taken by income tax, and that the granting of salary increases therefore amounts to subsidising the Government funds.

Clr. P. Joyce recommended that the increases in remuneration should be considered only at the Annual Estimates Meeting and that some ceiling figure be fixed for both salaries and expenditure.

Clr. P. Ruane stated that if the people desire an improved standard of living they cannot avoid the resulting increase in the cost of providing the services which they seek.

Clr. J. Donnellan stated that the staff employed by the Council should receive salaries comparable with those being paid to similar grades in other employment, but that the creation of new posts should be curtailed; that representation for Health Cards for people who could pay all or part of the cost of their treatment should cease; that the possibility of checking on the consumption of medicines should be considered.

Clr. P. Patten stated that since so much time had already been devoted to the examination of the Estimate, it did not appear that any course was open now but to adopt it as amended.

Clr. J. Mannion agreed with Clr. Patten; he stated that members' travelling expenses are a very meagre compensation for the amount of time devoted to Council work; and asked why the travelling allowance for District Medical Officers in Connemara had been terminated.

Senator Lohiff complimented Clr. Cox on his contribution to the discussion and suggested that the county might be divided into two administrative areas, with the Corrib as dividing line. Senator Lohiff also supported Clr. Glynn's recommendation regarding ratepayers in small towns and stated that he does not oppose a rise for the lower-paid wage earners and for farm workers and supports the provision of money for roads to backward areas.

Clr. P. Galvin stated that the Council as a result of its consideration of the Estimate at the Committee Meetings, had already effected a reduction of 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. and suggested that the Council should insure that the rate would not go beyond the figure as so amended. Clr. Galvin also supported the provision of funds for the making of roads to backward places.

The County Manager explained that the increase in the rate is due to many factors other than increases in salaries and cost of medicines, e.g., loan charges, transfer of patients from St. Brendan's Home to Merlin Park, Disablement Allowances, and the fact that a credit balance was taken into account when preparing the Estimate for the current year; that while it would be very desirable to consider salary increases only at the Estimate Meeting, it is sometimes impossible to defer consideration of such applications and that if they were deferred to the Estimate Meeting, they would, in fact, be paid retrospectively.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL 3.5.p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY M. CARTY AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. W. Burke stated that he had never asked any person to make an application for a medical card and had never supported any application except in a case in which he considered that the person was entitled to receive a card; that travelling expenses would scarcely pay postage for the members; that several times notices of motion were submitted unnecessarily when the information could be obtained direct from the officials.

At this stage the Chairman put to the Council the question of the adoption of the Estimate as amended at the Estimates Committee Meetings, and asked if the Council approved provision in the estimate of the additional amount required to pay the staff salary increases, viz:-

Additional Expenditure:	£12,030.
Deduct amount of Health Grant:	£1,785.
Net Additional Expenditure:	£10,245.

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. P. O Ceallaigh that provision be made in the estimate of the above additional expenditure for payment of salary increases to the Council Staff.

Clr. T. King stated that there is on every agenda an item relating to increase in remuneration, and he considered that all such requests for approval to increases be considered by the Council in one particular month in each year. Clr. King recommended that this be referred to the County Councils' General Council for consideration, and also suggested that the Council devote a further day to examination of the Estimate to see if any further reductions could be effected to offset the increase of approximately 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. involved in payment of salary increases.

The County Manager then gave particulars of the revised scale of salary proposed for each grade concerned with effect from 1st August, 1960.

The Council approved the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. O Ceallaigh that revised salary scales be approved and that provision for the granting of these increases be made in the Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1962.

The Council then considered the amount provided for Councillors' Notices of Motion and loan of £50,000 the raising of which had already been approved by the Council for taking over roads not already maintained by the Council.

The County Manager advised the Council that this proposal to raise a loan should be left in abeyance and that if the Council wishes to take over such roads provision therefor should be made in each Annual Estimate, i.e., out of Revenue Account.

Clr. P. Sarr stated that if the amount provided for notices of motion was increased to £12,000 in each year, he would agree to cancelling the loan.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh stated that it is high time to provide roads for those who have paid for years for services which they do not enjoy.

Clr. J. Lambert stated that people are now expecting that the roads for which the loan was being raised will be done and that at this stage it is too late to cancel this loan.

Clr. J. Dowd supported the provision of funds for Councillors' Notices of Motion.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that nothing effective can be done with the amount provided and he recommended that it be deleted from the Estimate.

Clr. J. Ridge supported the provision of funds for Councillors' Notices of Motion, for road works.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. J. Donnellan, the County Engineer stated that a list of the roads sought to be taken over under the loan £50,000 has been prepared by him.

Clr. G. Kelly stated that since it is not yet definite that the loan will be sanctioned, the amount £7,750 should not be deleted from the Estimate.

Clr. M. Mannion supported the provision of the amount for notices of motion works.

Clr. T. King proposed that funds for taking over new roads be provided by either revenue or by loan, but not by both.

Clr. S. Canning proposed that the Council approve the raising of the loan of £50,000.

Clr. P. Galvin supported the provision of the funds out of Revenue Account rather than by way of loan, as a considerable amount would be wasted by the latter method on payment of interest on the loan.

Clr. P. Ruane supported the obtaining of the loan.

Clr. J. Glynn stated that he supported both the loan and the annual provision which in this year is £7,750.

Clr. W. Burke stated that the effect of this scheme is that the Council is doing work which should be done by the Office of Public Works.

Clr. Burke suggested that the Annual provision be increased to £12,000 and that the loan be cancelled.

Deputy M. Carty, chairman, suggested that the Council leave in the amount provided in the Estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1962, i.e., £7,750, and that in the succeeding three years, an amount of £20,000 be included for this purpose in each year - and that the loan application be cancelled.

Deputy M. Killilea suggested instead that £12,000 be provided in 1961/62 and in each of the succeeding two years.

Clr. J. Flaherty stated that the list of roads prepared for the loan can be utilised for future years in expenditure of the amount provided out of Revenue.

It was proposed by Clr. G. Kelly and seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, that the Council include the amount £7,750 in the Estimate for the year ending 31/3/62, and that the loan of £50,000 be raised next year.

At this stage Clr. Sirr stated that some of the roads are as bad now as they were a hundred years ago, and that therefore he adheres to his original proposal that a loan be raised.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. G. Kelly.

Clr. Cox questioned the advisability of raising a loan for work which can be carried out over a longer period at a lower cost.

Clr. Flaherty stated that it is desirable that the work be done now, that deferring of the loan would delay the work longer.

Clr. J. Glynn suggested that the loan be left in abeyance for the present and that the Council include the amount £7,750 in the Estimate now being considered.

The County Engineer stated that the provision of £12,400 in Revenue Account for each of four years would do as much work as the loan which, with interest, would involve a total expenditure of £68,000. The County Engineer stated that he would be prepared to take up with the Special Employment Schemes Office the question of the improvement of roads by that office up to a reasonable standard, so that the Council could take over these roads when completed, if they are roads of public utility.

The Chairman and Deputy Killilea agreed with the County Engineer's suggestion.

Clr. P. Galvin stated that some difficulty is caused by the fact that sometimes there are people who have land on the road concerned but do not reside there and are not therefore prepared to contribute to the improvement being carried out by the Special Employment Schemes Office.

Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh welcomed the County Engineer's statement, but stated that the Council would still have to provide funds to deal with roads in cases where the people concerned could not contribute.

Clr. J. Glynn proposed that the amount £7,750 be included in the Estimate and that the raising of the loan be deferred.

The Chairman now referred to the various proposals which had been made so far and again recommended that an adequate annual provision be made in the Estimate for the taking over of new roads rather than that a loan be raised for this purpose.

Eventually, it was proposed by Clr. F. Sirr, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert and resolved:

"That in addition to the amount £7,750 already included in the Estimate for the year 1961/62 for Councillors' Notices of Motion for Road Works, a further amount of £4,194 be included, i.e., the equivalent of the rate of 2d. in the £. bringing the total provision in the Estimate for this purpose to £11,944 for the year ending 31st March, 1962."

The Chairman then gave notice of motion of his intention to propose at the next meeting that the resolution approving the loan of £50,000 for the taking over of new roads be rescinded.

It was then proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Estimate of Expenses as originally circulated to the members, be amended as approved at the Estimates Committee Meetings at 11th and 18th instant, and that it be further amended as approved at the Estimates Meeting today, i.e., provision of £12,030 for increase in salaries of staff, less grant £1,785, i.e., a net provision of £10,245; and by provision of a further amount £4,194 for Councillors' Notices of Motion for road works, making the total provision for that item £11,944, and that the Council adopt the Estimate of Expenses as so amended and as set forth in Tables A, B, C and D."

It was then proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Council determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses the rates set forth in the final column of Table C, Column 15 of Table D, and the final column of Table E. to be the rates in the £. to be levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the financial year ended 31st March, 1962."

As it was then too late to deal with the business on the agenda for the ordinary meeting of the Council it was decided that consideration of this business would be adjourned until a meeting which will be held on Saturday, 8th April, 1961, commencing at 12.30 p.m. and it was also decided that the Health Committee Meeting which would be normally held on that date would, instead, be held on Friday, 7th April, 1961, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*M. Killilea*  
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*Submitted, approved, and confirmed.*

*Michael Carty Chairman.*

*Date: 8th April, 1961*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 8th APRIL, 1961.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ctrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Ctrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Ctrs. Glynn, Greene, Kelly, King, Deputy Kitt, Ctrs. Kyne, Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Deputy Millar, Ctrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

2362 - SYMPATHY: Deputy M. Killilea, Chairman, proposed that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the relatives of the late Michael Carty, Caherhenryhoe, Loughrea, an uncle of the Chairman, Deputy Michael Carty, and that as a mark of respect to the Chairman the meeting be adjourned until 2.p.m.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and all the members present joined in the expression of sympathy.

Deputy Carty, who then arrived, expressed his thanks to the members and the meeting was adjourned until 2.p.m.

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

2363 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 2261 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2364 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mr. Christopher Norman - damage to motor car, 11/2/61 - £7.  
Messrs. Allen & Finan - damage to plate glass window at Seapoint, 12/2/61 - £55.  
Ballinasloe Golf Club - damage to premises and property 11/2/61 - £40.  
Commercial Boat Club, Galway - damage to billiard table etc. 23/2/61 - £34. 5. 0.  
Flanagan Brothers, Ballymoe - damage to motor car, 2/3/61 - £425.  
Coras Iompair Bireann - damage to toilet windows etc. 24/2/61 - £7.  
Abbey Service Garage (Galway) Ltd. - damage to flood light and lamp, 27/2/61 - £1 0.  
Mr. James Hehir, Ballinacourty - damage to walls, 9/3/61 - £150.  
John J. Hannon, Loughrea - damage to tyre and tube, 9/3/61 - £8.

2365 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert, the Council approved the extension of the employment of a temporary clerk-typist for the Polio Vaccination Scheme from 1st April to 30th June, 1961, inclusive.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, the Council approved the extension of the employment of a temporary clerical officer at the Galway Regional Hospital for work in connection with clinics for the half-year from 1st January to 30th June, 1961, inclusive.

2366 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - MEDICAL STAFF: On the proposition of Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved the creation of one post of Senior House Surgeon in the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of Galway Regional Hospital with remuneration at the rate of £820 for the first year and £925 for the second year, less a deduction of £178. 3. 0. per annum for emoluments provided - to replace an existing post of Junior House Surgeon in that Department.

2367 - CORONERS' REMUNERATION: On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council approved revised remuneration for Coroners as set out hereunder with effect from 15th December, 1959, in lieu of the revised remuneration already approved by the Council in Minute No: 2135:-

North Galway:	£143. 15. 8. per annum.
East Galway:	£245. 10. 4. " "
West Galway:	£399. 3. 8. " "

2368 - PLANT OPERATORS' WAGES: On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved payment of an increase of 2/- a day to the drivers of the central crushing plant at Tonabrucky and New Inn Quarries with effect from 1st April, 1961, inclusive.

In reference to proposals for increases generally, Clr. Lambert and the Chairman stated that in future the Council would have to be very

careful in considering any proposals which will result in an increase in expenditure not already provided for in the Estimate.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that the Council should also be very careful in regard to submitting notices of motion which would cause such increases for which provision has not already been made.

Clr. P. Collins considered that it would be inadvisable to rule out all such notices of motion.

Clr. J. Donnellan stated that the creation of new posts which would involve expenditure for which provision has not been made in the Estimate, should not be approved by the Council.

Clr. P. Patten agreed with Clr. Collins.

2369 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY: Clr. J. Cox requested that the County Engineer should satisfy himself as to the condition of the plant at Tonabrucky Quarry.

2370 - HOUSING BYE-LAWS: The Bye-Laws to be made by the Council under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, were submitted.

The Bye-Laws were read to the meeting by the Chairman.

It was unanimously decided that consideration of the making of these Bye-Laws be adjourned until the next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime copies of the Bye-Laws be circulated to the members.

The Chairman explained in reply to an enquiry by Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh that people should not assume that houses will be provided for them by the Council merely because their houses are inspected - as inspection of houses in the district is a routine procedure which is carried out periodically.

2371 - HOUSING GRANTS: Ctrs. J. Ridge and J. Mannion complained that the Council's supplementary grant for houses in the Fíor-Gaeltacht is not equivalent to the amount of the State grant for these houses.

It was decided that this item would be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

2372 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The minutes of the Visiting Committee held at the Galway Regional Hospital on 24/2/61, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

Deputy M. Coogan stated that it is alleged that in a recent appointment of nursing staff at the Galway Regional Hospital, a candidate was not considered because she was a member of a Union.

The Chairman stated that it is also alleged that a nurse cannot obtain an appointment in the Galway Maternity Hospital unless she has been trained in Baggot Street Hospital, Dublin.

The County Manager stated that if there are any such complaints, they should be brought to his notice in the first instance before being expressed at a public meeting of the Council.

2373 - PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL: Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh made complaints in regard to two patients discharged in recent times from Portiuncula Hospital. In the first case, the relatives of the patient visited the hospital and were told that the patient was ready for discharge; the relatives stated that they would call for the patient on the following Thursday; on the Wednesday prior to the following Thursday the ambulance arrived at the patient's home with the patient; that the patient was carried in to his home on a stretcher and found to be still very ill, the doctor was summoned that evening and the patient died this week. *The patient was scantly dead on discharge.*

In the second case the patient was discharged on the same day and sent in the ambulance along with the first patient mentioned above; that the patient who was scantly dead, was left waiting in the ambulance outside the first patient's house for approximately one-and-a-half hours; that on Friday last this second patient had to be sent back to Portiuncula Hospital again.

Clr. O'Ceallaigh stated that patients do not wish to go to Portiuncula Hospital.

The County Manager stated that these complaints will be investigated and that it is a very serious matter to make such a statement at a public meeting where the hospital authorities have no opportunity of replying to the complaints.

2374 - TUAM SWIMMING POOL: The correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted, and the Secretary explained that the original proposal was for provision of a swimming-pool at Ballygaddy Road, for which an estimate of £20,000 was submitted by the Consultant; that the proposal was left in abeyance in 1956, and in 1958, the Consultant was requested to provide for a less elaborate swimming-pool at a lower cost; that in the meantime representations from Tuam had been received requesting that the swimming-pool

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be provided in the Palace Grounds; that the main objection to having the swimming-pool in the Palace Grounds is that the temperature of the water there is lower than at Ballygaddy Road, i.e., from 1 to .5° lower; that the Department of Local Government and the Water Safety Section of the Red Cross Society do not consider that this difference in temperature is important; that the Council's decision in regard to the location of the pool is requested.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Patten and seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, that the Council approve the location of the swimming-pool in the Palace grounds.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Galvin, Mr. Silke, Engineer, stated that a water supply could be obtained by gravity at Ballygaddy Road, but that pumping would be necessary at the Palace grounds site - on the other hand the Council owns the Palace grounds site; that chlorination will be necessary but a decision has not yet been made regarding filtration of the water.

Clr. T. King recommended that after dealing with the Tuam Swimming Pool application, the Council should not consider any further isolated applications until a decision in regard to provision of swimming pools in the county generally will have been made.

On the proposition of Clr. P. Patten, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, the Council approved the employment of a Consultant to prepare plans for a swimming pool in the Palace grounds at Tuam.

**2375 - GLENAMADDY WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES:** On the proposition of the Chairman, Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy M. Killilea, the Council approved the extension of the water and sewerage services to the new Vocational School at Glenamaddy at a total estimated cost of £360.

Clr. J. Flaherty requested that the water be extended to Lowery's Cross and Clr. O. O Ceallaigh requested that a fountain be erected at the end of that extension.

Clr. J. Glynn asked Mr. Silke to consider if the water supply to Glenamaddy is adequate for the extension.

**2376 - SCHOLARSHIPS IN TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGES:** Letter of 2nd March, 1961, from the Department of Education, Technical Instruction Branch, was submitted.

Clr. J. Donnellan stated that this matter was considered very fully at the meeting of the Scholarships Committee and it was considered that there were difficulties in regard to the two types of students concerned, viz., from secondary schools and from vocational schools.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh stated that at the Vocational Teachers' Congress, there was a call for the provision of more scholarships by local authorities and he recommended that if the Council makes the scholarships available, they be provided for students who have already done two or three years in the Vocational School and have obtained the group certificate.

Clr. J. Cox stated that the Electricity Supply Board has communicated with Galway City Vocational Education Committee in regard to training of the Board's apprentices, and that this approach may eventually result in the establishment of a College of Technology in Galway. Clr. Cox supported the provision of scholarships for this purpose.

Clr. T. King agreed that the scholarships if provided should be for students of the Vocational Education schools.

It was decided that all information which can be obtained in regard to the feasibility of providing these scholarships, and that information be made available to the Scholarships Committee at a meeting which will be held when the scheme for 1962 will be formulated.

**2377 - RATE COLLECTION - DISTRICTS 14, 35 and 36:** The County Manager read the letter which he had sent to each member of the Council on 20th February, 1961, which recommended that as an experiment office rate collection be instituted for District No. 14, and that Districts Nos: 35 and 36 be amalgamated.

Clr. T. King referred to the Council's representations previously regarding the Collector in District No: 36 (Mr. J. Dermody) and stated that it is unfair to a Collector who reaches the age limit in the month of June, that he should then be obliged to retire. Clr. King considered that the most reasonable arrangement would be that a Collector would retire on 30th April following the date on which he reached the age of 65 years.

Clr. J. Mannion opposed the amalgamation of Rate Collection District.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh supported office collection for all three districts.

Clr. J. Flaherty recommended the introduction of office collection for districts as they become vacant.

After further consideration, the Council unanimously decided that (a) the Council does not approve the amalgamation of Rate Collection Districts Nos: 35 and 36 and (b) that the Council directs that the Department of Local Government be again requested to continue the employment of Collector J. Dermody in a temporary capacity up to 30th April, 1962, as it is unfair that a Rate Collector's retirement should be dependent on the date on which the warrant is issued to him.

Clr. P. SIRR stated that he was in favour of office collection of rates.

At this stage it was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by the Chairman, Dpty. M. Carty, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the Council approve the temporary employment of Mrs. J. Freeney as Rate Collector for No: 14 District for a further period of twelve months to 30th April, 1962, inclusive."

At this stage, it was proposed by Clr. P. SIRR and seconded by Clr. P. Collins that rates for District No: 35 be collected through the office.

A direct negative was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion.

A vote taken for or against office collection of rates for No: 35 District resulted as follows:-

**FOR:** Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Coogan, Cox, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Lambert, Mannion O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane P. and SIRR. (15).

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Carty, Donnellan, Dowd, Geoghegan, Greene, Killilea, King, Kitt, Kyne, Mannion M., Millar, Mullins, and Ruane J. (13).

The Chairman declared Clr. SIRR's proposal carried, i.e., that the Council approve office collection of rates for District No: 35.

**2378 - SICK PAY SCHEME FOR SERVANTS:** The following Committee was unanimously appointed by the Council to consider the preparation of a sick pay scheme for servants - at a meeting of that Committee which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 15th April, 1961, commencing at 11.a.m.:-

Deputy M. Carty, Chairman, Clrs. P. Galvin, J. J. Ruane, P. Patten, Deputy J. Geoghegan and Clr. J. Cox.

**2379 - ABANDONED ROADWAY AT KILLAN, WOODLAWN:** It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council approve the extinguishing of the public right-of-way over the section of road in the plot of ground at Killan, Woodlawn, the sale of which is being considered, and which is the subject of the notice sent to members of the Council on 24th February, 1961."

**2380 - SALE OF PLOT AT KILLAN:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert and resolved:

"That the Council approve the sale of a plot of ground at Killan, Woodlawn, area 1 acre, 3 rods and 2 sq. perches or thereabouts, statute measure, to Mr. John Mullins, Killan, Woodlawn, for £65 plus costs of conveyance."

**2381 - FAIR RIGHTS ACQUISITION:** Consideration of Item No: 15 on the agenda was adjourned until next meeting.

**2382 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:** It was directed that the following items be submitted for inclusion in the next agenda of the General Council:-

1. That all proposals for revision of remuneration be considered by local authorities only during one month in each financial year.
2. That the Council request that grants be again made available for carrying out schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

**2383 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council approved excess expenditure as set out hereunder over the amount provided in the Estimate for the year ended 31st March, 1961:-

<b>Roads: - Co. Health District:</b>		
Special Grant Works:	£19,000.	
Government Grants:	£ 5,740.	
Other Purposes:	£ 1,700.	£26,440

Roads - County at Large:

Government Grants:	£2,495.	
Other Purposes:	£1,760.	£4,255.

Health:

General Medical Services:	£19,570	
Institutional Services:	£14,550	
Specialist Services:	£60	
Other Purposes:	£7,300	£41,480

Public Assistance:

Other Purposes:		£280
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Housing:

Housing of Labourers' Acts:		£60
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General Purposes: (County at Large)

Local Authorities Works Act:	£150	
Drainage of Land:	£110	£260

2384 - BELLEVUE GATEWAY: Consideration of Item 18 was adjourned until the next meeting.

2385 - BANAGHER BRIDGE: Letter of 13th March, 1961, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government with draft of the Bridge Order under Part 4 of the Local Government Act, 1946, was submitted, and on the proposition of Deputy M. Cartv, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan, the Council approved the draft Order.

2386 - SPIDAL NEW COURTHOUSE: It was decided to adjourn until next meeting consideration of Item No: 20 on the Agenda.

2387 - DOGS: Letter 17th February, 1961, from the Department of Agriculture was submitted and noted.

2388 - IMPROVEMENT OF FISHING PORTS: Letter of 17th February, 1961, from the Department of Lands and enclosure in regard to the development of fishing harbours in this country were submitted and noted.

2389 - WOODFORD PUBLIC LIGHTING: With reference to Clr. Millins' Notice of Motion, the Chairman pointed out that the Council at the Estimates Meeting had not provided any funds for additional public lighting; also that consideration of purchase of fair rights has been adjourned until next meeting.

2390 - ROAD SIGNS: On the proposition of Deputy M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. P. Patten, the Council recommended the provision of road signs at the main gate leading to Moyne College at Derreen, Ballyglunin, and at the main gate leading into Toghermore Rehabilitation Centre on the Dublin Road, Tuam.

2391 - KILKERRIN-MOYLLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: With Reference to Clr. J. Flaherty's notice of motion, Mr. Silke, C.A.C.E. gave particulars of a number of extensions sought which would cost £36,000 in addition to the estimated cost of this scheme which as already approved is £135,750; that these extensions do not include those mentioned in Clr. Flaherty's notice of motion, which would increase the cost further.

The County Manager did not recommend to the Council that extensions to Moyloughbeg and Lakeview be provided.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Flaherty, seconded to Deputy M. Cartv, the Council approved the extensions mentioned above at an estimated cost of £36,000.

In regard to the extensions sought in Clr. Flaherty's notice of motion, Mr. Silke stated that the Cooloo extension would be very expensive, i.e., approximately £1,000 a house.

In regard to the extensions sought for Timiduane, etc., Mr. Silke stated that the Consultant is already considering this extension and that an estimate of it will be submitted later.

2392 - ROADSIDE FENCE AT CLOONKEEN, ATH ENRY: Consideration of Item No: 23 (d) was

adjourned until next meeting.

2393 - SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-

The McDermott Family, Derreen, Kilkerrin.  
 Mrs. Joseph Monaghan, Mynish Carna, on the death of her father.  
 The relatives of Mr. Joseph Ryan, Shantalla,  
 The relatives of Mr. Michael King, Sea Road, Galway.  
 The relatives of Mrs. Evans, Fairhill, Galway.  
 The relatives of Mr. Padraic O Maille, Shop Street, Galway.  
 The relatives of Mr. Willie Geraghty, Lyre Square, Galway.  
 The relatives of Mr. Hugh McGlory, Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*W. Killilea*  
 Chairman

*Submitted, Approved, and Confirmed.*

*W. Killilea, Chairman.*

*Date: 22nd April, 1961.*

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

15 Aibreain, 1961.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag druinnia de Comhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Connadae an Sathairn, 22adh la de Aibrean, 1961, ag tosnú ar 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

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L. O LUANAIGH.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loans already approved, viz:-
  - (a) £92,000 - Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Scheme.
  - (b) £23,000 - Carraroe Sewerage Scheme.
  - (c) £1,700 - Rosmuck Water Extension.
  - (d) £84,000 - Erection of Cottages.
  - (e) £5,000 - Advances under Section 13 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958.
  - (f) £20,000 - Supplementary Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954.
4. Barna Water Supply - 490 yds. extension: Estimated Cost, £1,120.
5. Road Grants for Y.E. 31. 3. 1962 - List of Works proposed.
6. Sale of Plot of Ground at Castleblakeney - Notice of 30.3. 1961.
7. Loan for New Roads -  
Notice of Motion by Deputy Ml. Carty viz:-  
"At the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will propose that the resolution of the Council approving the raising of a loan of £50,000 for improvement of cul-de-sac and link roads, in Minute No: 1824 of 6. 2. 1960, be rescinded."
8. Creation of one post of clerical officer at Galway Regional Hospital, to replace a temporary post of clerical officer which has been in existence for three years.
9. Adoption of byelaws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952. (Copy of Byelaws is enclosed).
10. Provision of New Courthouse at Spiddal.
11. Making of Preliminary Order for Acquisition of Derelict Site No: D1. at Kinvara.

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12. Fair Rights Acquisition.
13. Bellewiew Gateway.
14. Road-side fence at Athenry - Minute 2392 of 8/4/61.
15. Supplementary Housing Grants:-
  - (a) For Water and Sewerage for group scheme applicants.
  - (b) For Fíor-Gaeltacht Houses.
16. Sick Pay Scheme for Servants - Minute 2378 of 8./4/61.
17. Members' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. P. O Ceallaigh:
    1. That the County Manager consider granting a ten minutes tea break (at 10.a.m.) to Co. Council employees who start work before 9.a.m.
    2. That in the case of rare drugs, medicines, tablets, etc. being recommended for patients by Hospital Authorities etc., and which are not available in dispensaries at short notice, power be given to District Medical Officers to secure emergency supplies from Chemists, payment to be made by Council.
    3. That the proposal to increase rent and rates for certain cottages at Ballygar (built 50 years ago, occupants still same families) be reconsidered by the County Manager.
    4. That the footpath outside Miss McNamara's premises at Ballygar be taken over by the County Council.
  - (b) Clr. P.A. Patten: "Take notice that at the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will propose that some steps be taken to prevent persons dumping refuse and other rubbish, old motor cars, cycles and other objectionable articles on side of the main road at New Line, on the main Tuam/Athenry road."
  - (c) Clr. J.J. Ruane:
    1. That immediate steps be taken to erect the Road Signs in Athenry Town and area in view of approaching Tourist Season. (The Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Caulfield, has already submitted and recommended where the Signs should be put up).
    2. That foot-path in Bridge Street outside Premises of Mr. Manning be repaired as it is in a most dangerous condition for some time past.
18. Replies to questions already submitted by members.
19. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
BY THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE PREPARATION OF A SICK-PAY  
SCHEME FOR SERVANTS HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,  
ON SATURDAY, 15th APRIL, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. J. Cox, P. Galvin, P. Ratten, J. Ruane and Deputy J. Geoghegan.

Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager, Messrs. S. Cullinan, J. Silke and  
M.J. Dunne, Chief Assistant County Engineers, and Mr. L. O Luanaigh,  
Secretary.

SICK PAY SCHEME FOR SERVANTS: The County Manager stated that:-

- (a) The Committee would be preparing a scheme for recommendation to the Council or recommendation by the Council to the County Manager as preparation of such a scheme is really an executive function.
- (b) That funds for payment of benefits under this scheme have not been provided in the Estimate for the current year.
- (c) It is asking the Local Authority to supplement the State scheme for disability benefits and the implication is that these benefits are inadequate.
- (d) While admitting that employees are entitled to receive benefits, there are difficulties in the case of County Council workers which do not apply to employees of the Galway Corporation, e.g., a larger number of workers will be concerned scattered over a wide area with resulting difficulty in arranging for any special medical examination and delay in payment of benefit.

The Chairman stated that the scheme, if adopted, should be restricted to servants who are entered in the pension register.

The County Manager pointed out that female servants employed in Institutions are maintained in the institution while absent on sick leave.

The Chairman suggested that the scheme should favour servants who have no other means, and the County Manager stated that this would cause further difficulties in enquiries.

Deputy J. Geoghegan stated that since the practice is that workers are laid off when the funds available are expended, there might be a danger of going on sick leave about the time of the termination of the work.

The Committee considered that this would be covered adequately by the requirement to furnish a medical certificate.

The Chairman stated that in the first instance the scheme should be adopted only for a period of one year, so that the Council would be in a position to review it when information would be available as to its cost and effect.

The County Manager stated that enquiries would have to be made as to the possibility of recouping this expense from Road Grants or Health Grant.

The Secretary stated that while there is no information available regarding the incidence of sick leave amongst servants and rates of disability benefits which would be payable on the average, he had endeavoured to make an estimate based on the absence of clerical staff on sick leave and had arrived at a figure of approximately £7,000 a year.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that the decision of the County Manager in any individual case will be final.

The County Manager pointed out that female servants in Institutions will be maintained in the Institution while on sick leave and will also be receiving disability benefit, and suggested that therefore the scheme should not apply to females. This was approved by the Committee.

Clr. P. Galvin suggested that in the first instance the benefits should be on a minimum basis, so that it would not be necessary to reduce them subsequently on review. The Committee agreed.

Eventually, the Committee recommended a scheme as follows:-

1. The Scheme for payment of wages to servants during absence owing to illness shall apply only to male pensionable servants, whose illness commences while they are actually employed by the Council.
2. The terms of the scheme shall have effect from and including 1st July, 1961, and shall continue in force from year to year subject to annual review by the Council when the scheme may be continued, altered, or discontinued.
3. The "Year" to which the terms of the scheme shall apply will be from 1st April in any year to 31st March in the following year.
4. "Sick Pay" may be paid only on production within one week of commencement of illness of a medical certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner in the area in which the servant normally resides; such certificate should specify the nature of the illness which renders the employee unfit for work and to state the probable period of incapacity. The Council may require examination by a Medical Practitioner nominated by it in any particular case, and the fee for such examination will be paid by the Council.
5. "Sick Pay" shall not be paid where the period of incapacity does not exceed three days. In any case in which the period of incapacity exceeds three days, the benefit payable will be the normal rate of wages less the amount of social welfare disability benefit, workmen's compensation or any other sickness benefit payable to the servant for that period.
6. The maximum period for which "Sick Pay" under this scheme will be paid to any servant in any financial year ending 31st March shall be eight weeks.
7. The decision of the County Manager shall be final in any matter relating to this Scheme.

The Chairman thanked Clr. Cox and the officials, and Clr. Cox thanked the officials for their assistance in connection with the preparation of the Scheme.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*A. Ruane, Secy.*

*Submitted, approved, and confirmed.*

*Tomás Maca Ruzg Chairman.*

*Date: 24th May 1961.*



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1961.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Deputy M. Killilea.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cllrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, King, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. Kyne, Lambert, Marnion J., Mannion M., Mullins, O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Deputy M. Carty.

**2394 - SYMPATHY:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, and unanimously resolved:

"That the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the relatives of the late Mr. Tomas Ban Concannon, Salthill, Galway, and that as a mark of respect to Mr. Concannon's memory, the meeting be adjourned until 2 p.m."

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

The Lambert Family, Cloon, Gort, on the death of Mrs. Mary Lambert.  
The Woods Family, College Road, Galway, on the death of Mr. Thomas Woods.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, on the death of Rev. J. Nevin, P.P.  
The Misses Canavan and Mr. Pierce Millaney, Canavan's Hotel, Vicar Street, Tuam, on the death of Mrs. Teresa Millaney.

The meeting was then adjourned until 2 p.m. and on resumption of the meeting Deputy M. Killilea again took the Chair.

**2395 - MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting to No. 2393 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

Cllr. P. O Ceallaigh referred to Minute No. 2373 and stated that it was the patient mentioned in the first paragraph of that minute that he had described as "scantly clad".

It was agreed that Minute No. 2373 be amended accordingly and subject to this amendment the minutes were approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**2396 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:** The Secretary gave particulars of claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mr. Sean Concannon, Seaboard Construction Company, Kiltonan, Aran - Briars 19/3/61 - £9.

" " " " " " " " - Compressor Breaker part measure, lamp and door of store, 25/26/3/61 - £80.

The Minister for Lands - damage to trees in State Forest, 26/27/3/61 - £76.

Mr. Patrick J. Greaney, Kilouriv, Eighter, 10 acres of grazing land, 27/3/61 - £60.

Messrs. Malahy Burke Ltd., Concrete Pipes and Concrete Mixer, 1/4/4/61 - £50.

**2397 - KILKERRIN-MOYLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. J. Flaherty and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £92,000 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.

**2398 - CARRAROE SEWERAGE SCHEME:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. J. Flaherty and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £23,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1878 to 1952."

The mortgage deed was then sealed with the seal of the Council.

**2399 - ROSMUCK WATERWORKS EXTENSION:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. J. Flaherty and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 10th day of February, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,700 be

borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the extension of Rosmuck Water Supply to Snabo and Kilbricken, 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 Mortgage Deed was then sealed with the seal of the Council.

**2400 - LOAN FOR ERECTION OF COTTAGES:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. J. Flaherty and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for repayment of the sum of £84,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1893 to 1958."

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

**2401 - LOAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION, ETC. OF HOUSES:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. J. Flaherty and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 10th February, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £5,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of financing the cost of making advances under Section 13 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1958, 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 seal of the Council.

The Mortgage Deed was then sealed with

**2402 - LOAN FOR SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. J. Flaherty and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 10th day of February, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £20,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of financing the cost of making supplementary grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, as amended, 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."

seal of the Council.

The Mortgage Deed was then sealed with the

**2403 - CARRAROE SEWERAGE SCHEME:** Deputy J. Geoghegan stated that he understood that the Contractor for the Carraroe Sewerage Scheme had withdrawn, and asked if the County Engineer would consider carrying out this scheme by direct labor.

**2404 - BARNÁ WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** On the proposition of Cllr. J. Donnellan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved the extension of the Barna Water Supply Scheme eastward from its present termination at Barna Church for 490 yards at an estimated cost of £1,120.

In reply to enquiries by Deputy Coogan and Deputy Geoghegan, Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the question of extending the scheme westward from Furbo Church to serve six houses in that vicinity is being investigated.

**2405 - ROAD WORKS, 1961/62:** The list of works proposed to be carried out under Road Grants in the year ending 31st March, 1962, having been already circulated to the members of the Council, was submitted and approved unanimously, on the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Cllr. J. Lambert.

Cllr. J. Mannion stated that it is desirable that a start at least be made on the improvement of the Sky Road, Clifden.

The County Engineer stated that the only manner in which this road could be dealt with in the current year would be by deleting some other road which is on the list of proposals for the Clifden Engineer's District and substituting

the Sky Road therefor. No Action was taken.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy F. Coogan, the County Engineer stated that the improvement of the Ballindooly-Castlegar road is on the list of proposals and that the work will be started during the current financial year.

**2406 - SALE OF PLOT AT CASTLEBLAKENEY:** On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, the Council approved the sale of a plot of ground at Castleblakeney, area 4 sq. perches or thereabouts, statute measure, to Mr. Matthew Crehan, Castleblakeney, for £5 plus costs of conveyance - notice of this proposal having been sent to each member of the Council on 30th March, 1961.

**2407 - LOAN FOR NEW ROADS:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, it was decided to adjourn to the next meeting Deputy Carty's Notice of Motion No. 7 on the Agenda.

**2408 - CLERICAL OFFICER, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** The Secretary explained that for three-and-a-half years past a temporary clerical officer has been approved by the County Council for collection of monies, etc., for patients being admitted to clinics at the Regional Hospital; that this appointment became necessary when the charges for patients attending clinics were fixed; that normally the approval of the Council at that time would have been requested to the creation of a permanent post of clerical officer for this purpose; that the approval to creation of the permanent post was deferred pending result of an investigation being carried out at the hospital by the Organisation and Methods Officer; that the investigation had not shown any possibility of dispensing with the temporary clerk employed for this purpose and as the necessity for that employment was likely to continue indefinitely, the Council's approval is now being requested to making the post permanent.

It was explained that when the office of Assistant Storekeeper was created, the post of clerical officer for assisting the Storekeeper was abolished; that consequently when the Assistant Storekeeper took up duty the clerical officer in question was redundant and the action taken was that the temporary clerical officer on clinics was dispensed with and the redundant clerical officer is at present being employed on the clinics work.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Donnellan and seconded by Clr. P. Sirr, that the Council do not approve this proposal for creation of a permanent post of clerical officer for work in connection with the clinics at Galway Regional Hospital.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Patten and seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, that the Council do approve the creation of this post of clerical officer.

A long discussion ensued, and eventually the Chairman directed that a vote be taken. Before the vote was actually taken, it was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Clr. J. Dowd that the Council defer consideration of this matter until it had been considered at a meeting of the Visiting Committee at the Regional Hospital.

At this stage, a vote was taken for or against the creation of the additional post of permanent clerical officer at Galway Regional Hospital, resulting as follows:

**FOR:** Clrs. Canning, Coogan, Cox, Galvin, Geoghegan, Glynn, Kelly, Killilea, Lambert, Mannion J., O Ceallaigh, Padden and Ruane P. (13).

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Burke, Collins, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Joyce, King, Kitt, Kyne, Mannion M., Mullins, Ruane J., and Sirr (13).

The Chairman gave his casting vote for creation of the post, making the total 14 for and 13 against.

A vote was then taken on Deputy Kitt's proposal that this matter be referred to the Visiting Committee for consideration, resulting as follows:

**FOR:** CLRS. Burke, Collins, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Glynn, Joyce, King, Kitt, Kyne, Mannion M., Mullins, Ruane J. and Sirr (14).

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Canning, Coogan, Cox, Galvin, Geoghegan, Kelly, Killilea, Lambert Mannion J., O Ceallaigh, Patten and Ruane P. (12).

Clr. Kitt's proposal was declared carried and it was decided that any further action in regard to seeking sanction for creation of the post would be deferred pending consideration of this matter by the Visiting Committee.

Clr. Lambert complained that patients sometimes have to wait for several

hours at the clinics and owing to the long delay sometimes miss the return bus to their homes. Clr. Lambert requested that the County Manager would investigate this matter.

**2409 - ENGINEERING FOREMAN, REGIONAL HOSPITAL:** In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Kelly, the County Manager stated that the vacant post of Engineering Foreman at the Regional Hospital had been advertised.

Deputy J. Geoghegan stated that he understood that the present arrangement whereby the foreman at Merlin Park spends some time in each day at the Regional Hospital is very satisfactory and asked why that satisfactory arrangement could not be continued.

The County Manager stated that while the arrangement to which Deputy Geoghegan refers is more satisfactory than that which existed previously, it is not the best possible arrangement; that the County Manager had consulted with the County Engineer and the Department of Health in regard to this matter, and that both had advised that a separate appointment be made for the post of Engineering Foreman at the Regional Hospital.

**2410 - HOUSING BYE-LAWS:** The Secretary referred to Minute No. 2370 of the previous meeting, and stated that a copy of the Bye-laws had been sent to each member of the Council in the meantime.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, that the Council do not approve the adoption of these bye-laws.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. O Ceallaigh, the County Manager stated that inspection of a house by an official of the Council under the bye-laws did not necessarily mean that the Council intends to provide a house for the occupant if the house is found unfit, as there could be a case in which the occupant or owner of the house is a person with sufficient means to put the house into condition fit for habitation.

The County Manager explained that if the Council fail to adopt the Byelaws, the subsidy or contribution towards loan charges would be reduced from 82 $\frac{2}{3}$ % to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %; that all Governments are trying to improve housing conditions in the country, and consider that the Bye-Laws are necessary.

A discussion ensued during which Councillors Joyce, Galvin and Dowd and Flaherty spoke in opposition to the adoption of the Bye-Laws.

Mr. Doyle, Staff Officer, stated that as things are at present, people may be vacated from an overcrowded house and housed in a County Council cottage and the Council has no legal means of preventing the first-mentioned house from becoming overcrowded again; that the payment of the higher subsidy of 56 $\frac{2}{3}$ % is conditional on the adoption of the Byelaws by the County Council.

Clrs. King, Burke and Collins spoke in opposition to the adoption of the Bye-Laws and Clr. Collins proposed and Clr. Dowd seconded that the Department of Local Government be requested to leave matters as they are.

Eventually it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until the next meeting of the Council.

**2411 - SPIDDAL NEW COURTHOUSE:** Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted and the Council's approval was requested to the provision of a new Courthouse at Spiddal on a site which is already available, at an estimated cost of £4,500.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. P. Sirr that consideration of this matter be adjourned for a period of twelve months.

Deputy J. Geoghegan stated that the present arrangement whereby courts are not held in Spiddal is unsatisfactory and involves people in unnecessary expense for hire of cars.

Clr. J. Donnellan considered that this matter should not be adjourned for a period of twelve months.

Eventually, Clr. Mannion's proposal was approved, i.e., that consideration of this matter be adjourned for twelve months.

**2412 - DERELICT SITE NO. D.1, KINVARA:** It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. P. Patten and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the making of a Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for the derelict site No. D1, at Cartron in the town of Kinvara, area 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  sq. perches, or thereabouts, statute measure, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said Preliminary Order."

The Preliminary Order was then sealed with the seal of the Council.

**2413 - FAIR RIGHTS ACQUISITION:** It was unanimously decided that consideration of this matter be adjourned until the next meeting and the Council approved Clr. King's suggestion that the Assistant Manager have his recommendation in connection with this matter available for the Council at the next meeting.

**2414 - BELLEVUE GATEWAY:** The Secretary read Fr. Egan's letter of the 15th March, 1961. Clr. J. Dowd proposed that the gate be taken down and that anything of historical value which is in the present gateway be placed in a suitable place on the roadside nearby.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Galvin and approved.

**2415 - ROADSIDE FENCE AT ATHENRY:** With reference to Minute No: 2392 of the 8th instant, and Clr. Miller's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer stated that this is not a matter for which the Council is liable and that he does not recommend that it be done.

Clr. P. Collins stated that fences erected were not durable and in one case nearby the fence was replaced by the Council.

The County Engineer stated that he cannot see why the Council should now be required to put up a fence for a road which was made twenty years ago.

No further action was taken.

**2416 - WATER AND SEWERAGE GRANTS - GROUP SCHEMES:** The Secretary submitted the County Manager's recommendation that the Housing Grants Scheme be amended to provide that grants would be given without a means test to persons who provide water and sewerage facilities for dwelling houses as part of a group scheme.

Approval to the County Manager's proposal was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan.

Clr. T. King stated that the Council should not consider applications for group schemes until the survey report would have been considered by the Council.

It was therefore decided to defer consideration of this item until a Committee meeting of the Council, which will be held on 6th May, 1961, commencing at 11.30 a.m. to consider the water survey report from the County Engineer.

**2417 - HOUSING GRANTS - FIOR GAELTACHT HOUSES:** With reference to Item No: 15(b) on the Agenda, Deputy J. Geoghegan complained that while in other areas the supplementary grants are being given up to a maximum equivalent to the amount of the Department grants, that is not so in the case of Fior-Gaeltacht houses.

The Secretary explained that while the supplementary grant is given on a par with Department grant for new houses or for reconstruction and for water and sewerage services, the only grant being given by the Department for Fior-Gaeltacht houses which is not being given by the Council's Supplementary Grant scheme is the grant for bathrooms with hot water services; that the Council's responsibility is to secure that as far as possible habitable houses in good sanitary condition will be provided, and that it is contributing its full share towards this service by giving grants for erecting new houses, reconstructing existing houses and provision of sanitary services in houses; that grants for bathrooms are not available except in Gaeltacht areas and that if supplementary grants were to be given for these, the Council would be differentiating between one section of the community and the other; that the bathroom and hot water service is really intended more as an aid to the keeping of boarders during the tourist season.

It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion that the supplementary grant for Gaeltacht areas be paid on a par with the Government grant for bathroom and hot water service.

A direct negative was proposed by Clr. G. Kelly and seconded by Clr. J. Canning.

Vote taken for or against Deputy Geoghegan's proposal resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Clrs. Coogan, Cox, Geoghegan, Glynn, Kyne, Mannion J., and Joyce (7).

**AGAINST:** Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Killilea, King, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion M., Mullins, Patten, Ruane J. and Sirm (15).

The Chairman declared Clr. J. Geoghegan's proposal defeated.

**2418 - SERVANTS' SICK PAY SCHEME:** The minutes of the meeting of the Committee appointed to consider the preparation of a Sick Pay Scheme for Servants which was held on 15th instant, were submitted, and on the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Lambert, the Council approved the adoption of a sick pay scheme for servants as recommended by the Committee, and also approved the provision of the necessary funds

for operation of this scheme by the Council in the current year from 1st July, 1961, to 31st March, 1962, viz., £7,000.

Clr. Cox requested that the adoption of a similar scheme would be considered by the Council's subsidiary bodies.

**2419 - ACCOMMODATION OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN:** Letter of 18th February, 1961, from the Secretary, North Tipperary County Council was submitted, referring to the proposal for the holding of a conference to consider the question of acquiring Roscrea Fever Hospital for the purpose of caring for and treating mentally handicapped children, and asking if the Council would send representatives to a meeting to be convened in Roscrea to discuss the matter.

The following were appointed unanimously to represent the Council at this conference:-

Mr. C. I. O'Flynn, County Manager, Mr. John Mannion, Co. Councillor, Mr. Michael Carty, T.D., Co. Councillor and Mr. Thomas King, County Councillor.

It was recommended by Clr. P. Sirm and Deputy F. Coogan that a deputation be sent to His Lordship, the Bishop of Galway, in connection with the possibility of using Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital as a home for mentally handicapped children.

Eventually it was decided that further consideration of this suggestion would be deferred until the result of the conference in Roscrea would be available.

**2420 - KILKERRIN-MOYLLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:** The Secretary stated that the original Kilkerrin-Moylough Water Supply Scheme together with the extensions approved by the Council up to 8th April, 1961, was estimated to cost £172,000; that the County Engineer's estimate for further extensions sought for houses in the townlands of Kippanagh, Coguala, and Bogtown, together with six houses on the Dunmore road west of Kippanagh, and eight houses in Timduonun is £17,000, which would bring the total cost up to £189,000.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. P. O Ceallaigh, the Council approved the provision of these additional extensions to this scheme at an estimated cost of £17,000.

**2421 - PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL:** Clr. P. O Ceallaigh asked if the County Manager had investigated the complaints made by Clr. O Ceallaigh at the previous meeting, and the County Manager made a statement in regard to this complaint in accordance with the terms of a letter which he had already sent to Clr. O Ceallaigh.

Clr. O Ceallaigh read statements made in writing by the relatives of the two patients concerned, and stated that he would send copies of these statements to the County Manager.

**2422 - SALARIES OF NURSES:** Deputy Coogan requested that the salaries of junior nurses at Galway Regional Hospital be revised.

**2423 - BALLINASLOE DISPENSARY:** In reply to a question by Clr. P. Galvin, the County Manager stated that the provision of a new dispensary on the site of the workhouse at Ballinasloe is being considered.

Clr. Galvin stated that the workhouse would provide a large site which might be wasted by being used as a site for a dispensary. He suggested instead that the dispensary be erected on the Fire Station yard site.

**2424 - MISCELLANEOUS:** Clr. J. Cox stated that the toilet facilities which have been provided for the workers erecting the new factories in Galway are inadequate and requested that the matter be investigated by the County Medical Officer.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh stated that there are no towels in the toilets of a certain dance-hall in Salthill, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed  
Tomás Mac a Hois Chairman.

Date: 27th May 1961.  
L. Mannion, Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY,  
6th MAY, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. Burke, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. Kyne, Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Mullins, O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P. and Sirr.

2425 - WATER SUPPLIES FOR RURAL AREAS: The County Engineer's report as prepared by Mr. E.P. D'Alton, B.E., assisted by Mr. P.V. Jackson, B.E., having been circulated to the members, was submitted.

Deputy J. Geoghegan stated that there is a part of Connemara which is not covered by the report and is not in the area referred to the Consultant.

Clr. T. King stated that the first business of the meeting should be to compliment the Engineers concerned on the clarity of the report. Cllrs. J. Dowd and F. Coogan supported.

The County Manager stated that the report before the Council gave an estimate of £4,621,000 for the area covered by the report and, assuming that the estimated cost for the remaining portion of the county would be about one-third of that for the area covered by the report, the total capital cost involved for the entire county would be £6,000,000. After making allowance for the subsidy towards loan charges, the cost on the rates, based on this estimate, would be 6s. in the £. when the entire scheme would be completed with a further charge for maintenance of approximately 3s. in the £. Thus when the scheme would be completed entirely the estimated increase in the rate based on present costs would be 9s. in the £. The County Manager pointed out that the agricultural grant gives a relief equivalent to three-fifths of the rate valuations of land up to £20, but stated that there is no guarantee that the Agricultural Grant will be continued indefinitely; that the view of the Department of Local Government is that the Council should in the first instance concentrate on the more densely populated areas; that there will be some hardship for those who will not be receiving a supply of water and who will at the same time be paying for the cost of the supply provided by the Council for other areas; that the County Engineer considers that if the Council has to maintain group schemes, then the Council should have a say in their construction.

The County Manager suggested that as an alternative to collecting water rents, the Council might seek authority to have the valuation of each house connected with the water supply increased by £1.

Clr. T. King suggested that the schemes be placed on a priority list based on the percentage of houses prepared to avail of the service, each consent to be accompanied by a deposit of, say, £3, which would be refunded when the premises are actually connected with the water supply. This suggestion was supported by Clr. J. Dowd.

The Chairman stated that when all schemes would be completed, the additional charge for provision and maintenance would be £5 per annum for a holding with a valuation of £15 on land and £5 on buildings, which is, in fact, the average holding in the county.

Clr. Collins complained that there is inequality in the valuation of land in different areas in the county, and Deputy M. Kitt stated that the re-valuation of houses for the water supply might involve other increases in valuation.

Clr. J. Donnellan requested clarification of the position in regard to Connemara, and the Chairman drew attention to Page 4 of the report, in which it was stated that the Connemara area is to be the subject of a separate report.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. J. Mannion as to when the report on the Connemara area would be submitted to the Council, Mr. D. Dalton, Engineer, stated that the report before the Council is based on sources which were selected from maps only; that for the Connemara report it is considered that it would be more desirable to have definite information regarding the sources; that this examination of the sources involves gauging over a dry period during the summer.

In regard to the reference to group schemes in the report, Clr. P. O Ceallaigh stated that he considered that each area should be served by the most efficient scheme possible, i.e., by a regional scheme if that would be more efficient than a group scheme.

Deputy Coogan agreed with Clr. King that priority should be given to the area in which the greatest percentage of houses pay the deposit.

The Chairman stated that the Council's thanks is due to the E.S.B. for making a list available which will enable the Council to compile a list of applicants for water supplies.

Clr. T. King recommended that it be agreed that the Council approve the report

submitted and that the Council select a scheme in each of four electoral areas of Ballinasloe, Galway, Loughrea and Tuam, the first scheme to be selected in each of these areas being that for which the greatest percentage of applicants lodge the deposit. Clr. King stated that he did not support the suggestion that the valuation of a house be increased by £1 when water is connected to that house.

Clr. J. Mannion recommended that the deposit be £1 and Deputy M. Kitt suggested that the deposit of £1 be regarded as a payment in advance of water rent.

Mr. J. Silke, Engineer, stated that the average cost of making the connection to the stop-cock from the main is £10 and that the Council should have regard to that figure when fixing the amount of the deposit, which might be an amount of £5 to be refunded when the actual connection is made by the applicant.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. P. O Ceallaigh, the Chairman stated that water rent would not be payable by persons to whom water supply is provided by way of a group scheme.

The County Engineer stated that the position in regard to group schemes has not yet been cleared up and that the only satisfactory way in dealing with them is that the group schemes should actually be provided by the County Council.

Clr. J. Donnellan stated that an applicant should be informed of the actual cost involved before he would be required to pay a deposit, and signify his consent to connect with the water supply.

Clr. T. King considered that when over 50% of the people in the county will have a piped water supply, water rents should then be abolished entirely.

The County Manager again suggested that if legislation permitted it, it would be fairer to add £1 to the valuation of a house when connected with water supply.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. J. Lambert, Mr. J. Silke, Engineer, stated that the present policy is that pumps are provided only in areas in which it is not intended that a regional water supply would be provided.

The Chairman then summarized the suggestions made up to that stage, and the following were agreed unanimously:-

- (a) That a canvass of the 13,262 houses concerned be carried out for all the seventeen schemes with a view to ascertaining the number of people in each scheme area who are willing to connect with the water supply when provided - this to be done by postal enquiry with a time limit for reply.
- (b) Each person when signifying his consent to connect with the proposed water supply be required to deposit a sum of £3 with the Council, which will be refunded when the person concerned connects his premises with the water supply.
- (c) That the water rent or water rate for premises connected with the proposed schemes be fixed on the following basis:-
 

Where the valuation of the premises (house and lands) does not exceed £10	---	£1.
Where the valuation of the premises (house and lands) exceeds £10	---	A basic charge of £1 plus an additional 2/- for each £1 of valuation in excess of £10, subject to a maximum rent or rate of £4 per annum.
- (d) That the Council approve charging to Capital Account any expenditure involved in ascertaining the information at (a) above, i.e., clerical staff or postage, etc.
- (e) That in a case in which subsequent to the ascertainment of the information at (a) the Council decides that it shall not proceed with the scheme, the deposit for that scheme area should be refunded.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. J. Glynn, Mr. J. Silke, Engineer, stated that the Engineering Staff will be submitting a recommendation that a loan be raised for provision of bore-holes for group schemes.

Clr. J. Donnellan expressed the hope that the report on the survey for Connemara would not be left in abeyance.

2426 - WATER AND SEWERAGE GRANTS, GROUP SCHEMES: Referring to Minute No. 2416, of 22nd April, 1961, the Secretary again submitted the County Manager's recommendation that the Housing Grants Scheme be amended to provide that grants would be given without a means test to persons who provide water and sewerage facilities for dwelling houses as part of a group scheme and this recommendation was approved by the Council on the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd.

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The Chairman and County Manager thanked the County Engineer and his staff, especially Mr. E.P. Dalton, P.V. Jackson and J. Silke for their work in the preparation of the report.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. O. Luanaigh, Secretary*

*Submitted, approved and confirmed.*

*Tomás Mac an Ríog Chairman.*

*Date: 24th. May, 1961.*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

18 Bealtaine, 1961.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Conndae an Sathairn, 27adh la de Bealtaine, 1961, ag tosnu ar 12.30.p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L.O Luanaigh.

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A G E N D A

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Claims.
3. Raising of Loan of £5,000. to cover cost of survey for Water Supplies.
4. Loan for New Roads: Notice of Motion by Deputy Ml. Carty viz:-  
"At the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will propose that the resolution of the Council approving the raising of a loan of £50,000. for improvement of cul-de-sac and link roads, in Minute No: 1824 of 6.2.1960, be rescinded."
5. Fair Rights Acquisition - Minute No: 2413 of 22/4/1961.
6. Adoption of Bye-laws under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952. - Minute No. 2410 of 22/4/1961.
7. Minutes of Visiting Committee Meetings:-  
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital - 14/4/1961.  
Galway Regional Hospital - 21/4/1961.  
St. Brendan's Home - 29/4/1961.
8. Extension of employment of Temporary Clerk for County Old Age Pensions Committee to 30/11/1961.
9. Revision of salary scale for Assistant County Medical Officers as directed in Department of Health letter of 29/4/1961.
10. Revision of salary of Cardiologist.
11. Ambulance Drivers Remuneration - St. Brendans Home and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.
12. Employment of temporary doctor and nurse for Polio vaccination scheme for three months.

13. Tuam Swimming Pool - Minute No. 2302 of 2/4/1961.
14. Agreement with Clare County Council to maintain a Co. Clare Road at Derrygoolin.
15. Agreement with Ballinasloe Urban District Council for construction of a road at Ballinasloe Fair Green by Galway County Council.
16. Cranmore Aerodrome - letter 1/5/61 from Town Clerk, Galway.
17. Annual Conference of Library Association - appointment of delegates.
18. Appointment of Nurses at Galway Regional Hospital - Minute No. 2372 of 8/4/'61., and letter 18/4/'61 from the Lay Superintendent.
19. Fixing date of Annual Meeting and Housing Meeting.
20. Annual demand on Ballinasloe U.D.C. - letter 24/4/'61 from Town Clerk.
21. Rate Equalisation Fund - letter 19/4/'61 from Mayo Co. Council.
22. Members' Notices of Motion:-

(a) Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh:

1. That the County Manager consider granting a ten minutes tea break (at 10.a.m.) to Co. Council employees who start work before 9.a.m.
2. That in the case of rare drugs, medicines, tablets, etc. being recommended for patients by Hospital Authorities etc., and which are not available in dispensaries at short notice, power be given to District Medical Officers to secure emergency supplies from Chemists, payment to be made by Council.
3. That the proposal to increase rent and rates for certain cottages at Ballygar (built 50 years ago, occupants still same families) be reconsidered by the County Manager.
4. That the footpath outside Miss McNamara's premises at Ballygar be taken over by the County Council.

(b) Clr. P.A. Patten: "Take notice that at the next meeting of Galway County Council, I will propose that some steps be taken to prevent persons dumping refuse and other rubbish, old motor cars, cycles and other objectionable articles on side of the main road at New Line, on the main Tuam/Athenry road."(c) Clr. J.J. Ruane:

1. That immediate steps be taken to erect the Road Signs in Athenry Town and area in view of approaching Tourist Season. (The Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Caulfield, has already submitted and recommended where the Signs should be put up).
2. That footpath in Bridge Street outside Premises of Mr. Manning be repaired as it is in a most dangerous condition for some time past.

(d) Deputy T. Millar: That it is the opinion of the Council that a meal allowance, which has been discontinued, be restored as soon as possible to local authority employees such as lorry drivers and plant operators.(e) Clr. T. King:

- (1) At the next Co. Council meeting I will move that:-

"The part of original County Road leading to village of Liscananann and recently abandoned be maintained in future."

2. "I will move at the next Co. Council meeting that this Council and Co. Manager consider the position of the few remaining employees who work on Church Holyday's with a view to its termination."

(f) Clr. P.D. Joyce:

1. "That the road leading to the seaweed factory at Roundstone be declared a public road.
2. "That the culvert at the Town Park, Clifden be extended at a cost of £160. 0. 0.
3. "That Letterfrack sewerage scheme be started immediately.
4. "That negotiations for the purchase of a new graveyard at Cashel be completed without further delay.
5. "That Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager should give an explanation of the unnecessary delay in proceeding with the erection of Council cottages in West Connemara.

(g) Deputy J. Geoghegan: "I will propose that a new Reservoir be built on the top of the hill west of the old Barracks Carraroe so as to enable further extensions and improvements be carried out to the Carraroe Water Supply.(h) Clr. J. Dowd:

1. "I will propose that the Bridge on the Kylemore road, which is cracked underneath be repaired as soon as possible. This bridge is opposite Michael Macks house.
2. "I will propose that the County Council erect temporary bridges over the Canal at Kylemore and Clonfert.
3. "I will propose that the Council take over about one mile of road from Callanans house to Healy's Cottage at Coolcarty leading from the Ballinasloe and Banagher main roads.
4. "I will propose that a shore be put down at the back of two new Cottages at Kylemore in order to relieve flooding and bad smell which is insanitary.

(i) Clr. P. Sirr: "I will propose that Ballymoe Waterworks be extended to Glinsk, Turla, Ballyhaigue, Kilcroan, and Cornamuckla."(j) Clr. M. Mannion & Deputy M.F. Kitt:

"At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council, we will propose that Liam Donnellan, Mountbellew be appointed in place of his late father John Donnellan as a member of Mountbellew old age Pension Sub. Committee.

(k) Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh:

1. "I will ask whether progress towards clearance of derelict site at Mountbellew has been made. (Old Forge)
2. "That river from Annaghmore Lake (Annagh Loch) to Castle-gar river be cleaned. Bog at Annaghmore has been drained by Sugar Company - portion of river needs to be dredged - co-operation with Sugar Co. might be achieved.

3. "That before patients are discharges from Hospital, sufficient notice be given to next of kin.
  4. "That objectionable literature be removed from the Councils libraries.
  5. "That the efficiency experts' report be made available for publication.
  6. "That new fire tender be purchased for Mountbellew Fire Brigade.
23. Replies to questions already submitted by members.
24. Other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 27th MAY, 1961.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Kyne, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Deputy Millar, Clrs. Mullins, O Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane P., and SIRR.

2427 - CHAIRMAN. Deputy Michael Carty, Chairman, sent an apology for inability to attend the meeting and in the absence of the Vice Chairman when the meeting commenced, it was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. SIRR, and unanimously resolved that Clr. T. King take the chair.

Clr. T. King then took the chair.

2428 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy with the following were adopted unanimously:-

Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Editor, Connacht Tribune, on the death of his wife.  
Clr. J. Flaherty, on the death of his brother-in-law.  
Clr. P. Galvin on the death of his mother-in-law.  
Mr. Fallon, Main St., Ballinasloe, on the death of his wife.  
Sergeant F. Smyth, Crowe Street, Gort, on the death of his mother.  
Mr. Laurence O'Toole, Tullycross, Renvyle, on the death of his mother.  
Mr. W. Burke, Co. C., on the death of his brother.  
Mrs. Corley, Fairhill Road, Galway, on the death of her mother.  
Mr. James Lydon, Moycullen, on the death of his brother.  
The Harty Family, Cloughnacava, Gort, on the death of Mrs. Harty.  
Mrs. Michael Curran, Miragh, Turloughmore, on the death of her husband.  
Miss O'Reilly, Clonbur, on the death of Rev. John O'Reilly, P.P. - her brother.

2429 - MINUTES: The Minutes of Previous meetings to No. 2426 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of Minute No. 2400, Clr. P. O Ceallaigh asked that he be informed if it is a fact that the Council is providing cottages for itinerants. The Chairman stated that this enquiry was not relevant to the Minute and ruled the enquiry out of order.

2430 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of malicious damage claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mr. Richard E. Taylor, Ferndale, Ardrahan, - 6 Tons of Hay, 15/4/61 - £75.  
Mr. Leo Hynes, Portumna, - Cabin Cruiser & Fittings 21st - 22nd April, - £200.  
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Newcastle Road, Galway, Cow, 29/4/61 - £60.

2431. - LOAN FOR WATER SUPPLIES SURVEY. The Consideration of the raising of a loan of £5,000. to cover the cost of the survey for water supplies was, on the request of the secretary, adjourned until the next meeting.

2432 - LOAN FOR NEW ROADS: Referring to item 4 on the Agenda, the secretary stated that Deputy Carty who was unable to be present at the meeting, requested that consideration of this matter be adjourned until next meeting. It was therefore decided that consideration of this item be adjourned until next meeting.

2433 - FAIR RIGHTS ACQUISITION: The Chairman explained that this item had been on the Agenda for the previous meeting and that consideration of it was adjourned pending receipt of the recommendation of the Assistant County Manager. The Chairman stated that it is his own view that

it would be desirable to move the fairs off the Streets in all towns.

The Assistant County Manager stated that while it would be desirable to move fairs off the Streets, the acquisition of the Fair Rights by the Council would involve the provision of Fairgreen's at considerable expense; that marts are being provided in some centres and since these will effect the fairs, it would be advisable to wait until the Council would have more definite information regarding the effect of the marts on the fairs. The Assistant Manager advised that the Council should not proceed with this matter and that at least it should be deferred for a period of 12 months. Mr. P. O Ceallaigh opposed the proposal and stated that the fair day is the only day in the month in which shopkeeper's in small towns do any worthwhile business.

Clr. P. Collins stated that while he favoured removing the fairs off the streets, he does not favour taking over the Fair Rights now, as there is a danger that the Council will be providing Fairgreens which would become useless. Clr. J. Dowd and Clr. P. Ruane supported the Assistant County Manager's recommendation.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that a mart will not be provided in Connemara and that, therefore, this recommendation should not prevent the Council from taking over the Fair Rights in Clifden Town. Clr. Mannion proposed that the Council acquire the Fair Rights in Clifden and also recommended that in every town in which a fair is held, a hose be provided for cleaning of the streets immediately after the fairs end. Clr. P. Joyce seconded Clr. Mannion's proposal that the Fair Rights in Clifden be acquired by the Council and suggested that the fair day be a test day for the local Fire Brigade so that the streets would be cleaned in that manner.

The Chairman stated that the question should be considered in general rather than that the Council should deal with individual cases. Clr. P. O Ceallaigh recommended that hoses be supplied for all towns at which fairs are held. Deputy M. Killilea stated that it is not reasonable to state that shops will lose business through the transfer of fairs from the streets to the fairgreen; but that since marts are being provided, the Council should wait to ascertain their effect on fairs.

Deputy Killilea proposed that consideration of this item be adjourned for a period of 12 months. Clrs. P. Patten and P. Sirr opposed the removal of the fairs from the streets and towns.

The Chairman asked if the Council approved Deputy Killilea's proposal.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that he could not agree as fairs cause a great nuisance in Clifden and that Clifden town will not be affected by the provision of any mart.

The Chairman stated again that the matter should be considered generally and that it would be more suitable for Clr. J. Mannion to put in a notice of motion subsequently in regard to the acquisition of the Fair Rights in Clifden. Clr. J. Mannion then withdrew his proposal and Deputy Killilea's proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Patten and approved unanimously, i.e. that consideration of the acquisition of Fair Rights in the towns mentioned in the list already circulated to the members, be adjourned for a period of 12 months.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA THEN TOOK THE CHAIR.

2434 - HOUSING BYE-LAWS: The Housing Bye-laws were submitted for adoption. The Deputy County Manager stated that there is an obligation on the Council to adopt these Bye-laws and that if they are not adopted the Council will lose the higher subsidy on the loan charges on cottages erected; that the difference would amount to an increase of 9s. 0d. a week in the rent of a cottage; that the Bye-laws apply only to inspection of houses intended or used for occupation by members of the working

classes (including agricultural labourers). It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt that the Council hereby make and adopt Bye-laws with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by members of the working classes (including agricultural labourers) - under Section 15 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, as amended by Section 26 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952. Deputy F. Coogan and Clrs. J. Lambert and J. Mannion objected to the adoption of the Bye-laws. It was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion that consideration of this matter be adjourned until the Housing meeting. The Chairman stated that consideration of this item had already been adjourned twice and that the Council should come to a decision on it today. The Assistant Co. Manager explained that the Bye-laws are being adopted for health reasons, i.e. to insure that houses will not be let in overcrowded conditions. Clr. P. O Ceallaigh considered that numerous inspections give the impression that houses will be provided by the County Council and stated that he does not favour the giving of power to any officer to inspect houses when he wishes. Clr. P. Joyce stated while he has opposed the adoption of the Bye-laws at a previous meeting, he now accepted that the position is that if the Bye-laws are not adopted the Council will lose the higher subsidy. Clr. P. Joyce seconded the proposal made by Deputy M. Kitt. Clrs. P. Galvin and J. Cox supported the adoption of the Bye-laws.

Deputy Millar recommended that if possible, the occupiers of houses to be inspected be notified before the inspection would be carried out. The Chairman stated that this would not be feasible and requested Clr. King to withdraw his proposal.

Clr. King withdrew his proposal and Deputy Michael Kitt's proposal was approved by the Council, Deputy F. Coogan dissenting.

2435 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTIONS: The Minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee, as set out hereunder, having been circulated to the members, were submitted:-

Our Lady of Fatima Hospital	- 14/4/61.
Galway Regional Hospital	- 21/4/61.
St. Brendan's Home	- 29/4/61.

Deputy F. Coogan stated that there is overcrowding on the public road as a result of the exclusion of cars from the Regional Hospital grounds on Sunday's.

Deputy M. Killilea stated that there is a large car park outside the back gate of the hospital and that efforts are being made to divert cars to that car park. Deputy J. Geoghagan stated that it was intended that a sign would be erected at the main gate, indicating that cars can park at the car park outside the back gate.

Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, stated that the Visiting Medical Staff when called for emergencies complain that they cannot find a convenient place to park their cars; that on one Sunday 107 cars were parked in the Hospital grounds; that the effort to divert cars to the car park at the back gate, is an experiment and that much of it could be done by the porter directing traffic, so as to obviate the necessity of spending a large amount of money in providing additional parking accommodation. P. O Ceallaigh, objected to patients being questioned as to their membership of the voluntary health insurance group.

Clr. O' Ceallaigh also stated that on each floor of the hospital three attendants are employed; that there are sometimes 90 patients on each floor and that on an attendants day off, only two attendants are employed on the floor. Clr. O' Ceallaigh recommended that a substitute be provided for an attendant who is off duty.

Clr. T. King stated that the discussion should be confined to matters which appear on the Minutes of the meeting of the Visiting Committee.



Clr. O Ceallaigh stated that recently a child, aged 3 years and 10 months, was removed from Tuam Home to St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe which is not a fit place for such a young child.

Clr. J. Dowd referred to a complaint made by him, regarding the treatment of a patient in Galway Regional Hospital and requested that he be informed of the steps taken as a result of that complaint.

Clr. J. Cox having stated that he does not accept that the members cannot raise matters which do not appear on the Minutes of the Visiting Committee, the Chairman stated that it is open to a member to put down a Notice of Motion in regard to any matter which he wishes to have discussed.

Clr. P. O Ceallaigh referred to St. Brendan's Home, and stated that with the money provided, the staff of that Home are doing an admirable job. Clr. O Ceallaigh stated that on visiting St. Brendan's Home on a Saturday, he saw tea being served to patients in enamel mugs, enamel plates were also supplied and that the tea was poured from an enamel ewer; that the meal consisted of tea, a large piece of bread and three mikado biscuits.

Clr. T. King objected to the dirision of St. Brendan's Home or its inmates by any member, and stated that abolition of enamel ware in the Home was proposed some years ago by the late Councillor, Miss M.A. Ashe, and that since that time the enamel ware as it became worn out was being replaced by delph.

Clr. J. Mannion also stated that the enamel ware could not be thrown out while it was still in good condition but that it is gradually being replaced by delph. Clr. J. Mannion gave particulars of the diet scale for the County Home.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH UNTIL 3.15. p.m. AND ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING, DEPUTY M. KILLILEA AGAIN TOOK THE CHAIR.

**2436 - COUNTY GALWAY OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved the extension of Mr. David Egan's employment as Temporary Clerk to the County Galway Old Age Pension Committee for a period of 6 months from 1st June to 30th November, 1961, inclusive.

**2437 - REMUNERATION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS:** Letter S.100/6. 11. of 29th April, 1961, from the Department of Health was submitted and on the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved a revised salary scale, as set out hereunder, for Assistant County Medical Officers, with effect from 1st August, 1960 inclusive:-  
£1,350. x £57. - £1,635. a year.

**2438 - CARDIOLOGIST:** Manager's Order No. 9151 of 15th April, 1961 was submitted giving particulars of revision of the remuneration of the Cardiologist with effect from 1st June, 1957, 50% of the revised remuneration to be recouped to the Galway County Council by the Western Health Institutions Board.

On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved the proposed revision, viz:-

From 1st June, 1957 to 15th December, 1959 - £1,260. per annum fully inclusive.

From 15th December, 1959 - £1,355. per annum, fully inclusive.

**2439 - AMBULANCE DRIVERS:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, the Council approved revision of the remuneration of Ambulance Drivers with effect from 24th April, 1961 inclusive, viz:-

St. Brendans Home; Over-time payment at 3s. 9d. per hour in respect of overtime commencing one hour after the normal shift, or if the Driver

is called out for emergency duty after the normal shift.

An On-Call allowance of 10s. 0d. per week for the Driver on night duty, who will not be paid the overtime rate set out above, which is restricted to the Driver on day duty.

Our Lady of Fatima Hospital: An On-Call allowance of 10s. 0d. per week payable on each alternate week to cover duty after midnight.

It was then proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan and seconded by Deputy F. Coogan that the overtime allowance at 3s. 9d. per hour, as approved for St. Brendan's Home be also applied to the Drivers in Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden. This proposal was approved by the County Council for recommendation to the County Manager.

It was recommended by Deputy Coogan that arrangements be made that a Fire Brigade Driver or a Civilian Driver would be available in emergencies to drive the spare Ambulance to the scene of an accident when the ordinary driver is not available; also that a Doctor be sent with the Ambulance on such occasions.

Clr. Joyce supported Deputy Coogan's recommendation with regard to the Drivers and Clr. P. O Ceallaigh suggested that if patients were not discharged from Hospital at night, Ambulances would be available for emergencies to a greater extent.

**2440 - POLIO VACCINATION SCHEME:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. Patten, the Council approved the employment of a Temporary Doctor and Nurse for the Polio Vaccination Scheme for a period of three months, with remuneration at the rate already approved.

**2441 - TUAM SWIMMING POOL:** On the request of Deputy M. Killilea and Clr. P. Patten, consideration of item No. 13 on the Agenda was adjourned until next meeting.

**2442 - ROAD AT DERRYGOOLIN:** On the proposition of Clr. F. Mullin, seconded by Clr. P. O Ceallaigh, the Council approved the making of an Agreement with Clare County Council for maintenance of approximately half mile of a County Clare road at Derrygoolin, Whitegate, by the Galway County Council on behalf of Clare County Council. The cost to be recouped to Galway County Council by Clare Council.

**2443 - ROAD AT BALLINASLOE FAIRGREEN:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Sirr seconded by Clr. P. Patten, the Council approved the making of an Agreement with Ballinasloe Urban District Council for construction of a road at Ballinasloe Fairgreen, length 170 yards, on behalf of Ballinasloe Urban District Council, the cost to be met by the latter Council.

**2444 - ORANMORE AERODROME:** Letter 1st May, 1961 from the Town Clerk, Galway was submitted, stating that the Galway Borough Council requests the co-operation of the Galway County Council in formulating and implementing plans for the development of Oranmore Aerodrome -- a joint Committee, representatives of Galway County Council and the Corporation to be formed for this purpose.

On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr, the Council approved the proposal and appointed the following members to represent them on the joint committee:-

Clrs. M. Carty, T.D., A. Millar, T.D., T. King, P. Patten and S. Kyne.

**2445 - LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:** On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd, the Council appointed Clr. Michael Carty, T.D., and Clr. J.J. Ruane, as delegates to the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland, to be held in Tramore from 30th May to 2nd June, 1961.

**2446 - NURSING STAFF - APPOINTMENTS:** Letter of 18th April, 1961 from the Lay Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital, in regard to the

selection of candidates for the filling of vacant nursing posts was read and noted.

**2447 - MEETINGS:** It was unanimously agreed that the ordinary meeting, and the meeting for the making of the rate, will be held on Saturday, 24th June, 1961, and that the Annual meeting of the Council, which will be followed by the Housing Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, 1st July, 1961.

**2448 - DEMAND ON BALLINASLOE U.C.C.** The Secretary read letter of 24th April, 1961, from the Town Clerk, Ballinasloe conveying the protest of the Urban District Council against the ever increasing County Demands being levied on Ballinasloe Urban District

Clr. P. Galvin stated that the demand has to be calculated in the prescribed manner and with rising costs of services, an increase in the amount of the annual demand is unavoidable; that the rise in the rate in Ballinasloe Urban District is due to factors other than the increase in the Council's demand, e.g. the devaluation of the Mental Hospital. Referring to an enquiry by Clr. P. O Ceallaigh, Clr. Galvin stated that supplementary Housing Grants are not available in Ballinasloe Urban District, due to the fact that the Urban District Council cannot afford to make such grants available.

**2449 - RATE EQUALISATION FUND:** Letter of 19th April, 1961, from Mayo County Council asking that the Galway County Council consider making representations to the Department of Local Government, on the necessity of establishing a rate equalisation fund, similar to that in operation in Great Britain, was read.

**2450 - COUNTY COUNCIL GENERAL COUNCIL:** The Secretary read letter of 23rd May, 1961 from the County Council's General Council, stating that Galway County Council's Motion that Grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, be restored, was approved, and that the motion that revision of remuneration proposals be considered only during one month in each financial year, was after considerable discussion eventually withdrawn.

**2451 - TEA BREAK FOR WORKERS:** Clr. P. O Ceallaigh having proposed his Notice of Motion No. 22 (a) 1., the Council unanimously approved the County Engineer's recommendation that a break from 10 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. be given to road workers and other manual workers in the Engineering Section on each day, so that they may, if they wish, have tea or other refreshment during that time.

**2452 - DRUGS:** Clr. P. O Ceallaigh having proposed his Notice of Motion No. 22 (a) 2., stated that he understood that such procedure was approved in Department of Health Circular, P.56/49.

The Assistant County Manager stated that there is an existing arrangement for obtaining, by special requisition from the official contractors, drugs which are not available on the ordinary list; that doctors have not got any authority to obtain such supplies from local chemists.

Clr. J. Donnellan referred to a Statement considered by the Council at estimates time, showing the high cost of drugs and appliances for Dispensary Districts, and suggested that no further action should be taken regarding this Notice of Motion.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he would obtain the letter to which Clr. O Ceallaigh referred.

**2453 - COTTAGE RENTS:** With reference to Clr. O Ceallaigh's Notice of Motion No. 22 (a) 3., the Assistant County Manager explained that it is a general practice to increase the rent of any old rural cottage to 5s. 0d. a week, when there is change of tenancy and the new tenant is some person other than the husband or wife of the former tenant.

**2454 - FOOTPATH AT BALLYGAR:** Consideration of Notice of Motion No. 22 (a) 4., was at the request of Clr. P. O Ceallaigh, adjourned.

**2455 - MOUNTBELLEW OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty and resolved that Mr. Liam Donnellan, Mountbellew, be appointed a member of the above committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of his father, Mr. John Donnellan.

**2456 - RUBBISH DUMPS:** With reference to Clr. Patten's Notice of Motion No. 22 (b), Mr. J. Silke, chief assistant County Engineer, stated that a new dumping site at Tuam was being obtained and that it is hoped to commence work on this new dumping ground at an early date; that when work on the new dump is completed, it is intended that the refuse along the main road be removed to the new dump.

Clr. T. King asked if dumping of rubbish and articles by industrial concerns in the dump, is an order and Mr. Silke replied that when a dump is provided, it is the practice to make it available to all.

Clr. P. Patten requested that the Council would remove its machines and material from the open space in Monivea village and the County Engineer stated that he would give this matter his attention.

Senator Lahiff requested that spaces left at road diversions be fenced off to prevent dumping and Clr. P. Collins suggested that in such cases, the land or old roadway should immediately be handed over to the owner of the land adjoining.

With reference to enquiry regarding litter bins provided in Portumna, Deputy Millar and Clr. J. Canning thanked Mr. Silke for his efforts, as a result of which it appears likely that these bins will now be made in Ireland.

Clr. J. Canning and Clr. F. Mullin complained regarding the lighting of fires on roadsides by tinkers. Clr. Canning stated that the lighting of fires by the tinkers near woods or plantations causes a serious risk that the plantation will be destroyed. The Chairman stated that in this case the Department of Lands Forestry Division should take action against the tinkers.

**2457 - ROAD SIGNS ETC. AT ATHENRY:** The County Engineer stated that the matters mentioned in Clr. Ruane's Notice of Motion Nos. 22 (c) 1 & 2., are being done.

**2458 - LORRY DRIVERS ETC. - MEAL ALLOWANCE:** Consideration of Notice of Motion No. 22 (d) was adjourned on Deputy Millar's request.

**2459 - ROAD AT LISCANNANAUN:** It was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Clr. P. Ruane, that the part of the original County road leading to the village of Liscannanaun and recently abandoned, be maintained in future.

The County Engineer stated that there is no evidence that this road was ever a County road and that the only suggestion he could make is that the item be considered when the Council is dealing with the Notice of Motion Monies for the current year.

Clr. T. King stated that this was the road from the County road to the Quay and that he could produce the contractor's for work on the road and that it was maintained for many years by the Council.

The County Engineer stated that he can only deal with roads which are on the official list of public roads and Clr. King eventually withdrew his proposal.

**2460 - CHURCH HOLYDAY'S:** With reference to Clr. King's Notice of Motion No. 22 (e) 2., the County Engineer's Letter of 19th May, 1961, was submitted stating that the present position is that rural workers

do not work on certain Church Holyday's and are not paid for these, while in Galway Borough, the machinery staff, Hospital maintenance staff and road workers, do work on Church Holyday's.

Clr. King proposed that the Council's workers in Galway Borough area who at present work on Church Holyday's be let off work on those Holyday's and be paid therefor.

The Assistant County Manager and the County Engineer stated that if payment for Church Holyday's not worked, is made to workers in the Borough, it would be sought by the workers in the rural area also.

The Chairman stated that the proposal is unreasonable and requested that it be withdrawn.

Clr. King's proposal was seconded by Clr. J. Cox.

The Council agreed that the proposal be referred to the County Manager as a recommendation of the Council.

**2461 - ROAD TO ROUNDSTONE SEAWEED FACTORY:** In connection with Clr. P. D. Joyce's Notice of Motion No. 22 (f) 1., the County Engineer stated that the estimated cost of putting the road in order is £250. and that can be dealt with only when considering the Notice of Motion Monies for the current year.

**2462 - TOWN PARK CLIFDEN:** In connection with Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion No. 22 (f) 2., Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that since the Council does not own this ground, there is no authority to expend money thereon; that the money spent on the previous occasion by the Council was defrayed by a grant under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, and that these grants are not now available.

Mr. Silke suggested that a lease of the place be given to the Council for a period of years on the understanding that eventually it would be handed back to Improvement Association.

Clr. J. Joyce stated that he would take this suggestion up with the Association.

**2463 - LETTERFRACK SEWERAGE:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that the Consultant's preliminary report for this scheme was sent for approval to the Department of Local Government on 12th May, 1961.

**2464 - CASHEL BURIAL GROUND:** In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, Mr. J. Silke, stated that he is awaiting the County Medical Officer's priority list for Burial Grounds and that if Cashel is high in the priority list the County Council will proceed with the acquisition of the site for the new burial ground.

**2465 - COTTAGES FOR WEST CONNEMARA:** Consideration of Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion No. 22 (f) 5., was adjourned until the next Housing Meeting

**2466 - CARRAROE WATER SUPPLY:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. P. Joyce that a new reservoir be built on the top of the hill west of the old barracks at Carraroe so as to permit further extension and improvement of the Carraroe Water Supply.

This proposal was supported by Clr. Ridge.

Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, suggested that consideration of this matter be deferred until the Consulting Engineer's preliminary report on the South Connemara Water Supply Scheme be obtained.

It was decided to await the Consulting Engineer's report on the

South Connemara Scheme.

**2467 - BRIDGES AT KYLEMORE ETC.** The County Engineer stated that he is attending to the bridge on the Kylemore road mentioned in Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion No. 22 (h) 1.

With reference to Notice of Motion 22 (h) 2., the Secretary stated that the County Engineer's estimate for provision of temporary bridges is £900. each and that the Engineer does not recommend the provision of temporary bridges at that cost; that, therefore, the Department of Transport & Power was again requested on 8th May, 1961 to approve the crection of permanent bridges over the canal at these two places.

**2468 - ROAD AT COOLCARTY:** With reference to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion No. 22 (h) 3., the County Engineer stated that this matter can be dealt with only when the Council is considering the Notice of Motion Monies for the current year.

**2469 - COTTAGES AT KYLEMORE LAWRENCETOWN:** Mr. J. Silke, Engineer stated that the tenants should attend to the matters mentioned in Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion No. 22 (h) 4.

**2470 - BALLYMOE WATER SUPPLY:** In reply to Clr. Sirr's Notice of Motion No. 22 (i) the Secretary stated that the extensions recommended by the Consultant and by the County Engineer are:-

Glynsk, 1853 yards, Estimated Cost £3,494.  
Ballyhaigue, 4,834 yards and Branch 610 yards, Estimated Cost £8,350.

The Secretary stated that the extensions sought at Turla, Kilcroan, and Cornamuckla, are not recommended.

Mr. Silke, Engineer stated that the scheme was originally designed for Ballymoe and that it would not be possible to supply from it all the extensions sought; that originally it was intended that Glynsk village would be supplied from another area under the main water survey scheme. The Council approved Clr. Sirr's request that the County Engineer be requested to examine the possibility of having Glynsk village supplied, as the extension of 1853 yards mentioned above goes only on part of the way to Glynsk.

**2471 - MOUNTBELLEW DERELICT SITE:** In reply to Clr. O Ceallaigh's Notice of Motion no 22 (k) 1., the County Engineer's report of 25/5/61 was submitted stating that the answer is in the affirmative.

**2472 - MOUNTBELLEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT:** Clr. P. O Ceallaigh proposed that the river from Annaghmore Lake to Castlegar river, be cleaned and stated that this river is in the Mountbellew Drainage District.

**2473 - HOSPITAL PATIENTS & DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITAL:** Clr. O Ceallaigh requested that before patients are discharged from Hospital, sufficient notice be given to the next-of-kin; and stated that he is aware of two cases of patients discharged from Portiuncula Hospital to the Ballygar district, recently, in which such notice was not given.

**2474 - MOUNTBELLEW FIRE BRIGADE:** In reply to Clr. O Ceallaigh's Notice of Motion No. 22 (k) 6., the Secretary stated that there is no proposal for provision of a tender for Mountbellew Fire Brigade in the current year; that the most urgent centre for which a Fire Tender is required is Ballinasloe and that it is expected that a tender for that centre will be provided during the current year.

Clr. O Ceallaigh requested that provision be made in next years estimate for the provision of a fire tender for Mountbellew.

Consideration of items, Nos. 22 (k) (4 & 5) was adjourned until next meeting on Clr. O Ceallaigh's request.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved, and confirmed.

*R. H. O'Connell, Secretary.*

*M. Killian, Chairman.*

*Chairman.*

Date: 24th June, 1961.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 10th June, 1961.

**CHAIRMAN:** Deputy John Geoghegan.

**PRESENT:** Deputy J. Geoghegan, Clr. T. King, Clr. J. Mannion, Dr. H.K. O'Byrne, Dr. M.J. Dyar, Deputy M. Carty, Dr. W.J. McHugh, Dr. C.F. MacCon.

Mr. T.M. O'Connor, Assistant County Manager, Mr. P.J. Duffy, Staff Officer, Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officer and Mr. L.O'Luanaigh, Secretary.

1. - **CHAIRMAN:** In the absence of Deputy Carty at the start of the meeting, it was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion and resolved that Deputy J. Geoghegan take the chair.

Deputy Geoghegan then took the chair.

2. - **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th April, 1961, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, the Secretary gave the following particulars of the age groups for recipients of Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances:-

AGE GROUP	Number on Allowance at present
16 - 25 years.	88
26 - 35 years.	130
36 - 45 years	183
46 - 55 years	295
56 - 65 years	405
66 - 70 years	199
	<u>1,300</u>

3. - **GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:** The Secretary gave particulars of the General Medical Service Register cards, viz:-

Total number of Applications received --	27,724
Total number granted -----	24,454
Total number refused -----	2,987
Number under consideration -----	283
Number of cards current -----	21,308
Number of persons covered by current cards --	62,304

The Assistant County Manager stated that the proportion of the population holding Medical Cards is higher in some counties than in County Galway; also that there are wide variations as between counties.

Dr. Dyar stated that some of the information supplied in applications and certified as accurate is grossly inaccurate.

Clr. King stated that if the District Medical Officer is aware of any case in which a card is issued to a person not entitled to receive it, then the District Medical Officer should report that fact to the Council; that the members are not aware of the names and addresses of the holders of cards; what if a member was aware of a case in which a card was held by a person not entitled to it, then the member would not have any hesitation in reporting the matter.

Dr. Dyar stated that a request by the District Medical Officer for a review of a case, is an indication that the District Medical Officer considers that the person concerned is not entitled to hold a card.

Clr. J. Mannion stated that he is aware of a case which the holder of a card had to obtain a car to enable him to travel to his work, and that in that case the card was cancelled.

Clr. King asked why an applicant for a card who has obtained the full old age pension is not always regarded as eligible for the medical

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card.

The Assistant County Manager explained that a person receiving the full old age pension might be residing with relatives who are in very good circumstances; that the Assistant County Manager is not prepared to admit that all recipients of full old age pension are eligible for medical cards, as regard must be had to the means of the household.

4. - **DRUGS:** Dr. Dyar stated that the particulars given in the list circulated to the doctors are for the period up to 31st March, 1960 and recommended that this information be brought up to date.

Dr. Dyar stated that the average period elapsing from the date of ordering, by special requisition, to the receipt of the goods, is nine days, and recommended that when in an emergency drugs are got locally from a chemist, the Council should pay the chemist for these drugs.

The Assistant County Manager agreed that it should be possible to improve the system of ordering drugs, which is cumbersome.

Dr. O'Byrne referred to a particular drug, which, under the English Health Service costs 24% less than the cost of the same drug in Ireland.

5. - **HOSPITAL PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS:** In reply to an enquiry by Clr. King, the Assistant County Manager explained that the lists sent to the solicitor for attention, set out the amount of the account due but that there is a standing instruction to the solicitor, to proceed for costs as well as for the amount due.

6. - **DENTURES:** Dr. Dyar stated that it is not reasonable to request patients to fill up application forms for dentures and have them certified by a doctor, if the intention is that these applications will be placed on a waiting list and that the dentures will not be supplied promptly; that in other counties the Councils have provided funds to enable them to dispose of applications for dentures and that delay in this county may involve further legal proceedings.

The Assistant County Manager stated that since this matter is the subject of correspondence with the Department of Health, he was not prepared to make a statement. Dr. Dyar asked that the meeting would recommend that dentures be supplied to those who need them.

Dr. Dyar recommended that a dentist's room be provided at Loughrea as the dentist has not any proper accommodation in Loughrea at present.

7. - **GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:**

**Ambulances:** Dr. Dyar asked if the ambulance which has been stationed in Ballinasloe is being used as efficiently there as it was used in Loughrea.

The Assistant County Manager in reply, stated that the ambulance was placed in Ballinasloe for a trial period of at least 6 months and that the end of that trial period would be awaited.

8. - **MATERNITY SERVICES:** The Secretary gave the following particulars:-  
Number of maternity grants paid in the financial year ended 31st March, 1961 -- 1,695.

Number of agreements completed by doctors and midwives for provision of maternity services:-	
District Medical Officers	--- 41
Private Practitioners	--- 71
Dispensary Midwives	--- 23
Private Midwives	--- 46

Dr. Dyar asked if an entitled maternity patient going to Galway Hospital would be entitled to blood transfusions there free of charge. The Assistant County Manager stated that the Council can, in such cases,

only pay the authorised amount viz. 8s. 6d. a day, plus the cost of certain extras approved by the Department of Health, which include payment for blood transfusions in excess of two pints of blood.

Dr. Dyar asked that he be informed exactly of the extent to which the Council can assist such a patient in Calvary Hospital.

9. - DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following particulars:-

Total number of applications received to date	---	4,219
Total number granted	-----	2,078
Number refused	-----	2,074
Number being dealt with	-----	67
Number discontinued by reason of death, award of state pension etc.		680

Dr. O'Byrne asked if any steps had been taken to deal with the rehabilitation of the persons in the lower age group who are receiving disablement allowances.

The Assistant County Manager stated that while it had been possible to assist with rehabilitation in a few cases, there are no general arrangements for rehabilitation of persons receiving these allowances.

Dr. O'Byrne suggested that the possibility of accommodating these cases in ~~Toghermore~~ be considered.

The Assistant County Manager stated Toghermore was provided primarily for former tuberculosis patients and that facilities there for patients of other classes of disablement are very restricted.

Dr. MacCon, County M.O., stated that a good number of the recipients of disablement allowances are suitable for rehabilitation, but there is no place to which they can be sent for that purpose; that many of them have refused to go to Toghermore.

That the question of training for rehabilitation for some of these in Ballinasloe Mental Hospital has been raised and is being considered by the authorities of that Hospital.

Dr. O'Byrne asked if the younger group could be assessed as to their suitability for rehabilitation, and the Assistant County Manager stated that it would be useful if the younger recipients were grouped to show the cause of disability.

10. - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: In reply to an enquiry by Dr. Dyar, the Assistant County Manager stated that Galway Regional Hospital is an approved institution for purposes of Section 25 of the Health Act, 1953.

Dr. Dyar referred to patients injured in motor accidents for which the Council has, up to the present, been entitled to recover certain charges if the patient was treated in a local authority hospital owned by the Council.

Dr. Dyar suggested that such a patient is entitled, under Section 25, to elect to enter the Regional Hospital as a private patient and to obtain the services of a particular doctor in the hospital.

The Secretary read the relevant portion of Section 25 and explained that this Section only entitles a person entitled to free services under the Health Act, 1953, to avail of these services in some hospital other than a hospital owned by the Health Authority which issued the Medical Card to him; that in such a case the Council pays only the authorised contribution to the other hospital and the patient leaves himself liable for payment of the remainder of the charges.

Dr. Dyar referred to a case in which he had sent a recommendation

for admission of a patient to the Galway Regional Hospital and that over six months later, on making an enquiry from the hospital, he was informed that the patient's name was not on the waiting list. Dr. Dyar recommended that there should be prompt acknowledgement of each such recommendation, to the doctor concerned.

11. - PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL: Deputy M. Garty requested that he be informed of the right of specialists holding clinics in Portiuncula Hospital, to send patients, when necessary, to Dublin Hospitals without referring them to the Galway Regional Hospital; that he is aware of a case in which a Medical Card patient who was in Portiuncula Hospital, was sent to the Mater Hospital and that the Council refused to pay the amount due to the Mater Hospital.

Dr. Dyar recommended that an enquiry be made as to the number of patients going from Portiuncula Hospital to Dublin Hospitals, who could receive the necessary attention in the Galway Regional Hospital.

12. - RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT: Clr. King asked that the Council be informed when, if ever, a Resident Medical Superintendent, permanent or temporary, will take up duty at Galway Regional Hospital.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
Galway.

Phone:  
Galway 2055  
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16th June, 1961.

To:  
Each Member of the Galway County Council.

A Chara,

Time of Meeting on 24th June, 1961.

Please note that, on the direction of the Chairman, the meeting of the Galway County Council, at the County Buildings, Galway on 24th June, 1961, will start at 10 a.m. instead of at the usual time.

Mise, le meas,

L. O Luanaigh,

Runai.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.  
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Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

15 Meithimh, 1961.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara; Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Comhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Connadae an Sathairn, 24adh la Meithimh, 1961, ag tosmu ar ~~10.30 p.m.~~ 10 a.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O Luanaigh.

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A G E N D ATO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Making of Rates and signing and sealing of Rate Books for the year ending 31st March, 1962.
3. Making and sealing the demands on Galway Corporation and on Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st March, 1962.
4. Malicious Damage Claims.
5. Sealing Mortgage Deed for Loan £3,000. for roads formerly maintained by the Council.
6. Overdraft for quarter to 30th September, 1961.
7. Raising of Loan of £5,000. to cover cost of survey for water supplies (Minute No. 2431 of 27/5/1961.)
8. Loan for New Roads: Notice of Motion by Deputy Michael Carty viz:-  
"At the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will propose that the resolution of the Council approving the raising of a loan of £50,000. for improvement of cul-de-sac and link roads, in Minute No: 1824 of 6/2/1960, be rescinded."
9. Provision of a piped water supply scheme for the townlands of Bungowla, Cregacearin, Onaght, and Shrawn in Inishmore, Aran.  
Estimated Cost: £16,000.
10. Creation of one additional permanent office of Clerical Officer in the Rates Section at the County Buildings.
11. Extension of the following temporary posts for the period 1st July to 31st December, 1961:-  
(a) Temporary Clerical Officer for Clinics at Galway Regional Hospital.  
(b) Temporary Clerk-Typist for Polio Vaccination Scheme.
12. Increase in Remuneration of Firemen.

13. Increase in rent of Ohilly Dispensary (from £10. to £15. a year).
14. Sale of Plot at Gortroc, Currandulla -- Notice dated 7/6/1961.
15. Tuam Swimming Pool -- Minute 2441 of 27/5/1961.
16. County Development Programme (Copy of Assistant County Manager's letter of 26/5/1961 attached).
17. Belleview Gateway -- letter 29/5/'61 from the National Monuments Advisory Council.
18. Letters from the County Council's General Council:-
  - (a) Requesting notice of items for Agenda for next meeting.
  - (b) Requesting the Council's views on the following motions, viz:-
    1. "That the advisability of asking the General Council of County Councils to recommend to the Government de-rating or partial de-rating of Agricultural Land be discussed".
    2. "That legislation be introduced to permit local authorities to provide that ratepayers who pay moieties of their full rate within 28 days from the date each moiety falls due be allowed 2½% discount on total rate at the time of final payment, or should the full rate be paid within 28 days from the date rate is made that 2½% discount be then allowed".
19. Members' Notices of Motion:-
  - (a) Clr. P.O'Ceallaigh:
    1. That the footpath outside Miss McNamara's premises at Ballygar be taken over by the County Council.
    2. That objectionable literature be removed from the Councils Libraries.
    3. That the efficiency experts report be made available for publication.
  - (b) Deputy T. Millar: That it is the opinion of the Council that a meal allowance, which has been discontinued, be restored as soon as possible to local authority employees such as lorry drivers and plant operators.
  - (c) Deputy M. Killilea: I will ask the County Engineer at the next meeting of the Council to arrange for the removal of overgrown hedges on both sides of the road leading from West of Kilyan School on the Newbridge, Ballinamore Bridge main road, to the bridge across the river leading to Carrownafreeny which is in a dangerous condition at the moment.
  - (d) Clr. Joseph Lambert: That public lighting in Gort town be extended for all fair days.
  - (e) Clr. P.D. Joyce & Clr. J. Mannion: That the Galway County Council acquire the fairs and markets rights in Clifden and provide a fairgreen.
  - (f) Clr. F. Mullins: That watermain at Portumna be extended to serve about eighteen houses in the Woodford Road, Portumna.
  - (g) Clr. M. Mannion:
    1. To have the following County Roads put on the 5 years plan.
      - (a) Road from Derrinlough to Castletown Cross, Kilkerrin.

- (b) Road from Slieverue Cross, Kilkerrin to 5 roads.
  - (c) Road from Windfield Toomard to Miltown, Kilkerrin.
  - (d) Road from Kiltullagh cross, Glenamaddy to 5 roads.
  - (e) Road from Sharkoy's Cross, Annaghmore through Springlawn to junction at Moylough, Mountbellew main road.
  - (f) Road from Abbeyknockmoy Church to Ryehill Church.
2. To have the village of Carrantubber, Kilkerrin connected to the Kilkerrin, Moylough scheme.
  - 2A. To have scheme extended to the village of Cappagh, Toomard.
  3. To have entrance to Moyne College, Derreen, sheeted with chips and rolled.
  - 3A. To have signs erected each side of entrance such as are in other missionary Colleges.
- (h) Clr. P. Ruane: That patients who are likely to die or are suffering from incurable and painful diseases etc. should be segregated from other patients.
  - (i) Clr. J. Flaherty:
    1. "I will ask the Council to consider of providing a refuse dumping ground for Glenamaddy."
    2. "I will ask the County Engineer to move back Danger Road Sign at Kilavoher Bridge on the Dunmore, Clonbern Road, about 50 yards east, also erect another on the west side."
  - (j) Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh:
    1. That a scheme be devised whereby the County Council would give advice etc. to ratepayers who wish to build houses with the aid of grants etc.
    2. That trees at Town Hall, Blylgar be removed.
    3. That the rebate on rates for Agricultural holdings be paid in respect of female as well as male workers.
    4. That tenants who pay rent and rates for County Council houses should get reconstruction grants.
    5. That the practice of supplying Councillors with lists of people who owe maintenance charges to Regional Hospital etc. be discontinued.
    6. That open ground outside Bartley Synnotts, Abbeyknockmoy be "taken over" by the County Council.
    7. That warning signs be erected at Beechlawn - Killasolan Junction.
    8. That roadside drain at Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy, be cleaned etc.
    9. That cause of flooding at Windfield Bridge, Newbridge be remedied (Piping to river Shiven).
    10. That this Council recommends to the Galway - Roscommon Mental Health Board, that a separate unit, or its equivalent be set aside for Mental Defectives.
  - (k) Clr. P. Galvin: That Very Rev. T. Cambell, Adm., Ballinasloe be co-opted a member of Ballinasloe O.A.P. Committee.
20. Replies to questions already submitted by members.
  21. Other business.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 24th JUNE, 1961

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Mark Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Cllrs. Glynn Joyce, Kelly, King, Kyne, Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Deputy Millar, Cllrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

An apology for inability to attend was received from the Chairman Deputy M. Carty.

A letter from the Chairman was submitted stating that the meeting was called for 10 a.m. so as to enable members of the Oireachtas to attend the reception given by the President of Ireland to the Cardinal Legate and other Cardinals in Dublin.

Deputy Killilea stated that only urgent business would be considered at this meeting and that members' Notices of Motion would be adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

2475 - MINUTES: The Minutes of the Previous meeting to No. 2474 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2476 - DRUGS: Arising out of the Minutes circulated to the members, Cllr. P. O'Ceallaigh stated that the average period for the supply of goods ordered on a special requisition is nine days, the District Medical Officers should be allowed, in case of urgency, to obtain the required drugs locally in any manner in which they can obtain them.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it is not agreed that it always takes nine days to supply drugs ordered on a special requisition; that the doctors can phone to the office or direct to the Contractors in case of urgency.

Deputy Coogan stated that if the emergency occurs on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday, the doctors cannot make contact with the office or with the Contractors.

The Assistant County Manager stated that in such an extreme emergency, the doctors could obtain the drugs from any source available to them, but that it cannot be agreed that drugs can be obtained in this manner except in a case of real emergency; that if drugs are not obtained from the official sources, the cost to the Council will be much greater than it already is.

2477 - RATES: It was proposed by Cllr. P. Sirr, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council hereby allow and make the rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1962, as assessed in the Rate Books".

2478 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES: It was proposed by Cllr. P. Sirr, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the demands on the Galway Borough Council and on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council, for the year ending 31st March, 1962 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, 1961, were submitted and noted.

2479 - ACCOMMODATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN: Arising out of Minute No. 2419 of 22nd April, 1961, a letter of 21/6/61 from the

North Tipperary County Council was submitted, requesting that the Council's representatives would attend a meeting, to be held at Roscrea Fever Hospital on Tuesday 11th July, 1961, at 3.p.m.

The Secretary was directed to reply stating that the Council's representatives will attend the meeting on 11th proximo.

2480 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Secretary gave particulars of claims received since the previous meeting, viz:-

Mr. Patrick Lynch, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe, Damage to plate glass window, 13/5/61 -- £16. 0. 0.  
Mr. Brian Collins, Eyre Square, Galway, Damage to car, 3/6/61 --£6.4s.6d.  
Mr. Martin Devaney, William Street, West, Galway, Damage to cart £25.  
Mr. John P. Kellegher, Lenaboy Park, Salthill, Damage to windows, press and Lock, 1/6/61 -- £8. 5. 0d.

2481 - LOAN FOR ROADS £3,000: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 5th day of May, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,000. be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purpose of the reconstruction of five roads formerly maintained by the County Council and which it is proposed, to take over as public roads, to be repaid within five 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 Limited".

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

2482 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Cllr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account, not exceeding £300,000. for the quarter ending 30th September, 1961".

2483 - WATER SUPPLIES SURVEY LOAN: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan seconded by Cllr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £5,000. from the Commissioners of Public Works to meet the cost of preliminary expenses in connection with the scheme for provision of piped water supplies to rural areas; the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 50 years or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

Cllr. P. Patten requested that he be informed of the date on which the Council unanimously approved the scheme for provision of piped water supplies for rural areas.

2484 - INISHMORE WATER SUPPLY: On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan seconded by Cllr. T. King, the Council approved the proposal that a piped water supply scheme be provided for the townlands of Bungwla, Cregacearin, Onaght and Shrawn in Inishmore, Aran, at an estimated cost of £16,000.

2485 - CLERICAL STAFF: The Secretary gave particulars of the necessity for the appointment of one additional clerical officer in the Rates Department at the County Buildings, Galway, stating that the need for additional assistance in that Department had been pointed out in 1955 but that the Manager was not satisfied then that the full time services of a clerical officer were necessary; that in the meantime, the collection of rates direct from the office, has been sanctioned for



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District No. 35, and that consequently, the appointment of one additional Clerical Officer in the Rates Department is now clearly necessary.

On the proposition of Clr. G. Kelly, seconded by Clr. J. Cox, the Council approved the creation of one additional office of Clerical Officer - for the Rates Department, County Buildings, Galway.

**2486 - TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF:** On the proposition of Clr. P. Galvin, seconded by Clr. F. Mullins, the Council approved the extension of the following temporary posts for the period from 1st July to 31st December, 1961, inclusive:-

- (a) Temporary Clerical Officer for Clinics at Galway Regional Hospital.
- (b) Temporary Clerk Typist for Polio Vaccination Scheme.

In regard to Clinics generally, Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh recommended that for patients unable to defray the cost of travelling, it should be so arranged that a conveyance would be sent out at a certain time to a pre-arranged point, to collect six or seven patients, rather than have these patients arranging for their conveyance individually by separate cars.

Clr. P. Patten stated that patients from Tuam are being called to Clinics at the Regional Hospital for 9.30. a.m. and if these patients utilise public transport, it is impossible for them to be present at such an early hour.

**2487 - TUAM CLINIC BUILDING:** Deputy Killilea stated that he has been informed that instead of erecting a clinic building elsewhere in Tuam, it is intended that part of St. Mary's Home will be used as a clinic; that the location of St. Mary's Home is not at all suitable for this purpose as it is too far distant from the town.

Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that he does not agree at all that St. Mary's Home is too far out from the town; that it is less than a half mile from the centre of the town and that in Galway City and elsewhere, patients have to travel much longer distances to the dispensaries or clinics; that furthermore, a very suitable building - the maternity hospital - will be available at St. Mary's Home, when the Home is vacated; that, therefore, the Council should give this matter the serious consideration which it deserves.

**2488 - FIRE BRIGADES - REMUNERATION:** On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Cox, the Council approved the revision of the remuneration of members of Fire Brigades as set out in County Manager's Order No.S.1390 of 2nd May, 1961.

Clr. Cox requested that particulars of the rates of remuneration in other counties, be obtained for comparison.

Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh stated that Glenamaddy Brigade is short one member since Mr. Curtin left.

Deputy F. Coogan requested that a meeting of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee be arranged at an early date.

**2489 - CURRANDULLA DISPENSARY SITE:** The Notice sent to each member of the Council on 7th June, 1961, was submitted and on the proposition of Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Collins, the Council approved sale of a plot of ground at Gortroe, Currandulla, area 1 acre and 18 square perches statute measure, to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee, for £105. plus costs of conveyance - as a site for a Vocational School.

**2490 - TUAM SWIMMING POOL:** Letters of 19th April, 1961 and 2nd May, 1961 from the Tuam Swimming Pool Project Committee were submitted and it was unanimously decided that further consideration of the provision of a

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swimming pool at Tuam, be adjourned by the Council for a period of three months.

**2491 - COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:** The Assistant County Manager's letter to the County Manager, dated 26th May, 1961, was submitted - copies having already been circulated to the members of the Council.

It was directed that further consideration of this letter be adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council, so that the members may have an opportunity of considering it in the meantime.

**2492 - Belview Gateway:** The Secretary read to the meeting, letter of 29th May, 1961, from the Honorary Secretary to the National Monuments Advisory Council, 10 Hume Street, Dublin, stating that from reports received by that Council, it appeared to be a comparatively easy and inexpensive matter to secure the preservation of the arch on its present site by making a short by-pass road, and requesting that the Council would do this.

Clr. J. Dowd stated that this gateway is situated on a straight stretch of road and since the opening is only nine feet wide, it would constitute a grave danger to traffic if the road is tarred; that consequently its existence in its present site is preventing the reconstruction of the road. Clrs. P. Patten, T. King and J. Ruane spoke in favour of retaining the gateway in its present site.

Mr. S. Cullinan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the carrying out of the suggestion of the Advisory Council would cost a considerable amount and would be a most undesirable development which he could not on any account recommend, as it would amount to providing at considerable expense a bend on a road which is already straight.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Collins, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd and resolved that the Council adhere to the decision already given in Minute No. 2414 of 22nd April, 1961, i.e. that the gateway be taken down and that anything of historical value which it contains be placed in a suitable place on the roadside nearby.

**2493 - COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL:** Referring to item No. 18 (a) on the Agenda, Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh recommended that the General Council be asked to consider recommending to the Minister for Health that the charge for maintenance and treatment of children in the Local Authority Health Institutions, be lower than that for adults. This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Collins but the Chairman pointed out that it is a matter for consideration by the Managers of the Health Authorities.

Clr. J. Flaherty recommended and it was agreed that the General Council request the Minister for Local Government to expedite the inspection of houses for which applications for grants have been made.

Clr. Flaherty stated that a considerable period elapses between the date of the application and the first inspection and again between the time at which the work is completed and the inspection for certification of payment of the grant.

Consideration of items No. 18 (b) 1 & 2, was adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

**2494 - ST. MARY'S HOME, TUAM:** The Chairman, Deputy M. Killilea, stated that recently the Chairman of the Visiting Committee had summoned a meeting of that committee for Tuam Home and that the meeting had been cancelled without any explanation being given to the Chairman; that the Committee wished to consider the circumstances in which a child was removed from St. Mary's Home, Tuam, to St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, and in which another child was removed from St. Mary's Home to the Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the summoning of the

meeting to which Deputy Killilea referred was cancelled on his, the Assistant County Manager's direction, as there was an outbreak of chicken pox in the home at that time; that the Council had already given its approval to the closing down of St. Mary's Home, Tuam and the transfer of the patients to other approved Homes; that delay and difficulty in the making of the transfer has been caused by the number of mentally handicapped children in the Home and the difficulty in finding accommodation for these children in approved Homes.

The Chairman referred to the removal of the child from St. Mary's Home to the County Home and stated that child died shortly after removal to Loughrea and requested that a meeting of this Visiting Committee be summoned for Tuam at the earliest possible date.

2495 - ADJOURNMENT: The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda until the next ordinary meeting of the Council, which will be held on the 22nd July, 1961, viz:-

Items Nos. 18 (b) 1 & 2 and 19.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*L. O. Luanaigh*  
Secretary

*Submitted, approved, and confirmed.*

*M. Carr* Chairman.

*Date: 5/8/61*  
*M.C.*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:  
Gaillimh 2055.

Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

22 Meithimh, 1961.

Chuig gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle.

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú bliantúil de Chomhairle Connadae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Connadae an Sathairn, ladh la Tuil, 1961 ag tosnu ar 12.30 p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

L. O Luanaigh,

Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for year 1961/62.
2. Election of Vice Chairman for year 1961/62.
3. Appointment of Representatives on:-
  - (a) Galway-Roscommon Mental Health Board.
  - (b) Western Health Institutions Board.
  - (c) County Council's 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 Consultative Health Committee in lieu of Dr. D.T. O'Driscoll.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

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Oifig an Runai,  
Bothar Mor,  
GAILLIMH.

22nd June, 1961.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle:

A. Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Housing Committee of the Galway County Council to be held at the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 1st July, 1961, after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Mise, le meas,

L. O Luanaigh,

Runai.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Labourers' Acts.
  2. Supplementary Housing Grants.
  3. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
  4. Any other business.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 1st JULY, 1961.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Kyne, Senator Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Deputy Millar, Clrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patten, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and SIRR.

2496 - CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. SIRR, and unanimously resolved that Deputy Michael Carty be re-elected Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1961/62.

Deputy Carty thanked the members for electing him as Chairman and congratulated Deputy Fintan Coogan on his election as Mayor of Galway City.

2497 - VICE-CHAIRMAN: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, it was unanimously resolved that Deputy Mark Killilea be re-elected vice-chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1961/62.

2498 - GALWAY/ROSCOMMON MENTAL HEALTH BOARD: The Secretary stated that the number of representatives to be appointed on the Galway/Roscommon Mental Health Board for the coming year, was sixteen, i.e. the same number as in the past year. It was proposed by Clr. J. Donnellan, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and unanimously resolved that the existing representatives of the Galway County Council on the Galway/Roscommon Mental Health Board, be re-appointed for the year 1961/62.

2499 - WESTERN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BOARD: It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane and unanimously resolved that the existing two representatives of the Galway County Council on the Western Health Institutions Board, be re-appointed for the coming year, viz., Deputy Michael Carty and Clr. Thomas King.

Clr. T. King recommended that the question of the Galway County Council's representation on this Board be again taken up with the Minister for Health.

Deputy F. Coogan suggested that a joint board be appointed for the Galway Regional Hospital and Merlin Park Sanatorium.

The Chairman directed that if the councillors wish to have these matters considered, they should submit a notice of motion relating to them for a subsequent ordinary meeting of the Council.

2500 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: On the proposition of Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. J. Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that the existing three representatives of the Galway County Council on the County Councils' General Council, be re-appointed for the year 1961/62 viz., Deputy Michael Carty, Clr. J.J. Ruane and Clr. Thomas King.

2501 - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: On the proposition of Deputy A. Millar seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, it was unanimously resolved that Clr. J. Glynn, the existing representative of the Galway County Council on the Irish Tourist Association, be re-appointed for the year 1961/62.

2502 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh asked if the number of members of the Visiting Committee for Clifden District Hospital could be reduced.

Clr. J. Mannion requested that Clr. J. Lambert be reinstated on the Visiting Committee and this request was supported by Deputy F. Coogan.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Joyce, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and unanimously resolved that the existing 20 members of the Visiting

Committee for District Institutions, be re-appointed for the year 1961/62 and that, in addition, Clr. J. Lambert be appointed a member of the Visiting Committee for that year.

Clr. Lambert expressed his thanks.

Clr. J. Cox stated that he agreed with Clr. O'Ceallaigh and considered that his recommendation should be examined.

**2503 - COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, and unanimously resolved that the existing 22 members of the County Libraries' Committee be re-appointed for the year 1961/62.

**2504 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Dowd and unanimously resolved that the existing five members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee proper, and the existing 8 honorary members of that committee, be re-appointed for the year 1961/62.

**2505 - EDUCATION (SCHOLARSHIPS) COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Clr. J. J. Ruane, seconded by Clr. P. Joyce and unanimously resolved that the existing 20 members of the Education (Scholarships) Committee, be re-appointed for the year 1961/62.

**2506 - OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES:** It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan and unanimously resolved that all the existing members of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees, other than those who had not attended a meeting of the sub-committee during the six months ended 31st May, 1961, be re-appointed for the year 1961/62 and that in addition, the Very Rev. T. Campbell, A.D.M., Ballinasloe, be appointed a member of the Ballinasloe Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee; that particulars of the vacancies existing on the Committees, be circulated to the members along with the Agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council and that these vacancies be filled at the next ordinary meeting.

**2507 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE:** On the proposition of Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Deputy M. Carty, the Council unanimously appointed Doctor H.K. O'Byrne, The Crescent, Galway, a member of the Consultative Health Committee of the Council to replace Doctor D.T. O'Driscoll.

**2508 - ST. MARY'S HOME, TUAM:** The Assistant County Manager stated that the Press reports might have given the impression that there was some connection between the death in Loughrea of a child removed from the Home and the statements made regarding the Home; that in fairness to the staff of St. Mary's Home, Tuam, he wished to emphasise that there was not any such connection.

In regard to the meeting of the Visiting Committee which was summoned for St. Mary's Home, Tuam, and cancelled, the Assistant County Manager stated that he did not realise that this was not a routine meeting and that it was being called for a special purpose; that since it was not a routine meeting, he considered that he might have been informed of the purpose before the meeting was summoned; that a meeting of the Committee for St. Mary's Home, Tuam, can now be called at any time.

The Chairman directed that Clr. J. Mannion would arrange with the Secretary regarding the date and time of this meeting.

**2509 - SYMPATHY:** Votes of Sympathy were unanimously adopted with the following:-  
Very Rev. W. Moran, P.P., Rosmuck, on the death of his brother, Michael and with Mr. Michael Moran, Carna, on the death of his father.  
The Harney Family, Muchloon, Ballyforan, on the death of a son in England.  
The Coffey Family, Rockhill, Ballinamore Bridge on the death of a son in England.  
The Greaney Family, Curmer, on the death of a brother in England.  
Mr. Guy Gorman, St. Brigid's Place, Galway, on the death of his wife.

M. Carty  
Submitted, approved & confirmed.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 1st JULY, 1961.

**IN THE CHAIR:** (1) Deputy M. Carty.  
(2) Deputy M. Killilea.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Cox, Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Joyce, Kelly, King, Deputy Kitt, Clr. Kyne, Senator Lahiffe, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion J., Mannion M., Deputy Millar, Clrs. Mullins, O'Ceallaigh, Patton, Ridge, Ruane J., Ruane P., and Sirr.

**1. - LABOURERS' ACTS:** The Chairman read a statement submitted giving particulars of the number of cottages built and in progress of construction etc. viz.,

NEW COTTAGES.		JUNE, 1961
Built		
(a) Serviced	114	
(b) Unserviced	245	359
Tenders Accepted or cottages being built		22
Sites Transferred		29
Sites being transferred		7
Other applications received:-		
Approved - sites not selected	29	
Deferred for further consideration	20	
Refused and withdrawn	36	
Being investigated by County Medical Officer.	4	89
		506

A Statement was then submitted giving particulars of the stage reached in regard to applications for cottages which are still outstanding. A copy of this statement had already been circulated to the members of the Council.

The Chairman referred to the long period which had elapsed since the date of the original application in some of these cases.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that owing to the long delay in providing cottages in some cases the applicants may, in the meantime, have provided houses for themselves and suggested that it would be desirable to alter the Council's Supplementary Grant Scheme so that 100% grant for reconstruction or for erection of a house, might be given in the case of a house reconstructed or built by a person who was an applicant for a cottage and whose application was approved by the County Medical Officer. As an example of such a case, Deputy Geoghegan cited an application by Mr. Casey, Kilkerrin, Carna.

Clr. Patten referred to cases on the list set out as "No Site Available", and asked why a site would not be taken by compulsion in such a case if the cottage is badly needed.

Clr. Galvin referred to the bad appearance of the sod fence between the main road and the new cottages at Ballyeighter, Aughrim. He requested that a proper fence with a gateway to each cottage would be provided.

Mr. J. Silke, Engineer, explained that expenditure in fencing of

of new cottages is restricted very much by the Department of Local Government.

Clr. J. Flaherty stated that he is not in favour of compulsory acquisition of land for cottage sites and referred to a case in which an applicant's father-in-law has adequate land but will not give the applicant a site on that land. Clr. Flaherty asked why the Council should use compulsory acquisition powers in such a case as that.

Clr. T. King stated that instead of erecting cottages he would prefer that there would be an arrangement whereby higher grants could be issued to applicants so as to enable them to provide houses themselves i.e. applicants who would be eligible for tenancy of cottages.

Clr. J. Cox stated that he would like to have some information regarding the incidence of default by contractors erecting cottages and if it would be better in such cases to have the cottages provided by direct labour.

Clr. P. Patten, to clarify his previous statement, stated that he was not advocating compulsory acquisition of sites on small holdings.

Clr. P. Collins considered that if applicants exerted themselves they could obtain the sites they require.

Clr. J. Dowd stated that he was aware of a case in which the man's employment was terminated when the site for the cottage which he was seeking was obtained by the Council on his employer's land.

Clr. P. O'Ceallaigh stated that he would favour some scheme of grants which along with the applicants own labour would enable the applicant to provide the house he requires; but there are cases in which the site is available and the cottage has not been built, e.g. the application by Mrs. Connolly, Kinvara.

Clr. P. Sirr stated that the Housing facilities in Ireland are far in advance of those in England and that perhaps the Council is going too far in this matter.

Clr. P. Collins referred to a case in which a tenant vacated a cottage and removed the range and stated that in such a case the range should remain the property of the Council.

Clr. P. Ruane asked the opinion of the Council as to the entitlement of farmers to cottages and asked if there is a valuation limit in such cases.

Clr. T. King stated that labourers who owned small farms are not really "farmers".

Clr. P. Joyce recommended that there would be a system of loans to meet the case of applicants who are unable to provide a house on their own resources with the aid of the grants from the Department of Local Government and from the Council. Clr. Joyce stated that there is an excessive delay in providing cottages in cases in which tenders received have been rejected.

In reply to enquiry by Clr. Joyce, Mr. J. Silke, Engineer, stated that the cottage sought by applicant No. 248 is being provided by direct labour and that the work will start next week.

Clr. G. Kelly referred to the case of a Council employee who applied a very long time ago for a cottage and whose income is now over the limit to enable him to get a grant from the Council.

The Chairman stated that in County Limerick if a person qualifies for a loan, he automatically gets a supplementary grant of at least 50%

of the state grant.

Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer, stated that in such a case the applicant would need to be a member of the working classes.

Deputy Carty suggested that the grants scheme might be amended to bring in a case such as that to which Mr. Kelly referred.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the number of holdings in the County with land valuation not exceeding £7. amounts to 8,000 and that it would be beyond the Council's resources to deal with all such cases of persons with land valuation not exceeding £7. seeking new houses; that particular attention should be paid to the location of cottages as difficulty has been experienced in securing tenants for vacant cottages and that there are half a dozen such cases in which the Council has not received any response to advertisements inviting applications for tenancies; that there are 5 vested cottages unoccupied. The Assistant County Manager suggested that cottages should be provided in small groups near towns and villages where possible.

Clr. T. King opposed the erection of cottages in groups near villages or towns as he stated they can be very unsightly and that it is not sensible to provide a group of cottages near a small town in which tenants cannot obtain any employment and have, therefore, to travel long distances to their work with farmers.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. P. Ruane, the Chairman stated that the occupier of a vested cottage can obtain a reconstruction grant or water sewerage grant, according to his means; that there will soon be prepared, a Vesting scheme for cottages not included in the existing vesting schemes.

Mr. J. Silke, Engineer, replying to Mr. Cox's enquiry, stated that direct labour schemes have been utilised for West Galway but that they are not considered necessary for East Galway.

The Chairman stated that where possible, he would prefer that cottages would be provided by contract and Clr. Cox stated that this matter is of concern to the Council as affecting the cost of the cottage.

The Chairman asked the Council whether it does or does not approve erection of isolated rural cottages.

Clr. Cox stated that this question would depend on the prospects of employment for an applicant in the vicinity of the cottage and the type of land available.

Deputy Kitt considered that except in the cases of erection of cottages for small farmers on their own holdings, cottages should be provided in groups.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. P. Sirr having complained that he had recommended a tenant for a vacant vested cottage and that his recommendation was not accepted, it was explained that the right of nomination of the transferee is that of the vested tenant.

In regard to the question of building isolated cottages in rural areas, it was eventually agreed that the Assistant County Manager would make available at a later meeting, particulars of the areas in which isolated cottages are sought and the employment of the applicant for each such cottage.

Deputy J. Geoghegan complained of the delay in carrying out repairs to cottages in West Galway.