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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 17th JULY, 1956 at 11 a.m.

with

Mr. T. F. O'HIGGINS, MINISTER FOR HEALTH, for the purpose of discussing the
Administration of the Health Acts.

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

PRESENT: Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, Minister for Health, Mr. E. O'Connell, Secretary, Department
of Health and Dr. M. Powell, Medical Inspector.

Clr. Ashe, Clrs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan, James,
Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley
Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Lambert, Senator J. Mannion
Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane Patrick, Sirr & Wall.

Surgeon M. G. O'Malley, Doctors M. G. Little, J. V. Cussen, J. R. Shea, D.
O'Driscoll and M. J. Dyar.

Mr. C. I. O'Flynn, County Manager, Dr. I. Gallagher, Acting Chief Medical
Officer, Messrs. M. J. Moroney, Acting County Secretary, W. C. Hogan, Lay
Superintendent, P. J. O'Toole, Superintendent Assistance Officer, M. Kyne,
P. J. Duffy, & Miss A. Walsh, Staff Officers.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Deputy R. Lahiff.

The Minister for Health was welcomed by Mr. M. Carty, Vice-Chairman on behalf
of the Council.

The Minister in his opening address thanked those present for coming to meet
him to enable a discussion to take place, and pointed out that this was one of a
series of discussions he was holding throughout the country for the purpose of
clarifying the administration of the Health Act, 1953.

(1) ISSUE OF MEDICAL SERVICE CARDS:

The Minister for Health explained that under the
Health Act, 1953 there were a number of older services re-enacted - Services which
were in operation many years before. One of these services was the general medical
service for necessitous persons. Under the Public Assistance Code, for a great
number of years, local authorities were bound to provide free medical service for
necessitous persons. Under Section 14 of the Health Act, 1953, this was re-enacted.
He emphasised that under the Health Act, 1953 the same class of person formerly
entitled to free medical services was now entitled to those services. The Health
Act did not alter that. In certain parts of the country there had been a
misapprehension regarding this, probably arising out of various discussions that
took place with regard to the Health Act, prior to its passage through the
Oireachtas. The same class of person formerly entitled to Medical Services was now
entitled to it. The definition contained in the Health Act was - a person unable
to provide these services for himself or his dependants by his own industry or other
lawful means. This meant a person who was in need, whose means did not enable him to provide
services for himself. Under the Health Act the responsibility and duty of each
Health Authority, acting through its Executive Officers was to decide who was
entitled to free medical service. The decision must be the decision of the County
Manager and his staff and that decision was not open to review by the Minister for
Health or any other authority. The decision of the Local Authority was final.
In coming to a decision on each application it was expected that each Health
Authority would decide each case after hearing the facts. The facts of each case
should be considered and the decision come to on their merits. When an application
was granted, the name of the applicant was entered on the General Service Register
and a Health Card was issued to the applicant which was evidence of his entitlement
to free medical service. If however, a person whose name was not on the register
was discovered to be ill and in need, it was open to each member of the Council and
each Assistance Warden as was the case formerly to issue on behalf of that person
a special ticket permitting medical treatment for that person. It was however
expected that members of the County Council and Home Assistance Wardens would act
responsibly and only issue such special tickets if they were satisfied on those
points; first, that the person was ill, and second, that the person had no means.

Clr. Kitt said that he knew of the case of a County Council workman earning £5 a
week who had not applied for a Health Card and who became ill but the

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Dispensary Doctor would not attend him.

The County Manager stated that the Home Assistance Wardens had still the
right to issue red tickets but the Dispensary Doctors had the right to appeal
against such issue even though the new Act was in operation.

Clr. Carty stated that when the present Council was elected, no supply of books
containing red tickets was issued to Councillors. He, Clr. Carty, did not receive
a book as he did in former times.

Clr. Kelly said that the point was on whose authority were medical cards issued,
not who were entitled to them. It seemed to him that one man only, i.e. the
County Manager had this authority and he wished to know if it was on the reports
of the H.A.O.'s that the County Manager refused applications. He also wondered
if a patient would be allowed car hire to travel to the next Dispensary Doctor when
his own Dispensary Doctor refused to accept a medical card or was on his day off.

Ald. Miss M. Ashe asked to whom one appealed when a Dispensary Doctor refused to
accept a medical card.

The County Manager said that the matter was referred to him.

Clr. Sirr asked if small farmers with holdings, P.L.V. £15 to £20 and six in family
would be entitled to medical cards as he thought that they should be.

The Minister for Health said that each case must be considered on its own merits.

Clr. Carty said that when they read that counties like Longford and Westmeath had
from 53% to 55% covered by medical cards they wondered if in counties like Galway
a different yardstick was applied to decide whether people were entitled to be on the
Register or not.

The Minister for Health said that you would have different decisions come to in
different places; that Galway might be poor in parts but that it was impossible
to apply a yardstick; Donegal was not a rich county yet the issue of medical cards
was only 8.2% and in Leitrim 8% of the population.

Clr. Quinn now took the chair;

The County Manager pointed out that so far 9,681 medical cards had been
issued, covering in all 34,592 people, or one fifth of the population of the county.
816 applications had been refused and 420 cases were under consideration. Each
case was considered on its merits. There was no yardstick and he had considered
each case himself personally. Eligibility could not be considered in relation
to valuation. One man might have a substantial valuation and be severely in debt.
Another farmer with a small holding might have considerable live stock. No one
was being denied a medical card if he was entitled to it.

Clr. Burke stated that he knew of one case of a man with 25 acres of land, valuation
£7.15.0d who was notified that he was not entitled to a medical card.

Clr. Carty said the Minister attended a meeting 1-1½ years ago and tried to get
this Council to agree to a minimum figure with regard to P.L.V. £8/£10 and to get
their views as to whether people with this valuation would be classed as lower
income groups. A man might have £8-£10 valuation but might have some profitable
side line and it was only fair to determine each of these on their merits, but
he believed the County Manager decided on the reports of 30-40 H.A.O.'s. Views
of H.A.O.'s differed and until something was done about bringing H.A.O.'s together
and briefing them, uniformity would not be attained.

Clr. King said that speaking for his own area he felt that we had progressed very
satisfactorily with the issue of medical cards. The only thing that he seemed
to be at sea about was that it had been stressed by many people that the lower
income groups were solely those who were entitled to a red ticket formerly. He
wanted to know how the number of over 34,000 people covered by Medical Cards at
present compared with the number of red tickets issued five years ago. It would
be found that the number of people had doubled and trebled as many people who would
not formerly apply for red tickets now accepted medical cards

Clr. Collins said that he was in agreement with Clr. Carty and the County Manager

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as regards set valuations. He did not agree that there should be a set valuation. Circumstances differed even while valuations might be the same. Several people now readily accepted Medical Cards who would not accept a red ticket in the past.

Senator Mannion said that the implementation of the Act was working very satisfactorily in Connemara. There was no connection between red tickets and medical cards. Many people now applied for medical cards who would not formerly accept red tickets. Where there were complaints very often the applicants themselves were to blame as it was found that some people did not want to say how little they had.

Deputy Coogan asked what was the position regarding people in receipt of Old Age Pensions.

The Minister said that it appeared to be clear to all that so far as administration of medical cards was concerned that it was a matter for each Health Authority. It was also clear that it would not be possible under the Health Act to have any rigid standard. Each case must be considered on its own facts and the best judgement possible come to. He hoped that it was clear that the Minister for Health had no statutory functions to interfere with the administration of medical cards, although he had a general duty to make recommendations and suggestions to Health Authorities. He had recently issued a circular to all Health Authorities suggesting that persons in receipt of full old age pensions and persons in receipt of widows non-contributory pensions and persons who, by reason of the pensions they have are regarded under Social Welfare Legislation to be necessitous persons, should be issued with medical cards which would apply to such persons only - not necessarily to their families also. It was up to the County Managers to follow these suggestions or not.

Clr. Ridge stated that he would like the Minister to state if this Council should give preference of work to T.B. cases.

Chairman said that was a general question and would be dealt with under that heading.

Deputy Geoghegan said he knew of a widow who was being pressed for a hospital bill.

2. OPERATION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES.

The Minister for Health said that under the Health Act, 1953 each Health Authority was bound to provide hospital facilities and specialist services for eligible persons. Specialist services which were provided were at all times free, which meant that no charge could be imposed in regard to the services of a Specialist or no fees could be charged by the Specialists. Hospital treatment and maintenance was free for certain categories of persons, and in the case of other persons a charge not exceeding 6/- a day or £2.2.0d a week was made. There were six classes eligible for treatment:

- (a) Each person on the General Medical Services Register or each person entitled to be on that Register.
- (b) Any persons insured under the Social Welfare Acts. There was no time qualification. Any person insured for unemployment was eligible.
- (c) Any adult person whose yearly means did not exceed £600. Yearly means in this case referred to family income.
- (d) Every ^{adult} person whose livelihood was farming and whose P.L.V. did not exceed £50.
- (e) Pupils of National Schools whose defects were discovered as a result of school examinations.
- (f) Every other person in respect of whom a case of hardship was established.

Hospital treatment and maintenance was free for (a) and (e) but as regards the other classes a charge of £2.2.0d a week might be made.

Continuing, he stated that it was understood that any eligible person might prefer not to accept the hospital facilities provided by a Health Authority, and might elect to go to a hospital of his own choice. In such a case, the Health Authority might pay a sum not exceeding 12/- per day or £4.4.0d a week. If there was a difference between that sum and the hospital account the person in question must pay the difference. With regard to choice of hospital, there was nothing to prevent anybody from the staff of an external institution from charging medical

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fees to any person who exercised this choice, and under the Health Act such a person could be charged medical fees if a contract were established with the staff of the hospital to which he went. He, the Minister, had discussions with the staffs of voluntary hospitals throughout the country, who had agreed that where a person exercised the right to a choice of hospital, no fee whatsoever would be charged, if the person went to a public ward. However, if a person went to a private or semi-private ward he did so knowing that he would be charged the appropriate fee.

Specialist services could be either in hospital or outside hospital. Any eligible person who consulted his family doctor and who was in need of specialist services, could be referred by his own doctor to any of the local authority hospitals, and full specialist services would be made available without charge.

Mr. Wall asked what constituted family income?

The Minister stated that under the Act the family income was regarded as the yearly means of the spouse and the yearly income of a son or daughter where they were normally resident in the house. It did not include brothers or sisters living together where the parents were dead.

Clr. Carty referred to a case of a father and mother and three adult sons. The father's income was £500 - the wife's Nil - and the three sons were insured and were entitled to medical services, but because the sons were earning an income, the father was ineligible for free health service.

The County Manager said that the County Council was not responsible for providing some specialist services for insured persons. Dental and Ophthalmic services were still supplied through the Department of Social Welfare.

Mr. John Donnellan mentioned a case of a Labourer who incurred expenses for hospital treatment in 1952 and who was now being pressed for payment. He was now entitled to free services. Must this man pay 1952 expenses?.

The Minister said that there was no provision for reducing expenses already incurred.

Clr. Kitt mentioned a similar case as Clr. Donnellan, where a Civil Bill was now being issued.

The County Manager said that persons in the middle income groups were charged 8/- per day and only in very few cases were they being pressed and the full amount charged.

Clr. Glynn asked if an Old Age Pensioner could not be admitted to a Public Hospital and had no option but to go to a private home, would the public authority be responsible for the extra amount due.

The Minister said that County Home services were for such cases.

Clr. Carty asked if it was statutory on Local Authorities to provide ophthalmic and dental services for the lower income group.

The County Manager said Dental services would be dealt with later on in the Agenda.

Clr. P. Joyce mentioned a case of a father and mother and two sons where they were refused disability pension and also medical cards on the grounds that the sons were earning sufficient to keep them.

Clr. Galvin asked if children were entitled to school services even though the father was in the over £600 group.

The County Manager replied in the affirmative.

3. GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL CARE FOR MOTHERS AND THEIR INFANTS.

The Minister for Health said every expectant mother in the classes already mentioned was entitled to a general medical care while she was expecting a baby. She was entitled to a choice of Doctor. She could select a Dispensary Doctor or a private Doctor and was not confined to districts. She was also entitled to

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the services of a maternity nurse, either Dispensary Nurse or private Nurse. The only stipulation was that the Doctor or Nurse must have agreed, to provide these services, with the Health Authority. The regulations governing these services were designed to achieve two things. First, to deal with a matter which had been of considerable concern over a number of years, that was, the toll of infant mortality. Throughout the years, this country had suffered considerably due to infant mortality. The degree had been somewhat reduced with the development of different health services but the percentage was still too high. It would be possible with proper medical care to reduce infant mortality if the services were availed of by mothers intelligently. Expectant mothers must learn that it was in the interests of the child to see a Doctor as early as possible in pregnancy, so that throughout the period of pregnancy they would have the advice and counsel of their medical advisor. Secondly, there was the question of domiciliary births. There was a growing tendency for mothers to have their babies in hospital. There was nothing wrong with that but there was no reason why a mother who was having a perfectly normal confinement and who came from a comfortable home, could not have the baby at home. Otherwise the Health Authorities throughout the country would be faced with the growing need for more and more maternity accommodation. Frankly speaking we had not sufficient maternity accommodation to meet the growing number of births. If a mother preferred to have the baby in hospital she was quite entitled to have these services. If she accepted the accommodation provided by the Health Authority, no charge would be imposed. If she made her own arrangements the Health Authority would pay £4.4.0d per week but the mother would have to meet the difference in cost.

Clr. Flaherty stated that if a mother had her baby at home the Doctor got £7.7.0d while the Midwife got nothing, except her salary.

The Minister stated that the Midwife would be paid a salary in respect of 25 cases in the year, but would be paid a fee for every additional case. The fee would be paid by the Health Authority.

Clr. S. Donnellan stated that the salary of the Midwife was £190 per year. In this county there would be only 3 or 4 districts where there would be over 25 births and in others there would be very little hope of attending more than 25. The salary was very little and there was not much hope of earning any fees.

Deputy Geoghegan asked what was the position in a case where the mother decided to remain at home and there was no Nurse available in that District. It had happened that the position of District Nurse was vacant for from 6 to 12 months.

The Minister stated that the choice would be the mothers - whether she would have her baby at home or if she would avail of the services of the Hospital.

Clr. M. Mannion asked what was the position of nurses who did not get 25 cases.

The Minister said that the positions would be abolished, the Nurses superannuated and District Nurses appointed.

Clr. Carty asked who appointed the District Nurse.

The Minister stated that the appointment would be made by the Local Authority and that a Midwife would be eligible if she were suitably qualified.

Clr. O'Donnell remarked that Lady Dudley Nurses who received fees for patients, over the number allowed - 25 confinements, must hand those fees to their Society. We requested the Minister to see if these Nurses could get a greater remuneration.

Ald. Miss Ashe stated they should get an increase in pension. Their pensions at the moment were £1 per week.

Clr. Galvin referring to the Minister's previous statement, asked if the medical services were free only for certain months of pregnancy.

The Minister replied that the services were free all the time.

Dr. D. T. O'Driscoll said he would like to refer to the Minister's advice to mothers to remain at home. In Galway some people were living on islands and others as far as 50 miles away from the main hospital, and for that reason if we were to

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lower the infant mortality rate, we must encourage only certain types of mothers to stay at home. We should introduce flying Squads so that blood transfusions could be given immediately to expectant mothers. The trouble was that no one really knew whether or not the birth was going to be normal until it was over.

The Chairman said he would advocate home confinements. Children after they had left home retained a greater love for home if they were born there rather than in an Institution.

Clr. Sirr stated that if the position of Dispensary Nurse was abolished where there were only a few maternity cases, the other Nurse would be very far away when she was urgently required.

Clr. King wanted to know if it was specified in the Act, or if it was optional on the Local Authority to allow births in any other home other than a local authority hospital. Mothers should not be expected to foot the bill for the extra expenses. The Council should contribute all the cost.

The Minister said that each Health Authority could provide their own maternity hospital or make arrangements with non-Local Authority Homes or Hospitals.

The County Manager stated that the private hospital in Galway would not enter into an agreement with the local authority except on a basis whereby the individuals would pay the difference between the grant of £4.4.0d and the hospitals' cost.

Clr. Glynn asked if a patient in County Galway was nearer to another public institution in another county, say Roscommon, could that person avail of the services of that hospital and still receive benefit.

The County Manager said that Galway County Council had an agreement with Roscommon for maternity cases.

Clr. Carty enquired how people would know what Doctors were available to them under the Act.

The Minister stated that the County Manager would give such information.

The County Manager remarked that when a person visited a Doctor he would state whether he was registered or not.

4. DENTAL SERVICES PRIORITIES - NEED FOR EMPHASIS ON TREATMENT OF CHILDREN.

The Minister for Health dealing with the Dental Services stated that he was anxious that there should be concentration on building up the Dental Services for Schools, and priority should be given to that as there was a lot of lee-way to be made up. He hoped the service would proceed satisfactorily.

Clr. Carty stated that there was a 2 or 3 years wait before children got their teeth extracted.

The Minister stated that we could only approach this in a gradual way.

Ald. Miss Ashe remarked that while children should get priority, there were a number of women waiting for years who were not yet supplied with dentures. Could not a certain number be taken?

Clr. Carty suggested to the Minister that himself and the 20 Dentists in the county should come to some agreement. In his school there were 12 or 14 of school leaving age who would not be dealt with. These were examined 2 years ago and some of the pupils were only being dealt with now.

The Minister said that he knew that the School Dental Service was not up to standard. Priority must be given as a matter of urgency to school dental service. It would mean that the services for adults must make way for the school dental service.

Clr. Joyce stated that it was unfair to penalize people who had teeth extracted before the change in policy on the part of the Department of Health. Those people who had teeth extracted should be dealt with.

Clr. Galvin stated that we had a Dental Service which was in fact only an Extraction

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Service, and asked could we not have some agreement with local Dentists.

The Minister agreed that the School Dental Service did not mean merely extraction of teeth. Obviously no proper School Dental service could be in operation until all phases are covered especially proper conservative work.

Clr. Carty asked would the Minister agree to enlist the services of Dentists in private practice?

The Minister stated that that was a matter for local arrangement here, subject to sanction later on.

Ald. Miss Ashe asked if the County Manager could make arrangements with the Dentists here would the Minister sanction it?

The County Manager explained that there were only two wholetime school dentists. There was about two years arrears of work outstanding in schools. The service at the moment was mainly an extraction service, but arrangements were being made to establish a conservative clinic once a week at the Co. Clinic, and arrangements had also been made with Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, for both an extraction and conservative service. He tried to enlist the services of private dentists, but at the moment there was a dispute between the Department of Health and the Dental Association, and the dentists would not undertake the work under existing conditions. They wanted the County Council's full time dentists to concentrate on school work, ignoring the obligation to provide dentures for adults, and they also wanted Department of Social Welfare fees for provision of dentures, which request the Minister was not prepared to concede. The Council had asked the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a third whole-time dentist for this county.

Clr. Dowd asked what provision was made for extraction of teeth of expectant mothers and was informed by the County Manager that such services were provided in hospitals.

Clr. Carty enquired whether a teacher might report a case of dental defects and have them attended to.

The Minister informed him that he might do so.

5. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION SERVICES.

The Minister referring to diphtheria immunisation stated that the number immunised last year was 57% of the target and still below average. With regard to diphtheria he said that the position was dangerous again. The number of cases this year show an alarming increase, and there was an urgent need for intelligent public opinion regarding the immunisation of children. Although the number of cases had decreased from 5,000 twelve years ago to 29 in 1953, there were 77 cases last year and already there had been 150 cases this year with seven or eight deaths.

With regard to small pox vaccination the figures were very poor. There had not been a case in Ireland since 1922 or 1923 and because of that parents had forgotten the danger of small pox. There were only 308 vaccinations last year. He asked the people to bear in mind the different conditions which prevailed in Ireland in 1923 compared with 1956. Ireland had concentrated on building up a tourist industry and Galway was one of the focal points of this industry. Every day there were visitors coming to Ireland from all parts of the world. These visitors could bring in the disease, and we had no protection if small pox came into the country. The position was very serious and would remain serious until parents realised that they had a moral obligation to their children and an obligation as citizens to have them immunised. He urged the Councillors support in informing parents of the necessity for vaccination.

With regard to tuberculosis, many people thought that tuberculosis had been overcome, and although the worst phases were over, tuberculosis was still a very present danger to public health. Each case cost approximately £600 to £700 to treat and care as well as individual suffering and national loss. We now had the means to fight tuberculosis - means of diagnosis and mass radiography. Everybody should be encouraged to avail of the mass radiography service. Every person of every age should be x-rayed at least once a year. As an example to the people in their areas, the members of the County Council should be the first to have themselves x-rayed by the Mass Radiography Association. He also appealed to the Councillors to encourage the people to avail of the preventative service - B.C.G. vaccination. Only 2% of the under 35 years population group had received B.C.G. vaccination in Galway. B.C.G. vaccination gave a form of immunity which should be particularly availed of in this county. The National B.C.G. Committee was available

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and the Council should organise a campaign throughout Galway. People who were leaving school and young adults should be encouraged to have themselves B.C.G. It gave protection and built up national protection against T.B.

The Minister asked particularly for the help of the County Councillors in these three matters. Informed public opinion was necessary, and this could be effectively done through the leaders of the public.

The County Manager said that a B.C.G. vaccination campaign would start in this county soon. There was some delay regarding insurance coverage of school managers and school teachers, but this matter had now been settled.

Clr. Carty stated that B.C.G. had been actually discouraged by Doctors themselves.

The Minister remarked that he could only give advice.

Dr. O'Driscoll enquired where B.C.G. could be got for children of school leaving age.

The Minister informed him that the B.C.G. Committee would have to be relied on to provide it.

Senator Mannion stated that instructions should be issued to Doctors.

Dr. M. Powell, Medical Inspector, Department of Health stated that B.C.G. had been used with great success. The British who were very sceptical in using it were now using it throughout the country and encouraged its use. Medically it was very justifiable, and supported by 99% of the Doctors throughout the world. There was no reason why it should not be adopted wholesale - people in the west of Ireland were particularly vulnerable to T.B.

Clr. Ridge stated that when T.B. was supposed to be cured no allowance was available. Would the Minister make an order that these people would get priority of work?

The Minister informed him that the problem was now being examined by the National Rehabilitation Service.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Minister for the general information he had given. This proposal was seconded by Senator Mannion.

The Minister thanked the Council for their courtesy and for the helpful discussion. He was sorry that the discussion had to be curtailed due to the fact that he had further engagements that day, but he wished to say that the views of the members had been of assistance to him and to his officers, and he hoped it had been helpful to the members. He assured them that every help possible would be given from his Department in the organisation of the Health Services in Galway.

The Meeting terminated at 1 p.m.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Michael Carty
CHAIRMAN

29-8-56

M. J. O'Sullivan
Acting Secretary

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA GALWAY

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20th July, 1956.

Cuiz gac baili de'n Comhairle.

A CARA,

TARRTAR ORC, le d' eoil, beid i ladeair ag cruinniu be Comhairle Conndae na Galway a tioneolpar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na foirgneche Conndae Dia Saedairn 28ab iul, 1956 ag cosnu ag 12 a elos meadon lae.

Mise, le meas,

M. S. O MAOIRUANADHE.

Rina Sealadae.

SNO:

- 1. Miontuairisgi.
2. Coza fo-foisc na bDinsean Sean-aoise.
3. Saca talman i bDionabrocaig.
4. Tuarasgala i nFiuclora.
5. Aderu paige.
6. Post seansaie i nnealioir Conndae conzanta a crucl.
7. Oibreaca nua.
8. Prion-biofa uisge nua i bCuaim.
9. Aistru ocar o Oispideal Coilleuan go Paire na Muirlinne.
10. Paig bailigheoir Raca ceannear 27.
11. Seaim nua fe na haccanna um Tighe Deaga Comhairle a crucl.
12. Gasae £1800 i goir beontaie Tighe.
13. Molca Comhairleoie.
14. Praagrai do ceisceanna a eur Comhairleoie iacae roim re.
15. Sna eile.

TO CONSIDER:

- 1. Minutes.
2. Appointment of Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.
3. Lease of Land at Tonabrucky.
4. Auditors Reports.
5. Remuneration Variations.
6. Creation of an additional position of permanent Assistant Co. Engineer for the County of Galway.
7. New Works.
8. Relaying of Watermains in Tuam.
9. Proposed transfer of Orthopaedic patients from Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital to Melin Park.
10. Remuneration of Rate Collector District No. 27.
11. Adoption of New Scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
12. Loan of £18,000 for Grants under Section 12 of the Housing Amendment Act, 1954.
13. Councillors' Notices of Motion -
(a) Clr. M. Quimm: That the decision to postpone for a period of six months the appointment of an Engineering Foreman to the Galway Regional General Hospital and the decision to defer for a similar period the appointment of a Cardiologist be rescinded and that the matter be further considered by the Galway County Council.
(b) Deputy M. Killilea: That a fountain be erected at Naughton's Cross, Ballygar.
(c) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
(1) I will ask the Co. Manager to state how often a medical inspection is carried out in schools in Co. Galway, and the number of children who have been listed for teeth extractions and the number listed for the taking out of tonsils and further if he will state how long these children have to wait.
(2) That at the next meeting of the Council I will propose that the Water Pipe line be extended from Callowfeenish Cross to the top of Rusheenamanagh Hill.
(d) Clr. M. Carty: At the next Co. Council meeting I or some other member acting on my behalf shall propose that following the decision already taken by this Council we hereby direct the County Manager to defer the appointment of the Staff Officer at the Central Hospital unless and until sanction is received from the Minister for Health or the Minister for Local Government to extend for two years the service of Mr. Michael Kyne, Staff Officer.
(e) Clr. J. Dowd:
(1) At our next meeting I will ask the Co. Manager what is the hold-up in the Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme.
(2) I will ask the Co. Manager to approach Mr. Lambert, Redmount Hill, Eyrecourt, with a view to taking over Steele's well to supply the ten families in Rooghan with water.
(f) Clr. Hanley: Take notice that it is my intention at the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council to ask the Co. Manager if it is his intention to assess I.R.A. pensions in the means test for free medical service cards.

(g) Deputy Lahiff:

- (1) At the next meeting of the Co. Council I will move that in view of the unsatisfactory manner in which cottage repairs are carried out in Gort area, that tenants be permitted to get their own contractor for such repairs.
- (2) That in view of the serious shortage of water in the Kinvara-Gort area that a serious attempt be now made to put existing pumps in order without further delay

(h) Clr. M. Carty:

- (1) "At the next meeting of the Co. Council I or some other member acting for me shall ask the Acting Co. Surveyor to make a statement on the advisability of repairing or reconstructing Hearnbrook Bridge near Killimor.
- (2) I will also ask the Acting Co. Engineer to indicate his proposals for easing the dangerous bends and corners at Hearnbrook."

(i) Deputy Geoghegan:

"Take notice that I will propose that the Co. Engineer be instructed by the Council to carry out fencing and the building of gate pillars on anybody's land which he interfered with for road widening purposes."

(j) Clr. Carty:

"At the next Co. Council meeting I or some other Co. Councillor acting on my behalf shall ask if the Co. Manager if he proposes to increase the pensions payable to retired officials of this Council so as to bring them into line with the proposals of the Minister for Finance for increasing pensions of retired state pensioners."

(k) Clr. King:

"I will move at the next Co. Council meeting that -

- (1) The names and addresses of the Foster Parents referred to in the Inspector's Report recently published in the Press be circulated to the members of the Council.
- (2) The names and addresses of the persons on whose recommendations those Foster Parents were selected."
- (3) I will also move that a departmental inquiry be held into the delay in building labourers' cottages at Turnahulla and Park (E.D. Anaghdown).

(l) Clr. Lambert:

"At the next meeting of the Council I will ask that a motion be brought forward concerning wet time for Council Workers."

14. Other business.

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

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

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

(a) 108 - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan a vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Walsh, T.D., Kilkenny, a former Minister for Agriculture and it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect until 1. 30.p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF MEETING CLR. QUINN TOOK THE CHAIR.

109 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 108, having been circulated to members were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

110 - COUNCIL MEETINGS: Clr. Joyce proposed that the monthly meetings in July, August and December each year be held on the 4th Monday of each month at 12 o'clock noon, and this proposition was unanimously agreed to. It was decided to hold the August 1956 and the December 1956 meetings on the 4th Monday of each of these months.

111 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - ADMISSION OF PATIENTS: Clr. M. Mannion, referring to Minute No: 106, instanced a case where a patient was brought to Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, and later transferred to the Regional Hospital, Galway, but would not be admitted there. He said that if a man paid a fee in his area he could only get into Portiuncula but if he paid a fee in Galway he could get into the Regional Hospital although the Minister for Health stated that the holder of a medical card was entitled to a choice of hospital. He considered that the whole system was a racket between the medical profession.

Senator J. Mannion said that a Connemara woman was told by the doorman at the Regional Hospital that she could not see her child without first seeing the doctor; that when she went to him she was told that the child had been discharged that morning and she was charged £2. 2. 0. although she was the holder of a medical card. He did not see why the doorman should have sent the woman to the doctor when he could have found out that the child had been discharged.

Clr. Sirr criticised the charge of 2/6d. for a hair out in the Regional Hospital. He said that the whole Health Act was a cod if action was not taken in a case like that mentioned by Senator Mannion.

The Deputy Co. Manager stated if the facts were correct the woman should get her £2. 2.0. refunded.

Clr. Kelly suggested that the doctor's name be obtained and that he be sacked. He asked if it were true that a Dispensary Doctor who received about £850 p.a. salary could refuse to give treatment to the holder of a medical card.

The Chairman said that in his opinion it was correct.

The Deputy County Manager quoted the Health (Duties of District Medical Officers) Order 1954 that it was the duty of a dispensary doctor to give treatment to the holder of a medical card under the Health Act, 1953 the same as formerly was given to the holder of a red ticket.

Clr. Collins suggested that the Co. Council's Visiting Committee for District Institutions should have the same right to inspect Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe as their own District Institutions considering that they paid for over 100 patients there.

Clr. Galvin agreed.

It was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Consultative Health Committee.

112 - OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES:

Ardrahan: It was proposed by Deputy Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Lambert and resolved: "That the following existing members of the Ardrahan O.A.P. Sub-Committee be re-appointed for 1956/57, viz., Messrs. M. Dolan, N.T., J.J. Whiriskey, T. Tarpey, P. Hawley, J. Higgins, T. Lahiff, M. Manto, R. Taylor, D. Monaghan, C. Bradley, M. Fallon, P. Nilan, J. McInerney Jnr., and J. Geoghegan, and that the following new members be appointed on the sub-committee, viz., John Tarpey and John Joyce."

Gort: It was proposed by Deputy Lahiff, seconded by Clr. Lambert and resolved:

"That the following existing members of the Gort O.A.F. sub-committee be re-appointed for 1956/57 viz., Messrs. J. Reilly, J. Cahill, J. Rochford, T. Burke, P. Burke, J. O'Connor, P. Fahy, N.T., P. O'Connor, E. Roche, P. Lalor, P. Doughrey and J. Forde, and that the following new members be appointed on the sub-committee, viz., T. Nolan, J. Curley and J. Nelly."

Glenamaddy: It was proposed by Clr. Glynn seconded by Clr. Sarr and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Glenamaddy O.A.F. sub-committee be re-appointed for 1956/57 and that the following new members be appointed on the sub-committee viz., Fr. Lohan, P.F., J. Garvey and J. Flanagan."

Kinvara: It was proposed by Deputy Lahiff seconded by Clr. Lambert and resolved:

"That the following existing members of the Kinvara O.A.F. sub-committee be re-appointed for 1956/57 viz., T. Donlon N.T., T. Reidy, M. Connolly, S. Keane, M. Regan, M. Hynes, B. Hanlon, P. Fahy, P. Turpin, P. O'Loughlin, Rev. B. Mulkerrin, C.C., T. Johnson, J. Quinn, P. Tully, M. Corless, R. Johnson and J.J. O'Dhaughnessy and that the following new members be appointed on the sub-committee viz., M. Nestor, J. Lambert and P. Keane."

Spiddal: It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Spiddal O.A.F. sub-committee be re-appointed for 1956/57 and that the following new member be appointed on the sub-committee viz., T. Hughes."

Loughrea: It was proposed by Clr. J. Ruane seconded by Clr. Hanley and resolved:

"That the following existing members of the Loughrea O.A.F. sub-committee be re-appointed for 1956/57 viz., Messrs. Downey, Mannion, Smyth, Kennedy, Melvin, Dolphin, Cooney, O'Regan, Moylan, J.J. Ruane, Burke, Doyle, Clarke, O'Brien, Hynes, Coy, Carty and Nowell."

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

"That subject to the additions etc., approved above, the existing members of the various O.A.F. sub-committees be reappointed for the year 1956/57."

113 - LEASING LAND AT TONABRUCKY: Notice of 17th July, 1956 which was sent to each member was submitted. It was proposed by Deputy Geoghagan, seconded by Clr. James Ruane and resolved:

"That the Council approve the lease of a plot of ground, area 16 sq. yards on thereabouts statute measure, in the townland of Tonabrucky in the County of Galway, to the Electricity Supply Board at a rent of 1/- per annum (if demanded) for a term of 100 years with right of access at all times over a 10 foot right of way."

114 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: Auditor's reports were submitted and approved as follows:

Shrule Joint Drainage Committee for year ended 31st March, 1956.
Lough Mask & River Robe Joint Drainage Committee for year ended 31st March, 1956.
Western Health Institutions Board for year ended 31st March, 1956.

115 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: On the proposition of Clr. Kelly, seconded by Deputy Coogan the following variations in remuneration were approved:-

1. Mr. Joseph Mitchell B.E., Clerk of Works, Clarendonway Bridge - temporary allowance 1955 granted from 22nd May, 1956.
2. Dispensary Carers - additional payment of £10 p.a. for care of dispensary grounds including supply of cleansing materials and appliances.
3. Foreman and gangers employed by the Co. Council in the Ballinasloe Urban area - maximum differential of 7/- and 4/- per day respectively to be allowed from 25th June, 1956.
4. Well Boring Plant Operators - wages increased to 3/10d. per hour as from 5th February, 1956.
5. Messrs. G. Fitzgerald and P. Ward regraded as fitters at a rate of 4/2¹/₂d. per hour as from 5th February, 1956.

6. Fitters, Welders and apprentices - revised rates of wages approved in Minute No: 9989 of 5th May, 1956, made retrospective as from 5th February, 1956.

7. Mr. Lyles Higgins, carpenter - wage increased to 3/9¹/₂d. per hour as from 2nd April, 1956.

116 - ASSISTANT CO. ENGINEER: Clr. Glynn proposed that an additional position of permanent Assistant Co. Engineer for the County of Galway be created but his proposal was not seconded and eventually he withdrew it.

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

"That consideration of the creation of an additional position of permanent Assistant Co. Engineer for the County of Galway be deferred for six months, or until the vacant posts of County Engineer and Chief Assistant County Engineer are filled and the persons appointed take up duty, whichever is the earlier."

117 - NEW WORKS: The Council approved the carrying out of the following new works on the proposal of Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Sarr:

1. Provision of a County Clinic at Tuam at an estimated cost of £21,000.
2. Provision of a new dispensary at Kinvara, at an estimated cost of £1350.
3. Improvement and protection of the following wells:-
 - (a) Killywongaun, Clifden..... £20.
 - (b) Cloonkeel, Moylough..... £55.
 - (c) Cloonlara South, Glenamaddy.. £89.
 - (d) Tonemoyle, Milltown..... £80.
 - (e) Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.... £110.
 - (f) Gortnadieve, Creggs..... £58.
 - (g) Mournean, Cleggan..... £35.
 - (h) Corskeagh, French, Ballymacward £20.
 - (i) Sonnagh, Glenamaddy..... £85.
 - (j) Gortray, Portumna..... £90.
 - (k) Teachmore, Inverin..... £73.
 - (l) Cloghagalla, Hughrin..... £65.

118 - RELAYING OF WATER MAINS IN TUAM: Consideration was given to the provision of a proper water supply to serve 42 houses erected by the Tuam Town Commissioners at St. Bridget's Terrace, St. Paul's Terrace and McHale Terrace, Tuam, at a total estimated cost of £1052. It was explained that the Council in Minute No: 9737 of 24th September, 1955 had approved the raising of a loan of £1050 for this work but the Department of Local Government had refused sanction to the loan stating that it should be done out of Revenue Account; there was no provision however for it in the Estimates of Expenses for year ending 31st March, 1957.

Clr. Glynn said that the matter should be referred back to the Minister for Local Government as the work should be done by way of a loan. Finally it was proposed by Clr. Burke seconded by the Chairman and resolved to do the work out of Revenue Account with a recommendation to the Co. Engineer that every effort be made to economise so that it would not result in any excess expenditure over and above the amount provided in the Estimates for Sanitary Services for year ended 31st March, 1957.

119 - PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ORTHOPAEDIC PATIENTS FROM WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL TO MERLIN PARK: Letter dated the 21st June, 1956, ref. D. 50/6, from the Department of Health was submitted and considered in conjunction with the memorandum prepared by Surgeon M.G. Little which had previously been circulated to the members.

It was proposed by Clr. Collins seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved: "That the Council approve the proposed transfer of Orthopaedic Patients from Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital to Merlin Park."

120 - REMUNERATION OF RATE COLLECTOR DISTRICT NO: 27: It was proposed by Clr. Collins seconded by Clr. Sarr and resolved:

"That the Council approve the proposed remuneration for the vacant position of Rate Collector in No: 27 District (Clonbur) viz., salary £150 x £25 to £200 a year plus bonus up to a maximum of £100 a year with temporary allowance at the approved rate on both salary and bonus (the present rate of temporary allowance being 30% on basic salary subject to a minimum of £90 per annum and a further 10% on the first £300 of basic salary and bonus plus 30% on £90 and 6¹/₂% on balance of annual remuneration) and the bonus to be divided into five parts of £20 each, each part being payable for the fulfillment of the conditions set out in the memorandum which was circulated to each member of the Council."

121 - ADOPTION OF NEW SCHEME UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Circular letters of 9th, 28th and 29th June, 1956, Ref: H.10/56, H. 11/56 and H. 12/56 respectively from the Department of Local Government were submitted. The terms on which it was proposed to make future advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and the suggested guarantee scheme in relation to advances by building societies for private housing were explained. On the proposal of Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Sarr it was decided that a draft scheme be prepared and circulated to the members for consideration at the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

122 - LOAN FOR SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Clr. Sarr seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £18,000 from the National Bank Ltd. for issue of supplementary housing grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

123 - CARDIOLOGIST, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Referring to his notice of motion, Clr. Quinn proposed, Clr. Dowd seconded and it was resolved:

"That the decision of the Galway County Council in Minute No. 9979 of meeting of the Council held on 5th May, 1956, in relation to the creation of the position of Cardiologist (part-time) to the Galway Regional Hospital be rescinded and that the matter be reconsidered at this meeting."

It was proposed by the Chairman

seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of the permanent part-time position of Cardiologist to the Galway Regional Hospital."

124 - ENGINEERING FOREMAN, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: It was proposed by Deputy Coogan and seconded by Clr. Galvin:

"That the decision of the Galway County Council in Minute No. 9979 of meeting of the Council held on 5th May, 1956 in relation to the creation of the position of Engineering Foreman to the Galway Regional Hospital be rescinded and that the matter be reconsidered at this meeting."

The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on Deputy Coogan's proposal and the vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR: Clrs. Ashe, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clr. John Donnellan, Dowd, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Hanly, Deputy Lahiff, Clrs. O'Donnell, Quinn & Wall (12).

AGAINST: Clrs. Burke, Flaherty, Kelly, King, Ridge and Sarr (6).

The Chairman declared Deputy Coogan's proposal approved.

It was unanimously decided to adjourn to the next meeting of the Council further consideration of the creation of the position of Engineering Foreman at the Galway Regional Hospital.

Deputy Geoghegan referred to the condition of the road leading into the new Regional Hospital and said that one part of it in particular was a public disgrace for some time. He hoped the matter would not have to be referred to by any Councillor again.

CLR. WALL NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

125 - FOUNTAIN AT NAUGHTON'S CROSS, BALLYGAR: Concerning Deputy Killikea's notice of motion, the Acting Co. Engineer reported that a fountain had been erected at Naughton's Cross, Ballygar about six weeks ago.

126 - SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE: In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, it was reported that (a) a medical inspection was carried out in schools in Co. Galway approximately every three years (b) the number of children listed for teeth extraction was approximately 4556 per annum and (c) the number listed for tonsillectomy was approximately 726 per annum. Up to the time the second dentist took up duty on 1st April, 1955, there was a dental waiting list of three years which had now been reduced to approximately two years. Regarding tonsils such cases as had been put on the urgent list had approximately three to four months wait but even this list was increasing; other cases which now numbered 663 as against 498 in September 1955 had under existing circumstances no possibility of operation during their school life.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

127 - STANDING ORDERS: On the suggestion of Clr. Kelly it was decided to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Council.

128 WATER PIPE LINE FROM CALLOWFEENISH CROSS TO RUSHEENAMAGH HILL: In connection with Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion the Acting County Engineer reported that to extend the Water Pipe Line from Callowfeenish Cross to the top of Rusheenamagh Hill would involve 1500 lin. yds. in 3" cast iron piping at a cost of £2200, that 25 houses would be served, and two fountains erected. He suggested that it would be desirable to wait until the new pumping plant and pumphouse for Ardmore Water Supply had been erected before considering the extension. Deputy Geoghegan and Senator Mannion suggested that consideration be given then to the provision of the extension by way of a loan.

129 - EXTENSION OF SERVICE OF MR. MICHAEL KYNE, STAFF OFFICER, FOR TWO YEARS: Concerning Clr. Hanly's notice of motion, letter dated the 14th July, 1956, Ref: E.L.7/8 from the Department of Local Government was submitted, sanctioning the retention of Mr. Michael Kyne in a temporary capacity as Staff Officer for a period not exceeding one year from the 5th July, 1956. Also submitted was letter dated the 18th July, 1956, Ref: E.L.7/8 from the Department of Local Government sanctioning the creation of an additional post of Staff Officer in the Galway Regional Hospital as proposed.

It was proposed by Senator Mannion, seconded by Deputy Coogan and unanimously resolved:

"That an application be made to the Minister for Local Government at the beginning of March, 1957, for the retention of Mr. Michael Kyne in a temporary capacity as Staff Officer for a further period of one year from the 5th July, 1957."

130 - EYRECOURT SEWERAGE SCHEME: Regarding Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion it was explained that because of an objection raised by the owner of the proposed site for the Eyrecourt Sewerage Disposal Works it was necessary to abandon acquisition of that site and to purchase an alternative one offered by the same owner; that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government had to be sought and this was obtained about three weeks ago; that a new purchase agreement had been signed by the owner and the Acting County Solicitor was arranging transfer of the site.

It was directed that the Acting Co. Solicitor be requested to expedite the transfer.

130a STEELE'S WELL - ROOGHAN WATER SUPPLY: In reply to Clr. Dowd's query the Acting Co. Engineer reported that Steele's well was in Rooghan, 600 yards from five Rooghan cottages and one dwelling house which were along the public road; that the cost of erecting a pump and rising the main to the fountain on the road would be £800; that there was a pump near Moneheilta Cross near the junction of Ballinasloe to Eyrecourt road with Laurencetown road which supplied 5 or 6 cottages in the immediate vicinity in townland of Laurencetown, which was 1200 lineal yards from Rooghan cottages. Further consideration of the matter was deferred.

131 - ASSESSMENT OF I.R.A. PENSIONS IN MEANS TEST FOR MEDICAL SERVICE CARDS:

Clr. Hanly submitted that I.R.A. pensions should not be included in the means test for medical service cards. He read a letter from a member of the old I.R.A. stating that members refused to state what pensions they had when asked by the Co. Manager as the pensions were gifts given to them in appreciation of a fine victory and not paid in the same light as those granted to teachers, gardai or soldiers who knew when they joined those services that they would be rewarded when their time was served; that the old I.R.A. never expected any reward, but the freedom that was enjoyed by all State and local officials who were now trying to belittle their gallantry by assessing their little pensions in a means test.

Clr. Kelly supported Clr. Hanly.

The Deputy Co. Manager said that the Co. Manager had no objection in the matter. He was bound by the legislation enacted in the Health Act, 1953 to take I.R.A. pensions into account.

132 - COTTAGE REPAIRS, GORT AREA: Regarding Deputy Lahiff's notice of motion, the Acting Co. Engineer said he would not agree that cottages in Gort area were being repaired in an unsatisfactory manner; that the only dissatisfied tenants were those who looked for repairs which were more of a reconstruction than a maintenance work; that it was extremely difficult to get outside competent tradesmen to do any work of this nature. He asked Deputy Lahiff to give him particulars of any cottage he wanted repaired by agreement with a contractor so that he could satisfy himself that the contractor was a good tradesman.

Clr. Hanly also criticised the cottages repaired. Deputy Geoghegan said that the Acting Co. Engineer should be directed to proceed forthwith to Gort with Deputy Lahiff to investigate the complaints.

133 - DEFECTIVE PUMPS, KINVARA-GORT AREA: Referring to Deputy Lahiff's Notice of Motion, the Acting Co. Engineer said there was an inspection of the 38 pumps in the Kinvara-Gort area on the 3rd and 4th July, 1956, and that only 5 were defective, 3 of which were probably delivering a limited quantity of water. He had now arranged that pumps were regularly inspected so that they could not remain out of order for any length of time.

134 - HEARNSBROOK BRIDGE: Consideration of Clr. Carty's notices of motion was adjourned.

135 - REPLACEMENT OF FENCES AND GATE PILLARS AFTER ROAD WIDENING: In connection with Deputy Geoghegan's notice of motion the Acting Co. Engineer stated that the Co. Council always replaced fencing etc. if interfered with during road widening operations and he did not know of any case where they did not.

Deputy Geoghegan said that he was referring to the wall outside Cornamona church which was left in a shocking state but the Acting Co. Engineer replied that the Co. Council did not interfere with that wall at all.

136 - PENSION INCREASES FOR RETIRED OFFICIALS: In reply to Clr. Carty's notice of motion, letter dated 24th July, 1956, Ref: E.L. 229/1/4 from the Dept. of Local Government was submitted stating that proposals for legislation governing increases in the pensions of retired State and Local Authority officials were at present under consideration; that the final details as to eligibility for increases had not yet been settled but that local authorities would be notified when further information was available.

137 - FOSTER PARENTS: Referring to the Inspector's report recently submitted regarding some Foster parents treatment of boarded out children, Clr. King said that if they were going to appoint a Children's Officer it was essential that they know whether it was the system of boarding out or the homes that were at fault. He asked if the people who recommended the foster parents mentioned in the report had been corresponded with asking them why they had recommended those foster parents. He considered the report senseless and meaningless and felt that in order to assist the members they should have the names of the people concerned.

Clr. Kelly seconding, said that in rural areas everybody knew everybody else.

The Chairman said that the English papers had taken advantage of the report.

Clr. Lambert said the names should be given to the Press. Senator Mannion said the report was grossly exaggerated. He knew boarded out children in his area who were as well cared for as any in the county. He was attacked in a leading article in "The Connacht Tribune" but he considered that the Inspector was sent only to bolster up a case for a certain appointment.

Clr. Carr, mentioning that he too had been criticised in "The Connacht Tribune" said that he knew boarded out children and they were well treated.

The Deputy Co. Manager told Clr. Kelly that the vast majority of the boarded out children were illegitimate.

Clr. Galvin stating that the report served a useful purpose said that the boarded out children were denied by their fathers, unwanted by their mothers and wanted only by the foster parents for all they could get out of them.

It was agreed to circulate to the members the names and addresses of the foster parents referred to in the Inspector's report recently published in the Press and the names and addresses of the persons on whose recommendations those foster parents were selected.

138 - DELAY IN BUILDING LABOURERS' COTTAGES AT TUMMULLI AND PARK (E.D. ANNAGHDOWN): Clr. King said that the sites for these cottages were bought almost 6 years ago but the cottages were not yet built. He had no fault with the contractor but he was complaining about the delay as it was a congested area.

The Acting Co. Engineer submitted his report explaining the delay. Clr. King said that he was not satisfied with the report and that apart from any other considerations there was no cognisance taken of the loss of rent over the past three or four years. He proposed that they ask the Department of Local Government to hold an enquiry to ascertain why the cottages were not built and why it took so long to do so little. There was no seconder and the discussion ended.

139 - WET TIME FOR COUNCIL WORKERS: In reply to Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion, the Acting Co. Engineer explained that the Co. Council had its own procedure regarding wet time for road workers but that the State Wet time Insurance only applied to building or constructional workers.

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140 - CINEMA LICENCE: On the proposal of Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Hanley, the Council approved the issue of a cinema licence to the Town Hall Trustees Portumna for Portumna Town Hd 1.

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

Mrs. Costello and Family, Tuam, on the death of Dr. T. Costello.
Mahon family on the death of Mrs. Bodkin Mahon.
Kavanagh family, Annaghdown, on the death of Mr. Ml. J. Kavanagh.
Franciscan Community, Galway, and Nolan family, Anbally, on the death of Rev. Fr. Hyacinth, O.F.M.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Michael Carb
CHAIRMAN
29-8-56.

Acting Secretary

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAIBLIHNE.

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NA FOIRGNITHE CONNDAE,
SAIBLINN.

20AB LUIGNASA, 1956.

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1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Post Seasaíne mar maor innealtóraí sa b'ríomh Oispidéil a cruth.
3. Tuairim an Dlígeadóir Conndae Seilabac ar an ordú pá séala
maibor la postanna doctúirí san b'ríomh Oispidéil.
4. Aérú náige.
5. Scéimeanna Sgoláireachta.
6. Árus Múcca Teine Nua san gcloán - geallar tascét £4200 do críochnú.
7. Tascét i gcóir Árus Múcca Teine nua i mBaile Áta Sluaig.
8. Costaisí an Dlígeadóir Conndae Seilabac.
9. Mòb Oíospóireachta.
10. Molta Comairleóirí.
11. Snó eile.

FO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Creation of position of Engineering Foreman at Galway Regional Hospital.
3. Acting County Solicitor's opinion on sealed Order for Medical appointments at Galway Regional Hospital.
4. Remuneration Variations.
5. Scholarship Schemes.
6. Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £4,200 for New Fire Station at Clifden.
7. Raising of loan for New Fire Station at Ballinasloe.
8. Co. Solicitor's Costs.

9. Standing Orders.

10. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

- (a) Clr. J. Flaherty: (1) I will ask the Acting Co. Engineer to have road leading off main road to church at Abbeyknockmoy steamroaled.
(2) I will move at our next meeting that John Garvey, Glenamaddy be appointed a member of the Glenamaddy Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
 - (b) Deputy J. Geoghegan: Take notice that I will propose that the Co. Engineer be instructed by the Council to carry out the fencing of the two cottages built at Loughconneera and the one built at Rosdugran without further delay.
 - (c) Clr. J. Ridge: I propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council that an Assistant County Manager would not be appointed.
 - (d) Clr. P. Kelly:
 - (1) That a pump be erected at the Girls National School, Corofin, Galway.
 - (2) That the dangerous bridge at Turloughmore be removed.
 - (3) I or someone on my behalf will move that a public lavatory be erected in Spiddal, Co. Galway.
 - (4) I or someone on my behalf will move that the County Council make some improvement at the pier in Spiddal, Co. Galway.
 - (e) Clr. S. Canning: That I or some member on my behalf will ask the Galway Co. Council to adopt Part 3 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1955.
 - (f) Clr. M. Kitt: I will ask the Co. Manager to state -
 - (1) When it is expected work will commence on the Ahascragh Sewerage Scheme.
 - (2) What is the present position of the Caltra-Castleblakeney Water Supply Scheme.
11. Other business.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

22nd August, 1956.

To:
Each member of the County Council

A Chara,

Further to the Agenda issued to you on the 20th instant, the following Notices of Motion will also be considered at meeting to be held on Monday, 27th instant:

Councillor Michael Carty and Clr. Sean Donnellan:

"At the next meeting of Galway County Council wo or some other member(s) acting for us shall move the following resolution: Having regard to the terms of Circular No. 52/56, "Need for Economy", which was sent by the Minister to all health authorities on July 27, 1956, and in particular having regard to paragraphs three (3) and eleven (11) of the said Circular, this Council hereby direct the Minister for Health (1) to take no action to fill appointments in the Regional Hospital which have been created in the past three months either by sealed order of the Minister or by resolution of the Council; (2) to refrain from making any further appointments that would increase the staff complements of this Council."

Councillor Michael Carty and Clr. Martin Quinn.

"At the next meeting of Galway County Council one or other of the undersigned members shall propose the following resolution: This Council hereby direct the Galway County Manager to take immediate action to restore to its former perpendicular position the tombstone over the grave of the patriot Anthony O'Daly at Kilrickle Cemetery, Loughrea, to have the stone cleaned and polished, and to rebuild the concrete parapet surrounding the grave."

Mise, le meas,

L. O'LUANAIGH

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COMHAIRLE COINDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

27th August, 1956.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Galway County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Wednesday, 29th August, 1956, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider the business of the agenda for the meeting on the 27th August, 1956, which was adjourned.

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M. S. O MAOLRUANAIDH.

Runai Seal.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 27th AUGUST, 1956.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Carty.

Also Present: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clr. Donnellan, James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Lambert, Senator J. Mannion, Clrs. M. Mannion, O'Donnell, Ridge, J. Ruane, Sirr & Wall.

- 141(a) Sympathy: The Chairman said that since the date of the previous meeting Senator Fred Hawkins had died.

Deputy Coogan referring to Senator Hawkins work for Ireland said he was also a great friend of his and very popular with all classes and he considered that the meeting should as a mark of respect be adjourned.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved, "That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Fred Hawkins the meeting will be adjourned until Wednesday 29th August at 12 noon".

- 141(b) Clr. M. Quinn: The Chairman referred to the illness of Clr. M. Quinn and said that all members had learned of it with regret. It was decided to send Clr. Quinn the best wishes of the members of the Council for a very speedy recovery.

The meeting was then adjourned.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON WEDNESDAY, 29th AUGUST, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: (1) Senator J. Mannion.
(2) Clr. M. Carty.
(3) Deputy M. Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Hanley Joyce, Kelly, King, Kitt, Lambert, Mannion M., Ridge, Ruane, James, Sirr and Wall.

142 - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of Clr. Ashe seconded by Deputy Geoghegan a vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of the late Mr. Bartley Nolan, Renmore, a member of Galway Corporation.

On the proposition of Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. Ashe votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted also with Mr. H.B. Naughton, Acting County Solicitor, on the death of his mother, and with Mr. J.J. Nestor, Dummore, a former member of the County Council, on the death of his son.

It was resolved that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect until 2.p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF MEETING CLR. CARTY TOOK THE CHAIR.

143 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 141, having been circulated to members were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

144 - MEETING IN GALWAY WITH MINISTER FOR HEALTH ON 17th JULY, 1956: The report of meeting with the Minister for Health at the Co. Buildings, Galway on the 17th July, 1956, for the purpose of discussing the Administration of the Health Acts, having been circulated to members, was submitted. Also submitted was letter dated the 24th August, 1956, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Health suggesting the following amendments to the report:-

- (1) The words "and persons who by reason of the ~~pensions~~ they have are regarded under Social Welfare legislation to be necessitous ~~persons~~" might be omitted from the Minister's reference on page 3 to the issue of a recent circular regarding the eligibility of certain persons for medical cards.
- (2) The classes listed on page 2 as being eligible for hospital and specialist services should include reference ~~where~~ appropriate, to dependants.
- (3) The sentence on page 2 "any person insured for unemployment was eligible" should read "any person in insurable employment was eligible."

145 - SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME: Deputy Geoghegan said the scheme was discussed at a previous meeting of the Council when it was agreed that the supply of bread and meals be continued while an investigation into the scheme was made; that the Co. Manager had promised to report the result of the investigation to the Council before taking any further action. He now understood that the Co. Manager had made an order discontinuing the Scheme but that cocoa would be supplied for twelve months. He said that consequently he would serve the required notice on the Co. Manager under the City & Co. Management Act, 1955, compelling him to continue the School Meals Scheme in Connemara.

The Temporary Assistant Co. Manager said the whole Scheme had been investigated and there appeared to be ground for the statement that there was wastage of bread; that it was considered that the best solution to the problem was to continue the supply of a hot drink and let the children bring their own bread; that if any children could not be provided with bread by their parents because they were poor, it could be supplied by the Home Assistance Officer.

Clr. Ridge supported Deputy Geoghegan's statements.

The Co. Manager read the report he had received from the Chief Medical Officer stating that surprise inspections were carried out in the following schools:- Carna Convent N.S., Cartroonkeel N.S., Lettermore N.S., Spiddal Boys N.S., and Toureen; that there was evidence of wastage of bread and that if all schools were surprise-inspected, the reports would be of a similar pattern, and that consequently he, as Chief Medical Officer, had no justification to alter his recommendation of 23rd March, 1956. The Co. Manager, stating that the Scheme cost £13000 per annum of which £4,000 was spent on bread, considered that Deputy Geoghegan might let the matter stand after hearing the report.

Deputy Killilea said the report should be accepted as there was evidence of wastage.

Clr. Canning said the Co. Manager had dealt with the matter in a very fair way. Deputy Geoghegan said he would serve his notice. The Chairman accordingly ruled out any further discussion on the subject.

146 - ENGINEERING FOREMAN, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The Chairman, reading a copy of circular 5/56 issued by the Minister for Health to County Managers on the need for economy, said that a copy of it should have been circulated to each member of the Council. He considered that in view of the Minister's exhortations, the question of creating the position of Engineering Foreman at the Galway Regional Hospital should be deferred. Clr. Kelly suggested that consideration of the matter should be adjourned to a special meeting after the members had been given a copy of the circular and studied its contents.

Clr. Ashe thought it better to create the position as if anything went wrong with the valuable machinery at the hospital it would cost a lot more than the foreman's wages to have it repaired.

Deputy Coogan criticised the suggested adjournment and special meeting and said the position should be created immediately.

Clr. Collins felt that if economies could be effected in the running of the hospital by the appointment, the vacancy should be filled.

Clr. John Donnellan said that if they created the post, the next application would be for a deputy foreman.

Clr. Joyce said the appointment should be made.

The Acting County Engineer appealing to the members to create the post said they had duty to maintain the hospital they had built and the most economical way to do so was to appoint an engineering foreman.

The County Manager objected to the proposed adjournment of consideration of creation of the position. Referring to the circular quoted by the Chairman, he said it concerned the executive functions of the Council which were his responsibility and with which he had dealt in a lengthy report to the Minister for Health. He added that the first point in the circular was missed as essential services had to be maintained and it would be in the interests of economy to appoint the foreman because the contractor was being paid to look after the boilers at present.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Clr. Wall seconded: "That the Council hereby approve

the creation of the permanent position of Engineering Foreman to the Galway Regional Hospital."

Clr. Kelly and the Chairman withdrew their suggestion to defer consideration of the matter.

It was unanimously resolved to create the position.

147 - ACTING COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OPINION ON SEALED ORDER FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:

Letter dated 22nd June, 1956, from the Acting County Solicitor was submitted stating that in his opinion Section II of the Local Government Act, 1941, was mandatory and consequently the sealed order was valid and the Council was bound to apply it. The contents were noted.

148 - REMUNERATION VARIATION: On the proposal of Clr. Ashe, seconded by Deputy Coogan the wages of the Station Officer, Galway Fire Brigade were increased from 3/4d. to 3/10d. per hour as from 5th February, 1956. Clr. King suggested that it was unnecessary to disclose to a meeting of the Council the name of the officer or employee concerned in an application for a remuneration variation and this was agreed to.

149 - SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Ashe and resolved:

"That the Council hereby formulate a Scheme for University Scholarships (Ordinary and Agricultural) for the year 1957 similar to that for the year 1956 with the exception of the following amendments: -

- (1) The word parents to be substituted for family in Clause IV (2)(i).
- (2) £600 to be substituted for £580 in Clause IV (2)(i).
- (3) £12 to be substituted for £10 in clause IV (2)(ii).

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Ashe and resolved: "That the Council hereby formulate a Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational and other approved schools for the year 1957 similar to that for the year 1956 with the exception of an amendment in Clause IV (1) of 1956 Scheme providing for substitution of £600 for £550 and an amendment in Clause IV (2) providing for substitution of £12 for £10."

150 - COMPLETION OF MORTGAGE DEED FOR LOAN OF £4,200 FOR NEW FIRE STATION AT CLIFDEN:

It was proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and unanimously resolved: "That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 18th July, 1956, of the Local Government Minister the sum of £4200 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the erection of a Fire Station at Clifden to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

151 - LOAN OF £11,300 FOR NEW FIRE STATION AT BALLINASLOE: Clr. Kelly suggested that consideration of this matter be deferred for economy reasons.

Clr. Dowd proposed and Clr. Kitt seconded that the loan be raised.

Deputy Coogan submitted that accommodation for a branch library should be incorporated in the plans for the Fire Station, and the County Manager stated that the Council's Fire Committee would pay compensation for the damage to the Workhouse building and he was enquiring from the Post Office authorities if they would sell the old Post Office for a branch library as they had purchased a site to build a new post office.

Clr. Kelly finally withdrew his suggestion.

It was proposed by Clr. Dowd seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £11,300 from the National Bank Ltd. for the provision of a Fire Station at Ballinasloe, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years with interest at the rate approved by the bank from time to time for such loans."

152 - COUNTY SOLICITOR'S COSTS: The Acting Co. Secretary furnished the following particulars as requested by Clr. Wall per minute No: 105 of 23rd June, 1956: General costs paid for period February, 1949 to March, 1952, amounted to £7673. 14. 2. of which £1771. 10. 8. was for outlay; in addition Labourers' Acts costs paid for period October, 1952 to March, 1956, amounted to £2415. 11. 4. of which £250. 9. 5. was for outlay; and in addition also for period April 1955 to March 1956 £998. 6. 3. was paid in respect of costs under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The County Manager explained that the figures might be misleading as the Co. Solicitor employed and paid his own staff, and supplied his own notepaper. He felt that the Council would get a cheaper and better service through the appointment of a wholtime Solicitor and that the matter was under review between the Incorporated Law Society, the County Managers' Association and the Minister for Local Government.

153 - STANDING ORDERS: Clr. Kelly recommended that the Department of Local Government be requested to supply draft Standing Orders and that these be circulated to the members and subsequently considered at a meeting of the Council. The recommendation was agreed to.

154 - ROAD LEADING OFF MAIN ROAD TO CHURCH AT ABBEYKNOCKMOY: Regarding Clr. Flaherty's notice of motion to have this road steamrolled, the Acting County Engineer undertook to include this work in the Road Improvement Scheme for 1957/58.

155 - GLENMADDY OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE: Clr. Flaherty withdrew his notice of motion as Mr. John Garvey had been appointed to the Glenmaddy Old Age Pension Sub-Committee per minute No: 112 of 28th July, 1956.

156 - FENCING OF TWO COTTAGES BUILT AT LOUGHCONNERRA AND ONE BUILT AT ROSDUGGAN: In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion the Acting County Engineer said that the contractor employed to do this work had made little progress and that consequently he had arranged to have it done by a Council ganger and two surfacemen. He assured Deputy Geoghegan that the fencing would be completed within three weeks from that date.

157 - ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER: Referring to Clr. Ridge's notice of motion, the Chairman told him that Mr. L. O. Luanaigh, County Secretary, had been appointed Temporary Assistant County Manager a week ago with the approval of the County Council.

158 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL:- VISITING HOURS: In reply to Clr. Kelly the County Manager said that new visiting hours had been fixed, viz., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Church Holidays, and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights; that people from rural areas from which there was no bus service would be allowed to visit relatives outside fixed hours and that arrangements had also been made

to allow relatives to see critical patients.

Deputy Coogan appealed for a second night for visiting but the County Manager said they could not have hours to suit everybody.

Deputy Killilea, complimenting the County Manager on the revised visiting hours, said they must have more regard for the patients and less for the visitors.

It was agreed to advertise the new visiting hours in the local press.

The County Manager promised Clr. Ashe that he would look into her suggestion to leave the old porch of the Central Hospital open, so that visitors would not have to go all round the buildings to get in.

The Chairman stated that it was intended to consider the minutes of the meeting of the Central Hospital Visiting Committee held on the 22nd instant at the next meeting of the Council.

159 - PUMP AT GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL CORCFIN: Clr. Kelly proposed that the pump be erected at Corofin Girls' National School.

The County Manager submitted the Chief Medical Officer's report of the 27th August, 1956, confirming that he still thought this pump unnecessary and that he would not recommend that it be provided. He added that there was no provision for it in the current year's estimate of expenses.

The Chairman ruled out further discussion as the matter had already been disposed of at the Special Pumps Meeting of the Council.

160 - DANGEROUS BRIDGE AT TURLOUGHMORE: The Acting County Engineer dealing with Clr. Kelly's notice of motion, agreed that this bridge was hog-backed and dangerous and said that consideration would be given to its inclusion in the Main Road Reconstruction Grant programme for 1957/58 at a probable cost of £3,500.

161 - PUBLIC LATRINE AT SPIDDAL: Clr. Kelly asked that a public latrine be provided at Spiddal and the Acting County Engineer in his report, recommended that it be erected at an estimated cost of £700 on a waste plot of ground on the banks of the river inside the parapet wall of Spiddal Bridge, convenient to Bay View House, when the road was being widened there.

The County Manager said there was a necessity for it in the vicinity of Spiddal pier and he would investigate the possibility of the use of a septic tank system as the sewer levels were unfavourable.

162 - IMPROVEMENTS AT SPIDDAL PIER: The Acting County Engineer told Clr. Kelly that it would be desirable to improve Spiddal Pier and provide seating accommodation for tourists at an estimated cost of £180 but he had no funds available for the purpose.

163 - ADOPTION OF PART 3 OF THE GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1955: Clr. Canning proposed and Deputy Coogan seconded that consideration be given to the adoption of Part 3 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1955 and the proposal was agreed to after a discussion.

As Clr. Galvin did not consider it advisable to adopt Part 3, it was decided on the suggestion of the Chairman to ask the Acting County Solicitor's advice on the advantages of the adoption of Part 3 of the Act.

164 - AHASCRAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME: Clr. Kelly suggested that this Scheme be not proceeded with in view of the need for economy.

Clr. Kitt proposed that the scheme be undertaken and said that the work had not started because the plans had been sent back for revision. He added that the Chief Medical Officer had described the place as a "huge septic tank."

Clr. Dowd seconded.

Clr. Kelly withdrew his suggestion and it was unanimously agreed to carry out the work.

165 - CALTRA-CASTLEBLAKENEY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration of this scheme for 12 months.

166 - BALLYGAR SEWERAGE SCHEME: The County Manager stated that a tender had been accepted subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and that the estimated all-in cost of the Scheme was £15,200.

Clr. Wall proposed, Clr. Galvin seconded and it was unanimously resolved to provide the necessary funds to finance the Scheme.

167 - BARNIA ROAD: Deputy Coogan stated that he had asked previously that warning notices be erected along the Knocknacarra-Barnia road, the most dangerous stretch of road in the west of Ireland, but that nothing had been done.

The Acting County Engineer, promising to erect warning notices immediately, said that a scheme had been prepared and a grant obtained for the improvement of the road and that work would commence within a month.

168 - PASSENGERS STRANDED AT DUNLAOGHAIRE: Clr. Sirr commented that the sailing accommodation for cross channel passengers at Dunlaoghaire was inadequate with the result that large numbers were regularly left stranded. He suggested that the matter be taken up with the General Council of County Councils.

Deputy Killilea said it was usually the passengers own fault if they were left stranded.

169 - BARNIA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The County Manager said that the total estimated cost of the Barnia Water Supply Scheme was £36,000 and that there was a difficulty over a right of way.

170 - EYRECOURT SEWERAGE SCHEME: The County Manager told Clr. Dowd that the delay was due to difficulties regarding title.

DEPUTY KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

171 - ROUNDSTONE DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: Deputy Geoghegan proposed, Clr. Joyce seconded and it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the purchase of Roundstone Rectory from the Representative Church Body to be used as a residence for the District Medical Officer, Roundstone at a cost of £1600, the Council to build a dividing wall between lots 1 and 2 and to pay the legal expenses."

172 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £100,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1956."

173 - TRANSFER OF ORTHOPAEDIC PATIENTS FROM WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL: The Acting County Secretary referred to Minute No: 119 of the 28th July, 1956 and the County Manager said that it did not cover all the proposals as it was intended to transfer the T.B. orthopaedic patients from Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital to Merlin Park and the non-T.B. orthopaedic patients from Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital to the Galway Regional Hospital in the first instance; to close down Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital if possible and if that was not practical to use it as an ancillary to the Galway Regional Hospital, under the control of the Galway County Council, for the more chronically sick cases.

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

"That the Council agrees in principle to the proposals contained in the report circulated by the Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon for the discontinuance of Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital as an Orthopaedic Hospital."

174 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS: Referring to his notice of motion, Clr. Carty said that having regard to the terms of Circular No: 52/56 "Need for Economy", which was sent by the Minister for Health to all health authorities on July 27, 1956, and in particular having regard to paragraphs three (3) and eleven (11) of the said Circular he proposed that the Galway County Council direct the Minister for Health as follows:-

- (1) to take no action to fill appointments in the Regional Hospital which have been created in the past three months either by sealed order of the Minister or by resolution of the Council;
- (2) to refrain from making any further appointments that would increase the staff complements of the Council. He said that positions he referred to were those of Surgeon, Gynaecologist and Cardiologist, that the Regional Hospital was getting on alright without them and without being dictated to by the University authorities.

Clr. Dowd seconded the proposal.

Clr. Kelly and Deputy Coogan spoke against the proposal.

The County Manager said the notice of motion was completely wrong as the Minister for Health did not make the appointments but he did create the offices, and the County Council on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners made the appointments. He added that Surgeon M.G. O'Malley and the President of University

College, Galway, were both anxious that these appointments be made.

Clr. Carty then withdrew his notice of motion as originally proposed.
Clr. Carty then proposed and Clr. John Donnellan seconded: "That the attention of the Minister for Health be respectfully directed to paragraph eleven (11) of Circular 52/56 of the 27th July, 1956, regarding existing appointments, and that no action be taken that would fill the vacancies that now exist on the medical staffs of the Regional Hospital either by Sealed Order or Resolution of the Council."

The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on Clr. Carty's proposal and the vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clrs. Burke, Carty, Collins, James Donnellan, John Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Hanley, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Clrs. King, Kitt, Ridge, James Ruane, and Sirr (15).

AGAINST: Clrs. Ashe, Canning, Deputy Coogan, Clr. Galvin and Deputy Geoghegan (5).

The Chairman declared Clr. Carty's proposal approved.

175 - TOMBSTONE OVER THE GRAVE OF THE PATRIOT, ANTHONY O'DALY, AT KILRICKEE CEMETERY, LOUGHREA:

Clr. Carty withdrew his notice of motion as he understood that the matter was being rectified.

176 - TELEPHONIST: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the creation of the permanent whole-time employment of telephonist to the Galway County Council."

177 - CLERK-TYPIST, MEDICAL RECORDS, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the creation of the permanent whole-time position of Clerk-Typist to the Medical Records Department of Galway Regional Hospital, as sanctioned in letter dated 14th August, 1956, from the Department of Health."

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

The Maguire family, Cross Street, Galway.
The Staunton Family, The Bungalow, Spiddal.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. McC *Concise*
22-9-56

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON SATURDAY, 7th July, 1956 to consider the programme for provision of pumps in the County of Galway.

In the Chair: Clr. M. Quinn

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

Sympathy: The Chairman referred to the very recent death of Mrs. Collins, Menlough, mother of Clr. P. Collins and he praised her many fine qualities as an Irishwoman. He considered that the meeting should be adjourned as a mark of respect.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty, seconded by Senator Mannion and resolved

"That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Collins, mother of Clr. P. Collins, the meeting will be adjourned until Saturday, 14th July, 1956 at 12 noon".

Sympathy was also voted with the following:-

Flanagan family, Ballynoe.
Hanney family, Killinor.
Mr. P. Furey, Ex. M.C.C., Currandulla.

The meeting was then adjourned.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 14th JULY, 1956,
TO CONSIDER THE PROGRAMME FOR PROVISION OF PUMPS IN THE COUNTY OF GALWAY.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

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

The Chairman asked the Acting County Engineer the number of pumps he could sink each year, adding that they should select on a priority basis the number that could be carried out for a year or two.

Clr. King suggested that they should have an annual pumps meeting at which they should select the pumps to be done that year.

Clr. P. Ruane said that if 12 to 15 pumps could be done annually, the councillors in each of the 5 electoral areas should agree on 3 pumps for their area, and they should strive to do them each year.

Deputy Geoghegan queried the priority Order in the waiting list of pumps at 12th June, 1956, as circulated to the members.

Clr. Hanley complained that a pump recommended at the last Irish Meeting of the Council was not included in the waiting list mentioned by Deputy Geoghegan. He recommended that a grant be paid to householders who provided their own water supplies.

Clr. Carty advocated that the Council compile a priority list and from this select 3 pumps for erection in the Tuam Electoral Area and 2 in each of the other four areas annually.

Clr. King suggested that 2 pumps be erected annually in each of the old Rural Districts as was done formerly.

Clr. Kitt submitted that they should arrange a programme of pumps to be done before 31st March, 1958 consisting of 5 for the Tuam Electoral Area and 4 for each of the other four areas.

Clr. M. Mannion criticised the inclusion of Castlefrench Pump in the priority list as there was he said, a pump already there and the Acting County Secretary told him that any changes made were made on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer.

Senator J. Mannion, referred to an objectionable discharge from the factory at Rosmore and he suggested an extension of piping for 400 yards from the existing pump.

Clr. Kelly stressed the necessity for a pump near the girls' school at Corofin.

Clr. Galvin considered that it was not too much to expect the County Engineer to erect a minimum of 30 pumps annually.

Deputy Killilea recommended that they ask the Chief Medical Officer to select on a priority basis 8 pumps for the Tuam Electoral Area and 6 pumps for each of the other 4 areas.

Deputy Geoghegan asked the Acting County Engineer the number of pumps completed in the last 12 months by (a) contractors and (b) Co. Council's own plant.

Clr. King requested that the Acting Co. Engineer give consideration to the purchase of additional boring plant so as to speed up the provision of pumps.

Finally, it was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Sirr and resolved: "That this committee recommend to the Council that financial provision by way of loan charges be made in the estimates of Expenses for year ending 31st March, 1958, for the erection of 5 pumps in the Tuam Electoral Area and 4 pumps in each of the other 4 areas and that the pumps be selected forthwith."

The following pumps were then selected in alphabetical order:

Ballinasloe Electoral Area: Alloon; Bullaun; Loughrea; Corgarry, Oughter; Killurebeg.

Galway Electoral Area: Drumgriffin, Currandulla; Kilcurrivard; Kiltulla; Rawfee, Headford.

Loughrea Electoral Area: Boyhill, and Rahard; Caracoun; Killeenaran, Kiloolgan; Looscaun.

Oughterard Electoral Area: Camus; Erralough, Roundstone; Moyard, Clifden; Trabane, Lettermore.

Tuam Electoral Area: Ballinalass and Ballinaspuddaun; Cloonmore; Leitra, Williamstown; Mountkelly & Barna; Newbridge.

WELLS:

Senator J. Mannion suggested the formulation of a long term policy of deepening existing wells by the use of compressors and he thought they should buy compressor plant solely for that purpose. He referred to the well at Aillebrack, Ballyconneely where the water was contaminated as a result of the raising of the level of the road.

Deputy Geoghegan urged the protection of the wells in the islands off the Connemara coast.

Clr. Lambert asked what was the position regarding the new Ballyturn well and he added that as a temporary measure the old well should be deepened.

The Acting County Engineer explained that although they had sunk to 6 ft. for the new Ballyturn well they had got no water and they had no indication of getting it as the diviner employed could not guarantee water there.

Clr. Dowd was informed that provision of a well on Holloways land at Clontuskert had been approved.

Clr. James Donnellan requested that Pollinamall Well be improved and the Acting County Engineer promised to attend to the matter.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Carty.

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

179 - MINUTES: The Minutes of previous meetings to No. 178, having been circulated to members were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

180 - SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME: Deputy Geoghegan referring to his notice requisitioning a special meeting to consider the continuation of the School Meals for West Galway, said he was proposing that they compel the County Manager to carry on the scheme. He had gone round to a large number of schools to get the feelings of the people - they wanted the scheme continued. If there was the gross wastage alleged by the County Manager, and the unhygienic handling and storage alleged by the Chief Medical Officer, these could be eliminated by alterations in the supply and distribution of the bread. He was sure that the Chief Medical Officer would admit that he had come across no case where disease had resulted from the serving of the school meals.

Clr. Joyce seconded Deputy Geoghegan's proposal and said that it was rather strange that after over twenty-five years in operation it was suddenly found out that there was gross wastage - he wanted to know why this gross wastage was not detected and eliminated before now. He considered that this was a most inopportune time to deprive the children of poor parents in the West of these meals.

Clr. O'Donnell, said that he represented an area where there was a large number of school-going children, many of whom had to travel two and three miles to school and in bad weather these children could not keep their luncheons dry during these journeys. Under the system at present one 2 lb. loaf was divided amongst five children and he considered that that was too much for any child as one-eighth of a two lb. loaf would be adequate. If this scheme, which was in operation for 34 years was discontinued, it would be a great hardship on the poor people of Connemara especially in the wintertime.

Clr. Kelly proposing that the Scheme be discontinued said the County Manager had stated that there was gross wastage of bread and they had to take cognisance of his advice and of that of the other officials. He would not like to take anything away from any child but the County Manager was acting in the best interests of the ratepayers.

Clr. Ridge supported Deputy Geoghegan's proposal and said that there could be a 20% saving on the scheme if sliced wrapped bread was supplied and two slices, which would be sufficient, given to each child.

Clr. Flaherty suggested that the members from the Connemara area meet the County Manager and his officials and discuss the position with them.

Senator Mannion said that at least fifty per cent of the children of Connemara would suffer considerably if the scheme was discontinued but others catered for could afford the meals themselves, and it was hardly fair to expect the ratepayers to pay for them. As it would be very difficult to distinguish who were the necessitous children and who were not it would be a step in the wrong direction to discontinue the Scheme.

The Chairman said that he would not agree to the introduction of a means test to the schools by picking out children for meals, because from his experience as a teacher he could see that it would only lead to snobbery and he instanced the free school books scheme.

Clr. John Donnellan said that if the local shops near the schools were made the suppliers of the bread it would be delivered fresh daily and so avoid the waste resulting from the dampness and staleness due to storage in damp schools during the winter time consequent on the deliveries twice per week under the present system.

Clr. Collins agreed with Clr. Donnellan's suggestion.

Deputy Coogan recommended that somebody be put in

charge of the scheme in view of the fact that there was wastage of bread.

The County Manager said that the reasons for discontinuing the Scheme were that the Chief Medical Officer considered that the nutritional standards of the school children were as good, if not better, in Connemara as in East Galway, and he saw no justification for the scheme in Connemara no more than in other areas. Secondly there was gross wastage of bread. The School Meals Scheme cost £13,000 a year but the Government Department which encouraged it was not prepared to increase the State Grant of £2000 per annum. They would continue to supply hot cocoa and the difficulty regarding bread could be overcome by giving home assistance to the parents where lunches could not be supplied to the children.

Clr. Wall supporting Clr. Kelly's proposal said it was very hard to believe that there was a big number of people in Connemara unable to provide two slices of bread for their children and it was a very poor compliment to themselves that families could not give bread to their children going to school as parents were morally obliged to feed their children. He added that it was established that there was waste of money in the running of the scheme and it could be workable in an economic manner by giving vouchers to the poorer parents.

Clr. Dowd said the object of the scheme should be to provide for the needy children.

Clr. King considered that the scheme was in operation for so long that now was not the most opportune time to discontinue it.

The Chief Medical Officer, Doctor C.F. McConn, said it was wrong to say that pressure was being brought to bear on the Scheme now as he had commented on it in each annual report. He was concerned with facts and not generalities and the fact remained that the nutritional standard of the children in West Galway was just as good as in East Galway. If the children were to get preferential treatment it should be given to the county at large. If the meals were served under proper conditions it would be alright as it would not lead to illness in the children, but he had seen stale bread and bread being cut on a slate in the cloakroom, which would be the equivalent of taking a meal in the scullery which was wrong, as they should make an effort to instil a sense of hygiene in the children. It was wrong to expect a teacher, who was a professional man, to act as a caterer, to cut bread and prepare meals. There also had been wastage and he had seen a bag of bread used as a buffer by people unloading a barrel of stout from a lorry. As most of the schools were rat infested, the bread attracted rats.

The County Manager said the employment of a woman to serve the meals would make the scheme more costly still.

The Chairman suggested that the high nutritional standard of the children in Connemara mentioned by the Chief Medical Officer was due to the School Meals.

Deputy Geoghegan said that the Chief Medical Officer hardly expected them to believe what he had said about the lorry driver using the bread as a buffer. He added that in one school with which he was acquainted of the 161 children on the rolls, only 2 were in a position to supply their own school meals.

Clr. O'Donnell appealing for a re-examination of the Scheme said that the Council should be very grateful to the teachers for their assistance in implementing it.

Clr. Galvin said that giving meals to all and sundry was wrong whereas operating it through Home Assistance placed the responsibility where it should be. There should be some alternative scheme devised to improve the conditions under which the meals were served and eliminate waste.

Clr. Kitt suggested that the Council members from Connemara should meet and discuss the scheme with the Co. Manager and his officials and report back to the Council. He submitted that getting something for nothing would not have a good effect on the children's characters.

Clr. Sirr considered that as there was evidence of waste some alternative scheme eliminating it should be arranged without putting the matter to a vote of the Council.

The Chairman recommended that the scheme as in operation heretofore be resumed and continued until the end of December, 1956, and that in the meantime the members of the Council for Connemara and Galway areas meet the County Manager, Assistant County Manager and Chief Medical Officer to discuss the position and report back their suggestions to the Council.

The Chairman's suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

The members thanked the Chief Medical Officer for his attendance, and the Chief Medical Officer said that he would let Deputy Geoghegan have the name of the lorry owner who used the bag of bread as a buffer for unloading the stout.

181 - PROPOSED SALE OF PLOT OF LAND ACQUIRED AS PART OF SITE OF GALWAY FIRE STATION: Notice of the 3rd September, 1956, which was sent to each member was submitted and it was proposed by Deputy Coogan seconded by Clr. Greene and resolved:-

"That the Council approve the sale of a plot of ground area 2 sq perches approximately at Garryglass Galway to the Dominican Church authorities, The Claddagh, Galway, at £1 plus costs of conveyance, the purchaser to recoup to the Galway County Council any additional expense to be incurred by the Council in alteration or erection of boundary walls resulting from transfer of plot."

182 - PUBLIC LATRINE, MOUNTBELLEW: The Acting Co. Secretary reported that an application was made some years ago for the provision of a public latrine in the town of Mountbellew and the Chief Medical Officer recommended that one be erected, that the County Engineer estimated the cost at £780 and that a sum of £2000 had been provided in the Estimates of Expenses for 1956/57 for public sanitary conveniences.

Clr. Wall proposed and Clr. Mannion seconded that a public latrine be provided in Mountbellew.

The County Manager suggested that in view of the economy drive the matter be deferred and postponement of the question was then unanimously agreed to.

183 - CREATION OF THE POSITION OF CHILDREN'S OFFICER: The Acting County Secretary referred to minute No. 79 of 23rd June, 1956, wherein consideration of the creation of the position of Children's Officer was adjourned for three months, and that period had now elapsed.

The Chairman said that in view of the great controversy that had arisen and of the publicity given to the Inspector's report, the discussion should be short as the matter was exploited the last time and he thought the matter should be deferred now.

The County Manager said that this was a different thing from putting up a building or something like that as the Councillors were dealing with human beings and they had a serious moral responsibility in the matter.

Clr. King proposed that the appointment be not made and said that the Councillors had consciences contrary to what some people might think, but there were very few of them who knew much about the boarding out scheme even in cases where there were boarded out children in their own areas. He was glad to know that 200 children were inspected and of that number, only 25 cases were adversely reported on. Nobody should have been given the opportunity of saying that foster homes in Co. Galway were worse than foster homes anywhere else - the report stated that foster homes in the county reached a fair average standard. His experience was that boarded-out children were model children in the parish and many of them later came back to settle down in the areas where they had been boarded out. He did not consider the report a terrible report in so far as it dealt with the two cases with which he was acquainted. He considered that if the appointment was to be made, it should be stipulated for what areas the officer was required as the appointment was not needed for his area. He suggested that a committee or the whole Council should consider applications from would-be foster parents, and the Council could then take the blame if they failed to improve any irregularities that occurred.

Clr. Joyce said he felt there was a need for the position of a children's officer as he had enquired into one case and had been informed that about five or six officials visited the foster home within a short time.

The County Manager said that the Public Health Nurse and the Home Assistance Officer would have to visit the foster home, but he did not see how or why five or six officials could do so. It was not really a man's job to be inspecting the children.

The Temporary Assistant County Manager said that the Superintendent Assistance Officer might visit the home of a boarded out child in unusual circumstances but normally only one official would visit it.

Clr. Collins submitted that the Nurse who had a say in the selection of foster homes should occasionally visit a home after a boarded-out child was placed in it.

Clr. Kitt said there was a wrong report made by the Inspector regarding one child who was in his area and attended his school. It was reported that this child was very frail looking, undernourished and required a tonic; that the foster mother was dissatisfied with him and might not keep him, and that there were other young children in the house. He said that the child's question was very well cared for and had been awarded a prize for the best attendance at his school for two years; that there were no other children in the house as this couple had no children of their own. He demanded an apology on behalf of the foster parents concerned.

Clr. Kelly seconded Clr. King's proposal and said that thereport was grossly exaggerated as he had investigated three cases mentioned and had found that the children were well cared for.

Clr. Dowd said that he did not know of any children who were as well treated by their parents as the boarded-out children in his area.

Senator Mannion said the report was all wrong and was made solely to bolster up a case for this appointment as the boarded-out children were cared for, at least as well as, if not better, than the ordinary children. In one case of which he was aware, the Inspector had told the foster-mother that she did not believe that the room shown her was the room where the child slept. If there had been ill-treatment he would have been the first to report it himself. He did not believe that this appointment was necessary as there were already existing facilities for inspection and the Home Assistance Officers should be made give monthly reports about the children in their areas.

Clr. Glynn said that one-third of the boarded-out children were in his area and the Home Assistance Officer had forty children to visit monthly. He himself had come to believe that some children were not well treated and he considered that at least sixty per cent of the people would not have these children unless they were being paid for it. He suggested that Councillors be given a list of applications for these children in future.

The County Manager replied that he would not agree to Clr. Glynn's suggestion as publicity should not be given to the fact that a child was a boarded-out child.

Clr. Galvin submitted that the Home Assistance Officers were not the proper people to look after the children and that a Children's Officer, preferably a lady, should be appointed so that they would get a more uniform standard for the whole county. He added that it was a very serious thing when a report like that was found to have been fabricated at least in some respects.

Deputy Killilea said they had district nurses all over the county and if this was a woman's job, these were the people to do it and they could be paid a few pounds extra per annum for the work.

The County Manager stated that it was quite easy to see that there were excellent foster-parents in the county and some who were not so good. Referring to Deputy Killilea's suggestion, he said that the Minister for Health had under consideration the re-organisation of the nursing services so as to provide general trained nurses with midwifery qualifications and they would have to wait until that had been done before the nurses could be asked to undertake this work.

The Temporary Assistant County Manager told Clr. Glynn that those cases described in the report had been followed up by the officials.

Clr. King's proposition that the position of Children's Officer be not created was then passed unanimously.

184 - INCREASE OF 10/- PER WEEK FOR EMPLOYEES IN RECEIPT OF LESS THAN £5. 10. 0. per WEEK:

Clr. Ridge proposed that the minimum wages of all the Council's employees should be raised to £5. 10. 0. per week in cases where the minimum was less than that figure, as it was very hard for a worker to provide for his family on less.

The Chairman said he would not accept the proposition as it was not practicable and should have been raised at the estimates meeting when the Council discussed the whole matter fully. He added that they could not now vote moneys which would necessitate a supplementary estimate, as the Government was calling for economies.

There was no seconder for the motion.

185 - INCREASES NOTIFIED TO COTTAGE TENANTS: The Temporary Assistant County Manager referring to the Chairman's notice of motion, explained that the increases notified to some cottage tenants were not increases in the rents, but additions to the rent to cover rates under the Local Government Rates on Small Dwellings Acts, 1928.

186 - SEWAGE EXTENSION SCHEME AT COSMONA, GALWAY ROAD AND THE HILL, LOUGHREA: The Acting County Secretary told the Chairman that proposals and an application for sanction to a loan of £15300 for these schemes were submitted to the Department of Local Government some time ago. He added that following an inspection of the sites by an officer from the Department of Local Government some slight amendments to these proposals were suggested and they were being examined by the County Engineer.

187 - PORTUMNA COTTAGES: The Temporary Assistant County Manager advised the Chairman that the question of consulting with Councillors regarding the tenancy of these cottages did not appear to be an urgent one at present as only 14 applications, a few of whom were not in urgent need of houses, had been received for the 16 cottages built in Portumna. He added that when it was decided to build 16 houses, 39 applications had been received but now the greatest difficulty would be to get 16 tenants who could be regarded as in urgent need of houses and who would qualify for them. He proposed to issue some further application forms so that the total number of applicants would be known shortly.

188 - BUS SERVICE BETWEEN COSHLA, ATHENRY AND GALWAY: Clr. P. Ruane asked the Chairman to adjourn consideration of this matter to the next meeting and the Chairman agreed.

189 - TRANSFER OF POTATOE MARKET FROM WOODQUAY TO THE NEW FAIR GREEN IN GALWAY CITY: Clr. P. Ruane withdrew his notice of motion requesting Galway Corporation to have the Potatoe Market changed from Woodquay to the new Fair Green.

190 - ABBERT DEMESNE ROAD LEADING TO BURIAL GROUND: Clr. M. Mannion asked the Acting County Engineer to have repairs carried out to Abbert Demesne Road leading to Burial Grounds branching from Guilkeagh Newtown Co. Road to Main Road at Rye Hill. Clr. Flaherty supported.

Clr. Mannion. The Acting County Engineer promised to prepare an estimate for the repair of the road out of the amount provided for Burial Grounds in the current year's Estimates of Expenses.

191 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS: Referring to Clr. M. Mannion's notice of motion regarding income of applicants for housing grants, the Temporary Assistant County Manager said that he had to be guided by the definition of "family income" in Section 10(2) of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952 as amended by the 1956 Act which was as follows: "In calculating the family income of a person applying for a grant under this section in respect of a house it shall be taken to include the income received during the year ending on the date of such application by such person or by the spouse of such person where such person was married." He added that income earned outside this country by the applicant or by his wife could not be disregarded.

The County Manager announced that there was no money left in the Local Loans Fund for the Supplementary Housing Grants and he did not believe that they would get money from the banks either on a long term basis. Contrary to his advice the Council had decided to continue the scheme and not alone had they completely spent the £469,000 borrowed, but they had also some £28,000 to meet which they had given out. He said that even where applications were in there was no hope of granting them and he recommended that they close down on the scheme on all applications where the building work had not commenced and tell the people that the money was not available.

The Chairman said that they could not disappoint people who had started building and made application. He encouraged the members to have some suggestions so as to have a full discussion on the matter at the Housing Committee Meeting to be held on Saturday the 29th instant.

192 - ROAD GRANTS: The County Manager referred to the circular from the Department of Local Government, notifying him that except in cases where it was necessary to complete a main road which in an unfinished condition would constitute danger, the unexpended balance already allotted for Main Road Improvement Schemes would forthwith be switched to works on County Roads and that this policy of diverting increased grants to County Roads would be continued until a sufficient mileage of such roads had been put into proper condition but that expenditure on the maintenance of main roads would not be affected by the Government's decision.

Clr. O'Donnell asked the County Manager if any notification had been received of the amount allocated for the Gaeltacht Road Grants and he was advised that no information on the matter had been received.

Clr. Kelly suggested that the heads of the different departments should be asked to effect savings where possible and he added that it might be no harm if all members of the staff were given a chance to suggest economies by the introduction, like business firms, of a "suggestion box".

The County Manager said that he was always grateful for suggestions no matter from what source they came.

193 - EXTENSIONS TO THE FEVER HOSPITAL AND MATERNITY DEPARTMENT, GALWAY CENTRAL HOSPITAL:

The Acting County Secretary informed the meeting that in view of the demand for economies it was not proposed at present to proceed with the carrying out of the improvement scheme for the Fever Hospital or the building of the new operating theatre for the Maternity Department at the Galway Central Hospital and that the Medical Staff of the Hospital had agreed that these works could be deferred.

Clr. King said that he could not understand economising on essential buildings and at the same time increasing the staff and he suggested that they do away with one or two of the four figure posts at the hospital.

194 - OVERDRAFT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1956: It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of Overdraft Accommodation on General Account not exceeding £200,000 for the month of September 1956."

195 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31st December, 1956: It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Clr. Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of Overdraft Accommodation on General Account not exceeding £200,000 for Quarter Ending 31st December, 1956."

196 - CLIFDEN HOUSING: Clr. Joyce asked what was the position regarding the building of the Clifden Housing Scheme.

The Acting County Engineer said that the foundations had been laid for 5 houses but that further work had been suspended as a result of a visit by an Inspector from the Department of Local Government.

Senator Mannion said that a lot of people who would be eligible for and needed houses in Clifden had not yet applied for them and he submitted that the number of applications received to date was no indication of the housing requirements there.

The County Manager said that he would arrange advertisements in the local press inviting further applications.

197 - SCHOLARSHIPS: It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Clr. King and resolved:

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

198 - RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE: Letter dated 11th September 1956 from the Secretary, River Suck Joint Drainage District Committee was submitted applying for the sum of £90 being Galway County Council's contribution towards the sum of £250 required for the replacement of girders in Derryohill Bridge which amount was not anticipated expenditure and not included in the current year's estimate of expenses.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Clr. Galvin the Council approved the making of a contribution of £90 to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee in addition to the amount for which provision had been made in the current year's Estimates of Expenses.

199 - ABOLITION OF OFFICES OF MIDWIFE IN NO. 1 DISPENSARY DISTRICT, GALWAY AND MIDWIFE IN NO. 2 DISPENSARY DISTRICT, GALWAY:

The County Manager explained to the meeting that the offices of Midwife in No. 1 Dispensary District Galway and Midwife in No. 2 Dispensary District Galway, were no longer necessary in view of the

organisation of an outside district in connection with the training school in the Maternity Department of the Galway Central Hospital.

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr. Dowd and resolved: "That

the Council approve the abolition of the offices of midwife in No. 1 Dispensary District Galway and of Midwife in No. 2 Dispensary District, Galway".

200 - LADY DUDLEY NURSING SCHEME: The County Manager advised the meeting that he had received an application from the Lady Dudley Nursing Society for payment by the Galway County Council of £1138. 18. 3. representing the deficiency on the Society's Accounts for the year 1955 in respect of the nursing services in the county but that no provision therefore had been made in the current year's estimates. He also referred to a letter dated 21st February 1956 Ref. M.100/150 from the Department of Health approving the payment, wherein it was stated that should it not be found possible to make savings of a similar amount in the current year's expenditure, special consideration would be given to permit the amount paid to rank for recoupment from Health Services Grant.

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Donnell seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve payment of £1138. 18. 3 to the Lady Dudley Nursing Society in respect of the deficiency on the Society's accounts for the year 1955 for nursing services in County Galway."

201 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MINISTRY FOR THE GAELTACHT IN GALWAY: Letter dated the 13th September 1956 from An tAonai, Cumann Trachtala na Gaillimhe was submitted referring to the deputation from Galway, led by His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Browne, which petitioned An Taoiseach and the Minister for Education and the Gaeltacht on July 11, 1956, for the establishment of the Ministry for the Gaeltacht in Galway. It suggested that representative bodies from Galway should, at this stage, press for the establishment of the Ministry in Galway and asked if the Galway County Council proposed to take any steps in the matter.

Mol an Comhairleóir Seán Ó Donnalláin rún có-áirdeachais le h-éasboz na Gaillimhe de bárr an sárcais a cuir sé ó's comhair an Taoiseach ón Aireadhas na Saeleacta dó bunú in Gaillimh agus mol sé freisin go gcaibrodh Comhairle Connbhae na Gaillimhe leis an gCumann Tráchtála idiré is go mbáid an Aireadhas suibíte in Gaillimh.

Cuirfidh an Comhairleóir Mícheál Ó Donnalláin leis an rún a' b' áirdeachais a cuir beiréad fú áirdeachais bóire na Saeleacta.

Éilic an Comhairle leis an rún a' b' áirdeachais.

202 - LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN: The Temporary Assistant County Manager told the Chairman that sanction had not yet been received, from the Department of Local Government, to the loan for the development of the existing fairgreen at Loughrea.

203: Cargin Burial Ground: Cllr. King suggested that Cargin Burial Ground be extended by acquisition from the Local Commission of some adjoining land as already recommended by Very Rev. Fr. Curley, P.P., St. Mary's, Headford.

204 - SYMPATHY: A vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with Very Rev. Fr. Moran, P.P., Carraroe, on the death of his nephew.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. Carr
3/11/56

COMHAIRLE CONNBHAE NA GAILLIMHE.

• NA FOIRGNÍDE CONNBHAE, GAILLIMH.

29ú Deire Fómhair, 1956.

Cuirfidh Seán Ó Donnalláin leis an rún a' b' áirdeachais a cuir beiréad fú áirdeachais bóire na Saeleacta.

A CARRA,

TARRTAR ORC, leob' éoil, beic i léicair ag cruinnú de Comhairle Connbhae na Gaillimhe a éionóilfear i Seomra na Comhairle ihs na Foirgníde Connbhae, Oia Saéarh 3ú Saéarh, 1956 ag 12 a élos meádhon lae.

Mise, le meas,

M. Carr Ó Mairiuaí.

Ruairde Saéarh.

SNÓ:

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Cuid 111 den Act Cearrbhaeais agus Cranncur 1956.
3. Scéimeanna 1956/57, Act na núicárs áicúla (Oibreáca), 1949.
4. Coza Builgídeoir Rácaí, Ceannear Uim. 27.
5. Deontas 1956/57, Fealsú bóire móra.
6. Achrú Náige.
7. Cruéú post mar Innealcóir Connbhae Conzanta in ionad Post mar Aileira Conzanta.
8. Aoncaige, Marzaide agus cánaea i mbéal. Acta an Rí.
9. Cánaea agus Custium i bPortumna.
10. Gasact i gcóir Deontaisí Cigé.
11. Scéim caicibhaeac maibir le h-gasacta Cigé.
12. Gasact £100,000 i gcóir Cigé, Actanna na Sgládaíde.
13. Duailgaisí an Doctúra Ceannasaig, Príomh Oisaidéal na Gaillimhe.
14. Cruéú Postanna Nua i bPríomh Oisaidéal na Gaillimhe.
15. Árus íclainne san gClocáin.
16. Scéim hallaí ihs na Sráibbaile.
17. Tuarasgáil Inéiuéctóra.
18. Ceannear Bócaíóca agus áicéanna bócaíóca.
19. Molca Comhairleóirí.
20. Snó eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Adoption of Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956.
3. 1956/57 Schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
4. Appointment of Rate Collector District No: 27.
5. Main Road Improvement Grant, 1956/57.
6. Remuneration Variations.
7. Substitution of Post of Assistant County Engineer for post of Architectural Assistant to the County Engineer.
8. Consideration of the purchase of Fairs, Markets and Toll rights at Athenry.
9. Consideration of the question as to whether the Tolls and Customs at Portumna be collected or abolished.
10. Raising of Loans for Housing Grants.
11. Guarantee Scheme for Loans to persons purchasing or erecting houses.
12. Raising of additional loan of £100,000 for provision of houses under the Labourers' Acts.
13. Duties of R.M.S. Galway Regional Hospital.
14. Creation of offices at Galway Regional Hospital:
 - (a) Part-time Cardiologist.
 - (b) Part-time Obstetrician.
 - (c) Assistant Radiologist.
15. Clifden Dispensary Residence.
16. Village Hall Scheme.
17. Auditor's Report.
18. Adoption of provisional amendments to the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places.
19. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
 - (a) Clr. P. Ruane:
 - (1) I will ask this Council meeting to request C.I.B. to change the time of Bus Service between Coshla, Athenry to Galway from 12.30 p.m. to 10.30 a.m.
 - (2) To widen dangerous corners at Liscannonaun, Claregalway Cross Roads, at Castlegar Cross near Castlegar Old School, and also Ballybane Cross on Galway-Tuam Road near Priest's house, Castlegar.
 - (b) Clr. Joyce: I or someone acting on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council
 - (1) That the County Council provide false teeth for those people who had their teeth extracted before the allocation for this scheme was exhausted last year.
 - (2) That public lighting be provided at Cleggan.
 - (c) Clr. Kelly: I, or someone on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council
 - (1) That a Finance Committee consisting of ten members be appointed to consider ways and means to economise on the present expenditure of the Council.
 - (2) That no proposed economies be effected without the sanction of the Council.
 - (3) That the proposed building of a Fire Station at Clifden be deferred as well as any other buildings provided for.

19. (d) Deputy Geoghegan:

(1) I will ask the County Engineer to say what Grant has been got from the Government for Main Roads in the year 1954/55 and what has been granted in 1955/56 and if all the money has been transferred to the County Roads and where it is being spent.

(2) I will propose that the Council instruct the County Engineer to carry out repairs agreed to by the Council to the road leading to the cottages at Lemonfield, Oughterard.

(3) I will propose that the Co. Council sink a pump for a water supply in the village of Snabo Rosmuc.

(4) I will ask the County Engineer what is the delay in the erection of the new reservoir at Oughterard, Co. Galway.

(e) Clr. Carty: I or some other member acting on my behalf shall ask the County Manager to make a statement on the Minister's decision regarding grants for Main Roads and in particular to inform the Councillors about the following matters:-

(1) Total amounts received by way of State Grants for Main and County Roads during the years 1951/52, 1952/53, 1953/54, 1954/55, 1955/56 and 1956/57.

(2) Average weekly number of workers exclusive of Supervisors, Gangers and Foremen employed during each of the aforementioned years.

(3) Average number of road workers employed for each week of the present financial year up to and including the week ending September 22, 1956.

(4) Number of road workers discharged or left off during the week ending September 29th, 1956.

(5) Particulars of any Department of Local Government directive regarding diversion of outstanding Main Road Grants to County Roads.

(6) The anticipated reduction in the number of road workers to be employed during the next six months as a result of the Minister's decision on the Road Grants.

(f) Clr. Flaherty:

(1) I will object to the transport of Road Material to North Galway from the Council's plant at New Inn, a distance of 20 to 30 miles.

(2) What is the cost per ton at the plant, the cost per Lorry per day and how many lorries are employed.

(3) Explain the reason why one contractor can have two lorries delivering Road Material to the Council, while other lorry owners cannot get a contract at all.

(4) I will ask the Assistant County Manager when does he intend to have the three public lights erected in Kilkerrin.

(g) Clr. O'Donnell:

(1) That the County Engineer will spend a considerable sum of the money that is transferred from Main Roads to County Roads, by direction of the Minister for Local Government, on County Roads in South Connemara because the Fionn Gaeltacht Road Grant is not yet sanctioned for the current financial year.

(2) That the Co. Engineer will expedite completion of the Lettermore Bridges.

(h) Clr. Dowd:

(1) I will ask the County Manager if the Council has decided to purchase land offered at Clonfert for cottages.

(2) I will ask the County Engineer to have the well of the pump at Kiltormer cleaned, plastered and protected.

(3) I will propose that a well be sunk at the Doctor's House at Kiltormer, also repairs carried out to windows and one door closed up.

(4) I will ask the County Engineer when he proposes to have the road to Doons Cemetery completed.

(j) Senator J. Marnion:

(1) I or someone on my behalf will move that the County Council repair County Road No: 33 through the village of Banogues and extend it to the Marble Quarry at Cregg.

(2) I will also move that the County Council repair County Road No: 41 through the village of Glenloughan and extend it to Laty.

(3) I will move that the County Council apply to the Board of Works for 80% of the cost of above repairs.

(4) I will move that street lighting be provided for the village of Cleggan.

(k) Clr. Kitt:

(1) At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I will move that the Co. Council be informed as to what steps have been taken as regards the derelict sites in Ahascragh.

(2) At next meeting of Galway County Council I will propose that the Galway Co. Council Scheme of Supplementary Grants for Housing be continued as previously agreed by the Co. Council to the 31st March, 1957.

(l) Clr. Burke:

(1) I propose that two street lights be erected outside Kilconly Church.

(2) I propose that the names of Sean Finnegan, N.T., James Mooney, N.T., be added to the Dunmore Pension Committee.

20. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HOLD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 1956.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Carty.

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

205 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to number 204, having been circulated to the members, were submitted approved and signed by the Chairman.

206 - GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956: Letter dated the 26th October, 1956, from the Acting County Solicitor regarding the advantages of the Adoption of Part III of the Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956 was submitted.

Clr. Canning proposed and Deputy Lahiff seconded that the Council adopt Part III of the Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956, for its administrative area.

The County Manager suggested that the notice published in the press intimating that it would be proposed that the Council adopt Part III of the Act at that meeting night, at a later date, be considered insufficiently specific as regards area seeing that the towns of Tuam and Loughrea did not come within the Council's administrative area for the purpose of the Act, and he recommended that a further notice be published specifying the exclusion of the towns of Tuam and Loughrea, that the matter be then considered at a future meeting.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's suggestion.

207 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949 - 1956/57 SCHEMES: Acting County Engineers letter of 9th October, 1956 and the list of schemes attached thereto viz. schemes Nos: 1 to 82 inclusive which had already been circulated to the members of the Council were submitted and approved on the proposal of Clr. Kitt and seconded by Clr. Lambert.

The Chairman deplored the reduction of £10,000 in the amount of grant allocated compared with the allocation for the previous year.

208 - TOISC BAILLIÓCEÓIR RÁICÉ, CEANHCAR UIM. 27 -
Mol Clr. O'Donnell, cuibhís Clr. O Ceit agus Síláe an Coimairle an rún so:-

"Toisc nádbúr buailgaisí na h-Oifige, Bailiúceóir Ráicé Ceanhcár Uimh 27, toisc an t-eolas agus an tairéise is zúb éun na buailgaisí sin do cómlíonad go héifeachtúil agus toisc na cáilíoccaí is zúb le h-ádh na h-oifige sin, measadh an Coimairle na ó féidbir an buine beid le ceapad éun na hoifige sin do roghnú go sísúil tré scrúdbú - comórtas agus ar barratóir na h-oifige agus buine do roghnú taréis breathnú ar na cáilíoccaí céadna".

Mol Clr. Mac Eochagáin agus cuibhís Clr. Ó Dómhnaill go zceapfar pádrais mícéal O Máille, mán mar bailiúceóir ráicé, ceanhcár Uimh 27, tar éis scrúdbú doctúra, le ceab an Aire Rialtas Aicéúil agus do réir na conghaillaéa eile do'n post sin.

Labair Clr. Seán Ó Mairín, Clr. Ó hainliúge, agus Clr. Pádraig Ó Ruadháin ar son P.M. Ó Máille.

Mol Clr. Mac an Iomaire go zceapfar pádrais Mac an Riód, Coill Ruadh, Spidéal, do'n post ac níor cuibhís aoinne leis.

Do gearbuisán ceanhcárleac áhnsin go raib pádrais mícéal Ó Máille, mán, ceapáite mar bailiúceóir ráicé, ceanhcár Uimh. 27 de réir mólad Clr. Mac Eochagáin.

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209 - MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1956/57: Acting Co. Engineer's letter of the 10th October, 1956 was submitted, and the schedules attached thereto recommending that £3,000, £1,978 and £5,000 be retained on Main Road Improvement Grant 1956/57 (Page 9, 1956/57 Road Works Scheme) Schemes Nos. 2, 3 and 14 respectively and that the balance of £36,096 be transferred to the 1956/57 County Road Improvement Grants Scheme and allocated as follows:-

Road Number.	Location.	Estimate.
48	Bough Inagh - Kylemore	£1,200.
12	Streamstown - Claddaghduff	£1,800.
79	Oughterard - Glann	£1,600.
109	Barna - Moyoullon	£2,400.
303	Craughwell-Kilcolgan	£3,000.
321	Traught Strand	£1,000.
543	Duniry to Curragh	£3,000.
527	Cappatagle-Mullagh	£4,000.
466	Glentane-Kilconnell	£3,000.
459	Castlefrench-Mountbellew	£2,096.
512	Ballygar - Muckloon	£2,000.
254	Glennamaddy- Clonberne	£3,000.
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(225	Milltown - Belmont	£1,000.
168	Corofin - Ballybrone	£3,000.
185	Athenry - Clarenbridge	£4,000.
TOTAL:		£36,096. 0. 0.

Circular letter of 5adh Deire Forhair, 1956, Ref. R.201/4/4 from the Secretary, Department of Local Government in the matter was also submitted.

Clr. Glynn complained that the members had not got any time to study the Acting County Engineer's proposals and he said that they should have been circulated to them well in advance of that meeting, and the Chairman and Clrs. Kitt, King, Collins, Sirr and Hanley agreed.

Senator J. Mammion criticised the transfer of the allocation of £4820 for the Oughterard Maam Cross road and he said that as improvement of it was essential a special application should be made for the retention of the amount provided.

Clrs. Ashe and Coogan criticised the Acting County Engineer's failure to make any provision for the removal of the dangerous bends on the Galway-Spidal road.

Clr. J.J. Ruane said that the road from Maree to Tawin was impassible and Clr. Lambert supported his statement and proposed that it be included in the five-year plan. Clr. J.J. Ruane seconded this proposal.

The Acting County Engineer then agreed to include the road from Maree to Tawin on the five year improvement plan.

Clr. Galvin complimented the Acting County Engineer on his selection of county roads for the transferred grants.

Clr. Kitt agreed with Clr. Galvin and said that Councillors had been asking for years to have the money transferred from main roads to county roads. He proposed that the list submitted by the Acting County Engineer be approved.

Clr. Collins seconded Clr. Kitt's proposal.

Clr. Glynn complained that there was no work being done in the Williamstown area and he proposed that consideration of the matter be postponed so as to give the members an opportunity to study the proposed schemes.

The Chairman said that the money would be forfeited unless it was spent before the 31st March 1957 and he added that postponing a decision on the matter meant that the critical unemployment position in the country was being made worse.

Clr. Hanley referred to the absence of any provision for the road between Woodford and Porturna and he seconded Clr. Glynn's amendment.

The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on Clr. Glynn's proposal and the vote taken resulted as follows:-

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FOR: Clrs. Glynn, Hanley, King and O'Donnell (4).

AGAINST: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Carty, Collins, Coogan, James Donnellan, John Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Geoghagan, Greene, Joyce, Kelly, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, John Mammion, Martin Mammion, Ridge, J.J. Ruane, P. Ruane, Sirr and Wall (25).

The Chairman declared Clr. Glynn's proposal defeated.

On a show of hands the Chairman declared Clr. Kitt's proposal approved. Clr. Kelly congratulated the Minister for Local Government on transferring the money for improvement grants from main to county roads and Clr. Lambert seconded. The proposal was agreed to.

210 - CAR PARKS AT SALTHILL: It was proposed by Clr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman and resolved:

"That the Petition of the Galway County Council to the Minister for Local Government for the acquisition of land for car parks at Salthill, Galway be sealed with the Seal of the Council."

Clr. Ashe referred to some land near the Salthill side of Threadneedle Road which was the property of the Board of Works. She suggested that its suitability for car parks be investigated so as to avoid litigation with others.

211 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by the Chairman the following variations in remuneration were approved:-

1. Pump repair man - wages increased from £7 to £7. 10. 0. per week as from 1st August, 1956.
2. Caretaker, Derryrush Waterworks - wages increased from £22 to £30 per annum as from 1st January, 1956.
3. Wages of fitter as per Acting Co. Engineer's recommendation of 29th October, 1956, increased from £9. 12. 0. to £10. 2. 0. per week as from 10th October, 1956.
4. Piece work Rates for Temporary Rates Staff:- Writing up Rate Books from Valuation Lists, 3/4d. per 100 ratings as from 1st January, 1957; Calculation of Rates, 1/8d. for the first ratings and 5/- for the second ratings as from 1st January, 1957; Writing Demand Notes, 12/- per 100 ratings as from 1st April, 1956.
5. Revised annual salary scales of clerical officers as from 1st July, 1956, £265 x £20 to £585 plus a long service increment of £33 after five years, the revised scale to be inclusive of all temporary allowances except the 1955 temporary allowance of 10% on the first £300 plus 6 1/2% on the balance.
6. Revised annual salary of Medical Officer, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, from 15th April, 1955 - £600 plus 1955 temporary allowance.
7. Revised annual salary of Medical Officer, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden, from 15th April, 1955 - £320 plus £813 as District Medical Officer of Health plus 1955 temporary allowance on both.

212 - CONGRATULATIONS: On the proposal of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Lambert, the Council congratulated the Galway Senior Football Team on winning the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship.

The Council also congratulated the Cork Senior Football Team on their Sportsmanship in the final.

The Chairman congratulated the Mayor of Galway, Ald. Peter Greene, a member of the Council, on the splendid manner in which he had entertained the victorious team.

The Chairman also deplored that a member of the Council from North Galway had not been invited to the Ballygar reception for the team.

213 - SUBSTITUTION OF POST OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER FOR POST OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ENGINEER: The County Manager stated that the Acting County Engineer did not consider that there was sufficient architectural work in the county to justify the appointment of an Architectural Assistant as the new dispensaries were nearing completion and the bulk of the work now consisted of maintenance work for which an engineer would be more suitable.

Senator J. Mammion said that human nature being what it was consultant architects were inclined to prepare over-elaborate schemes so as to increase their fees. He wondered how much the Council had paid in architects fees over the past five years and he added that the whole system of percentage fees was wrong.

Clr. Wall submitted that the ordinary engineering staff should be able to design plans for the schemes mentioned by the County Manager just as they did in County Roscommon.

Clr. Dowd stating that the Council should have its own wholetime architect, ridiculed the layout of the Portumna Housing Scheme.

The County Manager told Clr. John Donnellan that he had employed consultant architects during the period of employment of the former Architectural Assistant because they had been engaged before his appointment and he had also employed them when the County Engineer had told him that the Architectural Assistant was too busy with maintenance work.

Senator Mannion proposed, Clr. Kelly seconded and it was unanimously resolved "That the Council appoint an Architectural Assistant to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the former Architectural Assistant to the County Engineer."

214 - CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER: The County Manager told Clr. King that the recent advertisement for a Chief Assistant County Engineer referred to the post of Mr. M. A. Martyn, B.E.

Clr. King said that the Council had recommended that Mr. Martyn's service be extended to the equivalent of his national service and he calculated that that did not expire until May 1957 at the earliest. They were being told to economise at present and he thought that irrespective of retiring age they should retain a man who was willing and able to carry on instead of employing a new official and paying the retired official a pension. He proposed that they recommend that this appointment be not made.

The Chairman said they had asked the Department of Local Government to extend Mr. Martyn's service by three years.

The Temporary Assistant County Manager said Mr. Martyn had completed two years and four months of the extension.

215 - FAIRS, MARKETS AND TOLL RIGHTS AT ATHENRY: The Temporary Assistant County Manager explained that Clr. J.J. Ruane and Messrs. Fahy & Glynn, Athenry, purchased the tolls and customs of the fairs and markets in Athenry for the sum of £2500 plus £125 Auctioneer's fees on the understanding that these properties would be held by them until such time as they would be purchased by the Galway County Council. They now offered them to the Council for £2500 plus £125 Auctioneer's fees plus interest on the amount of the purchase money paid by them for the period from 13th January, 1956, to the date of completion of the purchase by the Council and on the understanding that the Council would be responsible for the costs of conveyance. It was hoped that the fairs would be moved from the streets as they had negotiated for a very suitable field of over 6 acres beside the railway station for a fairgreen at a cost of £1400 and for an entrance of less than an acre to this field at £250 per acre, the Council to be responsible for Auctioneer's fees and costs of conveyance of both properties. The cost of the purchase of the tolls, customs and fairgreen site would therefore amount to approximately £4300 and the County Engineer's estimate for development, surfacing, pens, etc. of the fairgreen amounted to £14,000 so that the total estimated all-in cost was about £18,500. He added that the tolls were let to a collector at £100 per annum and that with a fairgreen in operation there should be a very efficient collection of tolls giving a substantial return.

The County Manager said that £1400 for six acres of land in Athenry was very high as when land was required for a factory the price per acre was very much below £200.

Clr. J.J. Ruane stated that he could submit evidence that there was a tender of £400 some years ago for the tolls but it was late.

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

"That the Council hereby approve the purchase of the tolls and customs of the fairs and markets in the town of Athenry for £2500 plus 5% auctioneer's fees, plus costs of conveyance and interest on the amount of purchase money paid by the present owners for the period from 13th January, 1956, up to the completion of the purchase of these properties by the Council."

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

"That the Council hereby approve the purchase of land in the townland of Raheen, Athenry, as a site for a Fairgreen on the following terms -

- (a) From Mr. Thomas Higgins, 74, The Quay Waterford - 6 acres, 0 rds, 36 sq. pers. and 7 sq. yds. for £1400 plus 5% Auctioneer's fees and costs of conveyance, and

- (b) From Mrs. Therese Curran, Athenry - 2 rds, 22 sq. perches and 14 sq. yds. at £250 per acre plus 5% Auctioneer's fees and costs of conveyance".

216 - LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN: The Temporary Assistant Co. Manager told the Chairman that no sanction had yet been received from the Department of Local Government to the development of Loughrea Fairgreen.

217 - TOLLS AND CUSTOMS AT PORTUMNA: At the request of Clrs. Hanley and Canning consideration of the question as to whether the tolls and customs at Portumna should be collected or abolished was adjourned to the next meeting.

Clr. King suggested that the time was opportune for the Council to make a decision regarding the collection or abolition of tolls and customs generally and Clr. Sirr agreed.

218 - GALWAY CITY TOLLS: Senator J. Mannion stated that by virtue of the Galway City Tolls, there was a toll not alone on cattle, sheep and horses but also on every commodity that passed through the city to any part of the county on a Schedule of items brought in Galway and sent out of the city. He asked the County Manager if he could abolish these tolls or alternatively sell them for a nominal sum to the people of Connemara so that they could abolish them.

The County Manager, saying that he had no power to abolish them, added that it would require an Act of the Oireachtas, the toll being governed by a special Act, the Galway Town Improvement Act. He added that the toll meant 4d in the £. to the Galway City rates.

The Chairman suggested that Deputies Coogan and Geoghegan the two deputies for West Galway on the Council, should introduce a private members bill in Dail Eireann to abolish the Galway City tolls.

Clr. Ashe suggested that Senator Mannion might introduce the abolition of the tolls through the Senate.

219 - RAISING OF LOANS FOR HOUSING GRANTS: Letter dated the 30th October 1956 ref. 7/13/1 from the Department of Local Government was submitted stating that the Minister for Local Government had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to make a loan of £190,000 available from the Local Loans Fund to the Council for the purpose of grants under Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952.

The Temporary Assistant Co. Manager said that a further £21,000 would be required to meet commitments up to September 30th, 1956.

Clr. Kitt referring to his notice of motion, 19 (k) (2) on the agenda, proposed that the Council's scheme of Supplementary Grants for Housing be continued as previously agreed by the Council to the 31st March, 1957. He added that even if they failed to get a loan from the Local Loans Fund it would be worth their while to finance the extra cost of the Scheme to that date out of their own revenues.

Clr. Dowd seconded Clr. Kitt's proposal.

The County Manager said that he could not see any moral or legal obligation on the Council to consider the issue of grants after September 1956. He advocated that the Council would not extend the scheme beyond that date especially in view of the fact that the country was in a serious state of financial embarrassment.

Clrs. Flaherty, Joyce, King and Sirr and Deputies Geoghegan and Killilea supported Clr. Kitt's proposal.

Deputy Coogan and Senator Mannion suggested that the Scheme be continued until 31st December, 1957, so that interested parties would have two months to apply for grants.

Finally it was decided to consider applications up to 31st March, 1957, and applications received after that date which were accompanied by a certificate of approval issued prior to that date and to issue housing grants to these applicants provided the money was available.

Deputy Geoghegan pleaded for special consideration for applicants who qualified for the Gaeltacht Services Housing Grants.

220 - GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR LOANS TO PERSONS PURCHASING OR ERECTING HOUSES: The Guarantee Scheme made under and in accordance with Section 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, which was approved by the Minister for Local Government per letter dated 17th September, 1956, Ref: H.263/7, having been circulated to the members, was submitted and approved for farmers whose total valuation exceeded £35 and other persons whose income exceeded £600 per annum, on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Clr. Sirr.

The Council unanimously agreed to issue loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as long as the necessary funds were available to eligible applicants whose income did not exceed £600 per annum or farmers whose valuation did not exceed £35.

221 - RAISING OF ADDITIONAL LOANS FOR PROVISION OF HOUSES UNDER THE LABOURERS ACTS: The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had informed him that it would be necessary to raise a supplementary loan for the balance required to finance completion of the erection of 286 cottages, the number comprising the scheme for which a loan of £210,000 was raised and a Transition Development Fund Grant of £96,000 received. He added that it would not be possible to ascertain the exact amount of loan required for at least six months as some of the cottages in the Scheme had not yet been completed and in a fairly large number of cases retention money and additional expenses under the Price Variation Clause were outstanding. He recommended that an interim supplementary loan of £30,000 be raised to complete the scheme.

The Chairman proposed, Clr. Kitt seconded and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Council hereby approve the raising of an interim supplementary loan of £30,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of completing the Scheme of 286 houses under the Labourers Acts, the loan to be repayable by way of annuity for the term of the unexpired period of the original loan of £210,000 with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

The County Manager suggested that if the erection of further cottages was to be carried out, a further £50,000 would be required and he advocated raising a loan for that amount.

The Chairman proposed, Clr. Kitt seconded and it was unanimously resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of erecting a new Scheme of Houses under the Labourers' Acts, the loan to be repayable by way of annuity over a period of thirty five years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

222 - DUTIES OF R.M.S. GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: On the proposal of Clr. Kelly, seconded by Deputy Killilea, it was decided to adjourn consideration of this item to a special meeting of the Council to be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday 10th November, 1956, to discuss matters concerning the Galway Regional Hospital.

223 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The County Manager told Deputy Coogan that he would consult the Resident Architect regarding the erection of location and direction signs in the Regional Hospital.

Deputy Coogan complained that elderly people who came to visit patients were not allowed to use the lift in the Regional Hospital. He also said that patients were discharged without prior notification having been given to their relatives.

The County Manager in reply to Deputy Coogan, said that there was no fixed period for the duration of employment of temporary nurses, but they should not be employed for more than six months at a time and under no circumstances, as a result of a court decision, for more than two years.

224 - CARDIOLOGIST, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: It was proposed by Clr. Dowd, seconded by the Chairman and resolved:

"That the Council hereby confirm its approval to the creation of the permanent part-time position of Cardiologist to the Galway Regional Hospital as previously approved in Minute No: 123 of 28th July, 1956."

225 - PART-TIME OBSTETRICIAN, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Consideration of the creation of this position was adjourned to meeting to be held on 10th November, 1956.

226 - ASSISTANT RADIOLOGIST, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Consideration of the creation of this position was adjourned to meeting to be held on 10th November, 1956.

227 - CLIFDEN DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: The Acting County Secretary referred to Minute No: 9736 of the 24th September, 1955, wherein the Council approved the raising of a loan of £4,300 for provision of a dispensary residence at Clifden. He added that the total all-in cost was now estimated by the Acting County Engineer to amount to £4786.

On the proposal of Senator Mammion, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council approved the provision of a dispensary Residence at Clifden at a cost of £4786, the balance of £486 in excess of the loan approved to be financed out of revenue.

228 - VILLAGE HALL SCHEME: Letter dated the 29th September 1956 from the County Manager was submitted together with letter of 28th September 1956, to the County Manager from the Chairman, Halls Advisory Committee, Foras Eireann, Dublin, and copy of the County Manager's reply thereto of the 29th September, 1956. The contents were noted.

229 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: Auditor's report on the Galway County Committee of Agriculture for year ended 31st March 1956 was submitted and approved.

230 - ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES:

It was proposed by Clr. Kitt, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the adoption of provisional amendments to the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places which was confirmed by the Minister for Local Government on 26th September, 1956, as follows:

BALLINASLOE ELECTORAL AREA.

1. Transfer the townland of Creggaun (Killure E.D.) from Killure N.S. (page 2) to Ballinasloe Boys N.S. (page 1).
2. Alter name of Polling Place "Town Hall, Ballymacward" (Page 1) to "House at Ballymacward".

GALWAY ELECTORAL AREA.

1. Transfer the townland of Carnmore West (Carnmore E.D.) from Claregalway N.S. (page 8) to Carnmore N.S. (page 7).
2. Transfer the townland of Carnmore (Aughrin E.D.) from House at Moorpark (Page 7) to Carnmore N.S. (page 7).
3. Transfer Cregboy (Carnmore E.D.) from Carnmore N.S. (page 7) to Claregalway N.S. (page 8).
4. Transfer E.D. of Deepark from Crumlin N.S. (page 8) to a new booth in House at Parkparvo, Turloughmore.
5. Transfer to House at Menlough (New Booth): - From St. Brendan's N.S. (page 8) - Coolah (part of) (Galway Rural E.D.) and Menlough (part of) (Galway Rural E.D.) from Town Hall, Galway (page 10) - Coolah (part of) (Galway Urban E.D.) and Menlough (part of) (Galway Urban E.D.) from House at Carrowbrown (page 7) - Anlihan, (Carrowbrown E.D.)
6. Transfer from House at Salthill (page 11) to House at Upper Salthill (New Booth): - Beech Avenue, Dalysfort Road, Lenaboy Gardens, Lenaboy Avenue, Pollnacroom East, Pollnacroom West, Rockbarton and San Antonio Terrace.

LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA.

1. Transfer the townlands of Brockagh, Caherbulligan and Tallawroe (Killeely E.D.) from Killeekeen N.S. (page 13) to Coldwood N.S. (page 15).
2. Transfer the townland of Kiltolymore (Drumacoo E.D.) from Killeekeen N.S. (page 13) to Clarenbridge N.S. (page 12).
3. Transfer booth from House at Rossmore (page 13) to Drah N.S. (new booth).
4. Transfer booth from Vastolands N.S. (page 15) to Drum N.S. (new booth).
5. Transfer from Killomoran N.S. (page 12) to a new booth in House at Cahermore - E.D. of Cahermore excluding the townlands of Killomoran, Ballykilladea, Caherglassaun, Cahermore, Crannagh, Raheen Demesne, Raheen Kilkelly, and Lydaean.
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8. Transfer from Killinny N.S. (page 16) to new booth in House at Tirneevin - E.D. of Killinny (part of) comprising the townlands of Gortnacullin, Kilmacduagh, Cloonawashin, Tawnagh East, Tawnagh West, Tirneevin, Ballymulfaig, Gortnacool, Cloonteen, Ballyvoher, Cappanapisha North and Cappanapisha South.
9. Transfer from Kinvara Courthouse (page 17) to House at Carrowmacra (page 17) - E.D. Kinvara (part of) comprising the townlands of Shenloch and Carrontrellick.
10. Transfer from House at Granna (page 12) to Pete swell N.S. (page 16) - E.D. of Castleboy (part of) comprising the townlands of Cuilmore, Gortnaloman, Blackbrook, Leeknabegga, and Limepark South.

DOUGHTYERARD ELECTORAL AREA.

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1. Transfer Tooreen (Cleggan E.D.) from Cleggan N.S. (page 19) to Moyard N.S. (page 24).
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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Phone:
Galway 55.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

6th November, 1956.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

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You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Saturday, 10th November, 1956, at 2.p.m. to consider those items on the agenda for meeting held on 3rd November, 1956, consideration of which was adjourned at that meeting, and to consider matters relating to the Galway Regional Hospital.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 1956.

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

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

235 - SYMPATHY WITH HUNGARIAN PEOPLE: On the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Flaherty the Council unanimously condemned the murderous and barbaric acts of Soviet Russian troops in Hungary and offered sympathy to the people of that oppressed nation.

Deputy Geoghegan suggested that if Ireland were taking some of the Hungarian Refugees, the Galway County Council should make Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital available to the Red Cross to accommodate some of them. The County Manager said that he did not think that Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital would be available as it was not being closed down. The Chairman said that they should suggest that Dunsandle House, Loughrea, be put at the disposal of the Red Cross to accommodate some of the Hungarian refugees and this was agreed to.

236 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The Chairman suggested that the affairs of the Galway Regional Hospital be discussed under the following headings:- (1) Staffing, (2) Admission and Discharge of patients (3) Food and (4) Administration generally. The suggestion was agreed to.

237 - STAFFING: The Acting County Secretary in reply to the Chairman said that Dr. T.A. White, R.M.S., took up duty on 13th October, 1956 and from that date to the 31st October, 1956, he had been granted the following leave:- Sick leave 625 days, annual leave 88 days, special leave 34 days and compassionate leave 7 days, a total of 754 days.

The County Manager told Clr. Glynn that Dr. White was appointed R.M.S. on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, that the Council did not get any certificate as to his health, but that he had to be successfully examined medically before being recommended for appointment.

The Chairman said that within a year of taking up duty the R.M.S. had been absent on sick leave for 147 days in spite of the fact that he was certified medically fit prior to appointment. He had great sympathy with the R.M.S. in his illness but he considered it unfair to either Dr. White or to the Council to have certified him fit. If he was not fit he should not have been appointed in the first instance; if he became ill somebody should be appointed to take his place when absent. They had a first class hospital and staff in Galway and the Council owed it to the public to ask the Department to ascertain if Dr. White was fit and able to resume his duties.

The County Manager in reply to Deputy Coogan said that when an officer became ill he was entitled to sick leave with full pay for 6 months and then sick leave with half pay but special provisions applied to T.B. patients, and normally sick leave should not be granted to an officer unless he had a good prospect of returning to duty. He did not deny that the services had been very unsatisfactory due to the R.M.S.'s long absence through illness. He was assured by Dr. White's doctor in England that he would be fit and able to resume duty in January, 1957. He added that the R.M.S. and Lay Superintendent, Mr. W.C. Hogan, deputised for each other during the illness of one another, the latter deputising for the former only in so far as a layman could.

Clr. King criticised the Local Appointments Commission for its system whereby a local authority was not given the option of obtaining a medical certificate for its own information on an official recommended to it for appointment, although applicants for probationary nursing and junior clerkships were turned down for the smallest technical fault by the local authority when it came to medical certificates.

Clr. Joyce said that the R.M.S. had received every consideration from the Council since he took up duty but the time had arrived when the matter could not be allowed to deteriorate any longer. He therefore proposed that the Council take serious and definite action if Dr. White's attendance did not improve when he returned to duty in January, 1957.

Clr. Collins seconded Clr. Joyce's proposal.

Clr. Kelly, enquiring if collecting bills was part of the R.M.S.'s duty said it seemed odd to have a layman take over a doctor's post and he submitted that it was impossible for the Lay Superintendent to carry out the R.M.S.'s duties.

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He asked if the Lay Superintendent got extra remuneration for it.

The County Manager said that the Lay Superintendent took over only in matters where a layman could help such as the supervision of the use of expensive drugs etc. and he was in constant consultation with the Medical Staff. He confirmed that the entire administration of the hospital was the Resident Medical Superintendent's responsibility, and the collection of bills the Lay Superintendent's duty. He agreed that the Lay Superintendent could not do two people's work and he added that the hospital suffered because they had one man where they should have had two. He told Clr. Kelly that Mr. Kyne, Staff Officer, deputised for the R.M.S. and the Lay Superintendent when they were both absent together for a short time and he was paid for it.

The Temporary Assistant County Manager said that the Lay Superintendent got extra remuneration from January, 1956 for deputising for the R.M.S.

Clr. Wall said that the R.M.S. was absent on sick leave for over two years and the Council could in all probability expect a continuation of his absence. He suggested the appointment of a temporary R.M.S.

Clr. Galvin considered that an absence of over 750 days in six years was a most unreasonable service.

The County Manager announced that he had appointed Doctor J. Moloney, Mallow as Temporary R.M.S. and that he would take up duty on the 16th instant. He stated that if Dr. White was on any prolonged period of sick leave after the 1st January, 1957 he would consider removing him from office. He proposed with the Council's approval to continue the extra remuneration of £150 a year to the Lay Superintendent for at least two months to assist the Temporary R.M.S. The Council agreed to this proposal.

The County Manager told Deputy Killilea that a large number of temporary Nurses had been employed at the Regional Hospital because it had not been found possible to keep the probationer staff up to full strength. He added that temporary nurses should not be employed for more than six months at a time, and under no circumstances, as a result of a High Court decision, for more than two years and he had pointed out to the Matron that there should be a break of two months between periods of employment. The selection of the personnel to be employed was the responsibility of the Matron, who had experience in these matters. They were trying by advertisements to get as many permanent nurses as possible and to increase the number of probationer nurses so as to reduce the number of temporary nurses employed.

Deputy Killilea and Clr. Collins suggested that a much shorter break than two months between periods of employment would suffice so that the Matron would not have to be continually employing new nursing staff.

The County Manager told Deputy Coogan that the minimum height for probationer nurses was fixed by the old Board of Health but that he had now, after consultation with the Department of Health, stipulated a minimum of five feet.

The Lay Superintendent told Clr. Kelly that maids under sixteen years of age were employed at the Regional Hospital because of the difficulty of getting a sufficient number of maids over sixteen years of age.

238: PART-TIME OBSTETRICIAN. Consideration of the creation of the position of Part-Time Obstetrician was deferred until after the newly appointed whole-time Obstetrician-Gynaecologist took up duty.

239: RADIOLOGIST (ASSISTING) It was proposed by Clr. Glynn seconded by Clr. Kelly and resolved

"that the Council hereby approve the creation of the permanent part-time position of Radiologist (Assisting) under the Galway County Council."

240: ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS: Clr. Joyce referred to the difficulty that the porters appeared to have in advising visitors regarding the location of patients in the Regional Hospital and he suggested the installation of a proper system of index so that the information would be available immediately.

The Chairman said that a simple card index system was all that was required.

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The County Manager said the delay in arranging such a system was due to the fact that the present ward arrangement was temporary.

The Chairman stated that Doctors were sending patients into the hospital and these patients were not always attended to by the Doctors of either their own or their medical officer's choice. He considered that there should be a proper admittance form through which the family doctor could recommend and the patient choose his own Doctor in the hospital rather than have a Doctor assigned to a patient on the recommendation of a layman.

The Lay Superintendent replied that the Physicians had arranged between themselves alternative admission days and the Surgeons had made a similar arrangement.

The County Manager said that a patient had no right to a choice of doctor in the hospital. He told Clr. Burke that the Matron could admit patients in emergency cases but generally it was necessary to have a doctor present. He informed Clr. Glynn that Registrars operated on their own but that House Surgeons did not.

Senator Mannion submitted that, if at all possible, patients should have a choice of surgeons, as the welfare of the patient should be the prime concern of the hospital authorities and the patient's confidence in the operating surgeon was half the battle to recovery. He urged that doctors throughout the county be circularised that if a patient wanted to see a particular surgeon, the days on which the surgeon was available should be made known - they should even be published in the local press.

The Lay Superintendent replied that the doctors throughout the county knew the days on which the Surgeons performed operations. He added that as the surgical beds were divided evenly between the three surgeons, any change would make the organization lopsided and lead to chaos.

Deputy Coogan asked who was in charge of the hospital on Sundays and Church Holidays when neither the R.M.S. nor Lay Superintendent was on duty. He alleged that a child had to wait for four hours with a bleeding wound on his head at the hospital because there was no doctor available and that eventually when a young doctor arrived his excuse for the delay was that he had been at Mass.

The County Manager said there were nurses around and if they thought something should have been done, he was sure they would have done it. He added that it was a pity that Deputy Coogan did not make his complaint to him at the time the alleged incident happened so that an immediate investigation could be made.

When Clr. J.J. Ruane suggested a special scheme for training fever nurses, the County Manager said they had a scheme but it was hard to get applicants and he had asked the Department of Health to increase the salary for fever trained nurses and he hoped it would bring results.

Clr. Lambert complained that patients had been discharged without prior notification to their relatives and he suggested that the latter should be notified by wire if necessary when patients were being discharged.

The County Manager said that one of the difficulties that led to Clr. Lambert's complaint was the ambulance service, as sometimes when it was calling to collect a patient, another patient was ready for discharge and was sent home in the ambulance.

When Clr. James Donnellan referred to a patient sent in about three months ago by a Tuam doctor who had given the patient a note, and who had been left waiting for three and a half hours before being admitted to the hospital, the County Manager said he was surprised that Clr. Donnellan had not reported the matter long ago so that it could be investigated immediately.

Clr. M. Mannion referred to the case already instanced by him in Minutes No: 106 of the 23rd June, 1956, and No: 111 of 28th July, 1956, and said he still awaited an explanation.

The County Manager undertook to investigate Clr. Mannion's allegations and he added that in an effort to relieve overcrowding at the Galway Regional Hospital he had directed that patients from east County Galway, contiguous to Ballinasloe, be sent to Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe.

DEPUTY KILLILEA NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Kelly, referring to the allegations of Clr. M. Mannion, asked if a district medical officer or any other doctor issued a ticket to a patient for admission to the Galway Regional Hospital, was the patient entitled to admission and the County Manager confirmed that he was.

Clr. Glynn criticised the condition of the ambulances that were used to convey patients.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Joyce suggested that a more suitable type of ambulance be stationed at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Clifden to suit the Connemara roads. He said that the driver and nurse on the Clifden ambulance had now to provide their own meals when they came to Galway.

Senator J. Mannon asked the County Manager to re-arrange for the provision of meals for the Clifden Ambulance Driver and Nurse as was done up to a few months ago.

The Acting County Secretary said that subsistence allowances were now being paid to the driver and nurse in lieu of meals.

Clr. Dowd referred to the absence of any provisions for the extraction of teeth at Portiuncula Hospital and he added that there should be no distinction between the visiting hours in that hospital for public and semi-private patients.

Clr. John Connellan said that maternity cases should be admitted to the Galway Regional Hospital without notes from the doctors by whom they were sent in. He submitted that when patients were discharged reports on their condition at discharge should be made available to their doctors at home.

Clr. Galvin alleged that trivial complaints were the subject matter for several days observations in Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, in circumstances in which they would not be so kept if they were not "the guests of the Galway County Council."

The Chairman said it was pitiable to see people standing in a queue in the main corridor waiting for visiting hours to commence and he suggested that seats be provided for them.

Deputy Coogan said that there did not appear to be anyone available to operate the lifts and he requested that in future old people who come visiting patients, children, and the patients themselves should have the use of the lifts.

The Lay Superintendent said that they had two very valuable lifts in the hospital primarily for the use of patients, but as people used them indiscriminately and the contractor got tired of sending workmen to repair them, the porter had instructions to carry no one other than those suggested by Deputy Coogan.

The County Manager said that one man could not possibly attend to his own duties and operate the lifts at the same time.

Clr. J.J. Ruane agreed and said they should have one man employed to operate the lifts, just as was the case in any average hotel.

241 - TELEPHONIST: Clr. J.J. Ruane complained about the inadequacy of the attendance on the Hospital telephone exchange especially on Sundays and Church Holidays and the County Manager explained that there was no telephone attendant available on those latter days.

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

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of the permanent whole-time employment of telephonist to the Galway County Council in addition to the employment approved in Minute No. 176 of the 29th August, 1956."

242 - PORTER TO ACT AS LIFT ATTENDANT: It was proposed by Clr. J.J. Ruane seconded by Deputy Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of an additional employment of porter to the Galway County Council to act as lift attendant."

243 - FOOD: Clr. Canning complained that the food was badly cooked and badly served in the Galway Regional Hospital.

The Chairman said they were not satisfied with the way the food was served and this was not the fault of the catering supervisor but due to the fact that she had an untrained and juvenile staff.

Clrs. James Connellan and John Connellan agreed with the Chairman. Clr. Dowd said that he, as a member of the Visiting Committee, had interviewed many patients and only one patient had ever complained to him about the food.

Clr. Galvin remarked that the complaints were probably exaggerated.

Clr. Kelly suggested the appointment of a chef and attributed the cause of the complaints to the distance between the kitchens and the wards.

Senator J. Mannon considered the complaints regarding the food were grossly exaggerated.

The County Manager said that the food generally speaking was not bad but there was room for improvement. He added that the standard in Marlborough Park was much higher and he was anxious to see conditions in the Galway Regional Hospital just as good and he could see no reason why they should not be so.

Senator J. Mannon asked that nurses in the Maternity Department on night duty be given more butter than the $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. a week allowed.

The Chairman supported Senator Mannon's request and said that the nurses in the Maternity Department alleged that nurses in the general hospital got 50 per cent better food than they did.

The Lay Superintendent said that the Maternity Nurses' complaint was not correct as all nurses got the same rations.

Clr. Kelly referred to allegations that the milk ration had been reduced and he insisted that there be no economy measures effected in any department in the hospital without the prior consent of the Council.

244 - ADMINISTRATION GENERALLY: Consideration of this item was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

245 - SEWERAGE SYSTEM, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Deputy Geoghegan asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Council and this was agreed to.

246 - EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE, ROADS RURAL - 1956/57: Letter dated the 10th instant from the Acting County Engineer, enclosing schedule of works proposed to be carried out under the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote, Roads Rural, 1956/57, was submitted.

The Council on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane, approved of the proposals.

247 - CLIFDEN HOUSES: The Temporary Assistant County Manager told Clr. Joyce that it was hoped to resume work at an early date on the erection of the cottages at Clifden.

248 - CONGRATULATIONS: Clr. Kelly proposed that the Council congratulate Mr. D.D. Coyle, Director of Messrs. Hygeia Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, Long Walk, Galway, on the establishment by his firm of an annual scholarship of £250 at University College, Galway. He added that the firm had set a fine example that could profitably be followed by the Galway Chamber of Commerce.

The Chairman and Clr. Joyce associated themselves with the proposal which was passed unanimously.

249 - SYMPATHY: A vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of the late Miss Greulich, Canal Road, Galway.

250 - MISCELLANEOUS: Consideration of the remaining items from 19(a) (1) to 19 (L) (2) inclusive was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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COMHARLE CONNDAE NA GALWAY

Na Foirgnighe Conndae, Galway.

20th Samain, 1956

Óigéirí na h-Éire

A GARA,

Na h-Éire, le 20th Samain, 1956. Tá na h-Éire ag cruinniú na h-Éire...

Mise, le meas,

M. Ó MAOLRUANAID

Ruairche Sealadaí.

Óigéirí:

- 1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Cléiríche Sealadaí do fó-óisce na bhfinsean Sean-Aoise, Conndae na Galway.
3. Fó-óisce na bhfinsean Sean-Aoise san Árann.
4. Coisde Oidhreachais Sairme Ueada Conndae na Galway - Scéim Airgid bliantúil.
5. Iasacht Gléas, Cár-Carainz, buidéal nua Zeine i bPortumna.
6. Cléiríche agus Custaim i bPortumna.
7. Aerú Páige.
8. Scéim na gCúig nblíon, Dóaire Conndae.
9. Droichead Úlath Fearca.
10. Cruí Post mar Leabharlannáid, Craob Cille Seanaill.
11. Riaraib, Droim Oispidéil na Galway.
12. Córás Séarachais, Príomh Oispidéil na Galway.
13. Scéim Béilí Scoile - Dáta Cruinniú.
14. Scoláireachta.
15. Molta Comhairleoirí.
16. Óigéirí.

TO CONSIDER:

- 1. Minutes.
2. Temporary Clerk to Galway County Old Age Pension Sub-Committee - extension of appointment.
3. Aran Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
4. County Galway Vocational Education Committee Annual Financial Scheme.
5. Raising of Loan of £1225 for purchase of Towing Vehicle for Portumna Fire Brigade.
6. Consideration of the question as to whether the Tolls and Customs at Portumna be collected or abolished.
7. Remuneration Variations.
8. County Roads Five Year Plan.
9. Clonfert Bridge.
10. Creation of position of Branch Librarian at Kilconnell.
11. Galway Regional Hospital Administration.
12. Galway Regional Hospital Sewerage System.
13. Date of meeting to consider School Meals (Gaeltacht) Scheme.
14. Scholarships.
15. Councillors' Notices of Motion:
(a) Clr. P. Ruane:
(1) I will ask this Council meeting to request C.I.E. to change the time of Bus Service between Coshla, Athenry to Galway from 12.30 p.m. to 10.30 a.m.
(2) To widen dangerous corners at Liscannonaun, Claregalway Cross Roads, at Castlegar Cross near Castlegar Old School, and also Ballybane Cross on Galway-Tuam Road near Priest's house, Castlegar.
(b) Clr. Joyce: I or some one acting on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the Galway County Council:-
(1) That the County Council provide false teeth for those people who had their teeth extracted before the allocation for this scheme was exhausted last year.
(2) That public lighting be provided at Cleggan.
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(1) That a Finance Committee consisting of ten members be appointed to consider ways and means to economise on the present expenditure of the Council.
(2) That no proposed economies be effected without the sanction of the Council.
(3) That the proposed building of a Fire Station at Clifden be deferred as well as any other buildings provided for.
(d) Deputy Geoghegan: (1) I will ask the County Engineer to say what Grant has been got from the Government for Main Roads in the year 1954/55 and what has been granted in 1955/56 and if all the money has been transferred to the County Roads and where it is being spent
(2) I will propose that the Council instruct the County Engineer to carryout repairs agreed to by the Council to the road leading to the cottages at Lemonfield, Oughterard.
(3) I will propose that the Co. Council sink a pump for a water supply in the village of Snabo Rosmuc.
(4) I will ask the County Engineer what is the delay in the erection of the reservoir at Oughterard, Co. Galway.
(e) Clr. Carty: I, or some other member acting on my behalf shall ask the County Manager to make a statement on the Minister's decision regarding grants for Main Roads and in particular to inform the Councillors about the following matters:-
(1) Total amounts received by way of State Grants for Main and County Roads during the years 1951/52, 1952/53, 1953/54, 1954/55, 1955/56 and 1956/57.
(2) Average weekly number of workers exclusive of Supervisors, Gangers, and Foremen employed during each of the aforementioned years.

15. (e) Contd.
- (3) Average number of road workers employed for each week of the present financial year up to and including the week ending September 22, 1956.
 - (4) Number of road workers discharged or left off during the week ending September 29th, 1956.
 - (5) Particulars of any Department of Local Government directive regarding diversion of outstanding Main Road Grants to County Roads.
 - (6) The anticipated reduction in the number of road workers to be employed during the next six months as a result of the Minister's decision on the Road Grants.
- (f) Clr. Flaherty:
- (1) I will object to the transport of Road Material to North Galway from the Council's plant at New Inn, a distance of 20 to 30 miles.
 - (2) What is the cost per ton at the plant, the cost per lorry per day and how many lorries are employed.
 - (3) Explain the reason why one contractor can have two lorries delivering Road Material to the Council, while other lorry owners cannot get a contract at all.
 - (4) I will ask the Assistant County Manager when does he intend to have the three public lights erected in Kilkerrin.
- (g) Clr. O'Donnell:
- (1) That the County Engineer will spend a considerable sum of the money that is transferred from Main Roads to County Roads, by direction of the Minister for Local Government, on County Roads in South Connemara because the Fior Gaoltacht Road Grant is not yet sanctioned for the current financial year.
 - (2) That the Co. Engineer will expedite completion of the Lettermore Bridges.
- (h) Clr. Dowd:
- (1) I will ask the County Manager if the Council has decided to purchase land offered at Clonfert for cottages.
 - (2) I will ask the County Engineer to have the well of the pump at Kiltormer cleaned, plastered and protected.
 - (3) I will propose that a well be sunk at the Doctor's House at Kiltormer, also repairs carried out to windows and one door closed up.
 - (4) I will ask the County Engineer when he proposes to have the road to Doons Cemetery completed.
- (j) Senator J. Mannion:
- (1) I or someone on my behalf will move that the County Council repair County Road No. 33 through the village of Banogues and extend it to the Marble Quarry at Cregg.
 - (2) I will also move that the County Council repair County Road No. 41 through the village of Glonloughan and extend it to Latly.
 - (3) I will move that the County Council apply to the Board of Works for 80% of the cost of above repairs.
 - (4) I will move that street lighting be provided for the village of Oleggan.
- (k) Clr. Kitt:
- (1) At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I will move that the Co. Council be informed as to what steps have been taken as regards the derelict sites in Ahascragh.
- (l) Clr. Burke:
- (1) I propose that two street lights be erected outside Kilconly Church.
 - (2) I propose that the names of Sean Finnegan, N.T., James Mooney, N.T., be added to the Dunmore Pension Committee.
- (m) Deputy Killiloea:
- At the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will ask why a street light was taken from near O'Neill's House, McHale's Tee., Tuam, which was serving 8 families and a dangerous lane and shifted to another end of same Terrace serving 2 houses.

(15)(n) Clr. Lambert:

At the next meeting of the Galway County Council I will ask:-

- (1) that Public lighting be provided at Kilchreest, Loughrea.
- (2) That Mr. P. J. O'Loughlin's name be added to the Kinvara Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

(o) Deputy Geoghegan:

- (1) I will propose that the Galway Co. Council provide a weighing-scales in the town of Oughterard.
- (2) That the Galway County Council recommend to the responsible Minister that he station a helicopter in Galway to deal with the conveyance of patients from the Islands off the West Coast in general to the different hospitals.
- (3) I will ask the County Manager to state the reasons for the delay in having called to hospital those children who have been recommended by the Chief Medical Officer to have their tonsils removed, for the extraction of teeth and supply of glasses.

(16) Other business.

Muirín O'Curran
1st Mi na Modlaiz 1956

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1956.

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

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

251 - **CÓMÓRÓN:** Mhol Clr. Mac Boicáráin rún cóm-óráin le mhaoi-ééile agus Clann Comais uí Deirig, a fuair bás cúda lá ó sóin agus bí mar mhíre Oibreachais le linn Fiannda Fáil Beite i zceannas ar an Rialtas, agus mhol sé freisin go gcuireadh an cruinniú ar a léio go dtí a dó a éioz mar comárta measa dó. Cuidiú Clr. Seán O Domhallaigh leis an rún agus labair Clr. O Cár agus Clr. Mac An tOmaire freisin.

Clr. Sirr associated himself with the vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Tomas O Deirig, T.D., a former Minister for Education. It was resolved that the meeting be adjourned until 2.p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING CLR. QUINN TOOK THE CHAIR.

252 - **WELCOME:** On the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Kelly, the Council warmly welcomed Clr. Martin Quinn, Chairman, back to the chair after his absence for several months owing to serious illness. The Co. Manager associated himself with the felicitations on behalf of the staff.

253 - **CONGRATULATIONS:** On the proposal of Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Clr. Kelly, the Council congratulated the Irish Athletes for their magnificent performance in the Olympic Games at Melbourne Australia, more especially Ronnie Delaney on his winning the 1500 metres.

Mhol Clr. Seán O Domhallaigh rún cómshárachais le sciúrceóirí Feis Óeoil an Iarúar agus cuidiú Clr. Mac Boicáráin leis.

254 - **MINUTES:** The minutes of previous meetings to Number 250, having been circulated to the members, were submitted.

The Chairman, referring to minutes of meeting held on the 10th instant, said he thought that too much publicity had been given in the Press following the discussion at the last meeting on the administration of the Galway Regional Hospital; he felt that Dr. White the R.M.S. had done his best and he added that the greatest harmony existed between the hospital and the County Council.

Deputy Geoghegan proposed that the R.M.S., Matron and a Senior member of the Medical Staff of the Galway Regional Hospital be directed to attend future meetings of the Visiting Committee, and Clr. Collins seconded and the proposal was agreed to.

Clr. Joyce suggested that no complaints should be allowed to be discussed at future meetings of the Council unless they were previously submitted in writing to the County Manager, and this was agreed to.

The County Manager referred to page 2 of the minutes of meeting held on the 10th instant and he requested that the following words, which he said he did not use, be deleted from the first sentence of the first paragraph "such as the supervision of the use of expensive drugs etc." and this was agreed to.

Clr. John Donnellan referred to page 4 of the minutes of meeting held on the 10th instant and he said that his statement was "that maternity cases should not be admitted to the Galway Regional Hospital without notes from the doctors by whom they were sent in" and he asked that the necessary correction be made and this was agreed to.

The minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

255 - **LOANS FOR HOUSING GRANTS:** Deputy Lahiff referred to minute No: 219 and said it stated that the Minister for Local Government had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to make a loan of £190,000 available to the Council. He quoted from a newspaper report that the Minister for Local Government had replied to Deputy Geoghegan in the Dail saying that it had been sanctioned.

The temporary Assistant County Manager then explained the position to the members.

On the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Glynn it was agreed that the four T.Ds. on the Council, viz., Deputies Coogan, Geoghegan, Killilea & Lahiff and Senator Mannion call on the Minister for Finance on a

day to be arranged during the coming week to discuss the loan for the Supplementary Housing Grants and the loan for advances under the Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts.

256 - **SUBSTITUTION OF POST OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER FOR POST OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ENGINEER:**

Deputy Lahiff stated that he would move at the next meeting that the decision in Minute Number 213 of 3rd November, 1956, be rescinded.

257 - **TEMPORARY CLERK, GALWAY COUNTY OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE:** On the proposal of Deputy Coogan seconded by Deputy Geoghegan the appointment of Mr. David Egan as Temporary Clerk to the Galway County Old Age Pension Committee was continued for a further period of six months to the 1st May, 1957.

258 - **ARAN OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE:** On the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. John Donnellan Rev. Fr. Dominic Greally, C.C., was appointed to the Aran Old Age Pension Sub-Committee in lieu of Rev. Fr. Cullinane, C.C.

259 - **ANNUAL FINANCIAL SCHEME, 1957/58 - COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Letter dated the 17th November, 1956, from the C.E.O., County Galway Vocational Education Committee was submitted enclosing annual financial Scheme and applying for a rate of 14d. in the £. amounting to £29278 for year ending the 31st March, 1958. On the proposal of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. O'Donnell the application was approved.

260 - **LOAN OF £1225 for Purchase of Towing VEHICLE FOR PORTUMNA FIRE BRIGADE:** It was proposed by Clr. Canning seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1225 from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for the purchase of a Towing Vehicle for Portumna Fire Brigade, the loan to be repayable by way of annuity over a period of seven years with interest at the rate of 5% per annum."

261 - **PORTUMNA TOLLS AND CUSTOMS:** Clr. Hanley proposed that the Portumna Tolls and Customs be collected. He said that in view of the amount of money spent by the Galway County Council on the fairgreen, it was only right that they should get some return as the fairs were used by Tipperary and Clare people and Northern lorries. He added that having consulted the Portumna Development Association, and Young Farmers Club she considered that the people wanted the horse fair removed to Abbey Street near the old Castle Gate.

Clr. Canning said he was against the collection of the tolls as they were a penal code handed down from the landlords.

The Chairman said that one of the inducements to the Galway County Council to take over Portumna fairgreen was that it would get a return from the tolls.

Clr. Burke seconded Clr. Hanley's proposal and Clr. Canning said that in view of the Chairman's statement he would withdraw his opposition.

Clr. Hanley's proposal was then passed unanimously.

262 - **LOUGHREA FAIRGREEN:** Letter dated the 20th November, 1956, Ref. L.7/46/2, from the Department of Local Government, having been circulated to the members, was submitted stating that the Minister for Local Government did not consider the existing site suitable, that an Engineering Inspector from the Department had inspected both the existing and alternative sites, and stressing that it was important to ensure that the site chosen was the more suitable from the aspects of size, accommodation for livestock and location.

Clr. Carty said that the letter amazed him with its fantastic proposals as the existing site was excellent and should be developed in preference to the alternative site suggested. He added that the existing site was infested with tinkers and would remain so and as an eyesore as long as it was unfenced. He considered it unnecessary to install pens in the fairgreen as all that was required was the surfacing of the existing site with tarmac and proper fencing. He proposed that the Council adhere to their previous decision that the existing Fairgreen be developed.

Clr. Hanley seconded Clr. Carty's proposal and Clr. Galvin and Senator J. Mannion spoke in support.

The Chairman declared the proposal passed unanimously.

263 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: Letter dated the 2nd November, 1956, from the County Manager was submitted stating that subject to the approval of the Council he proposed to place the part-time Anaesthetist, Galway Regional Hospital, on a fully inclusive salary of £750 per annum as from the 1st November, 1956, the remuneration to be for services of approximately 15 hours per week and that the proposal was in accordance with the scale approved by the Minister for part-time anaesthetists. Consideration of the matter was deferred on the proposal of Clr. Carty, seconded by Clr. Kelly, until after the County Manager had circulated to the members of the Council concrete proposals regarding the staffing of the Galway Regional Hospital with anaesthetists.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

On the proposal of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, the following variations in remuneration were approved:-

1. Wages of fitter, Galway Regional Hospital, increased to 3/10d. per hour from 5th February, 1956, and to 4/2¹/₂d. per hour from 3rd December, 1956.
2. Wages of crushing plant drivers at Tombrucky and New Inn to be 24/- per day from 12th July, 1956 and 10th October, 1956, respectively.

The Council unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the County Manager's proposal to increase the remuneration of the Resident Engineer on the Kiltonan Water Supply Scheme from £12, 12, 0. to £14, 0, 11d. per week as from 1st November, 1956, pending receipt of further information regarding the proposal.

264 - FIVE YEAR ROADS PLAN: Letter dated the 29th October 1956 from the Acting County Engineer was submitted requesting the Council's approval to put the following roads on the Five Years Road Plan:-

- Road from Barbersfort Three Roads to Clocherboy Cross Roads - No: 204 - approx. 1¹/₂ miles.
- Road from Ballyhale to Kilbeg - No: 123 - approx. 1.8 miles.

As the Acting County Engineer had failed to circularise these proposals to the members in advance of the meeting, the Council unanimously agreed not to consider them.

265 - CLONFERT BRIDGE: Letter dated the 12th November 1956 from the County Manager was submitted stating that the Acting County Engineer estimated the cost of reconstructing Clonfert Bridge to be £1100 and that in his opinion it would not be justifiable to allocate this amount out of the County Road Improvement Grant for this road at the expense of some more important road.

Clr. Dowd, stating that he considered the County Manager's report to be a ridiculous one, proposed that the Council raise a loan of £1100 for the reconstruction of Clonfert Bridge, and Clr. Kelly seconded.

The proposal was agreed to.

266 - BRANCH LIBRARIAN AT KILCONNELL: On the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the creation of the part-time permanent and non-pensionable office of Branch Librarian at Kilconnell."

267 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION: Consideration of this matter was referred to the next meeting of the Visiting Committee of the Galway Regional Hospital.

268 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM: Deputy Geoghegan proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the County Manager circulate to the members of the Council a statement showing (1) the cost of the scheme originally proposed and (2) the cost of the revised scheme as carried out including new pumping plant and architects, engineers and quantity surveyors fees.

269 - SCHOOL MEALS (GAELTACHT) SCHEME: It was arranged to hold the Committee Meeting to consider the School Meals (Gaeltacht) Scheme, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th December, 1956.

270 - SYMPATHY: A vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of the late Miss A. Supple, Bride Street, Loughrea.

271 - MISCELLANEOUS: Consideration of the remaining items on the agenda from Nos: 14 to 16 inclusive was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council, which was arranged to be held on Wednesday, 19th December, 1956, at 2.30 p.m.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIŃE.

NA FOIRGNIGHE CONNDAE,
SAILLIŃE.

13d8 Noblaiz, 1956.

Cuiz zac baill ba'n Comairle.

A OARA,

TARRAR ORC, led' eoil, beid' l'c'air ag cruinniu' de
Comairle Conndae na Sailline a' eionolpar i Seomra na Comairle
ins na foirgnithe Conndae, Oia Ceadaon, 19d8 Noblaiz, 1956.
ag 8.30 a' e'log um' e'ra'ehona.

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M.S. O MAOIRUANAID.

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1. CLAR i' zóir an Cruinniu' a' eionolab ar an 1d8 Noblaiz, 1956 a' Uimhir 14 go dt' 16.
2. An Snó eile.

FOIRGNIGHE:

1. Items Nos: 14 to 16 on agenda for meeting held on 1st December, 1956 and consideration of which was adjourned.
2. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON WEDNESDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1956

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

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

272 - SYMPATHY: Deputy Geoghegan proposed and Clr. Collins seconded: "That the deep sympathy of the Council be extended to the widow and family of the late Commdt. Sean O Conchubhair, F.C.A. Area Officer, West Galway."

273 - SCHOLARSHIPS: On the proposal of Clr. Sarr, seconded by Deputy Lahiff, the Council approved the renewal for the year 1956/57 of the University Scholarship of £90 per annum awarded to Sean D. Lydon in 1953, and also payment of the third instalment of £30 for the year 1955/56.

On the proposal of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council decided that the non-residential secondary scholarship of £17. 10. 0. per annum awarded to Master John C. McNamara in 1952 be classed as a residential secondary scholarship from the year 1955/56 until its expiration, inclusive.

274 - FALSE TEETH: Clr. Joyce proposed that the County Council provide false teeth for those people who had their teeth extracted before the allocation for this scheme was exhausted last year, and Deputy Geoghegan seconded. Clrs. Hanley and Dowd supported the proposal.

The County Manager said that the delay was due to differences between the Minister for Health and the Irish Dental Association regarding the rates payable for one or two clinics a month to deal with the cases in question. He confirmed that the complaint would be righted at the earliest possible moment.

275 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to number 271 having been circulated to the members were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

276 - DEPUTATION RE BELVUE ROAD: Clr. Dowd introduced a deputation from Laurencetown led by Very Rev. Fr. Hughes, P.P., regarding the condition of a road in the Laurencetown area. Rev. Fr. Hughes said that portion of the road concerned had been completed from Kiltormer to Laurencetown and they asked that the road be continued through the village of Belvue instead of repairing the existing road which went through a bog. The alternative road suggested would be about a mile shorter and would serve about eight families living there and sixteen families with land there, whereas the existing road served only about one family. There was an old house adjacent to the alternative road which would provide building material for it. Clrs. Dowd, Collins and Hanley supported Fr. Hughes' request.

The Acting County Engineer said that the suggested alternative road was not a county road; it also would have to be widened and this could be more expensive than surfacing the bog road.

Consideration of the request was referred to the Annual Roads Estimates meeting.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

277 - CLEGGAN PUBLIC LIGHTING: Clr. Joyce proposed and Senator Mannion seconded that public lighting be provided at Cleggan and that six lights be installed. Senator Mannion added that Cleggan Pier was especially dangerous due to the absence of public lighting.

The County Manager said that no provision for this lighting was included in the current years Estimates of Expenses but he undertook to include it in the 1957/58 Estimates.

This was agreed to.

278 - BUS SERVICES: Clr. P. Ruane proposed, Clr. King seconded and it was resolved:

"That the Council request Coras Iompair Eireann to change the time of the Service between Cashla, Athenry to Galway from 12.30 p.m. to 10.30 a.m."

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Clr. Flaherty proposed, Clr. Sirr seconded and it was resolved: "That the Council request Coras Iompair Éireann to arrange a bus stop at the County Buildings for incoming buses."

279 - DANGEROUS CORNERS: Consideration of Clr. P. Ruane's notice of motion re dangerous corners at Lisconnonaun, Claregalway Cross Roads, at Castlegar Cross near Castlegar old School, and also Ballybane Cross on Galway-Tuam Road near Priest's house, Castlegar, was referred to the Annual Roads Estimates Meeting.

280 - FINANCE COMMITTEE: Clr. Kelly proposed and Senator Mannion seconded that a Finance Committee consisting of ten members be appointed to consider ways and means to economise on the present expenditure of the Council.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Clr. Dowd seconded that this matter be left in the hands of the Annual Estimates Committee.

The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on Clr. Kelly's proposal and the vote taken resulted as follows:
FOR: Clrs. Canning, Coogan, Flaherty, Galvin, Kelly, Lambert, John Mannion, Quinn-Ridge and Sirr (10).
AGAINST: Clrs. Collins, Dowd, Geoghegan, Hanley, Joyce, Killilea, Lahiff, Martin Mannion and James Ruane (3).

Clr. King and P. Ruane did not vote.

The Chairman declared Clr. Kelly's proposal approved.

It was decided to appoint the members of the Finance Committee at the next meeting of the Council.

281 - PROPOSED ECONOMIES: When Clr. Kelly proposed his notice of motion that no proposed economies be effected without the sanction of the Council, the Co. Manager said that the proposal was illegal and the Chairman agreed.

282 - CLIFDEN FIRE STATION: Clr. Kelly withdrew his notice of motion that the proposed building of a Fire Station at Clifden be deferred.

283 - MAIN ROAD GRANTS: The Acting Co. Engineer told Deputy Geoghegan that the following Main Road Grants had been received:- 1954/55 - £106,200; 1955/56 - £91,000; 1956/57 - £75,000. He added that details of the transfer of the balance of £36,086 unspent and allocated to county roads was submitted to the Council per minute No:209 of 3rd November, 1956.

284 - ROAD LEADING TO COTTAGES AT LEMONFIELD, OUGHTERARD: The Acting Co. Engineer told Deputy Geoghegan that before taking over this road for maintenance it would be necessary to have it strengthened by soling and rolling at a cost of £485. He added that the Council had decided not to proceed with this work at the annual estimates meeting.

The Co. Manager suggested to the Acting Co. Engineer that he should investigate the possibility of carrying out this work as a housing charge and this was agreed to.

285 - PUMP AT SNABO ROSMUCK: The Acting Co. Engineer told Deputy Geoghegan that there were no funds available at present to sink a pump for a water supply in the village of Snabo, Rosmuck. He added that a fountain had been provided at a distance of 400 yards from Snabo and it was functioning properly.

286 - RESERVOIR AT OUGHTERARD: Referring to Deputy Geoghegan's query re delay in the erection of a reservoir at Oughterard, the Acting Co. Secretary said that a tender had been accepted subject to sanction and to the availability of the necessary funds but no sanction had been received to date.

287 - SOUTH CONNEMARA COUNTY ROADS: Clr. O'Donnell protested strongly because the Minister for Local Government had not yet sanctioned the Fíor Gaeltacht Road Grant for the current financial year and he added that not a penny was spent in the year between Barra and Lettermullen.

The Acting Co. Engineer said that South Connemara had been treated fairly as £2000 had been spent on Keeraun Bridge and another £2000 in the Oughterard Area.

Clr. O'Donnell replied that part of the trouble was that the money was being provided for engineers' areas instead of electoral areas, and that in his case Galway City was included in the engineer's area so that it looked as if South Connemara was getting plenty of work when in fact it was not.

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288 - LETTERMORE BRIDGES: Referring to the completion of the Lettermore Bridges, the Acting Co. Secretary told Clr. O'Donnell that the funds available were a loan of £21,400 and a Government Grant of £13,600, i.e., a total of £35,000 whereas the expenditure to date amounted to £35,270 with further estimated liabilities of £2,280 i.e., a total estimated cost of £37,500 showing an excess expenditure of £2,500 for which there were no funds available.

The Co. Manager, stating that it was unlikely that a loan would be available for the additional cost, suggested that the County Engineer investigate the possibility of financing it by savings on other items in his Roads Estimates for the current year, and this was agreed to.

289 - ROAD GRANTS: The Acting County Engineer supplied the following information regarding Clr. Carty's queries:-

NO OF ROAD WORKERS DISCHARGED OR LEFT OFF DURING THE WEEK
ENDING 29th SEPTEMBER, 1956.

AREA.	MEN	
GORT	6	One "S".
MILLTOWN	Nil	
LOUGHREA	20	7 "S" 5 Re-employed
PORTUMNA	16	3 "S"
TUAM	5	1 "S" Re-employed
ATHENRY	12	5 "S"
MOUNTBELLEW	Nil	NO MAIN GRANTS WORKING
BALLINASLOE	3	
CLIFDEN	Nil	
GALWAY	Nil	
	62	17 "S" (6 of these "S" men were re-employed).

Circular letter of Sadh Deire Foghnaí, 1956, Ref. R.201/4/4 from the Secretary, Department of Local Government, gave a directive regarding diversion of outstanding Main Road Grants to County Road works and this, together with his (the Acting Co. Engineer's) recommendations regarding the re-allocation of the balances, were submitted to and approved by the Council per minute No: 209 of 3rd November, 1956.

It was not anticipated that there would be a reduction in the number of road workers as a result of the Minister's decision on the road grants.

YEAR	MAIN UPEKEEP	MAIN GRANTS	COUNTY GRANTS	TOWNIST GRANTS (£)	SUP. M. GRANTS	SUP. C. GRANTS	PIOR GABL	F.S.B.	E.S.V. RORBL	F.S.V. PISIOR U	E.S.V. GALTAY U	GROSS TOTAL
1951/52	55,084	45,900	69,500	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	500	968	264,598
1952/53	67,044	84,100	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	500	968	386,210
1953/54	64,000	106,200	99,700	55,000	19,970	30,080	-	-	8,000	1,100	2,210	420,534
1954/55	69,350	106,200	99,700	55,000	13,500	34,500	25,896	7,500	7,000	600	1,288	372,900
1955/56	61,000	91,000	128,800	55,000	1,500	23,500	-	-	7,500	900	3,700	345,294
1956/57	67,964	78,800	144,000	55,000	-	-	-	-	1,380	-	1,156	-
AVERAGE WEEKLY NUMBER OF WORKERS/CLERICAL OF SUPERVISORS, CAMPERS AND FOREMEN EMPLOYED DURING YEAR REFERRED TO.												
	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57							
	981	1,223	1,203	1,219	1,169							

AVERAGE NUMBER OF ROAD WORKERS EMPLOYED FOR EACH WEEK OF THE PRESENT FINANCIAL YEAR UP TO AND INCLUDING THE WEEK ENDING 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1956.

Month	Number
April	975
May	1,156
June	1,322
July	1,262
August	1,186
September	1,213

290 - MEDICAL CARDS - OLD AGE PENSIONERS; Cllr. Carty said that the Minister for Health, when he visited Galway last July, told the members that he was issuing a directive to County Managers to make medical cards available to old age pensioners but the Galway County Manager had refused to do so with the result that persons over seventy years of age were not being given free hospitalization, but had court decrees taken against them for the hospital fees. He added that if the Manager did not issue medical cards to old age pensioners he would take the necessary steps to compel him under the County Management Act to do so.

The Co. Manager then read to the meeting Circular No:40/56 of the 3rd July, 1956, from the Department of Health in the matter and he said that it was completely unjustifiable in some cases that pensioners be given medical cards entitling them to free medical treatment, more especially where relatives were liable for their support. He added that he had to answer to a Local Government Auditor in these matters and he could not grant medical cards to all pensioners.

Clr. King supported Clr. Carty's suggestions and he appealed to the Co. Manager to withhold proceedings against pensioners for non payment of hospital bills until after Christmas.

Clr. Carty said a notice of motion would come before the next meeting of the Council on the subject.

291 - TRANSPORT OF ROAD MATERIAL: Referring to Mr. Flaherty's notices of motion the Acting County Engineer said that the plant at New Inn had been set up to deliver surfacing material to all jobs where it was economical to do so. Instead of giving the cost at the plant and the cost per lorry per day he considered it better to give the prices of the materials delivered to the job from New Inn which were as follows:-

Chips - 12/6d. per ton, broken stone - 12/- per ton, maintenance - 10/- per ton and sand - 10/- per ton.

He added that these were the prices delivered up to 30 miles and were cheaper than materials could be produced anywhere locally.

Cllrs. Flaherty, Sarr, Kitt and M. Mannion objected to the transfer of road material to North Galway from the central quarry at New Inn while the numerous local quarries and sandpits were left idle.

Clr. Flaherty said he did not wish to pursue his query re lorry owners. The Acting Co. Engineer told Clr. M. Mannion that prior to 31st March, 1956, in the Mountbellew area broken maintenance ex Garbally Pit cost 18/- per ton delivered, whereas pit run gravel per private hauler cost 7/- per ton; at present broken maintenance in the Mountbellew area, cost 17/- per ton delivered ex Garbally Pit and 10/- per ton delivered ex New Inn Pit and no maintenance was being got from private hauliers. He added that pit run gravel from private hauliers was mainly used during the summer months while the Council's own plant was engaged in the production of chips; and that broken maintenance was far more effective and more beneficial for the roads during the winter months and that consequently the costs were not comparable.

292 - KILKERRIN PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Temporary Assistant County Manager told Clr. Flaherty that public lighting would be installed at Kilkerrin at an early date.

293 - ROAD TO MARBLE QUARRY AT CREGG: Senator J. Mannion proposed, Deputy Geoghegan seconded and it was resolved:

"That County Road No: 33 be repaired through the village of Bonogues and extended to the marble quarry at Cregg and that application be made to the Board of Works for eighty per cent of the cost thereof."

The Acting County Engineer said that the cost of the work would be £1,140.

294 - ROAD TO LATLY: Senator J. Mannion proposed, Deputy Geoghegan seconded and it was resolved:

"That County Road No: 41 be repaired through the village of Glenloughan and extended to Latly and that application be made to the Board of Works for eighty per cent of the cost thereof."

The Acting Co. Engineer said that the cost of the work would be £1,180.

295 - CLONFERT COTTAGES: The Acting Co. Secretary told Clr. Dowd that the Acting Co. Engineer was in correspondence with a solicitor in Birr regarding the purchase of a site containing three acres for cottages at Clonfert and that considering the price per acre and the redemption value of the annuity, it was likely to be rather expensive. He added that there were only two applicants in the area who would

merit consideration for cottages, that the urgency of providing them with houses was being investigated by the Chief Medical Officer and that on receipt of his report, the question of the purchase of the Site would be further considered.

296 - KILTORMER PUMP. The Acting County Engineer, in reply to Mr. Dowd, said that repairs were being carried out to the pump at Kiltormer.

297 - KILTORMER DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: The Acting Co. Engineer told Mr. Dowd that a well and tank were in course of construction at Kiltormer Dispensary Residence; that the leaking windows were being repaired and that the closing up of the internal door was, as requested, recommended.

298 - DOON CEMETERY ROAD: The Acting Co. Engineer told Mr. Dowd that the estimated cost of making a new road to Doon Cemetery including fencing and existing gates would be £466. He added that the extension would be from new existing I.L.C. road from Co. Road 585.

299 - ANASCRAUGH DERELICT SITES: The Acting Co. Engineer told Mr. Kitt that he had carried out an inspection of the derelict sites at Anascragh and of the eleven sites involved, only three had been improved in accordance with his recommendations.

300 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1957: It was proposed by Mr. Kitt seconded by Mr. Maherty and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account not exceeding £100,000 for quarter ending 31st March, 1957."

301 - EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE, 1956/57 - RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES: Letter dated 6adh Nollaig 1956 from the Department of Local Government, Ref: R.201/8/4A was submitted notifying a grant of £800 subject to a local contribution of £265. Also submitted was the Acting Co. Engineer's proposals in the matter as follows:- Scheme No: 6, Clifden E.D., £265; Scheme No. 7, Gort E.D. £265; Scheme No: 8 Loughrea Urban and Rural E.Ds., £270; and Scheme No: 9 Portumna - £265. The Council, on the proposal of Deputy Coogan and seconded by Mr. Dowd approved of the Acting Co. Engineer's proposals.

302 - CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: The Chairman wished the members and staff a Happy Christmas and the Co. Manager associated himself on behalf of the staff with the felicitations.

303 - MISCELLANEOUS: Consideration of the remaining items on the agenda from Nos: 14(1) to 16 inclusive was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirín O'Duinn Chairman.

Date: 23. II. '57

COMAIRLE CONNDÁE NA GALWAY

NA FOIRGNÍDE CONNDÁE,
GALWAY.

4th March, 1957.

Óuiz gac baill be'n Comairle.

A ÓARA,

TARRTAR ORC, leab' toil, beic i leabair ag cruinnú bóite de Comairle Conndae na Galway a éionólfar i Seomra na Comairle ins na Foirgníde Conndae, 01a Sathar 12ad Eanáir, 1957 ag 12 a éicís meabon l.e.

Mise, le meis,

M. S. Ó Maolruanaid.

Ruairde Sealadac.

SNÓ:

1. Meastacán ar Úaireas bóite don éilain airgeadais darb críoc 31ad Márta, 1958.

2. Snó eile.

To Consider

1. County Engineer's Roads Estimate of Expenses for year ending 31st March, 1958.

2. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ROADS ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1957.

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

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

SYMPATHY: On the proposal of Clr. Ridge, seconded by Clr. Kelly, the Council voted sympathy with the relatives of Sean South Limerick and Fergal O'Hanlon, Monaghan, who lost their lives in the raid on Brookborough Barracks, Co. Fermanagh.

ROADS ESTIMATE 1957/58: The Acting Co. Engineer referred to the summaries which had been circulated with his of the 5th and 8th January, 1957.

MAIN ROADS MAINTENANCE: The Acting Co. Engineer said that his estimate of £93,910 for Main Roads Maintenance was the same as the amount allowed for 1956/57 and this was agreed to.

MAIN ROADS SURFACE DRESSING: The Acting Co. Engineer said that his estimate of £68,550 for Main Roads Surface Dressing represented an increase of £2550 on the amount allowed for 1956/57.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Clr. Sirr proposed and Clr. Collins seconded that the amount provided for Main Roads Surface Dressing for 1957/58 be the same as that allowed for 1956/57, viz., £68,000 and this was agreed to.

COUNTY ROADS MAINTENANCE: The Acting Co. Engineer's estimate of £140,560 for County Roads Maintenance which was the same as the amount allowed for 1956/57 was agreed to.

COUNTY ROADS SURFACE DRESSING: The Acting Co. Engineer said his estimate of £52,555 represented an increase of £8,555 on the amount provided for 1956/57 mainly due to an increased county road mileage.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

When the Co. Manager said that no notification had yet been received from the Department of Local Government concerning the 1957/58 road grants, Clr. Glynn proposed that the meeting be adjourned until they had this information.

The Co. Manager informed Clr. Ridge that the Acting Co. Engineer's estimates as submitted did not provide for any increase in the wages of road workers but that an application had been received for an increase of 15/- per week, which, if granted out of funds available, would necessitate a reduction of work with consequent unemployment. He added that he had been advised to keep all estimates for 1957/58 within those provided for 1956/57 because of the very serious financial position of the country.

Clr. Carty proposed and Clr. Lambert seconded that the Council provide the same amount for all road works for 1957/58 as allowed for 1956/57 on condition that the same Government Grants were allocated.

Clr. King proposed and Clr. Sirr seconded that the amount provided for County Roads Surface Dressing for 1957/58 be the same as that allowed for 1956/57 viz., £44,000.

Eventually, on the suggestion of the Chairman, in view of the increased mileage, it was agreed to provide for County Roads Surface Dressing during 1957/58 the same amount as that allowed for 1956/57 (£44,000) together with an increase of 5% thereon i.e., a total provision of £46,200.

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MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: The Co. Manager referred to the Acting Co. Engineer's estimate of £56,795 for Main Road Improvements. He said that he had examined it with the Acting Co. Engineer and he recommended that it be reduced to £16,620 and the following works provided for:-

Warning and Direction Signs:	£5,000
Kylemore Bridge (Clifden):	£1,000
Galway Urban Paths and Channels:	£ 500
University College, Galway, Corner:	£1,200
Liam Mellows' Park, Galway:	£2,000
Foot Paths:	£ 400
Kinvara Paths and Channels:	£ 150
Loughrea Footpaths and Channels:	£1,000
Castleblakeney Concrete Footpath:	£ 150
Widen Kilconnell Village Road:	£ 220
Concrete Footpath Upr. Brackernagh to Conroy's Gate (Ballinasloe):	£ 400
Concrete Kerb and Creophalt Footpath Garbally Gate to Urban Bdy. Mackney (B'sloe):	£ 600
Moylough Footpaths:	£ 300
Mountbellew Footpaths:	£250
Ballygar Footpaths:	£ 150
Ballyforan Bridge Retaining Wall:	£ 200
Section No: 120, Milltown:	£300
Footpaths Ballygaddy and Galway Roads, Tuam:	£1,000
Swangate Corner, Athy:	£ 800

TOTAL: £15,620

Referring to the estimate of £5000 for the provision and erection of warning and direction signs the Co. Manager said that there was a statutory obligation on the Council to provide these under the Local Government Act, 1955.

Regarding the Liam Mellows Park, the Co. Manager said that he hoped to carry out work amounting to £2,000 thereon before 31st March 1957 out of savings on other works.

Clr. King proposed that the Council ask the Department of Local Government to review their decision regarding the erection of warning and direction signs and to leave the existing signs as they were during the present critical economic times and Deputy Coogan seconded.

Clr. Kitt proposed that a total of £10,000 be provided for Main Road Improvements for 1957/58 i.e. the same as for 1956/57, and that it be divided up amongst the 10 Assistant County Engineers' areas in sums of £1,000 each and Clr. Carty seconded.

Senator J. Mannion proposed that the improvement of the bend at Gowlaun, Clifden be substituted for the reconstruction of Kylemore Bridge and Clr. Joyce seconded.

Clr. Glynn proposed and Clr. Collins seconded that no provision be made for the carrying out of any works of improvement on footpaths.

Clr. Carty proposed and Clr. Kitt seconded that the Co. Manager's recommendations be approved subject to (1) the reduction of the provision for Warning and Direction Signs to £2,500 and (2) the deletion of the provision of £1,200 for the University College, Galway Corner.

Clr. Galvin proposed and Clr. Hanley seconded that they discuss the items for each area separately.

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

For Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Carty, Collins, James Donnellan, Dowd, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiffe, Lambert, M. Mannion, Quinn, Ridge, J.J. Ruane, P. Ruane & Wall. (16)

Against Clrs. Canning, Coogan, Flaherty, Galvin, Geoghegan, Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, King, J. Mannion, O'Donnell and Sirr. (12).

The Chairman declared Clr. Carty's proposal carried with a total provision for Main Road Improvements for 1957/58 of £11,920.

On the proposal of Clr. King seconded by Clr. P. Ruane, it was agreed to complete the work on the Liam Mellows Park in 1958/59 if sufficient funds were not available in 1957/58.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was finally agreed to reduce the £11,920 by a further 10%, making a final provision of £10,728 for Main Road Improvements for 1957/58.

The Meeting then adjourned for an hour for lunch.

SURCHARGE: On resumption, Clr. King referred to the notification received from the Department of Local Government that the surcharge recently made by the L.G.D. Auditor on sixteen members of the Council in respect of the legal costs incurred by the Council in connection with the appointment of a rate collector in Clifden had been declared unlawful by the Minister. He inquired who was going to reimburse the members for the expenses incurred by them in contesting the surcharge and who would have paid their costs if the case had gone to court.

The Co. Manager said he did not know.

County Road Improvements. Clr. Kitt proposed and Clr. Collins seconded that the following works be carried out:-

Provide and erect Warning & Direction Signs.	£	1,500
Repair Road Wall at Bayleek, Clifden.		70
Strengthen and regrade $\frac{1}{4}$ mile at the Cashel Junction end of Road No.52		300
Rebuild fence 400 yards Road No.108 Galway (Moycullen)		200
Repair Roads carrying heavy traffic from Tonabrucky Quarry, Galway.		600
Reconstruct Footbridge at Derreen, Gort.		350
Repair footpaths and channels, Loughrea.		400
Widen and reconstruct road at Cloonlea Church (Loughrea)		400
Repair footpaths, Portumna.		300
Repair footpaths, Kiltormer.		200
Reconstruct road to Protestant Church, Aughrim, Ballinasloe.		250
Widen and extend culvert at Esker (Mountbellew)		250
Repair bridge at Cloonlyon (Road No.507)		150
Repair bridge at Shanbally.		100
Remove drift banks and widen road between Maree 3 roads and Tawin village		400
Reconstruct and surface road at Abbeyknockmoy Church		300
Widen Court Lane at Athenry P.O.		600
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Total.	£6,370	

Clr. King proposed and Clr. P. Ruane seconded that this amount of £6,370 be increased by £500, in lieu of the Acting Co. Engineer's proposal to roll the road to Spiddal Pier and improve the junction at a cost of £800 and that the members decide where this additional £500 be spent.

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

For : Clrs. Burke, Carty, Collins, James Donnellan, Dowd, Flaherty, Galvin, Glynn, Hanley, Killilea, Kitt, Lahiff, Lambert, Martin Mannion, Quinn, James Ruane, Sirr and Wall. (18).

Against: Clrs. Canning, Coogan, John Donnellan, Geoghegan, Joyce, Kelly, King, O'Donnell, Ridge and Patrick Ruane (10).

The Chairman declared Clr. Kitt's proposal carried.

After further discussion, Clr. Hanley proposed that the provision of £6,370 be reduced further by 10% and the Chairman seconded. This proposal was then agreed to making a final provisional of £5,733 for County Road Improvements for 1957/58.

MAIN ROAD CONTINGENCIES : The Acting Co. Engineer's estimate of £1,000 for 1957/58 for Main Road Contingencies which represented no increase on the provision for 1956/57, was approved.

MAIN ROAD ACQUISITION OF LAND: The Acting Co. Engineer's estimate of £4,000 for 1957/58 for Main Road Acquisition of Land, which was the same as 1956/57, was adopted.

MAIN ROAD LOAN CHARGES : The Acting Co. Engineer's estimate of £4,020 for 1957/58 for Main Road Loan Charges, which was similar to 1956/57, was agreed to.

COUNTY ROAD CONTINGENCIES: The Acting Co. Engineer's estimate of £1,000 for 1957/58 for County Road Contingencies, the same as the 1956/57 provision, was passed.

COUNTY ROAD ACQUISITION OF LAND & BUILDINGS: The Council approved the Acting County Engineer's estimate of £1,000 for 1957/58, which was the same as for 1956/57, for County Road Acquisition of Land and Buildings.

COUNTY ROAD LOAN CHARGES : The Acting Co. Engineer's estimate of £2,200 for County Road Loan Charges for 1957/58, similar to the 1956/57 provision, was agreed to.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION: On the proposal of Clr. Carty seconded by Clr. Galvin it was resolved to delete the following provisions for Councillors' Notices of Motion for 1957/58 -- Main Roads £58,230 and County Roads £215,955. On the proposal of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan the Acting Co. Engineer was asked not to circulate members regarding notices of motion in the future.

GALWAY URBAN ROADS: On the proposal of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Kelly the following estimate for Galway Urban Roads was approved for 1957/58 -- Maintenance £3,684, Surface Dressing £1,000; Improvement £750, Compensation for Lands £150, Loan Charges £2,600, i.e. a total of £8,184.

BALLINASLOE URBAN ROADS: On the proposal of Clr. Galvin, seconded by Clr. Kelly the following estimate for Ballinasloe Urban Roads was approved for 1957/58 :- Maintenance £820 and Improvement £500 i.e. a total of £1,320.

MISCELLANEOUS: Clr. Patrick Ruane associating himself with the votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Sean South, Limerick and Fergal O Hanlon, Monaghan, Proposed :-

- (1) That this Council call on the Government to release all political prisoners.
- (2) That this Council call on the Government to withdraw its troops from the border.
- (3) That this Council call on the Government to give political prisoners facilities for attending Mass.

Clr. James Donnellan seconded the proposals. Clrs. Carty, Wall, Collins & Kitt disassociated themselves from the terms of the resolutions and the Chairman ruled the resolutions out of order.

SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy were unanimously adopted with :-

The relatives of the late Mr. P.J. Kennedy, New Road, Galway, a former official;

The relatives of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Smyth;

Dr. Michael O'Donnell, Physician, Galway Regional Hospital;

The Usher family, Killascobe, Menlough;

The Byrne family, Ballagh, Menlough;

The Mannion family, Eyrecourt.

The Meeting then terminated.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Martin O'Connell Chairman 23.11.57 Date:

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY. .

2nd February, 1957.

To: Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

I give you hereunder a copy of a notice requisitioning a special meeting of the Galway County Council to consider the provision of free institutional treatment for old age pensioners and widows.

As the Estimates Committee meeting will be held on 9th inst. it is being arranged that, instead of calling a special meeting this matter will be considered before the business of the Estimates Committee meeting at 12 O'clock noon on Saturday 9th February, 1957 at the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'LUANAIGH.

Runai.

In accordance with Section Four of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, we hereby requisition a meeting of Galway County Council, at which the following Resolution will be proposed:-

This Council hereby directs the Galway County Manager to provide free institutional treatment for the following classes:-

- (1) Old age Pensioners in receipt of the maximum pension;
- (2) Widows in receipt of the maximum Widows' Pension (non-contributory).

Signed: John Mannion,
Michael Carty,
Thomas King,
Miceal O Domnaill,
Mairtin O Cuinn

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

6th February, 1957.

Telephone:
Galway 55.

To:
Each Member of the County Council.

Re: Meeting of County Council.

A Chara,

Further to my letters of the 2nd instant, I now wish to inform you that after consultation with the Chairman, it has been decided to postpone the special meeting requisitioned in connection with General Medical Service Cards, and the Estimates Committee Meeting, to Monday, 11th February, 1957. A special meeting will be held at the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, at 2.p.m. on Monday, 11th instant, and the Estimates Committee Meeting will be held immediately after the conclusion of the special meeting.

You are requested to attend these meetings.

Mise, le meas,

L. O'LUANAIGH.

Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1957.

PRESENT: Cirs. Burke, Canning, Collins, Deputy Coogan, Cirs. Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Clr. Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, King, Deputy Lahiffe, Clr. Lambert, Senator Mannion, Cirs. Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ruane J., Ruane P., Sirr and Wall.

305 - CHAIRMAN, ETC.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Dowd, and resolved that Clr. King take the Chair. Clr. King then took the chair and welcomed to the County Tomas Mac Diarmada, Uasal, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. MacDiarmada thanked the Chairman and Council.

In the absence of Clr. M. Carty, Vice-Chairman, Deputy Geoghegan proposed that the Council hereby direct the Galway County Manager to provide free institutional treatment for the following classes:-

1. Old Age Pensioners in receipt of the maximum pension.
2. Widows in receipt of the maximum widows' pension (non-contributory).

Deputy Geoghegan further proposed that all proceedings against such pensioners in respect of accounts due for their maintenance and treatment in the Galway Regional Hospital, be deferred pending the implementation of the above resolution.

Deputy Geoghegan's proposals were seconded by Senator Mannion.

The Secretary drew attention to Section 4 (7) of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, which requires that a motion to pass a resolution under that Section shall be dealt with before any other business at the meeting of the Council. The Secretary also drew attention to Section 4 (9) (a) and Section 11 of the Act, and stated that in his opinion the proposed resolution would be in conflict with one or both of these sub-sections.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Joyce, the Secretary explained the liability of relatives in respect of charges made by the Health Authority - as set out in Section 31 of the Health Act, 1953.

Clr. Dowd considered that there would be no justification for giving free treatment to old age pensioners whose sons or daughters had adequate means, while small farmers with little means would be deprived of such concession.

The Chairman pointed out that what is being proposed is that the recommendation of the Minister for Health in this matter be implemented.

Clr. Glynn proposed that the resolution be amended so that it read that the County Manager be requested to send this resolution to the Minister for Health.

The Assistant County Manager explained the position as set out in Section 14 of the Health Act, 1953, and pointed out that such services may be provided only for a person who cannot provide them by his own industry or by any other lawful means; that if the person concerned has some lawful means of providing medical attention for himself, he would not be entitled to have such service provided free by the County Council.

There was no counter proposal, and the resolution as proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Senator Mannion was adopted unanimously.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

B. Mannion, Ruani.

Submitted, approved and confirmed

M. S. S. O. C. Chairman 23.2.57

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE OF THE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON
MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1957.

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

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

306 - ESTIMATE FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1958: The Estimate and County Manager's statement were submitted, showing a total expenditure of £2,305,152. for county charges, and total receipts £1,009,925, which, with urban contributions amounting to £130,527, and an estimated credit balance of £83,000, left the amount to be levied £1,081,700, which on the valuation applicable would result in a rate of 531d. for county charges, which is the same as that levied in the current year, for county charges.

The Assistant Manager gave details of the estimate as submitted.

Roads:

Clr. Kelly proposed that unless somebody wishes to refer to any particular items in the estimate, the estimate as submitted be adopted.

Clr. Joyce pointed out that the estimate submitted for the Mental Hospital shows an increase in expenditure both in the current year and in the coming year, and suggested that this authority should be requested to reduce or curb its expenditure.

Clr. King explained that this is a statutory demand over which the County Council has no control.

Clr. Collins proposed that the amount provided for footpaths be deleted.

Clr. Dowd, proposed that the amount provided for footpaths be allowed to stand.

Clr. Collins stated that he was prepared to amend his proposal so as to reduce the provision for footpaths by 50%.

Clr. James Donnellan stated that since a full day had already been devoted to the estimate for road works, this particular portion of the estimate should not be re-opened again.

It was proposed by Clr. Glynn and seconded by Clr. Collins that any increase which may be made in the wages of road workers during the coming financial year shall be met out of the funds provided in the estimate as now submitted.

The Chairman stated that this proposal is premature, and that it could be considered when and if the question arises.

Clr. Collins withdrew his proposal in regard to the provision of monies for footpaths.

CLER. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR, and welcomed the

Assistant County Manager, Mr. MacDiarmada.

The Chairman ruled that Clr. Glynn's proposal in regard to the wages of road workers is premature, and that consideration of this matter should be left in abeyance until such occasion as it may arise.

On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Hanley, the estimate for roads was then approved.

Public Assistance:

Clr. Wall stated that there are some people in receipt of home assistance who do not deserve it.

Clr. Burke also stated that some people have been in receipt of home assistance for four years, who have grown-up sons and daughters capable of working and supporting themselves.

Clr. O'Donnell requested that the issue of footwear under the Footwear Scheme be expedited so that the recipients may obtain this footwear about the month of October in each year.

On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell, the estimate for public assistance was adopted.

Mental Hospital: Clr. John Donnellan requested that the question of the payment of travelling expenses for patients who cannot afford to pay such expenses on their discharge from the Mental Hospital, be taken up with the Mental Hospital Board.

On the proposition of Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Hanley, the estimate for Mental Hospital was adopted.

Health: Clr. John Donnellan requested that the question of the disposal of timber cut down and lying around the grounds at Merlin Park be taken up with the appropriate authority before timber rots.

In reply to enquiries by Deputy Coogan and Clr. Ashe, the Secretary explained the position in regard to provision of dentures and dental services generally.

Clr. King suggested that the appointment of one or two temporary dentists to overtake the arrears in provision of dentures be considered.

On the recommendation of Senator Mannion, the Committee unanimously recommended the creation of the position of dental attendant (third).

On the proposition of Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Glynn, the estimate for health services was approved.

Sanitary: The estimate for sanitary services as submitted was approved, on the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. O'Donnell.

Housing: The estimate for housing as submitted was approved, on the proposition of Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Kelly.

General Purposes: The estimate for general purposes as submitted was approved, on the proposition of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Dowd.

Clr. King requested that consideration be given to improving the lay-out of the Council Chamber by alteration of the position of the seating accommodation and by doing something to effect an improvement in the acoustics.

In reply to Deputy Coogan, the Assistant Manager stated that the County Engineer's estimate for repairing storm damage in the area between Oranmore and Lettermullen is £6,000, and that particulars of the estimate for repairing storm damage in the remainder of the county while not yet available, will be placed before the Council at the next meeting.

It was then proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. Dowd and resolved:

"That the Committee recommend to the County Council the adoption of the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1958, as submitted along with the County Manager's statement dated 5th February, 1957.

307 - WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL: Clr. Burke requested that he be informed as to what will be the future of the hospital.

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

Dr. H.E. Folan, Bacteriologist, on the death of his father.
Mr. John Kenny, Staff Officer, on the death of his brother.
The Walsh family, Newcastle, on the death of the brother of Mr. Martin Walsh.
The Archbishop of Tuam, the Clergy of the diocese, and the relatives of the late Father Andrew Moran, Carraroe.
The relatives of the late Father Philbin, Ballinasloe.
The Franciscan Community on the death of Rev. Father Felim O'Brien.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

R. O'Donnell - Ronai.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. S. O'Connell Chairman 23.1.57 Date:

Suíón:
Sailliú 55.

Oifis an Rudaí,
Dochar Nóir,
Sailliú.

14ú Febrú, 1957.

Cuirs zac baill de'n Comairle.

A ÓRA,

TARRAR ORC leis seo baic i ndáiríre as Cruinniú de Comairle Co. No. na Sailliú a tionsolpar i Seomra na Comairle ins na Póirsuite Co. No. na Sailliú, 23ú Febrú, 1957, nuair a b'as baire leis an scrúinniú measachán.

Mise, le meas,

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Completion of Mortgage Deeds for:-
 - (a) Loan £11,300 - Ballinasloe Fire Station.
 - (b) Loan £14,000 - Housing Grants.
 - (c) Loan £6,500 - Tuam Vocational School.
 - (d) Overdraft Guarantee - Galway Harbour Commissioners.
3. Raising of Loans:-
 - (a) £4,950 - Eyrecourt Dispensary Residence.
 - (b) £2,400 - Roundstone Dispensary Residence.
 - (c) Loan £4,700 - Claregalway Bridge.
 - (d) £4,500 - Loughrea Vocational School - Advance to Vocational Education Committee.
 - (e) £200 - Ranges in Houses in Tuam - Advance to Tuam Town Commissioners.
4. New Works:-
 - (a) Site for and Provision of New Dispensary at Rosmuck.
 - (b) Site for and Provision of New Dispensary at Ballygar.
 - (c) Car Park at Tuam - £3,275.
 - (d) Chlorinator for Ahascragh Water Supply - £147.
 - (e) Additional Room to Cottage No: 3, Maheramore.
 - (f) Fencing etc. of Ballyconneely Burial Ground - £2100.
 - (g) Loughconneera, Kylesalia and Kilkerrin Water Supplies.
5. Creation of Offices:-
 - (a) Dental Attendant (Temporary).
 - (b) Permanent Appointment of District Nurse in Tuam - at present temporary.
 - (c) Appointment of District Nurse in Ballinasloe - temporary at first and permanent eventually.
 - (d) Assistant County Engineer - in lieu of Architectural Assistant.
 - (e) Assistant Matron in Galway Regional Hospital.

6. Remuneration Variations:-

- (a) Laboratory Student Technicians.
 - (b) Superintendent Assistance Officer and Assistance Officers - payment of temporary bonus (7½%) with effect from 1. 4. 1956.
 - (c) Assistance Officers' Travelling Expenses.
 - (d) Foremen Fitters - M. Craughwell and P. Kavanagh.
7. Abolition of Williamstown Assistance District and revision of Tuam and Dunmore Assistance Districts.
8. Extinguishing Right-of-way over short piece of road at Kilkerrin (Glenamaddy).
9. Sale of plot of land at Kilkerrin - Notice 11. 2. '57.
10. Local Authorities Works Act, 1949 - Schemes for 1956/57.
11. List of Roads to be added to the plan for reconstruction of County Roads.
12. Demolition of a cottage at Leenane.
13. Draft Bridge Order for Derrywee Bridge.
14. Consultative Health Committee - Nursing profession's request for representation.
15. Adoption of Part III of Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956.
16. Auditor's Reports on audit of accounts of various bodies.
17. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

Clr. W. Burke: (a)

- (1) I propose that two street lights be erected outside Killoonly Church.
- (2) I propose that the names of Sean Finnegan N.T., James Mooney N.T., be added to the Dunmore Pension Committee.

Clr. S. Canning: (b)

- (1) That the lighting system be extended from cross at Abbey Street, Portumna, on to Sannon road with one light covering the 16 cottages at New Terrace.
- (2) That two extra lights be erected at Dominick Street, covering the area between Claffey's Licensed premises and Mrs. Walter Joyce's residence on Bridge Road.
- (3) That the extension from the watermain Portumna to the Woodford road section of cottages and private houses be carried out without delay, as there is no water fit for consumption in this area. From a health point of view it is all important to have this request implemented in the very near future."

(c) - Clr. M. Carty:

- (1) "That this Council strongly deplores the failure of the Co. Manager to give effect to a recommendation of the Minister for Health that O.A. Pensioners in receipt of the maximum pension should receive free medical and surgical treatment together with maintenance in the Regional Hospital.
- (2) That this Council hereby directs the Co. Manager to give effect without reservation or exception to the Minister's recommendation on the hospitalisation expenses of O.A. Pensioners who qualify for the maximum pension."

(d) Deputy J. Geoghegan:

- (1) "I will propose that the Co. Council provide a weighing-scales in the town of Oughterard.
- (2) That the Co. Council recommend to the Minister to place a helicopter in Galway to deal with the conveyance of patients from the Islands of the West Coast in general to the different hospitals.
- (3) I will propose that a dispensary be provided at Cashel, Connemara.
- (4) That there be at least four public lights provided for the village of Cornamona.
- (5) I will propose that a dispensary be opened at Cornamona."

17. (e) Clr. T. Hanley:

"Take notice that at the next meeting of Galway Co. Council, I or someone on my behalf will move that portion of the Grant allotted for footpaths at Portumna be diverted to repair an obstruction at the entrance to Tiernascragh New School."

(f) Clr. P.D. Joyce:

"I or someone acting on my behalf will propose at the next meeting of the County Council -

- (1) That a Dispensary be provided at Cashel.
- (2) That branches in the wall supporting the county road at Bayleak, Clifden, near Michael Pryce's house be repaired.
- (3) That the holders of medical cards should not be sent hospital maintenance accounts in future.
- (4) That public lighting be provided at Letterfrack Tullycross and Renvyle.
- (5) That the Galway County Council request the Government to reduce the cost of taxing motor vehicles for a quarter to a reasonable figure."

(g) Clr. J. Kelly:

"I, or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council that the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Michael Glynn, gardener at the Regional Hospital, be filled by promotion from the existing staff."

(h) Clr. M.F. Kitt:

- (1) "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that a temporary District Engineer's office be opened in Mountbellew pending the establishment of a permanent District Engineer's office in the proposed new Courthouse to be erected in Mountbellew.
- (2) At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that the Marian Shrine erected in Castleblakeney by the Local Improvements Committee be lighted by the Galway County Council in conjunction with the Co. Council's public lighting system of the village."

(i) Deputy R. Lahiffe:

"Please note that at next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will move:

- (1) That the road leading from the main Gort-Dennis road at Carheeney near Bunahow through Shanaglish Village on to Gort-Tubber trunk Road at Crossford on through Tarmon to Kilmacduagh, be put on Five Year plan for steamrolling. (I would point out that this route covers the National Monuments, Ardnamullivan Castle, Fiddane Castle and Kilmacduagh Tower and Churches and may qualify for a Tourist Grant).
- (2) That the Road from trunk road at Hewtown leading to Tiernevin Church be put on five year plan for rolling."

(j) Clr. J. Lambert:

"At the next meeting of the Council I will ask -

- (1) That public lighting be provided at Kilchreest, Loughrea.
- (2) That P.S. O'Loughlin's name be added to the Kinvara Pensions Committee.
- (3) That the Garabog Road at Gort be declared a County Road."

(k) Clr. H. Mammion:

- (1) "At the next Co. Council Meeting I will ask the Co. Manager to have arrangements made for a temporary Engineer's Office at Mountbellew.
- (2) At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council, I will propose that the existing fountain situated at Mr. Jeffer's gate at Glenamaddy be removed and re-erected at a more suitable position to avoid flooding his yard."

18. Replies to questions already submitted by members.

19. Other business.

20. Sale of land and premises at Oughterard - Notice 12/2/1957.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Guthan:
Gaillimh: 55.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mór,
GAILLIMH.

14adh Feabhra, 1957.

Chuir Gach Baili de'n Comhairle.

Comhairle Conndae na Gaillimhe - Cruinniu Meastachain.

A Chára,

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, 23rd February, 1957, at 12.30 p.m.

A copy of the estimate as prepared by the County Manager and as approved by the Estimates Committee on 11th instant, was sent to each member prior to the Committee Meeting.

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1. To consider the adoption of the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1958, for County Charges, Separate Charges and Town Charges.
2. To make the Statutory Demands on the Borough Council of Galway and on the Urban District Council of Ballinasloe.

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

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

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

309 - ADJOURNMENT: Clr. Carty proposed a vote of sympathy with Clr. Geoghegan on the death of his Uncle, and a further proposal that as a mark of respect the meeting be adjourned until 1.30 p.m. This proposal was adopted unanimously and the meeting was then adjourned until 1.30 p.m.

ON RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING, CLR. M. QUINN TOOK THE CHAIR.

310 - PROTEST: The Chairman read letters dated 8th and 11th February, 1957, respectively, from Mrs. Kathleen O'Neill King, and Mr. John C. King, of New York, protesting "against the latest action of the Eire Government in the arrest and the imprisonment of the young men who are demanding the return of the six Northern Counties to their national ownership".

Clr. Joyce protested against the recent leading article published in the Connacht Tribune which, Mr. Joyce stated, does not represent the views of the people of Galway county. Clr. Joyce proposed that the Council adopt a resolution condemning that Leading Article. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Carty and adopted unanimously.

311 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1958: Estimate of Expenses as approved by the Estimates Committee at meeting on the 11th February, 1957, was submitted.

The County Manager stated that the Council should consider whether an increase in wages is to be granted to road workers; that in neighbouring counties the workers had taken their case to the Labour Court and had been awarded an increase of 5/-. The County Manager stated that if an increase of 5/- a week is to be given to road workers, or provision of funds for such increase is to be made, in the Estimate for the coming year, a corresponding reduction may be made in Sanitary Account out of the funds provided for pumps (£17,800) and sanitary conveniences, now £2,400 and maintenance, which might be reduced by £400.

Clr. Glynn proposed the suggestion that the amount provided for pumps might be reduced or deleted.

Clr. Collins stated that it is doubtful if the Council would be able to spend the amount provided for pumps.

The Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that if funds are available for the erection of a large number of pumps, the contract would be advertised as for a large number, and that in such case tenders would probably be received from firms who would not be interested in tendering for single pumps.

Clr. King stated that he was opposed to altering now decisions made at the Committee Meeting.

The County Manager stated that an increase of 5/- a week in the wages of road workers would involve a not additional expenditure of £7,800.

Clr. Carty proposed that the Estimate as approved by the Estimates Committee be adopted, but that reduction be made in the allocation for pumps and for sanitary conveniences so as to make a provision for an increase in the wages of road workers without involving an increase in the rate.

The Chairman stated that he would not be in favour of reducing the amount provided in the Estimate for pumps and wells.

It was proposed by Clr. King and seconded by Clr. Galvin, that the Estimate of Expenses as approved by the Estimates Committee at the meeting on 11th February, 1957, be adopted.

In reply to Clr. Galvin, the County Manager explained that the increase of £10,000 in Health Services Account for General Hospitals is due to the operation of the Health Act, whereby the Council has to make contribution towards the cost of

maintenance and treatment of persons in extern hospitals, for whom the Council would not have any liability prior to the introduction of the Helavant Health Act provision.

Clr. Coogan asked the County Manager to state why the contract for supply of dentures was not placed locally, and if he was satisfied that it could be operated satisfactorily with an outside firm.

Clr. Glynn, opposing the suggestion that the provision for pumps be reduced, recommended that the amount for footpaths be eliminated instead.

Clr. Dowd proposed that Lismany Pump be added to the list of pumps to be provided. It was proposed by Clr. Joyce and seconded by Clr. Collins, that the amount provided for new pumps be reduced so as to make provision of the necessary funds for the granting of an increase of 5/- a week to road workers.

Clr. Hanley supported Clr. Joyce's proposal. The County Manager informed the Council of the receipt of Department of Local Government letter R.201/4/5 of 11th February, 1957, stating that a grant of £36,000 for road improvements had been allocated to the Council for the first quarter of the coming financial year. The County Manager pointed out that there is uncertainty in regard to the amount of road grants which will be made available to the Council for the coming year, and that in fact huge payments of grants for the current year for road works have not yet been made to the Council, though long due.

It was proposed by Clr. Carty and seconded by Clr. Joyce, that a reduction of £4,600 be made in the amount provided for the provision of new pumps and a reduction of £2,800 in the amount provided for provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences, and that the amount so saved be transferred to Roads Account, so as to make provision for payment of an increase of 5/- a week to road workers with effect from 1st April, 1957.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that at least some of the reduction should be from the amount provided for the provision of footpaths.

Clr. Kelly asked why should the Council now alter an Estimate which was already approved by the Estimates Committee.

Clr. John Mammion agreed with Clr. Carty's proposal.

Clr. Wall pointed out that the proposal by Clrs. King and Galvin should not be taken as a vote against an increase in the wages of road workers.

Clr. Galvin stated that he was not opposing the granting of an increase to road workers, and asked why the Council should do one thing when meeting in committee and do a different thing when the Press is present.

Clr. James Donnellan stated that while not opposing an increase in wages, he was not in favour of reducing the provision for new pumps, and suggested that the provision for footpaths be reduced instead.

Clr. Burke recommended that instead of sinking pumps, the Council should concentrate on improving existing wells.

It was then proposed by Clr. Killilea, seconded by Clr. Collins and unanimously resolved:

"That an increase of £4,750 be made in the provision for Main Roads and an increase of £4,950 in the provision for County Roads, and that to meet the net increase involved by these additions, a reduction of £4,600 be made in the provision for new pumps, and a reduction of £2,400 in the provision for new sanitary conveniences, and a reduction of £400 in the provision for maintenance of sanitary conveniences, making a total reduction in net expenditure for Sanitary Account of £7,400, and a total increase in net expenditure on Roads Account of £7,400 - the actual granting of an increase to road workers to be deferred until later.

The County Manager informed Clr. Coogan that tenders were invited for provision of dentures; that the acceptance of any tender was deferred for some time due to the fact that it was not possible to put the Scheme into operation; that when it was again decided to go ahead, the persons who originally tendered were again invited to tender; that the lowest tender for supply of satisfactory dentures was accepted, and that the County Medical Officer and the Dentists will insist on good dentures being supplied.

Clr. Collins submitted a statement in regard to the rates made by the County Galway Executive of the National Farmers' Association.

It was then proposed by Clr. M. Killilea seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Estimate of Expenses as approved at the Estimates Committee meeting on the 11th February, 1957, and as amended today by the reduction of £7,400 in Sanitary Account, the increase of £4,750 in Main Roads and £4,950 in County Roads, as set forth in Tables A, B, C, D, and E, be adopted and that the rates set forth in Tables C, D, and E be the rates in the £. to be levied for the purposes specified in the said Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1958.

It was proposed by Dlr. M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved: "That the demands on the Galway Borough Council and in the Ballinasloe Urban District Council be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and sealed with the Seal of the Council".

THE ESTIMATES MEETING THEN TERMINATED

M. Killilea - Roads.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Michael Cag Chairman.

Date. 23rd - March, 1957.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE ESTIMATES
MEETING ON SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1967.

IN THE CHAIR: 1. Clr. M. Quinn.
2. Clr. M. Killilea.
3. Clr. M. Carty.
4. Clr. J. Ruane.

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

312 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to 308 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

313 - LOAN FOR BALLINASLOE FIRE STATION: It was proposed by Clr. John Dowd, seconded by Clr. Robert Lahiffe and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 20th November, 1956, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £11,300 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the erection of a new Fire Station at Ballinasloe, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

314 - LOAN FOR HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Clr. John Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. T. Hanley and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 16th October, 1956 of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £14,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Galway, for the purpose of financing the cost of supplementary grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

315 - LOAN FOR TUAM VOCATIONAL SCHOOL: It was proposed by Clr. M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. W. Burke and resolved:

"That the 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 £8,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Act, 1930 to 1947."

316 - OVERDRAFT GUARANTEE - GALWAY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS: It was proposed by Clr. F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Geoghegan and resolved:

"Whereas at a meeting of the Council held on the 7th January, 1956, it was resolved to assist the Galway Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment to the National Bank Ltd., Galway of £9,500 in addition to any sums the repayment of which is already guaranteed, borrowed or to be borrowed by the said Commissioners from the said Bank with interest thereon (said sum of £9,500 to be utilised to the extent of £4,750 for repair of the Dun Congus Lock Gates and to the extent of £4,750 for current expenses) but so that the Council's liability on such guarantee should be limited to the sum of £9,500 for principal together with interest at the rate therein mentioned and that such guarantee should be in addition to the Guarantee dated 17th October, 1953, for £5,000 which the Council executed to secure other advances by the said Bank to the Commissioners AND WHEREAS the said resolution was duly confirmed by Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Council held on the 24th March, 1966 AND WHEREAS The Minister for Local Government has by Order dated 21st day of April, 1956, confirmed the said Resolution NOW IT IS RESOLVED that in pursuance of the aforesaid resolutions and order the form of Guarantee submitted to this Meeting and expressed to be addressed to the National Bank Limited be approved and that accordingly the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto."

317 - LOAN FOR EYRECOURT DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AND DISPENSARY: It was proposed by Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Clr. R. Lahiffe, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,950 from the Council's Treasurers, the National Bank Limited, Galway, for provision of a dispensary residence and a dispensary at Eyrecourt, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of fifteen years with interest at the rate approved by the bank from time to time for such loans."

318 - LOAN FOR ROUNDSTONE DISPENSARY RESIDENCE: It was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Clr. J. Geoghegan, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,400 for purchase and repair of a building for use as a dispensary residence at Roundstone; this loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., Galway, and to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

319 - LOAN FOR CLAREGALWAY BRIDGE: It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. P. Kelly and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,700 from the Council's Treasurers, the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for construction of a new bridge at Claregalway - the loan to be repayable over a period of ten years by instalments with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

320 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR LOUGHREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL: It was proposed by Clr. R. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. M. Quinn and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £4,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, so that this amount may be advanced to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee to meet the balance of the cost of providing a new Vocational School at Loughrea; this loan to be repayable by annuity over the unexpired portion of the term of thirty years approved for the original loan of £18,500 raised for this purpose."

321 - LOAN FOR RANGES IN TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HOUSES: It was proposed by Clr. M. Killilea, seconded by Clr. W. Burke and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £200 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., so that this amount may be advanced to the Tuam Town Commissioners for provision of ranges in the Commissioners' houses at Tuam; this loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of five years, with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

322 - LOAN FOR ATHENRY FAIRS AND MARKETS: It was proposed by Clr. J.J. Ruane, seconded by Clr. M. Killilea and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,500 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., for purchase of the Fairs and Markets Rights at Athenry and for purchase of a site for a Fairgreen at that town; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of ten years, with interest at the rate approved by the Bank from time to time for such loans."

323 - NEW WORKS: The following new works were approved by the Council:-

- Site for and provision of new dispensary at Rosmuck - on proposition of Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Wall.
- Site for and provision of new dispensary at Ballygar - on proposition of Clr. Wall, seconded by Clr. Killilea.
- Chlorinator for Ahascragh Water Supply - on the proposition of Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. M. Mannion.
- Additional room for cottage No: 3, Maharamore, - on the proposition of Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan.
- Fencing Etc. of Ballyconneely Burial Ground, at a cost of £2,100 - on the proposition of Clr. John Mannion, seconded by Clr. Joyce.

On the proposition of Clr. Burke, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, the Council refused approval to the proposal to provide a car park, etc. at Tuam, at a cost of £3,275.

After further consideration of the details of this Estimate, the Council

approved the carrying out of this work, on the proposal of Clr. Killilea, seconded by Clr. Glynn.

It was unanimously agreed that consideration of the provision of a water supply at Kilkerrin (Carra), would be adjourned until June, 1957.

324 - CREATION OF OFFICES: The Council approved the creation of the following offices:-

- (a) Dental Attendant - on the proposal of Clr. John Mannion, seconded by Clr. Hanley.
- (b) The permanent appointment of a District Nurse at Tuam - at present temporary - on the proposal of Clr. Killilea, seconded by Clr. Collins.
- (c) The proposal to appoint a District Nurse at Ballinasloe, temporary at first and permanent eventually - on the proposal of Clr. Dowd, seconded by Clr. Collins.

The creation of the position of Assistant County Engineer in lieu of an existing position of Architectural Assistant was proposed by Clr. Lahiffe and seconded by Clr. Dowd.

This proposal was opposed by Clrs. John Mannion, J. Geoghegan and F. Coogan. The County Engineer explained that the suggestion is that the County should be divided into three areas for health and sanitary purposes - instead of two at present.

It was unanimously decided that consideration of this item would be adjourned for six months.

On the proposition of Clr. P. Kelly, it was decided to adjourn consideration and refer to the Visiting Committee for their views the proposal that a Sister at Galway Regional Hospital be promoted to the position of Assistant Matron, and that the one position of Sister be abolished.

325 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: The following remuneration variations were approved by the Council:-

- (a) Laboratory Student Technicians - application of the revised scale of £5. 4. 7. a week by 5/- to £5. 14. 7. a week plus 10% bonus, to existing laboratory student technicians, with effect from 1st April, 1957, giving credit for existing service to the officers concerned.
- (b) Payment of temporary bonus of 7½% to Assistance Officers and Superintendent Assistance Officer with effect from 1st April, 1956, inclusive.
- (c) Payment with effect from 1st April, 1956, to Home Assistance Officers in rural districts, of travelling expenses in accordance with the scale approved in Department of Social Welfare letter, H.686 of 13th November, 1953, with limits for maximum annual payment as follows:

Car:	£100.
Motor Cycle:	£50.
Cycle:	£30/3.

 (This revision to be in lieu of the Scheme which was approved in Manager's Order No: 11980 of March, 1956.)
- (d) Payment of a wage of £12 a week with no addition for overtime work to Foremen P. Kavanagh and M. Craughwell, with effect from 1st January, 1957.
- (e) Payment of a salary of £14. 14. 0. a week to Mr. Joseph Kyne, Clerk of Works during any period that he will be in charge of at least two of the following Schemes; viz., Ten Cottages at Clifden, Fire Station, Clifden, Dispensary Residence at Clifden.
- (f) Approval to a salary of £180 a year for the Caretaker of Kiltinan Water Supply Scheme.
- (g) The following scale of remuneration for the Analyst employed by the Council with effect from 1st April, 1957:-

For first 100 samples in any financial year - a retaining fee of £75.
For samples in excess of 100 and not exceeding 500 in any year - 12/- per sample.
For samples in excess of 500 in any year and not exceeding 1,000 - 10/6d. per 3.
For samples in excess of 1,000 in any year and not exceeding 1,000 - 9/- per sample.
For Samples analysed in any year in excess of the number 1,000 - 9/- per sample.
Samples of Water analysed - £1. 17. 6. each.

The above approvals were given with the following proposals and seconders:

- (a) Clr. Carty and Coogan.
- (b) Clrs. Carty and Geoghegan.
- (c) Clrs. Carty and Geoghegan.

- (d) Clrs. King and Coogan.
- (e) Clrs. Collins and Glynn.
- (f) Clrs. Geoghegan and Joyce.
- (g) Clrs. Geoghegan and Joyce.

CLR. CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

326 - ABOLITION OF WILLIAMSTOWN ASSISTANCE DISTRICT: On the proposition of Clr. Killilea, seconded by Clr. Burke, the Council approved the proposal to abolish the Williamstown Dispensary District and to amalgamate that area with the adjoining districts of Tuam and Dunmore, and approve the revised scale of salary for the Tuam and Dunmore Districts, viz.,

Tuam - £225 by £10 to £320 a year, plus full bonus.
Dunmore - £300 by £15 to £450 a year, plus full bonus.

326A - OLD ROADWAY, CLONBERNE:

It was proposed by Clr. P. Mannion, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved: "That the Council hereby extinguish the right of way over a short piece of old roadway at Clonberne as shown in the map prepared by the Acting County Engineer - this piece of roadway having been abandoned as a result of road improvement operations carried out in that area."

327 - SALE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT CLONBERNE: It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the proposal to sell to Mr. James Flaherty, Coguala, Clonberne, a plot of ground at Clonberne, area 1 rood, 12 perches or thereabouts, statute measure, acquired in connection with road widening - as described in the notice dated 11th February, 1957, issued to each member of the Council, the consideration for this disposal being £10 plus costs of conveyance of the plot to Mr. Flaherty."

328 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949: On the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Carr, the Council approved the list of schemes submitted by the Acting County Engineer, viz., Nos: 83 to 134 inclusive.

Clr. Dowd and Collins recommended that this grant be notified earlier as it is wasteful having the work carried out at a time when the places concerned are flooded.

CLR. RUANE NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

329 - PLAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROADS: The County Engineer's list of proposals for addition to the plan for reconstruction of county roads, having been already circulated to the Councillors, was approved on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan.

330 - DEMOLITION OF LEENANE COTTAGE: The Secretary explained that it was found necessary to demolish a cottage at Leenane which had developed cracks due to subsidence and was a great danger to the tenants. The demolition of the cottage was approved on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Ruane.

331 - DERRYWEE BRIDGE: The draft Bridge Order received with Department of Local Government Letter R.7/1/4 of 7th December, 1956, was submitted and noted, and was approved on the proposition of Clr. Lahiffe, seconded by Clr. Collins.

332 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: Consideration of a request from the Irish Nurses' Organisation that the nursing profession be represented on the Consultative Health Committee, was deferred until the next occasion on which the members of the Committee will be appointed.

333 - GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956: It was proposed by Clr. J. Canning, seconded by Clr. P. Collins and resolved:

"That the Council hereby adopt Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, in respect of Galway County Health District excluding the towns of Loughrea and Tuam."

334 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The following Auditor's Reports were submitted and noted:-

County Galway Vocational Education Committee - Y.E. 31st March, 1956.

Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees - Y.E. 31st March, 1956.
 River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee - Y.E. 31st March, 1956.
 River Suck Joint Drainage Committee - Y.E. 31st March, 1956.

335 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE: On the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Hanley, the Council approved the following excess expenditure over the amount provided in the Estimate for the current year ending 31st March, 1957, while noting that there will be a saving on the Estimate as a whole: -

Health (Institutional Services):	£8,000.
Rehabilitation and maintenance of Disabled Persons:	£5,000.
Public Assistance:	£4,600.
General Purposes - Local Authorities (Works) Acts Schemes:	£1,500.

336 - BLIND WELFARE BOARD: Letter AD.39/56 of the 15/2/57 from the Department of Social Welfare was submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Hanley, the Council appointed Mr. Martin Quinn, Co. Councillor, as a representative who would be prepared to become a member of the Board to be established for the acquisition of equipment and running of a workshop for the blind - if selected by the Minister.

337 - MASS RADIOGRAPHY: Circular letter No: 9/57 of 9th February, 1957, and the enclosure received therewith were submitted to the Council and noted.

338 - PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1956: Letter EL.8/56 of the 15th December, 1956, and the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956, were submitted, and on the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Canning, the Council approved the granting of the increase in pensions authorised by the Act with effect from 1st January, 1957, inclusive, and noted that the cost of the increase for a full year would be £1300.

339 - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD: On the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Sirr, Mr. Martin Quinn, Chairman, was appointed as the Council's nominee for the coming year, to vote at general meetings of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., and to exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership.

340 - NEW COTTAGES - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Clr. M. Wall, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £80,000 on Council's General Account for the period to 30th June, 1957, or until such time as the loans of £30,000 and £50,000 sought for this purpose will become available - if earlier than 30th June, 1957."

341 - KILCONLY PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 13/12/56 was submitted stating that the population of the village is 30 and recommending that instead of providing public lighting the Church Authorities should erect another light over the Church door. It was decided that the proposal for provision of public lighting at Kilconly be adjourned.

342 - DUNMORE OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Burke, seconded by Clr. John Dennellan and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the appointment of Mr. Sean Finnegan, N.T. and Mr. James Mooney, N.T., as members of the Dunmore Old Age Pension Sub-Committee."

343 - PORTUMNA PUBLIC LIGHTING: In reply to Clr. Canning's Notices of Motion, numbers 17 (b), (1) and (2), the Secretary explained that arrangements had already been made for the provision of lighting on the Shannon Road and on the Cottage Scheme, and submitted County Engineer's report of the 20/2/57, in regard to proposed positions of two additional lights in the area between Claffey's premises at Dominick and Joyce's residence at Bridge Road, Portumna. Provision of these additional lights was approved on the proposition of Clr. Canning, seconded by Clr. Hanley.

344 - PORTUMNA WATERMAIN EXTENSION: In reply to Clr. Canning's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that an extension to serve the 19 houses along the Woodford Road would be 1,500 yards long and would cost approximately £2,300; that an extension of 700 yards would serve five houses and would cost about £1100; that an extension of 270 yards would serve the first three houses from Dunkollin Terrace, and would cost about £500.

The Council decided that the matter be referred to the Assistant County Manager to consider what can be done to meet the requirements of this area.

345 - OLD AGE PENSIONERS - HOSPITAL TREATMENT: It was noted that this matter had already been considered at a special meeting.

346 - OUGHTERARD WEIGHING SCALES: In reply to Clr. Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that the Council does not own the fair rights at Oughterard.

347 - ARAN, CONVEYANCE OF PATIENTS: On the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, it was decided to recommend to the Government that a helicopter be stationed in Galway to deal with the conveyance of patients from the islands of the west coast in general to the mainland.

348 - DISPENSARY FOR CASHLA DISTRICT: In reply to Clr. Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, the County Medical Officer's report of 7/1/57 was submitted, stating that in his opinion such a building would not be necessary.

Clr. Geoghegan explained that all he was recommending was that a depot be provided by obtaining a room to rent in some house in the vicinity, as he considered that it is unfair to the patients in that district to have to travel long distances to the nearest dispensary; the provision of a depot was recommended on the proposal of Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce.

349 - CORNAMONA STREET LIGHTING: On the proposition of Councillor Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, the Council unanimously recommended the provision of public lighting in Cornamona.

350 - DISPENSARY FOR CORNAMONA: On the proposition of Clr. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council recommended that a dispensary depot be provided at Cornamona.

351 - TIERNASCORLAGH NEW SCHOOL ENTRANCE: In accordance with Clr. Hanley's Notice of Motion No: 17 (e), the Council, on Clr. Hanley's proposition, seconded by Clr. Canning, decided to refer the matter to the County Engineer to consider if this could be done by deleting the provision for improvement of footpaths at Portumna.

352 - WALL REPAIRS AT BAYLEWK, CLIFDEN: In reply to Clr. Joyce's notice of motion, the County Engineer's report of 19/12/56 was submitted, stating that provision was being made by him for the carrying out of this work.

353 - HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS TO CARD HOLDERS: In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that normally accounts would not be furnished to the holders of medical cards, and that this might, however, occur where the notification of the issue of the card had not reached the hospital people before the issue of the account; that this could be avoided if the patient concerned could produce the card; and that in any case arrangements have now been made which should obviate this occurrence in future.

354 - PUBLIC LIGHTING LETTERFRACK, TULLY CROSS AND RENWYLE: In reply to Clr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of 21/2/57 was submitted, and it was, on the proposition of Clr. Joyce, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan, recommended that consideration be given to the provision of public lighting in these three places as soon as supplies are available.

355 - MOTOR TAXATION: Clr. Joyce and Clr. Geoghegan seconded, that the Galway County Council request the Government to reduce the cost of taxing motor vehicles for a quarter to a reasonable figure.

356 - GARDENOR, GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: In reference to Clr. Kelly's Notice of Motion No: 17 (e), Clr. Kelly stated that he did not wish to pursue this matter as the County Manager had met his representations.

In the absence of the Councillors concerned at this stage, the Notices of Motion Numbers 17 (h) (2), 17 (l) and 17(j) (1) were adjourned until next meeting.

357 - ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT MOUNTBELLEW: It was proposed by Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Clr. M. Wall and resolved:

"That the Council recommend to the County Manager that an office for the District Engineer be provided in Mountbellew.

358 - KINVARA OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Coogan, seconded by Clr. Kelly and resolved:

"That the name of Mr. P.S. O'Loughlin be added to the Kinvara Old Age Pension Sub-Committee."

359 - GARRABEG ROAD: In reply to Clr. Lambert's Notice of Motion, No. 17 (j) (3) the County Engineer's report of the 22/1/57 was submitted, pointing out that the cost of the work would be £750, and that in the absence of funds for this matter, nothing can be done by him.

360 - FOUNTAIN AT GLENAMADDY: In reply to Clr. Mannion's Notice of Motion, No. 17 (k) (2), the County Engineer's report of the 22/2/57 was submitted, stating that the estimated cost of the work is £6, and that he recommends it as being a desirable work. The carrying out of the work was recommended on the proposition of Clr. M. Mannion, seconded by Clr. Geoghegan.

361 - SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE: In reply to a question by Clr. Geoghegan, the County Medical Officer's report of 18/2/57 was submitted, stating that the waiting lists which have accumulated, was due to the inadequate staff provided to deal with the tonsil and dental ailments in school children, that the waiting list for both these complaints is now being reduced effectively, and it is hoped that within one year, there will be no delay in immediate treatment; that there is no waiting lists for the provision of spectacles for school children.

362 - ROAD WORKERS - ELECTION DAY: In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Geoghegan, the County Manager stated that road workers who require a full day or a half day off on Election Day can have such leave without pay.

363 - SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE: Clr. Geoghegan asked what happens in the case where owing to the long delay a notice goes out to a child whose education at the national school has finished, and the child is therefore no longer available in the school when the notice arrives.

364 - GALWAY BUS SERVICE: Clr. John Donnellan recommended that the Council ask C.I.E. to provide a bus each morning and evening around Knocknacarra Corner so as to take children to school.

Clr. P. Kelly recommended that incoming buses from the country would stop at the Square, rather than that the passengers would be taken down to the Railway Station and would have to walk back to the Square again.

365 - ENGINEERING STAFF: In reply to a question by Clr. P. Kelly, the Secretary stated that there are nineteen permanent Engineers employed with a total payment per annum for salaries of £20,405, and travelling expenses £6,298; that in addition to above in the year ending 31st March, 1956, there were three temporary Engineers (two on roads and one on housing) with total salary bill £1988 and travelling expenses £871; that there were seven temporary Resident Engineers on outlying works with total salary bill of £2617. The total for year ended 31st March, 1956, in respect of salary and travelling expenses for above three groups came to £32,077.

In reply to a further question, the Secretary stated that the amount paid by the Council to Architects for the years to 31st March, 1954, 1955 and 1956 were respectively £3304, £10,655, £9067; that figures are not available to show the amount saved under the economy drive during the past six months; that the County Solicitor reports that the Divilly case has to be referred to the High Court Judge to make up his Order in the matter, and that until this is done and the costs are taxed, the Acting County Solicitor cannot state what the costs will amount to.

Clr. Kelly recommended that the figures in regard to Engineering Staff and Architects fees be circulated to the Councillors; that Council notices of motion be placed at the head of the agenda.

366 - SALE OF LAND AT OUGHTERRARD: On the proposition of Clr. John Donnellan seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council decided that consideration of the sale of land and premises at Oughterrard in accordance with the notice dated 12th February, 1957, be adjourned until next meeting.

The County Manager explained that there will not be any other purchaser for this property which is an eyesore and that its sale and improvement would, as well as tidying up the place, ensure some revenue to the Council as a result of the valuation increase.

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

The relatives of the late Very Rev. John Canon Hayes, Bansha.

Miss Mary Donnellan on the death of her father.

Mrs. Kelly, Poulredmond, on the death of her husband, Mr. John Kelly.

Mr. Joseph Shaughnessy and family, Athenry, on the death of Michael Shaughnessy.

Mr. Thomas Fahy and family, Slieverue, Athenry, on the death of his brother, John Fahy.

Mr. Broderick, Slieverue, Athenry, on the death of his wife.

Mrs. John Cleary, Abbey Row, Athenry, on the death of her sister.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

R. J. Kelly - Secy.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Michael Carb^{Secy}
Chairman.

Date: 23rd - March, 1957.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON SATURDAY
26th January, 1957.

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

Also Present: Clr. King, Senator Mannion, Clr. O'Donnell, Dr. Dyar, Dr. McConn,
C.M.O., and Dr. O'Driscoll.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting which was held on 4th December, 1956, having
been circulated to the members were signed by the Chairman.

Clr. Quinn now took the chair.

General Medical Services Register: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that the total
number of applications for medical cards was 13,537 viz:-

Cards issued.	12,052
Applications refused.	1,107
Applications under consideration.	378
	<u>13,537</u>

The Co. Manager informed Dr. Dyar that he would enquire into the delay in supplying
drugs, medicines, and appliances so as to ensure that these requisitions would get
priority in future.

GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Clr. Carty proposed and Clr. King seconded that
the Co. Manager make medical cards available to old age pensioners so that they
would qualify for free hospitalization and general institutional services.

Maternity Service: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that:

- (a) 76 doctors had completed the New Maternity Service
Agreement Forms of whom 38 were District Medical Offices, the remaining 38 being
private practitioners.
(b) 1 District Medical Officer who had signed the Old Maternity
Service Agreement Form did not sign the new one.
(c) 70 Midwives had signed the Agreement Forms of whom 37 were
private nurses.

Dr. O'Driscoll criticised the administration of the midwifery services in the
Galway Urban area from the Galway Regional Hospital whereby the nurses summoned a
hospital doctor rather than the patient's doctor and he enquired whose responsibility
it was to give medical attention to the infant from ten days after birth until it
was six weeks old.

Maternity Cash Grants: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that since 1st January, 1954,
4341 Maternity Grants had been approved.

Disablement Allowances: It was noted that the total number of applications for
Disablement Allowances was 2420 viz:-

Number approved.	1035
Number refused.	1169
Number still under consideration.	216
	<u>2420</u>

Dental Services: Clr. King stressed the urgency of providing a dental service
for necessitous adults.

Congratulations: Dr. O'Driscoll congratulated the members of the Council the Co.
Manager and his staff on the efficient administration of the various health functions
and services during the past year.

Clr. Carty congratulated Dr. White, R.M.S. Galway Regional Hospital
on his recovery from his illness.
The Chairman, the Co. Manager and Dr. White suitably replied.

The Meeting then terminated.

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TO CONSIDER:

- Minutes.
- Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £40,000 for Housing Grants.
- Completion of Mortgage Deed for Loan of £21,500 for Kiltonan Water Supply Scheme.
- Overdraft arrangements for quarter ending 30th June, 1957.
- Extinguishment of Right of Way over portion of the public square at Ballygar, area 8 perches.
- Sale of Land and Premises at Oughterard - Notice of 12th February, 1957.
- Transfer of £200 from Main Road 310 T (Ballyfa-Ballinasloe) to Ballinasloe Urban Main Roads Nos: 510 and 530.
- Making and adoption of a scheme for supply of Seeds and Fertilizers in the sale period ending on 31st July, 1957.
- Creation of offices:-
 - Two Part-time permanent aesthetists at Galway Regional Hospital with salary of £750 a year plus temporary bonus (£59. 5. 0. p.a.) for each.
 - Porter for out-patients Department at Galway Regional Hospital with salary of £5. 5. 0. a week x 10/- to £6. 5. 0. a week.
- Abolition of offices:-
 - Caretaker of Clifden Sewerage Scheme and Latrine.
 - Caretaker of Tully and Letterfrack Water Supplies.
(In each case the position is being re-graded as that of a servant).

11. Remuneration Variations:-

- (a) Temporary Housing Engineer - increase from £11 a week plus temporary allowance (Total £15. 8. 7.) to £12 a week plus temporary allowance (Total £16. 16. 4).

12. New Works:-

- (a) Extra Room for Cottage No: 41 Ballagh West, Ballinasloe at a cost of £350. (Rent to be increased by 3/- a week).

13. Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools:-

- (a) Amendment of Clause 11 (3) of Scheme for 1956.
 (b) Application for permission to avail of a non-residential scholarship outside the county.

14. Visiting Committee Minutes:-

Tuam Home: 26. 11. 1956.
 Our Lady of Fatima Hospital: 8. 12. 1956.
 St. Brendan's Home: 11. 12. 1956.
 Galway Regional Hospital: 22. 12. 1956.
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15. Matters for Agenda for next meeting of County Councils General Council.

16. Auditor's Reports:-

- (a) Loughrea Town Commissioners - Y.E. 31. 3. 1956.

17. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

- (a) Deputy M.F. Kitt: "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that the Shrine erected in Castleblakney by the Local Improvements Committee be lighted by the Galway County Council in conjunction with the Co. Council public lighting system of the village."

- (b) Clr. R. Lahiffe: "Please note that at the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will move:

- (1) That the road leading from the main Gort-Ennis road at Carrane near Bunahow through Shanaglish Village on to Gort-Tubber trunk road at Crossford on through Tarnon to Kilmacduagh, be put on Five Year Plan for steamrolling. (I would point out that this route covers the National Monuments, Ardnullivan Castle, Fiddane Castle and Kilmacduagh Tower and Churches and may qualify for a Tourist Grant).
 (2) That the road from trunk road at Newtown leading to Tiernevin Church be put on Five Year Plan for rolling."

- (c) Clr. J. Lambert: "At the next meeting of the Council I will ask that public lighting be provided at Kilchreest, Loughrea."

- (d) Clr. S. Mac An Iomairc: "Cuirim i n-iuil gur sheart do'n Rúnai do Comhairle Condae Ainmeaca agus sloini an dream seo go bhfuil beatha, broga, agus bainne i n-aisce le fágáil ag a cur os comhair an tíshe."

- (e) Clr. J. Dowd:

- (1) I will ask the County Engineer to have dangerous bends removed and the sides of the road made safe and bushes cut down to make the road at Abbeylands, Yracourt, safe.
 (2) I will also propose that two extra lights be provided between Kiltormer and the Kiltormer Dance Hall."

18. Replies to Questions already submitted by members.

19. Other business.

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

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

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

On the request of the Deputy County Manager, the Council approved the attendance at the meeting of Mr. Newton, an official from the British Colonial Service.

368 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 367 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

369 - BALLYMOE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Cirs. Glynn and Sirr requested that a letter be sent to them explaining the present position in regard to the provision of a water supply scheme at Ballymoe.

370 - LOAN £40,000 for HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. P. Kelly 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 £40,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Acts, 1952 to 1956."

371 - LOAN £21,500 for KILROGAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Clr. P. Kelly 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 £21,500, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

372 - BALLYGAR SEWERAGE SCHEME LOAN: It was proposed by Clr. M. Wall, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £15,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a sewerage scheme at Ballygar; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

373 - OUGHTERARD WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME - LOAN: It was proposed by Deputy J. Coogan, seconded by Clr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"The Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £22,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works for provision of a Water Supply Improvements Scheme at Oughterard, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

374 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS SCHEMES: It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the continuation of all existing schemes for issue of supplementary housing grants by the Council for one month to 30th April, 1957, inclusive, when all these schemes will terminate."

Clr. Sirr recommended that the members of the Council who are deputies should put before the Minister for Local Government the position in regard to the urgent need for funds required by the Council for this purpose, to meet commitments already incurred.

375 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Clr. P. Kelly, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation on General Account not exceeding £150,000 for the quarter ending 30th Jun., 1957."

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376 - PUBLIC SQUARE, BALLYGAR: It was proposed by Cllr. M. Wall, seconded by Cllr. J. Glynn and resolved:

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, the Council hereby extinguish the right-of-way over a portion of the public square at Ballygar, area 8 perches, as described in the map furnished with the Acting County Engineer's report of the 13th February, 1957."

377 - SALE OF BRIDEWELL PREMISES AT OUGHTERARD: The notice dated 12th February, 1957, which was sent to each member of the Council, was submitted - consideration of this matter having been adjourned at meeting of the Council held on 23rd February, 1957.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Geoghegan, Mr. Collins, Acting County Engineer, stated that the use of the Bridewell premises as a dispensary had already been considered and it was decided that the premises are not suitable for this purpose.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that he was not satisfied that the premises could not be adapted for use as a dispensary, or that at least the site could not be utilised as a site for erection of a new dispensary thereon.

On the suggestion of Deputy Carty, it was decided that further consideration of this matter would be deferred until the premises would be inspected by the members of the institutions Visiting Committee on the next occasion that that Committee will visit Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden - reference to this matter to be included in the notice calling the next meeting of the Visiting Committee for Clifden.

378 - ROAD WORKS, 1956/57: The following transfers of monies for the current year were approved on the proposition of Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Hanley:-

- (a) £200 from Section 310T (Ballyfa, Ballinasloe) to Sections 510 and 530 - Ballinasloe Urban maintenance.
- (b) County Road Improvement Grant - transfer of £430 to Scheme No. 14, viz., £140 from Scheme No. 1 and £290 from Scheme No. 2.

379 - SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS: It was proposed by Cllr. P. Collins, seconded by Cllr. P. Sirr and resolved:

"That the Council hereby make and adopt a scheme for the supply of seeds and fertilisers on loan terms for the sale period ending 31st July, 1957, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the scheme".

380 - ANAESTHETISTS AT THE GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted, and the Council's approval was requested to the creation of two posts of part-time permanent Anaesthetists to replace visiting Anaesthetists at Galway Regional Hospital.

Cllr. Sirr proposed that the Council do not approve the creation of these positions.

Cllr. Sirr's proposal was supported by Cllr. Kelly.

The Secretary explained that according to the information available, the expenditure involved in payment of the salaries proposed for these two Anaesthetists, would be less than the payment at present being made on a sessional basis to visiting Anaesthetists.

Deputy Carty proposed that consideration of this matter be deferred for three months, and that in the meantime the Manager be requested to circulate to the members of the Council a statement giving full details of the proposal.

Cllr. King stated that he would like to see a statement prepared, setting out the proper organisation of the hospital staff, so that the Council might consider this statement, and so that no further request for additional offices in that institution would be submitted for a period of twelve months.

Cllr. Galvin considered that having regard to the existing cost of the Anaesthetist service, the creation of the two positions in question would not be unreasonable.

Eventually Cllr. Carty's suggestion was approved by the Council, and consideration of this item was deferred for three months.

381 - ADDITIONAL PORTER AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: County Manager's letter of 4th March, 1957, was submitted, explaining the necessity for the creation of the position of additional porter for the out-patients department at Galway Regional Hospital.

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Deputy Coogan proposed that the Council approve the creation of this position.

Cllr. Kelly proposed, and after a discussion it was approved by the Council, that consideration of this item be deferred pending the submission of further details of the necessity for the appointment.

382 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - PATIENTS: Deputy Coogan asked when sufficient bed accommodation for patients will be provided in Galway Regional Hospital, as he stated he is aware of a case in which the patient came in for operation from a distant part of the county, and was sent away to return another day.

The Deputy County Manager requested that Deputy Coogan would give details of this case to the County Secretary.

Cllr. Sirr stated that since there is no bus service from Glenamaddy Dispensary District to Ballinasloe, it would be more suitable to arrange that patients from Glenamaddy would be sent to Galway Regional Hospital, and requested that this would receive the Manager's consideration.

This recommendation was supported by Cllr. Dowd.

Cllr. Dowd objected to the fact that the Visiting Committee is not empowered to visit Portiuncula Hospital, and stated that there is no adequate lighting provided in the approaches to the public part of that hospital.

Cllr. John Donnellan requested that information be given as to the proportion of the floor area of the Regional Hospital which is occupied by offices, as compared with the floor area devoted to patients' beds.

383 - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL - SEWERAGE: It was proposed by Cllr. King, and seconded by Cllr. Dowd, that an enquiry be held by an official of the Department of Health into the sewerage arrangements at Galway Regional Hospital. After further discussion of this proposal, it was decided that the County Manager's report on this matter be circulated to the members of the Visiting Committee for consideration by them at their next meeting at the Galway Regional Hospital.

Cllr. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

384 - ABOLITION OF OFFICES:

On the proposition of Cllr. Sirr, seconded by Cllr. Collins, the Council approved the abolition of the following offices:-

- (a) Caretaker of Clifden Sewerage Scheme and Clifden Public Latrine.
- (b) Caretaker of Tully and Letterfrack Water Supplies.

385 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: The following variations in remuneration were approved by the Council:-

- (a) Mr. C. Forde, Temporary Housing Engineer - Increase to £12 per week plus bonus (Total £16. 16. 4) from 1st March, 1957, inclusive. - on the proposition of Cllr. O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr. Galvin.
- (b) Mr. Flanagan, Resident Engineer, Kilonan Water Supply Scheme - Increase to £14. 0. 11d. per week from 1st November, 1956, inclusive - on the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Cllr. Sirr.

386 - NEW WORKS: On the proposition of Cllr. Sirr, seconded by Cllr. Collins, the Council approved the provision of an extra room for cottage No. 41, Ballagh, West, Ballinasloe, at a cost of £350, on the understanding that when this work is completed, the rent of the cottage will be increased by 3/- a week.

387 - SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS: The minutes of proceedings at meeting of the Education Committee held on 29th January, 1957, were submitted and approved.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Cllr. Collins and resolved:

"That Clause 11 (3) of the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools for the year 1966 be amended by the addition of the following:-

"Should a candidate who has qualified for the award of a residential scholarship be unable in exceptional circumstances to avail himself of this scholarship at a

residential school, the Council may, with the approval of the Minister, award a scholarship of lower value to such a candidate to enable him to attend a recognised non-residential school, the value of such scholarship to be determined in relation to the school fees (including cost of books) payable by the candidate and the cost of his travel to and from such a non-residential school".

The Council approved the award of a scholarship of £55 a year to the candidate concerned, viz., student Connaughton.

The Council approved the tenure in a school in Dublin of a scholarship awarded to Mr. Laurence X. Cahill under the Scheme for the year 1955 - his parents having moved to Dublin in the meantime.

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

- Tuam Home, 26th November, 1956.
- Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, 8th December, 1956.
- St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, 11th December, 1956.
- Galway Regional Hospital, 22nd December, 1956.
- Galway Regional Hospital, 2nd February, 1957.

389 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: Letter of 5th March, 1957 from the County Councils' General Council requesting notice of matters for inclusion in the Agenda for the May meeting was submitted and noted.

390 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The Auditor's report on the accounts of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the year ended 31st March, 1956, was submitted and noted.

391 - COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: - QUARTER TO 30th June, 1957: The County Engineer's list of proposals for expenditure of the amount £36,000 allocated for above quarter having been circulated to the members, was submitted and approved by the Council.

392 - DERRYWEE BRIDGE: It was proposed by Clr. J. Lambert, seconded by Clr. P. Sirr and resolved:

"That the Council consent to the application to the Galway County Council of a Bridge Order in respect of Derrywee Bridge similar to the draft Order approved by the Galway County Council in Minute No: 331 of meeting of the Council held on 23rd February, 1957.

393 - CASTLEBLAKENEY PUBLIC LIGHTING: In connection with Clr. Kitt's Notice of Motion, the Secretary explained that the Council had no legal authority to provide lighting in the Marian Shrine at Castleblakeney.

Clr. Kitt explained that the necessary wiring would be carried out by the local committee, and that having regard to the good work done by that Committee and the very small expenditure which would be involved in lighting the halo of the statue, he recommended that the Council would provide the necessary lighting. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Collins, and it was decided that it be referred to the County Manager for his favourable consideration.

394 - COUNTY ROADS FIVE YEAR PLAN: In reply to Clr. Lahiffe's notices of motion, 17 (b) (1) and (2), the Acting County Engineer explained that he has included both of these roads in his list of recommendations for addition to the plan for reconstruction of county roads - which list is at present being considered by the Deputy County Manager.

395 - KILCHREEST PUBLIC LIGHTING: It was proposed by Clr. Lambert, seconded by Clr. Lahiffe and resolved:

"That the Council recommend the provision of public lighting at Kilchreest.

396 - MOUNTBELLEW PUBLIC LIGHTING: Clr. Collins recommended that one street light be provided opposite the old school at the college corner of Mountbellew.

397 - CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS: MAR seo leanas:-

Moil an Clr. S. Mac an Iomaire

"Cuirim i n-úil gur ceart do'n Runaí de Comhairle Connche sinmeala agus sloiní an t-Sean, so go bfuil beala, bróga, agus bainne i n-aisce le fáil aca a cur ós cómhair an t-úile."

Dubairt an Runaí gur prionáidéal idir oíar agus Comhairle eolas maidir le seirbhísí sláinte.

Táobair an Clr. Mac an Ríog i zcoinnib an rún agus dubairt sé nac ceart cor ar bit a leiteid sin d'eolas a cur ar fáil.

Ceart an t-Seanó Ceit gur ceart an liosta a tabairt dos na comhairleoirí.

Dubairt an Clr. Ó Seánáin nac ceart an liosta a tabairt do zac Comhairleoir, ac gur ceart an liosta a beir ar fáil.

Óí an Clr. Ó n-Ainlí

Dubairt an t-Sean-Ómhoiceóir go raib an Comhairle i bceibéal eolas d'fáil ac ní raib an ceart sin az Comhairleoir amáin.

Socrúidéal go mbeid eolas le fáil ar an cas fá leir, nó's rub é go mbeid a leitead sin d'eolas az t-Seanóil ó Comhairleoir.

398 - MEDICAL CERTIFICATES: Clr. Kelly referred to two cases in which a District Medical Officer demanded a fee for a medical certificate required by the child of the holder of a medical card - in one case the certificate being required as proof of vaccination for a person about to emigrate, and in the other the certificate being required for purposes in connection with the Council's Scholarship Scheme.

Deputy Geoghegan pointed out that in the case of the person about to emigrate, it should be noted that that person was, no doubt, over sixteen years of age, and should himself be in possession of a medical card.

The Secretary stated that so far as he could recollect, the Duties of Medical Officers Order did not require them to issue medical certificates to card holders, but that there was a duty on the Medical Officer to issue to the Health Authority a certificate relating to the health of any person for whom the health authority required such a certificate, and that ~~this might cover the requirement~~ in regard to the Scholarship Scheme, since the County Council is both Health Authority and the authority administering the Scholarship Scheme.

It was recommended that this matter would be investigated by the County Manager.

399 - ROADS AT ABBEYLANDS, EYRECOURT: In reply to Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion, the Acting County Engineer stated that the cost of improving three bad corners on this road would be £264, and that funds have not been provided for this work; that he will, however, do as much as can be done out of the money provided for ordinary maintenance.

400 - KILTORMER PUBLIC LIGHTING: In connection with Clr. Dowd's Notice of Motion that two extra lights be provided between Kiltormer and Kiltormer Dance Hall, the County Engineer's report was submitted, stating that since there are no existing lighting poles and no houses in this vicinity, he did not recommend the provision of these lights.

The County Engineer's report was noted and the Council did not make any recommendation for provision of the lights.

401 - BALLYGAR COURTHOUSE: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Kitt, the Secretary stated that he had not received any letter recently stating that the holding of a Court in Ballygar is to be abolished.

Clr. Wall stressed that when opposing the provision of a Courthouse in Ballygar at a very high cost, this proposition was not to be taken as total opposition to the provision of a courthouse there - all Clr. Wall sought was that the building would be provided at a reasonable cost.

402 - GARRABEG ROAD, GORT: It was decided that this matter, which was raised at the February meeting - would be included for consideration at the next Roads Meeting in December, 1957.

403 - CONGRATULATIONS: On the proposition of Clr. Wall, seconded by Clr. Kelly the Council congratulated the members of the Council who were recently elected members of Dail Eireann, and also congratulated two newly appointed Parliamentary Secretaries, viz., Mr. Hogan and Mr. Bartley.

On the proposition of Clr. Lambert, seconded by Clr. Ganning, the Council congratulated all recently appointed Deputies in County Galway.

404 - MAINTENANCE OF PUMPS: Clr. M. Mammion referred to the unsatisfactory condition of pumps in Mountbellew District and recommended that in future the maintenance of pumps in that district be carried out by direct labour.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Chairman

Tomás Mac an Ríada

Date: 27/4/57

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON SATURDAY 26th January, 1957.

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

Also Present: Clr. King, Senator Mammion, Clr. O'Donnell, Dr. Dyar, Dr. McComi, C.M.O., and Dr. O'Driscoll.

Minutes: minutes of previous meeting which was held on 4th December, 1956, having been circulated to the members were signed by the Chairman.

Clr. Quinn now took the chair.

General Medical Services Register: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that the total number of applications for medical cards was 13,537 viz:-

Cards issued.	12,052.
Applications refused.	1,107
Applications under consideration.	378
	<u>13,537</u>

The Co. Manager informed Dr. Dyar that he would enquire into the delay in supplying drugs, medicines, and appliances so as to ensure that these requisitions would get priority in future.

GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: Clr. Carty proposed and Clr. King seconded that the Co. Manager make medical cards available to old age pensioners so that they would qualify for free hospitalization and general institutional services.

Maternity Service: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that:

- (a) 76 doctors had completed the New Maternity Service Agreement Forms of whom 38 were District Medical Offices, the remaining 38 being private practitioners.
(b) 1 District Medical Officer who had signed the Old Maternity Service Agreement Form did not sign the new one.
(c) 70 Midwives had signed the Agreement Forms of whom 37 were private nurses.

Dr. O'Driscoll criticised the administration of the midwifery services in the Galway Urban area from the Galway Regional Hospital whereby the nurses summoned a hospital doctor rather than the patient's doctor and he enquired whose responsibility it was to give medical attention to the infant from ten days after birth until it was six weeks old.

Maternity Cash Grants: The Acting Co. Secretary stated that since 1st January, 1954, 4341 Maternity Grants had been approved.

Disablement Allowances: It was noted that the total number of applications for Disablement Allowances was 2420 viz:-

Number approved.	1035
Number refused.	1169
Number still under consideration.	216
	<u>2420</u>

Dental Services: Clr. King stressed the urgency of providing a dental service for necessitous adults.

Congratulations: Dr. O'Driscoll congratulated the members of the Council the Co. Manager and his staff on the efficient administration of the various health functions and services during the past year.

Clr. Carty congratulated Dr. White, R.M.S. Galway Regional Hospital on his recovery from his illness.

The Chairman, the Co. Manager and Dr. White suitably replied.

The Meeting then terminated.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Completion of Mortgage Deeds for:-
 - (a) Loan £4,500 for Athenry Fairs and Market Rights and Fairgreen Site.
 - (b) Loan £4,700 for Claregalway Bridge.
 - (c) Loan £1,225 for Fire Engine Towing Vehicle for Portumna.
3. Making Preliminary Orders under the "Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940,
for Derelict Sites Nos: 1, 2, 4 and 5 at Kilmurvy, Inishmore, Aran.
4. Making Preliminary Orders under the "Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940,
for Derelict Sites Nos: A1, A3, A5, A8, and A11 at Ahascragh.
5. Remuneration Variations:-
 - (a) Letter 3. 4. '57 from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union applying
for an increase in the rate of wages for Road Workers.
 - (b) Letter 13. 12. '56 from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union
applying for an increase in the rate of wages for Drivers and Loaders.
6. Creation of Offices:-
 - (a) Assistant Matron, Galway Regional Hospital - Minute No: 324 of 23. 2. 1957.
 - (b) Additional Porter at Galway Regional Hospital - Minute No: 381 of 23. 3. 1957.

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7. Abolition of Office of Caretaker of Athenry Waterworks and Sewerage Schemes
(Position to be regraded as that of a servant).
8. Issue of Cinema Licences to:-
 - (a) Mr. George "cFadden for travelling cinema.
 - (b) Mr. Henry O'Shaughnessy for cinema at Gort.
9. Sale of Land and Premises at Oughterard. Minute No: 377 of 23. 3. 1957.
10. Transfer of money from Portumna Footpaths to Improvement at entrance to
Tiarnascragh New School.
11. County Roads Nos: 33 and 41 - Repair and Extension.
12. Minutes of Meeting of Consultative Health Committee of 26. 1. 1957.
13. Auditor's Report on accounts of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board for
Y.E. 31st March, 1956.
14. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Clr. J. Glynn:
 1. That Road Fence opposite New Church Williamstown be moved and road
widened and rolled before August 1st next.
 2. That E.S.B. be requested to move Public Light Poles to safe position
on Footpath in "treat Williamstown.
 3. That Well at Tubberally Farm be walled in.
 4. That Well at Fishpond Dunmore be walled in.
 5. That Brehony's Well at Farm be inspected and report on condition.
 6. To have information supplied re Ballymoor Water Supply -
 - (A) If good supply available
 - (b) When will work start.
 7. To remove fence and widen Corner at Clooncun Glenamaddy."
 - (b) Clr. P.D. Joyce:
 - "(1) That an E.S.B. street light be provided at the entrance to Bryan Mahon's
Terrace, Clifden.
 - (2) That the Minister for Lands be requested to remove the young trees
planted at Ballinahinch, Connemara, which will create dangerous blind
bends on the main Galway-Clifden road if they are allowed to mature.
 - (3) That the fountain be provided at Cleggan W.S. without further delay."
 - (c) Deputy J. Geoghegan:
 - (1) I will propose that the Co. Council put into proper repair the road
leading to the cottages at Lemonfield Oughterard and also the following:
 - (2) I will propose that the Co. Council erect a public lavatory at the Square,
in Oughterard."
 - (d) Clr. John Donnellan:
 - (1) "Go ndunfar Bothar na Tragh a Ostan Warwick go Crosbhothar Seanghuirt,
o na 2.i.n. go 4.i.n. ar 26 Bealtaine seo chugainn, La Rasai na gCurrao.
 - (2) I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that a pump be sunk
near Rineen Cross, Moycullen, to supply water to the adjacent houses."
15. Replies to questions already submitted by members.
16. 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 APRIL, 1957.

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

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

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

The relatives of the late Mr. P.D. Conroy, Rosmuck.
Mr. Joseph Ridge, County Councillor, on the death of his brother-in-law.
Mr. Michael Moran, Carna, on the death of his wife.
His Lordship, the Bishop of Galway, on the death of Very Rev. Canon O'Dea, Claregalway.
Sister Aloysious, Matron, Regional Hospital, on the death of her brother, Right Rev. Monsignor Callanan.
The relatives of Mr. P.M. Garvey, Ballyhard, Glenamaddy.
Miss Moloney, Clerk-Typist, on the death of her father.

406 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings to No: 404, inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

407 - HOUSING GRANTS: In reply to Clr. Glynn's enquiry, the Secretary stated that while sanction had been given to £40,000 as part of the large loan sought by the Galway County Council, no decision had yet been obtained as to whether the balance of this loan will be approved now or at any time.

The Assistant Manager stated that he expected to be able to make a statement on the position at the next meeting of the Council.

408 - DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS: Clr. Kelly referred to a report on the Tuam Herald in which the decision arrived at in Minute No: 398 of the 23rd March, 1957, was stated incorrectly.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, the County Manager stated that if the facts were established, a doctor refusing to attend a case holding a medical services card would be liable to suspension.

409 - LOAN FOR ATHENRY FAIRS AND MARKETS, etc. It was proposed by Clr. James J. Ruane, seconded by Clr. R. Lahiff, and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 22nd March, 1957, of the Local Government Minister, the sum of £4,500 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying the expenditure on the purchase of the fairs and market rights at Athenry, and for the acquisition of a site for a fairgreen at Athenry, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the usual rate charged from the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Ltd.

410 - LOAN FOR CLAREGALWAY BRIDGE: It was proposed by Clr. John M. Glynn, seconded by Clr. Thomas King and resolved:

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 23rd March, 1957, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £4,700 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the construction of a new bridge at Claregalway, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

In reply to enquiries by Clr. Pat Ruane, the Acting County Engineer stated that he is taking up with the Consultant the question

of improving the railings at the new bridge at Claregalway, and the question of replacing the tank for washing sheep is being taken up by him with the Office of Public Works.

411 - LOAN £1225 FOR FIRE ENGINE TOWING VEHICLE, PORTUMNA: It was proposed by Clr. Sean Canning, seconded by Clr. Thomas Hanley, and resolved:

"That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage dated 27th April, 1957, for repayment to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. of the sum of £1225 advanced by that Company to the Council for purchase of a Fire Engine Towing vehicle for Portumna.

412 - DERELICT SITES AT KILMURVEY, ARAN: It was proposed by Deputy John Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Paddy Collins and resolved:

"That preliminary Orders in accordance with Section 3 of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, be made by the Council in respect of Derelict Sites Nos: 1, 2, 4 and 5 at Kilmurvey, Inishmore, Aran."

The Preliminary Orders for each of these four sites were then sealed with the seal of the Council.

413 - DERELICT SITES AT AHASCRAUGH: It was proposed by Clr. Michael Kitt, seconded by Clr. Patrick T. Galvin, and resolved:

"That Preliminary Orders in accordance with Section 3 of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, be made by the Council in respect of Derelict Sites Nos: 41, 43, 45, 48 and 411 at Ahascragh.

The Preliminary Orders were then sealed with the seal of the Council for each of these five sites.

414 - WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS: Letter 3rd April, 1957, from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Galway, was submitted, and it was proposed by Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the granting of an increase of 5/- per week with effect from 1st April, 1957, inclusive, in the wages of all grades of road workers employed by the Council in the Galway County Health District, and in the wages of workers employed by the Council in Ballinasloe Urban District."

415 - WAGES OF DRIVERS AND LOADERS: Letter 13th December, 1956, from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Galway, was submitted. The County Manager stated that data to be obtained by him on this application, will be ready for submission to the Council at the next meeting, and requested that consideration of the matter be deferred in the meantime.

On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. James Ruane, it was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Council.

416 - ASSISTANT MATRON AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: Correspondence in connection with this matter, including Minute No: 324 of the 23rd February, 1957, and Minutes of meeting of the Visiting Committee in the meantime were submitted.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Dep. Kitt, and resolved:

"That the Council approve the creation of the position of Assistant Matron at the Galway Regional Hospital, on the understanding that the position will be filled by the promotion of an existing Sister and that the position of Sister so vacated will not be filled."

Clr. Kelly referring to the minutes of the Visiting Committee, asked how it was established that there was no other Sister equally qualified available.

Clr. King stated that the Sister who is being considered for appointment to the position as Assistant Matron is a very capable Galway trained nurse, and that it is most desirable to appoint to the position of Assistant Matron a person who would be capable of being appointed to the position of Matron if eventually that position became vacant.

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417 - ADDITIONAL PORTER AT GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: The creation of the position of additional porter at Galway Regional Hospital was approved on the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan.

Clr. Kelly recommended that a proper sign be erected near the main door of the Regional Hospital directing patients to the door for patients - as normally all strangers coming to the Regional Hospital will come to the main door. The County Manager agreed that this will be done.

Deputy Coogan also requested that the planks being used for taking stretchers up the steps would be replaced by a concrete slip.

418 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. King, the Council approved the creation of the position of Branch Librarian at each of the following places, viz., Carna, Roundstone and Kilmnan.

419 - CARETAKER, ATHENRY WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SCHEME: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Quinn, the Council approved the abolition of the office of Caretaker of Athenry Waterworks and sewerage scheme - this office to be replaced by the position of servant.

420 - CINEMA LICENCES: On the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Clr. Canning, the Council approved the issue of cinema licences to (a) Mr. George McFadden for travelling cinema, (b) Mr. Henry O'Shaughnessy for cinema at Gort.

Deputy Coogan recommended that regulations be introduced for the segregation of children under fourteen years of age from adults in cinemas, unless the children are accompanied by adults.

421 - OUGHTERARD BRIDEWELL: Deputy Geoghegan stated that this building had been examined by the Visiting Committee and that they considered that it is eminently suitable as a site for a dispensary, being centrally situated and adjacent to the water and sewerage services.

Deputy Geoghegan recommended that this dispensary should be provided at the Bridewell.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. John Donnellan, that the Council do not approve the proposal for the sale of the Bridewell at Oughterard.

The County Manager stated that while he agreed that the Bridewell is centrally situated, he does not consider that it is suitable for use as a dispensary, that the agreement of the Department of Justice to its use as a dispensary would have to be obtained; that the Manager's only concern is in having the site, which is unsightly, cleared up, and obtaining some rate revenue from if it would be reconstructed by the purchaser as was intended; that if the Council do not approve the proposed sale, the advertising of the premises might be considered so that the Council would see what other offers would be made for it.

The County Manager agreed that the County Engineer's estimate for conversion of the premises into a dispensary would be obtained, and the matter would then be submitted to the Council for consideration again.

422 - TIERNASCRAUGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE: On the proposition of Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved the transfer of £270 from Portumna footpaths to the improvement of the entrance to Tiernascragh new school.

423 - COUNTY ROADS NOS: 33 and 41: On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Canning, the Council approved the provision of additional funds, approximately £520, for the Council's portion, 20% of the cost of repair and extension of County Roads Nos: 33 and 41, set out in the County Engineer's report of the 3rd November, 1956 - on the understanding that 80% of the cost will be contributed by a grant from the Office of Public Works.

424 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: The minutes of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee held on the 26th January, 1957, were submitted and noted.

425 - AUDITOR'S REPORT - BALLINASLOE MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD: The Auditor's report on above for year ended 31st March, 1956, was submitted.

The County Manager requested that consideration of this report be deferred until the next meeting, and the Council agreed to defer consideration to the next meeting.

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426 - STORM DAMAGE: On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Galvin, the Council agreed to provide the funds necessary in the current year for completion of repairs to works damaged by storm in the Spring of 1957. - the funds for this purpose having been provided from savings on road works, etc. in the year ending 31st March, 1957.

This approval is given in respect of the completion of works not completed by 31st March, 1957, and on the understanding that the expenditure involved will not exceed the sum originally provided.

CLR. T. KING NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

427 - VISITING COMMITTEE: The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee for institutions held at the Regional Hospital, Galway, on 6th March, 1957, and at Clifden Hospital on 22nd April, 1957, were submitted.

In the course of a discussion regarding the sewerage arrangements at Galway Regional Hospital, Deputy Geoghegan stated that a pumping engine had been provided at the cost of £59,000 approximately, and that if that engine goes out of order, the sewerage arrangements will be chaotic, that he felt this matter called for an enquiry to determine who is responsible for the unsatisfactory arrangements made for the disposal of the sewerage at the Regional Hospital.

The County Manager stated that the Consultant did go into the question of the sewerage arrangements, that the scheme was for a low level sewer which was advertised by the Galway Corporation, and in view of the very high tender submitted, and the possibility of much expenditure on extras, the provision of a low level sewer was not approved by the Department of Local Government. Tenders were then sought for a high level sewer as it was a matter of urgency that the situation would not arise that the hospital would be completed, but that it could not be opened owing to lack of sewerage arrangements.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that it was extraordinary if the Departments concerned could not foresee the completion of the hospital and if they could not have taken steps in time to provide the most economical type of sewerage for that institution.

Clr. King stated that it was the first time that he heard anything in explanation of the expenditure of £16,000 inside the hospital grounds on construction of a low level sewer which is now useless.

The County Manager pointed out that it is the function of the Galway Corporation to provide the sewerage arrangements outside the hospital grounds; that the decision originally to provide a low level sewer was influenced by the contemplated development of the Shantallow Housing Scheme site; that this site was eventually found unsuitable for houses, and that therefore the Corporation would not be so much inclined to expend a large sum on the provision of sewerage arrangements.

Clr. King stated that he is not impressed by the fact that the expenditure was met from hospital trust funds as no matter from what source the money came, its waste in providing a sewer in the hospital grounds which is now useless could not be justified.

The County Manager stated that the Consultant was entitled to assume that the low level sewer would be available, and that in fact he got the levels for this purpose in the Corporation Offices; that the Council is now only concerned with 50% of the annual costs of pumping the sewerage, as all the remainder of the cost was met from hospital trust funds.

Deputies Geoghegan and Coogan suggested that the Local Government Department should be asked to state why they did not sanction the provision of a low level sewer.

Clr. King stated that since the loss of money in this case is primarily from hospital trust funds, the Deputies who are members of the Council will have an opportunity to question this matter on the audit of the Government accounts.

428 - ROAD FENCE AT WILLIAMSTOWN NEW CHURCH: In connection with Clr. Glynn's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report submitted, stated that the cost of the work would be £300.

Clr. Glynn stated that all that was requested was that approximately 20 yards of the fence would be moved back, and the County Engineer stated that a further revised estimate would be prepared and submitted to the Council, for consideration.

On Mr. Glynn's request, his further Notices of Motion, Nos: 2 to 7, inclusive, were adjourned until the next meeting.

429 - CLIFDEN PUBLIC LIGHTING: On the proposition of Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. John Donnellan, the Council recommended the provision of a street light at the entrance to ~~Bliss~~ Mahon's Terrace, Clifden.

430 - GALWAY/CLIFDEN ROAD: It was proposed by Mr. Joyce, and unanimously recommended that the Minister for Lands be requested to remove the young trees planted at Ballynahinch, Connemara, which will create dangerous blind bends on the main Galway-Clifden road if they are allowed to mature.

431 - CLEGGAN WATER SUPPLY: In reply to Mr. Joyce's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report was submitted stating that the materials for the erection of the fountain at Cleggan are on the site, and it is expected that the fountain will be erected within the next few days.

432 - KNOCKNACARRA WATER EXTENSION: Mr. Ashe again requested that this extension, which she has been seeking for several years, would be provided.

433 - ROAD TO LEMONFIELD COTTAGES, OUGHTERARD: In reply to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, it was explained that funds are not available for the carrying out of this work as a road work, and that money cannot be expended on improvement of the road as a housing charge since the cottages are all vested in the tenants.

Mr. King suggested that it might be done as a rural improvements scheme, the Council paying the contribution, or if this would not be feasible, that the tenants concerned would pay the contribution and have some small repairs carried out on the road by the Council. - if the work could be done more cheaply in that manner than by way of contribution to the Special Employment Schemes Office.

434 - LAVATORY AT OUGHTERARD: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Mr. Joyce, that the Council provide a public lavatory in The Square, at Oughterard.

The Secretary pointed out that the Council did not provide any funds in the estimate for the current year for provision of new sanitary conveniences. It was therefore decided that further consideration of this matter be deferred until funds will be available.

435 - CLOSING OF ROADS - CURRAGH RACES: It was proposed by Mr. John Donnellan, seconded by Mr. King, that the Salthill road from the Warwick Hotel to Phangort Cross be closed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on 26th May, 1957, on the occasion of the Curragh Races.

After a long discussion, the Council eventually agreed with the County Manager's suggestion that the road be closed for this time between Dalysfort Road and Threemile Road, but excluding both of these roads.

436 - PUMP AT RINEEN CROSS, MOYCHILLIEN: In reply to Mr. John Donnellan's Notice of Motion, Mr. Treacy, A.C.E., explained that the pump for this place is not on any priority list, and consequently could not be provided in the current year at any rate. Mr. Treacy recommended that the proposal be referred to the County Medical Officer for consideration as to whether it should be placed on a priority list.

437 - WELL ON HALLOWAYS LAND AT CLONTUSKERT: Mr. Dowd requested that this money be held available, and stated that he would see the land owner in this case with a view to obtaining agreement to have the well on Halloways land improved.

438 - WATER AND SEWERAGE FOR COTTAGES: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Carty, Mr. Treacy, Engineer, stated that the re-survey of a number of these schemes returned by the Department of Local Government on 14th July, 1956, was necessary, that all the data had been obtained and it is expected that the proposals will be ready for re-submission to the Department of Local Government within a month.

439 - ENGINEER'S OFFICE, MOUNTBELLEW: Mr. Martin Mannion recommended that an advertisement be issued inviting offers of premises for use as an Engineer's Office in Mountbellew.

440 - PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL: In reply to a question by Mr. Dowd, the County Manager stated that the closing down of the Maternity Department in Portiuncula Hospital was due to the fact that the doctor concerned had left the employment of the hospital on short notice; that other arrangements are now being made and it is expected that this Maternity Hospital will be re-opened very shortly.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. Quinn
Maurice Quinn - Roinai

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Maurice Quinn Chairman

Date: 10th June, 1957

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDING S, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 11th MAY, 1957.

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

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

Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager, Mr. T.T. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, Miss A. Walsh, Messrs. P. Duffy and M. Kyne, Staff Officers, and Mr. L. O'Luanain, Secretary.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on the 26th January, 1957, were submitted. Dr. Dyar stated that the following items were recorded incorrectly in the minutes, viz:-

General Institutional Services - Mr. Carty's proposal was that hospital treatment would be provided free of charge for old age pensioners - not that medical cards would be issued to old age pensioners.

Congratulations - that Dr. O'Driscoll had congratulated the Chairman and County Manager on the freedom and width of discussion allowed at meetings of the Consultative Health Committee - while in the minutes, it is stated that Dr. O'Driscoll's congratulations were on the efficient administration of the various health functions and services during the past year.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the law does not provide that old age pensioners as a class are entitled to specific services, but that in fact he had not so far met a case in which an old age pensioner was charged for hospital treatment, and that at present old age pensioners entering the Regional Hospital for treatment, are not recorded as persons liable for payment.

Mr. King stated that he considered that the investigation by the Social Welfare Officer of the means of an applicant for an old age pension was sufficiently stringent to enable the Council to deem such person unable to pay for medical services.

Doctor Dyar stated that assistance Officers should be informed that possession of a medical card is not essential for entitlement to free hospital treatment; that he believed that cards were being issued to persons who had not made application for them.

The Assistant County Manager stated that general medical service card is not issued to any person who has not made application for such card.

Dr. Dyar stated that there were other important matters discussed at the meeting on 26th January, 1957, which are not mentioned in the minutes.

The County Manager stated that the minutes are intended to be a record of the decisions of the committee, rather than a verbatim report of the meeting. The minutes were then signed, subject to the two amendments above-mentioned.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES: The Secretary gave the following particulars in regard to General Medical Services cards, viz:-

The total number of applications received to date	-	15,068.
The total number of cards issued	-	13,029.
The total number of persons covered by cards issued	-	43,847.
The number of applications refused	-	1,262.
The number of applications still outstanding	-	777.

CLR. M. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Doctor Dyar complained of the quality of the drugs supplied to District Medical Officers and stated that the supply of inferior drugs is false economy and that the use of such drugs may in some cases cause dangerous reactions. The County Manager stated that the only complaint in regard to the quality of drugs which was received, was from Dr. Dyar, and that that complaint has been taken up with the Analyst, and that the correspondence is still in progress in connection with it.

Doctor Dyar stated that he has made the complaint as representative of the medical practitioners; that he found that tablets which, according to the standards, should dissolve in a quarter of an hour, had not dissolved in water in a period of three weeks; that defective pill boxes are also being supplied, which fall asunder in use.

Doctor Dyar and Dr. O'Driscoll referred to the curtailment of expenditure on post graduate courses, and stated that it is essential for a District Medical Officer to attend a post graduate course at least once in five years.

It was proposed by Dr. Dyar, seconded by Mr. Quinn and resolved:

"That the Committee object to the curtailment of expenses on post graduate courses."

In regard to post graduate courses, Dr. O'Driscoll stated that an increase in knowledge and in facilities provided might effect a decrease in infant mortality which could offset the loss in emigration; that the infant mortality rate in Ireland is still very high as compared with that in Britain.

The County Manager stated that the Health Council had recommended the provision of flying squads for the obstetric service.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that it is deplorable that although six years have elapsed since the vacancy occurred, the position of Obstetrician in the Galway Regional Hospital has not yet been filled in a permanent capacity.

In reply to an enquiry by the County Manager, as to whether this was to be taken as a criticism of the temporary holder of this position, Dr. O'Driscoll stated that he is not criticising the present holder of the temporary post, but that he is criticising the system which allows it to remain temporary for a period of six years.

Mr. King asked if the Irish Medical Association was not responsible to some great extent for the delay in the filling of this vacancy.

The Chairman stated that the Council deplors the delay in the filling of this position, as much as does anybody; that however, he understands that the vacancy has again been advertised.

In reply to Dr. Dyar, the County Manager stated that holders of modified cards who are not obtaining drugs at the dispensary must be purchasing them from Chemists.

GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES: The Chairman, Mr. M. Quinn, referred to the arrangement whereby doctors in the eastern part of the county are required to send patients to Portiuncula Hospital, and stated that the Irish Medical Association has directed doctors that they should not make application for vacant posts in that hospital.

The Chairman considered that this was a most unsatisfactory state of affairs in so far as the patients are concerned.

Dr. Dyar stated that doctors in that area should have the right to exercise their discretion as to the sending to Galway hospital of cases which they see fit to send there.

The County Manager pointed out that patients are not entitled to a choice of hospital except under Section 25 of the Health Act, 1953; that as accommodation in Galway Regional Hospital is limited, it is necessary to send to Portiuncula Hospital patients who can be provided with adequate treatment there.

Deputy Carty asked who is to decide if adequate treatment can be provided for a particular patient in Portiuncula Hospital.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that he or any doctor would be loathe to send a patient to a hospital where the relations between the hospital authorities and the staff are not happy.

The County Manager stated that the medical staff employed in Portiuncula Hospital are highly qualified and that more major surgery is performed now than at any time previously; that the Council cannot exercise control over the affairs of Portiuncula Hospital which is a private institution.

Dr. Dyar stated that reports on patients are not issued by Portiuncula Hospital and that sometimes the authorities of that hospital refuse patients.

Deputy Carty stated that the holders of medical and surgical positions in Portiuncula Hospital change frequently; that consequently patients do not know by what doctor they will be attended in that hospital; that this fact causes lack of confidence and that the patients do not wish to go to the hospital. Mr. Carty recommended that there be a conference between the hospital authorities and the doctors.

Doctor Dyar asked if the quality of the specialist clinics in Portiuncula Hospital is equal to that of the clinics provided in Galway Regional General Hospital.

Mr. King stated that when Portiuncula Hospital was built, it was understood that it would provide accommodation and treatment for poor patients in East Galway, and that therefore he considers it unreasonable that representatives of the County Council should not have authority to visit the hospital.

Deputy Carty stated that since a substantial sum was paid from State funds for the provision of the hospital, and since a substantial sum was paid annually to the hospital by the Galway County Council, he considered that Portiuncula Hospital should be under the control of a Committee on which the Council would be represented; that the Council's relations with Portiuncula Hospital are not to be compared with the Council's relations with Dublin hospitals.

The County Manager gave particulars of the history of the establishment of Portiuncula Hospital and stated that Doctor Ward of the Department of Health objected to the original proposal for establishment by the nuns of a hospital for the rich and the establishment by the Council of a hospital for the poor, and suggested that there be one hospital with a Committee in charge; that the nuns would not agree with this suggestion, and that eventually a government grant was given on the understanding that 75 beds would be provided in the hospital for Council's patients, and it was agreed that the hospital would manage its own affairs; that the same capitation rate is paid by the Council for patients in Portiuncula as for patients in Dublin hospital; that there were some unfortunate difficulties with staff, that there were ~~probably~~ faults on both sides and that it would be well if these faults could be resolved. B/C

Dr. Dyar stated that some time ago the Irish Medical Association requested His Lordship, Most Rev. Doctor Philbin to act as an arbitrator in this dispute; that Dr. Philbin consented, but that Portiuncula Hospital has not so far agreed to this proposal for arbitration.

The County Manager suggested that the Committee might recommend that the Minister be asked to intervene with a view to arbitration between the two interests.

Deputy Carty stated that visitors to Council patients are only permitted to make such visits during visiting hours, while other patients can be visited at any time.

The County Manager stated that Portiuncula Hospital had operated for many years without a complaint from anybody, until this dispute with the Irish Medical Association arose.

The Chairman stated that the people of East Galway had been seeking a hospital in that area for many years, and that it is unfair to these people that as matters have worked out they are deprived of a standard of medical treatment equal to that afforded to the people in other parts of the county.

Deputy Carty stated that Woodlands Hospital is now available for accommodation of patients, who are at present being sent to Portiuncula.

The County Manager stated that if Woodlands is utilised for this purpose, the cost to the Council will undoubtedly be much higher than it is at present; that it would be more reasonable to make representations for the rectification of anything which may be amiss, rather than abandon entirely Portiuncula Hospital, which has been provided at considerable expense.

In reply to an enquiry by Doctor O'Driscoll, the County Manager stated that improved arrangements have been put into operation in regard to medical records at Galway Regional Hospital.

Dr. Dyar referred to a letter which he had received from the Orthopaedic Surgeon, enquiring as to whether a certain patient was a "public assistance case".

The County Manager explained that the Orthopaedic Surgeon was merely endeavouring to establish in the most rapid way possible, the entitlement of the patient to an appliance, so that the appliance might be provided speedily.

Mr. King stated that at various meetings of the Council there have been complaints in regard to Portiuncula Hospital.

The County Manager stated that he desires only that justice be done on both sides, and that in fact he has never received a complaint ^{from} on behalf of any patient treated in Portiuncula Hospital.

The Chairman stated that he is quite satisfied that patients are most reluctant to enter Portiuncula Hospital at present.

Finally, it was decided to ask the Irish Medical Association, the Authorities of Portiuncula Hospital, and the Department of Health, to send representatives to a meeting of this Committee which will be held during the first or second week of June, to consider means of resolving the difficulties which at present exist in the operation of Portiuncula Hospital.

MATERNITY SERVICES: The Secretary reported that 39 District Medical Officers had signed the new form of agreement for provision of maternity services, and that one Medical Officer has signed the old agreement only; that forty-one private practitioners had signed the new form of agreement.

The Secretary further reported that the agreement for the provision of midwifery services had been signed by thirty-three Dispensary Midwives, of whom two are now dead, and one has resigned; that this agreement had been signed by thirty-eight private midwives.

Dr. Dyar questioned the propriety of the entering into of an agreement with a doctor who is already doing consultative work in a hospital.

The Assistant County Manager explained that the Act and Regulations provide that any doctor may enter into an agreement with the County Council for provision of the maternity services, and that the Council cannot deprive the doctor of the right that is given to him by the law.

The County Manager stated that *Orthancula* Hospital has been placed in the same position as a doctor in regard to the entry into an agreement for provision of maternity services, and he agreed that Dr. Dyar could, if he so desired, see the Department's direction on this point.

MATERNITY GRANTS: The Secretary stated that the total number of applications for maternity grants approved for payment since 1st January, 1954, was 4,765, of which 110 had been approved since 1st April, 1957.

Dr. O'Driscoll asked if information could be obtained on the percentage of infant deaths in the county which are registered, as he believed that some such deaths are not being registered at all, and that therefore the figures for infant mortality may be still higher than those published.

Dr. Dyar suggested that burial ground caretakers be required to make a report to the Registrar on each case of a burial in their cemetery.

The Secretary stated that generally the standard of education is rather low in the case of burial ground caretakers.

Dr. O'Driscoll suggested that it be made essential that a death certificate be produced before burial of a corpse in any cemetery.

POLIO VACCINATION AND MISCELLANEOUS: Dr. Dyar recommended that the patients' doctor be informed in any case in which a child has had an injection under the Polio Vaccination Scheme.

Dr. Dyar also recommended that in future agendas there be a heading - "Preventative Health Services".

DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCES: The Secretary gave the following figures in regard to Disablement Allowances:

Number of applications received to date:	2,555.
Number approved for payment to date:	1,115.
Number of applications refused:	1,223.
Number still outstanding:	217.

Dr. Dyar referred to the judgement in the Keller case, and pointed out that the decision was not given on the grounds that the applicant was not examined by the County Medical Officer, but by an Assistant; that the decision was on the grounds that the County Medical Officer ~~in arriving at his decision had taken into account matters~~ which he should not have so taken.

Dr. Dyar stated that it is unsatisfactory that there is still no appeal mechanism in regard to Disablement Allowances Applications.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

6th April, 1957.

Tel.
Galway 55.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

TAKE NOTICE that a special Meeting of the Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway, on Saturday, the 25th day of May, 1957, at the hour of 12.30 p.m. o'clock to consider the adoption of the provisions of Section 103 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and to decide to do the following things or all or any of them in the town of Athenry in the County Health District of Galway namely:-

- (1) To provide a Market place and construct a Market house and other conveniences for the purpose of holding markets in said town.
- (2) To provide houses and places for weighing carts.
- (3) To make convenient approaches to such markets.
- (4) To provide all such matters and things as may be necessary for the convenient use of such market.
- (5) To purchase or take on lease land or the right to use land and public or private rights in markets and tolls in the said town.
- (6) To take stallages, rents and tolls in respect of the use by any person of such market.
- (7) To approve of the draft Bye-Laws prepared for the holding of markets in the said town.
- (8) To extinguish, if considered necessary, all existing fairs and markets therein, and to provide and establish instead such markets as the Council shall consider to be necessary and useful.

Signed. L. O'Lunaigh.
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COMHARLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIOME

Suídh:
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17 Deireadh, 1957.

Óuiz sac b'áil de'n Comhairle.

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TARRTAR ORC leis seo beit i léaráir ag Uruinníú de Comhairle Conndae na Saillíomh a tionsólfar i Seomra na Comhairle ins na Foirgníte Conndae, Uia Sathairn, 25 Deireadh, 1957, nuair a b'as beire leis an gscrúinníú speisialta.

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TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Road Grants allocated for year ending 31st March, 1958.
3. Provision of new Dispensaries - letter 30/4/57 from Department of Health notifying discontinuation of grants from 1st June, 1957.
4. Library Association Annual Conference - appointment of delegates.
5. Creation of offices:-
 - (a) Branch Librarians at Ahascragh, Clifden, Craughwell, Creggs & Killimor.
 - (b) Part-time, temporary Compounder for Galway Nos: 1 and 2 Dispensary Districts.
6. Remuneration Variations:-
 - (a) Secretary - revision of salary scale with effect from 1st January, 1956.
 - (b) Medical Officer, Childrens' Home, Tuam - revision of salary.
 - (c) Wages of drivers and loaders - minute No: 415 of 27. 4. 57.
 - (d) Switch-board operator, County Buildings.
7. County Galway Old Age Pensions Committee - continuation of employment of Clerk for period 1st June to 30th November, 1957.
8. Oughterard Bridewell Premises - Minute No: 421 of 27. 4. '57.
9. Road Fence at Williamstown - Minute No: 428 of 27. 4. 57.
10. Consultative Health Committee - Minutes of meeting 11. 5. 57.
11. Visiting Committee - Minutes of meeting at St. Brendan's Home, 13/4/57.

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12. County Councils' General Council - Minutes 13/12/56 and 20/3/57.
13. Auditor's Report on accounts of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board - Y.E. 31/3/56.
14. Galway Harbour Scheme - Resolution by Galway Borough Council on 2. 5. 57.
15. Councillors' Notices of Motion:

(a) Clr. J. Glynn:

- "1. That E.S.B. be requested to move Public Light Poles to safe position on footpath in street, Williamstown.
2. That Well at Tubberally Farm be walled in.
3. That Well at Fishpond Dunmore be walled in.
4. That Brehony's Well at Farm be inspected and report on condition.
5. To have information supplied re Ballymoe Water Supply -
 - (a) if good supply available
 - (b) when will work start.
6. To remove fence and widen Corner at Clooncun, Glenamaddy."

(b) Clr. P. Kelly:

- "1. I or someone on my behalf will request the Council to re-open Woodlands and thereby provide more accommodation at the Regional Hospital.
2. That the Council request the Government, as a practical step towards economy to abolish payment of childrens' allowances to all parents with an income of £600 and over per year."

(c) Clr. J. Glynn:

- "1. To request the Minister or Department concerned to give earlier notification of amount of grant under Local Authorities Works Act.
2. To request the County Engineer to remove sod fence from the Dispensary Williamstown to Hall gate to erect new wall in keeping and in line with new dispensary wall.
3. To ask the County Engineer what corners he proposes to remove and what other improvements he proposes to carry out on the Williamstown to Dunmore to Tuam Road."

(d) Clr. W. Burke:

- "1. That a public lavatory be erected at Dunmore.
2. That sewerage be provided for 23 cottages at the Demesne Tuam.
3. That sewerage be provided for 20 cottages at Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
4. That a pump taken down at Tulinadaly Road Tuam be erected as soon as possible."

16. Replies to Questions already submitted by members.
17. Other Business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 25th MAY, 1957.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

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

441 - ATHENRY TOLLS AND MARKETS: It was proposed by Clr. Martin Quinn, seconded by Deputy Michael Carty and unanimously resolved:

"That the Council hereby adopt the provisions of Section 103 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and decide to do the following things or all or any of them in the town of Athenry in the County Health District of Galway, namely:-

- (1) To provide a Market place and construct a Market house and other conveniences for the purpose of holding markets in said town.
(2) To provide houses and places for weighing carts.
(3) To make convenient approaches to such markets.
(4) To provide all such matters and things as may be necessary for the convenient use of such market.
(5) To purchase or take on lease land or the right to use land and public or private rights in markets and tolls in the said town.
(6) To make stallages, rents and tolls in respect of the use by any person of such market.
(7) To approve of the draft Bye-Laws prepared for the holding of markets in the said town.
(8) To extinguish, if considered necessary, all existing fairs and markets therein, and to provide and establish instead such markets as the Council shall consider to be necessary and useful."

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY 25th MAY, 1957.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

The attendance of other members was the same as that at the special meeting.

442 - SYMPATHY: The Chairman paid tribute to the late Mr. Patrick Furey, Currandulla, a former member of the Council, who had given long and honoured service to the county, and proposed that as a mark of respect to Mr. Furey's memory, the meeting would be adjourned, and the sympathy of the Council would be conveyed to his relatives.

This proposal was seconded by Clr. P. Collins, and unanimously adopted.

The business of the ordinary meeting was then adjourned to a meeting which it was decided would be held at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 1st June, 1957, and in addition to the items already appearing on the agenda for the meeting on the 25th instant, an item would be included, viz., the Assistant County Manager's statement on the position in regard to housing grants and housing loans.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Máire M. O'Curran, Chairman.

Date: 1st June '57

Handwritten signature: K. O'Curran, Runai.

COMAIRLE CONDDAE NA SAIBLIHIE.

Óifis an Runai, Bóthar Mór, Saibhliú.

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PARTEAR ORT leis seo beic i léasair az Cruinnú de Comhairle Conndae na Saibhliú a cionóipar i Seomra na Comhairle ius na Forghníde Conndae, Uia Baidair, 1 Meitheán, 1957, az tosú ar 12.30.0.m. a ólos.

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- 18. Raising of Loan £18500 for Craughwell Water Supply Scheme.
19. Completion of Mortgage Poed for loan £4,950 for Eyrecourt Dispensary and Residence.
20. Assistant County Manager's statement regarding Housing Grants and Housing Loans.
21. Valuation - Letter 24/5/57 from the County Councils' General Council.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 1st JUNE, 1957.

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

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

443 - MINUTES: Clr. T. King stated that Clr. John Flaherty was present in the building at the time the ordinary meeting was adjourned on Saturday, 25th May, 1957. The amendment of the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of 25th May, 1957, to provide for the attendance of Clr. John Flaherty was approved, and subject to this amendment, the minutes of the previous meetings to No. 442 inclusive, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

444 - ROAD RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS, 1957/58: The lists of works proposed as received with the County Engineer's letters of 21st, 22nd and 29th May, 1957, were submitted - stencilled copies of the list being circulated to the members at the meeting.

Clr. Ridge asked why provision is not being made for the reconstruction of the Shanafeisteen road.

The Acting County Engineer stated that there are few houses and little traffic on this road.

Deputy Carty asked if the Council would consider water-bound macadem surfacing for county roads, which would be considerably cheaper than the method employed. The Acting County Engineer stated that the expensive part of the reconstruction of the road is the soling, which has to be done before the surfacing can be done; that our surfacing costs are reasonable and that the utilisation of water-bound macadem is not feasible in most cases in this county.

Deputy Coogan requested that priority be given to the Knocknacarra-Barna road.

Clr. Dowd stated that the reconstruction of the road from Belleview to Laurencetown is most necessary, and requested that the Council would seek a grant for this road. The County Engineer stated that this road, though an important link road, is not a main or county road; that in the case of two roads of this type proposed recently by Mr. John Mannion, a grant has been refused. The Acting County Engineer suggested that the people using this road should seek the grant.

Deputy Geoghegan protested against the meagre allocation of this money to the area west of the Corrib, and stated that desirable works are available on the Shanafeisteen road and on the road from the Lodge at Costello to Costello village; that the Deputy considered that the Tourist Grant should not be any reason for depriving the west of the county of its proper share of the Main and County Road Grants. The Acting County Engineer explained that the Main and County Road Reconstruction Grants are allocated approximately equally over each Engineer's district, with due allowance for the small districts.

Clr. John Donnellan recommended that horses and carts should be utilised as much as possible where the work can be done as economically using that means of transport.

The County Manager agreed that where it is possible to carry out the work as economically with horses and carts, then preference should be given to them, but stated that there would not be any justification for using horses and carts in lieu of lorries if the work can be done cheaper by the lorries.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Joyce, the County Engineer explained that work on the Roundstone-Ballycormoely road is included in the Tourist Grant proposals for the current year, but that there is no provision for carrying out work in the current year on the Cashel Cross-Recess road.

Clr. Sirr asked why material has been taken from New Inn Quarry to Keelogue - a distance of thirty miles, while men and material are available locally in that area.

Clr. Flaherty stated that there is no justification for bringing material a distance of thirty miles into the Glanamaddy area, where excellent pits are available as well as lorries.

The County Manager explained that the best results in subsequent maintenance of the roads are obtained by the use of material of a high standard of quality and uniformity; that material of this type is best obtained from the central pits, in addition to which the materials can be

obtained more economically from the central pits, thus leaving a larger amount of the money allocated for roads available for labour generally in the County.

The Acting County Engineer stated that the price of chippings delivered from the central pits up to a distance of thirty miles approximately is as follows:-

New Inn	-	13/6d. per ton.
Tonabrocky	-	19/- per ton.

Clr. Mannion stated that he was not satisfied that it is more economical to deliver materials from the Central Pit up to a distance of thirty or forty miles, and gave figures in regard to a local pit to support this contention.

Clr. King stated that while a discussion of the system of road-making is not relevant to the item on the agenda, he considered it important and desirable that there should be consideration of this matter by the Council on some occasion. This remark was supported by Clr. Collins.

On the proposition of Deputy Coogan, seconded by Clr. Canning, the Council approved the list of proposals for the expenditure of the Main and County Road Reconstruction Grant in the year 1957/58.

445 - TOURIST ROAD GRANT, 1957/58: The Secretary gave particulars of the list of proposals as received with County Engineer's letter of the 20th May, 1957. This list of proposals was approved unanimously, on the proposition of Clr. J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy J. Geoghegan.

Clr. Mannion requested that provision be made from some source for the improvement of the main Clifden-Galway road between Recess and Bunacriff Bridge.

446 - NEW DISPENSARIES: Letter 21/57 of the 30th April, 1957, from the Department of Health was submitted, notifying the Council that a grant towards the cost of provision of new dispensaries will not be available from 1st June, 1957, pending an examination of the general position in relation to capital expenditure.

The County Manager explained that thirty new dispensaries have either been completed or are in the course of erection; that fourteen further dispensaries are required and have not yet been started.

The County Manager also pointed out that grants are refused for a dispensary building of less than the standard accommodation - although a standard building would be too large for the needs of the area in which such a smaller dispensary was proposed to be provided.

The County Manager suggested that if the grant of £600 for each dispensary will not be forthcoming, then the loan charges for provision of any dispensaries for which the grant will not be given should rank for recoupment from the Health Grant.

Clr. Galvin proposed that the Department of Health be informed that the Council consider that the loan charges in respect of the provision of the fourteen dispensaries still required should rank for recoupment from the Health Grant (to the extent of 50% of such charges).

Clr. King considered that since considerable progress had been made in the provision of new dispensaries, the scheme should be suspended and proposed that no further new dispensaries be provided for a period of twelve months.

After a discussion, Clr. Galvin's proposal was approved unanimously.

447 - LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. King, the Council approved the attendance of Deputy Michael Kitt, Deputy Michael Carty, and Mr. S. Bohan, County Librarian, at the annual conference of the Library Association of Ireland, which was held in Sligo from 27th to 31st May, 1957.

448 - BRANCH LIBRARIANS: On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. King, the creation of the position of Branch Librarian at Ahascragh, Clifden, Craughwell, Creggs and Killimor was approved by the Council.

449 - COMPOUNDER FOR GALWAY NOS. 1 and 2 DISPENSARY DISTRICTS: On the proposition of Clr. Ashe, seconded by Clr. Carty, the Council approved the creation of the position of part-time temporary Compounder of medicines for Galway No. 1 and 2 Dispensary Districts, with remuneration at the rate of £109. 4. 0. a year plus 10% temporary bonus.

450 - STAFF OFFICERS: Deputy Carty, stated that when the Council a year ago approved

the creation of the position of Staff Officer for Galway Regional Hospital, this approval was given on the understanding that Mr. Michael Kyne, existing Staff Officer would be continued in the service of the Galway County Council for a period of two years after the date on which he reached the age limit. Deputy Carty protested that the County Manager's letters to the Department of Local Government in regard to the extension of Mr. Kyne's employment were not in accord with this arrangement, as they merely stated that the Council desired that Mr. Kyne's employment be continued.

Clr. Sarr stated that he supported the proposal that Mr. Kyne's employment be continued for a further year.

Clr. Kelly stated that he objected to an attack on the County Manager in this manner.

The County Manager explained that the Council's request that Mr. Kyne be continued for a period of two years was considered by the Minister for Local Government and that approval was given to the continuation of Mr. Kyne's employment for a period of one year; that up to that time similar extension had not been given to any official on reaching the age limit whose position could be filled; that Mr. Kyne's position was one that could be filled; that following representations by Deputy Carty, he had sent to the Department of Local Government the proposal for continuation of Mr. Kyne for a further year, but that the Minister for Local Government was not prepared to accede to that proposal.

It was proposed by Clr. Sarr, seconded by Deputy Coogan, and unanimously resolved, that the Council request that the Minister for Local Government would reconsider his decision in this matter, and approve the extension of the employment of Mr. Kyne, Staff Officer, for a further period of one year from 5th July, 1957.

451 - DISTRICT NURSE, LEENANE DISTRICT: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Joyce, the Council approved the creation of the position of District Nurse in Leenane District, with remuneration at the rate of £437. 7. 9. by £11. 10. 9d. to £495. 1. 6d. x two long-service increments of £11. 10. 9d. - £518. 3. 0. per annum inclusive of temporary bonus and uniform allowance,

and also approved the abolition of the position of Midwife in the district.

452 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: The following remuneration variations were approved unanimously, on the proposition of Clr. King, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan:-

- (a) County Secretary - revised salary scale of £900 x £35 - £1100 a year plus full temporary allowance with effect from 1st January, 1956, - in lieu of existing remuneration.
- (b) Medical Officer, Children's Home, Tuam: £350 a year plus temporary bonus of 10% on first £300 and 6% on remainder (i.e. a total of £383. 5. 0. a year), with effect from 15th April, 1955 - in lieu of existing salary of £280 a year.
- (c) Plant Drivers: Revised remuneration with effect from 1st April, 1957 as set out in County Manager's Order No: 39190 of 22nd May, 1957.
- (d) Switchboard Operator, County Buildings, Galway: Revised remuneration of £6. 15. 0. a week, with effect from 1st April, 1957 - in lieu of existing remuneration.

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

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

454 - OUGHTERARD BRIDEWELL: The County Engineer's report of 24th May, 1957, was submitted, stating that the cost of reconstruction of the Bridewell for use as a dispensary would be £1196, while the cost of clearance of the site and the erection of a new dispensary thereon would be £1530. 16. 0.

The County Engineer did not recommend that either of these works be carried out.

DEPUTY CARTY NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by

Clr. Donnellan that the Council do not approve the proposal for sale of the Bridewell premises, and propose that instead the site be cleared and the dispensary be erected thereon.

The County Manager stated that he could not recommend to the Minister for Health that the dispensary be erected on the Bridewell site. The Manager considered that it is most desirable that this site should be cleared up, and while he is not concerned as to whether the site is sold or not, he did consider that it would be well if the site could be sold to somebody who would clean it up and improve the building, from which the Council would then derive some revenue by way of rates.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that Engineers have been many years trying to obtain a site for a dispensary in Oughterard without success.

The County Manager stated that provision of a dispensary residence in Oughterard is under consideration, and that it would be more economical to provide the dispensary along with the dispensary residence.

On the direction of the Chairman, further consideration of this item was adjourned for a period of six months.

455 - ROAD FENCE NEAR WILLIAMSTOWN CHURCH: In connection with Minute No: 428 of 27th April, 1957, the County Engineer stated that there is a balance of £270 available from other works which he will be able to divert to the work on the road fence near Williamstown Church, and the carrying out of this work by the transfer of this money was approved by the Council unanimously.

456 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: The Chairman directed that consideration of the minutes of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee held on 11th May, 1957, be deferred until those minutes will be confirmed at the next meeting of that Committee.

In reply to Clr. Kelly, who stated that he had received a letter from a Mr. Cruice, alleging that he had not received a reply to letters sent by him to the Council's Offices, the County Manager stated that several letters had been sent from here to Mr. Cruice - in regard to an account due for maintenance and treatment in Portluc Hospital.

457 - VISITING COMMITTEE: Minutes of meeting of the Visiting Committee held at St. Brendan's Home on Saturday, 13th April, 1957, were submitted and noted - copies having already been circulated to the members of the Council.

458 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: The minutes of meeting of the General Council held on 13/12/56 and 20/3/57, having already been circulated to the members of the Council, were submitted and noted.

459 - AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's report on the accounts of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital for the year ended 31st March, 1956, was submitted and noted.

The County Manager stated that it had been explained by him at a meeting of the Mental Hospital Board that the doctors are not in fact receiving the services of the domestic staff without charge.

460 - GALWAY HARBOUR: Letter 4th May, 1957, from the Town Clerk, Galway, was submitted, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Galway Borough Council, requesting the Minister for Industry & Commerce to expedite the issue of sanction to the carrying out of the Galway Harbour Scheme, and on the proposition of Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Kelly, this resolution was adopted unanimously by the Galway County Council.

461 - REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR INISHMORE: The Secretary gave particulars of the preliminary report in regard to the Regional Water Supply Scheme to serve the villages of Ophill, Mainistir, Ballinacregga, Cowlagh, Oatquarter, Gortagapall, Kilmurvy. He stated that the estimated cost is £40,294. to serve 91 houses, giving a total population of 364 persons at an average of four persons per house.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan and seconded by Clr. John Donnellan, that the Council approve the carrying out of this scheme.

A direct negative was proposed by Clr. Hanley, seconded by Clr. Wall.

The Chairman directed that the matter be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime the Consultant be requested to state if a less costly scheme can be devised.

462 - PUMP AT INISHTURBOT: Clr. Joyce stated that this pump has gone dry, and requested

that the County Engineer would examine it, and effect any repairs necessary.

463 - SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS AND HOUSING LOANS: On a show of hands, it was decided that this item on the agenda would be next considered.

The Assistant County Manager read Circular Letter of 30th May, 1957, from the Local Government Department in regard to funds for supplementary housing grants, and stated that the Council's commitments are as follows:-

For payment of balance of grants for which part-payment has been made already:	£27,000.
For payment of grants allocated and notified to applicants, but for which no payment has been made already:	£67,000.
For payment of grants for which applications have been received up to 30th September, 1956 - the allocation of which have not yet been notified to the applicants:	<u>£136,000.</u>
TOTAL:	<u>£230,000.</u>

The Assistant County Manager stated that to meet these commitments £99,000 is still available from loans already sanctioned and a further loan of £150,000 has been sought and has been recommended for approval by the Minister for Local Government to the Commissioners of Public Works but for which sanction has not yet been obtained; that the amount required to meet applications received from 30th September, 1956, to 30th April, 1957, would be approximately £31,000. The Assistant County Manager stated that he proposed that payment of the grants should be resumed now - the first cases to receive attention to be those who had already received part-payment and those who had been notified that grants had been allocated to them; that consideration of applications received after 30th September, 1956, should be deferred pending further clarification of the position in regard to funds. This proposal was approved by the Council.

The County Manager drew attention to the large amount involved in meeting the Council's commitments for supplementary housing grant applications already received, and to the increase in the Capital debt and loan charges, and stated that it would be inadvisable for the Council to proceed with the further allocation of grants.

In regard to Housing Loans, the Assistant County Manager read the circular letter from the Department of Local Government stating that the limits of valuation and income of applicants who may be considered have been increased to £50 and £832 respectively.

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

Deputy Kitt stated that it is apparent that sufficient funds are available to meet applications received up to the 30th September, 1956, and that he will hand in a notice of motion for the next meeting, that the scheme for the issue of supplementary grants be continued until 31st March, 1958.

Clr. Sirr congratulated the Deputies of this county who had made such a stand in the Dail on the question of funds for supplementary housing grants.

Clr. Ashe suggested that a copy of the Assistant County Manager's statement should be circulated to the Councillors.

Clr. Wall considered that the office staff should not deal with any new applications until they will have disposed of those already received up to the 30th April, 1957.

Deputy Geoghegan drew attention to the difficulty in the case of an applicant for a supplementary Gaeltacht housing grant in stating the date on which payment was received - as notification of payment of gaeltacht housing grants is only issued periodically in lists.

The County Manager stated that the total amount of supplementary grants will be almost three-quarters of a million pounds; that no other local authority outside Dublin has spent anything approaching this amount on the issue of free grants.

464 - WILLIAMSTOWN PUBLIC LIGHTING: In response to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion, the County Engineer stated that an Order has been issued by him to the Electricity Supply Board to have the position of poles changed.

465 - WELL AT TUBBERALLY FARM: In response to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion, the Secretary explained that the consent of the owner had not been obtained in this case, and it was directed that an explanation of the proposal be given to the owner, who is not clear about this matter.

466 - WELL AT FISHPOND, DUNMORE: In reply to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion, the Secretary stated that Miss Mary Murphy, Lissycannon, Dunmore, the owner of the land on which this well is situated, objects to the carrying out of the work or to any interference of her property; that a report from the County Medical Officer indicated that the water is not fit for human consumption.

467 - BREHONY'S WELL AT FARM: In reply to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion, the County Engineer's report of the 26/4/57 was submitted. Clr. Glynn stated that this work was not carried out properly in the first instance; that the concreting had actually covered the spring, and that the concrete bottom should be broken, so as to allow the spring to enter again.

468 - BALLYMOE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer's report shows that this scheme, which would serve approximately 50 houses would cost £13,580, or £271. 11. 9d. per house; that the County Manager considers that in view of the high cost involved, this scheme should be deferred indefinitely.

Clr. Glynn stated that he considers a suitable source could be found nearer to Ballymoe at Tubber.

Clr. Sirr stated that in this town, in which there are seven public houses, the pumps have been condemned, and the people are drawing water from a local drain for human consumption.

Clr. Glynn stated that the people of Ballymoe would not be able to obtain any water fit for human consumption were it not for the fact that they are availing of wells in the yards of private houses.

The County Manager stated that he considered that it would not be just that the rural ratepayers, who have no piped water supply should provide a scheme for Ballymoe at this very high cost.

Mr. Glynn suggested that Ballymoe might be supplied from Williamstown Water Supply.

469 - PROTECTION OF WELLS: Deputy Killilea stated that in many cases a sample of water from a well which is recommended for protection is condemned, due to the fact that the sample is taken from the overflow, rather than from the spring proper, and recommended that some means be devised whereby the sample of the spring itself could be taken.

470 - CORNER AT CLOONCUN, GLENAMADDY: In reference to Clr. Glynn's notice of motion No. 15 (a) (6), it was directed that this matter be adjourned for consideration at the next roads meeting.

471 - WOODLANDS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL: It was proposed by Clr. Kelly that the Council consider the re-opening of Woodlands Institution to provide more accommodation for patients for whom such accommodation is not available at the Regional Hospital.

Clr. Kelly stated that the chronic type of patient could be accommodated satisfactorily in Woodlands.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt. Deputy Coogan enquired if there are still some vacant rooms available in the Galway Regional Hospital.

The County Manager stated that the re-opening of Woodlands would involve the Council in considerable additional expense; that it is expected that in one month's time, one or two Units will become available in Merlin Park, to which forty or more patients could be transferred; that there has been a discussion with Department of Health officials in regard to the utilisation of additional space in Galway Regional Hospital for accommodation of patients; that if there was no lack of funds for this purpose, Woodlands could be used to relieve the Regional Hospital and St. Brendan's Home by accommodating chronic cases from the Regional Hospital and cases from the infirmary section of St. Brendan's Home.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Joyce, the County Manager stated that it was not correct to state that contracts were still in progress at Woodlands, after it had been decided that the institution be closed.

Clr. John Donnellan stated that at a previous meeting he had requested that particulars be given of the proportion of the floor space in the Regional Hospital which is devoted to accommodation of patients, and the proportion which is devoted to other purposes - that this information had not yet been supplied.

The Chairman stated that in about eight months' time, Woodlands Institution will be handed back to the County Council, who will then have to decide on its future use.

Deputy Coogan stated that patients were accommodated on stretchers in St. Joseph's Section of the Galway Regional Hospital as late as Saturday 25th May, 1957.

Eventually, the Council approved the County Manager's suggestion that further consideration of re-opening Woodlands for accommodation of patients, be deferred for a period of six months.

472 - CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES: It was proposed by Clr. Kelly and seconded by Clr. Ridge, that the Council request the Government as a practical step towards economy, to abolish payment of Children's Allowances to all parents with an income of £600 and over, per year.

A negative to this proposal was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Clr. Wall.

On a show of hands, twelve members voted for Clr. Kitt's proposal and five for Clr. Kelly's, and the Chairman declared Clr. Kelly's proposal lost.

Consideration of Notice of Motion No: 15 (c), (1), (2) and (3) was adjourned until the next meeting.

473 - DUNMORE PUBLIC LAVATORY: In connection with Clr. Burke's notice of motion, the Secretary explained that although the provision of a public latrine at Dunmore had been recommended by the County Medical Officer, funds for this purpose have not been provided in the estimate for the current year.

It was decided by the Council that this item be included in the estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1959.

474 - TUAM SEWERAGE: In reply to Clr. Burke's Notices of Motion that sewerage be provided for cottages at Denesne and Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, the County Manager explained that several extensions to the water supply and sewerage schemes have been sought, and that a comprehensive statement on this matter is being prepared by him, which will be submitted to the Council at the next meeting. Consideration of Clr. Burke's notices of motion No: 16 (d) (2) and (3), was therefore adjourned until next meeting.

475 - PUMP AT TULLINDALY ROAD, TUAM: In reply to Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion, the County Engineer's report of the 23rd May, 1957, was submitted, stating that this pump was taken down in the course of the provision of the housing scheme, and that the County Engineer now recommended that it be erected at an estimated cost of £28. This proposal was approved unanimously.

476 - CRAUGHWELL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - LOAN: It was proposed by Clr. James Ruane, seconded by Clr. Sean Canning and resolved: "That the Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £18,500 from the Commissioners for Public Works for provision of a water supply scheme for Craughwell; the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council.

477 - EYRECOURT DISPENSARY RESIDENCE - LOAN: It was proposed by Clr. John Dowd, seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt and resolved: "That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 28th day of March, 1957, of the Minister for Health, the sum of £4,950 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision of a dispensary and dispensary residence at Eyrecourt, to be repaid within fifteen years, with interest at the usual rate charged by the bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided; the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Ltd.

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

The McGuinness family, Glenamaddy, on the death of their father.
Mr. Michael Dillon, Mountbellew, on the death of his father.

479 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, CARRAROE: Clr. Ridge recommended that the County Manager consider the provision of public lighting in Carraroe village.

480 - VALUATION: Letter of the 24/5/1957 from the County Councils General Council was submitted, requesting the Council's views on a recommendation from the Emergency Committee, viz:-

"Since inclusion in the annual revaluation list normally involves a revaluation of the whole premises as a unit, this Council is of opinion the Valuation Acts should be amended to enable a separate valuation to be made (preferably on a fixed percentage basis of the cost) of additions, extensions, structural alterations or improvements, and that such separate valuation be added to the existing valuation - the total to be the new revised valuation for rating purposes".

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. King, it was decided the Council agree with this recommendation.

481 - OMNIBUS SERVICES: On the recommendation of Deputy Geoghegan, the Council decided that Coras Iompair Eireann be requested to extend the Lettermullen bus service to the Cross Roads at Lettermullen, and that the bus service from Galway to Clifden be extended to Cleppan on two days in each week.

Clr. Kelly's recommendation was also adopted by the Council, viz., that an omnibus service to Mervue Housing Scheme be provided on Sundays.

482 - HOUSING PLANS: Clr. Dowd recommended that the Land Commission be requested to utilise the Council's plan for labourers' cottages or a plan similar thereto, for houses erected by the Land Commission - as the houses which the Commission provides at present are not satisfactory.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Michael Kitt: Mayor.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Muirín Ó'Cuinn, Chairman.

Date: 24th June, 1957.

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 - (a) Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board.
 - (b) Western Health Institutions Board.
 - (c) County Councils' General Council.
 - (d) Irish Tourist Association.
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 - (e) Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees.

TO CONSIDER:

5. Minutes.
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8. Overdraft arrangements for quarter to 30. 9. 1967.
9. Barna Water Supply Scheme - Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942.
10. Rules under Section 26 of the Health Act, 1953, for Galway Regional Hospital.
11. Kilkerrin(Carna) Water Supply.
12. Creation of Offices:-
 - 2 Part-time permanent Anaesthetists for Galway Regional Hospital.
13. Matters for Agenda for next meeting of County Councils' General Council.
14. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-

(a) Clr. J. Glynn:

1. "To request the Minister or Department concerned to give earlier notification of amount of grant under Local Authorities Works Act.
2. To request the County Engineer to remove sod fence from the Dispensary Williamstown to Hall gate, to erect new wall in keeping and in line with new dispensary wall.
3. To ask the County Engineer what corners he proposes to remove and what other improvements he proposes to carry out on the Williamstown to Dunmore to "uam Road."

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1. That sewerage be provided for 23 cottages at the Demesne Thom.
2. That sewerage be provided for 20 cottages at Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.

(c) Clr. S. Carrigan:

1. That a public lavatory be installed in the vicinity of Portumna Fair Green. It is most important that this should be done immediately.
2. That a fountain be erected on the Shannon Road in the vicinity of the new houses for the convenience of four cottages on this road. These people have to travel approx. 500 yds. to collect water for household purposes.
3. That Mr. Dan Flannery now in occupation of cottage No: 110 be given a tenant's right to same.

(d) Clr. T. Hanley:

1. That the road from Point Bridge to Woodford be steamrolled immediately.
2. That the road through Darrow Ballycrissane be put in a passable condition, at least, at once.
3. That the road from Killimor to Raheen be steamrolled.
4. That the road from Power's Cross via Sragh School to Louisaun Church, on five-year's plan, be commenced as soon as possible.

(e) Deputy J. Geoghegan: I will propose at the next meeting of the Council that we instruct the County Engineer to demolish the old Bridewell in Oughterard.(f) Clrs. J. Glynn, M. Mennion, J. Flaherty, P. Sarr, W. Burke, M. Wall, M. Killilea, Jas. Donnellan:

We request the County Engineer to use local metal procured locally in all roadwork in the North Galway districts in future.

(g) Deputies M.F. Kitt, M. Carty, J. Geoghegan: At the next meeting of Galway County Council we will propose that the scheme for the payment of supplementary grants for new houses, for reconstruction and for the provision of water and sewerage facilities be continued as heretofore to the end of the present financial year.(h) Deputy M. Killilea: "That the Tuam Water Supply be extended to the factory premises of John Bruton & Son at Weir Road, Tuam."(i) Clr. J. Flaherty: I will ask the Co. Manager if it is his intention to extend the piped water supply to the new factory at Tuam.(j) Clr. M. Mennion:

1. At the Co. Council meeting I will propose that a spring well at Killoosh, Toomard (in Mrs. Clarke's land) be protected by a concrete wall and gate.
2. That the Co. Manager state the delay in having the Kilkerrin, Mylough Waterworks put out for contract.
3. That a p.m. be sunk at Cloonhamper Lavally (This has been on the list for a considerable time, but not given priority due to 2 surface wells being in the area which have now disappeared due to Corrib drainage, which I trust you will have investigated before the next meeting. There are 50 to 60 children going to schools there).

15. Other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE, 1957.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Carty, and Clrs. King, Wall and J. Mennion, Dr. M.J. Dyar, Dr. P. O'Driscoll and Dr. C.F. MacCon, Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager, Mr. T.F. McDermott, Assistant County Manager, Messrs. Kyne and Duffy, Staff Officers, Mrs. Kelly, Clerical Officer and Mr. L. O'Luanaigh, Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th May, 1957, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. - PORTIUNCULA HOSPITAL: The Secretary read his letter of 15th May, 1957, to the Matron, Portiuncula Hospital, and letter of 1st instant from Rev. Sister Evangelist, Hospital Administrator, Portiuncula.

Dr. Dyar requested that copies of both letters be supplied to the members of the Committee, and stated that he considered that the letter in regard to the proposed meeting should have been sent to the Irish Medical Association and to the Department of Health, as well as to the authorities of Portiuncula Hospital.

The Secretary explained that it was necessary to ascertain first if the Portiuncula representative would attend, as in the absence of the latter the proposed meeting would be abortive.

The Chairman stated that he is still being approached continually by patients who wish to go to the Regional Hospital, Galway, rather than to Portiuncula Hospital.

Mr. King stated that constant criticism will affect the people's attitude towards a hospital, no matter how good the hospital may be. Clr. King stated that if he was sure that the difficulty existing is only between the Portiuncula Hospital and the Irish Medical Association, he would suggest that the Department of Health be requested to smooth out the difficulty.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that the Irish Medical Association has nothing against Portiuncula Hospital and would wish to see that hospital function smoothly, but that the dispute cannot be settled when Portiuncula Hospital refuse to enter into any discussions.

Clr. King recommended that the Department of Health be requested to arrange discussions between the Portiuncula Hospital authorities and the Irish Medical Association.

Dr. O'Driscoll asked how can it be held that all is well in Portiuncula Hospital when it is a fact that five or six members of the medical staff have resigned during the past few years.

Deputy Carty stated that the County Manager is regarded as being biased in this matter.

The County Manager stated that he is not biased, but the facts show that Portiuncula Hospital is not being treated well by the Irish Medical Association.

Dr. Dyar requested that at the next meeting of the Committee particulars would be available of the number of patients from each county in Portiuncula Hospital.

Dr. O'Driscoll stated that Portiuncula Hospital by its own actions is alienating all sympathy.

The County Manager asked if it is held that the medical staff now in Portiuncula Hospital is not adequate and satisfactory.

Clr. King recommended that the Department of Health be asked to enquire into the matter, as it appears that whoever is responsible, there are difficulties which cause dissatisfaction among patients.

The County Manager stated that he considers that Portiuncula Hospital is now staffed adequately with well-qualified medical men.

Dr. Dyar referred to an assembly in Hayden's Hotel, in December, 1954, which he stated was not a meeting of the Irish Medical Association, but a discussion between the local doctors; that he, Dr. Dyar, on that occasion, prevented any effort to boycott the hospital, and had the matter referred to the Irish Medical Association in Dublin, who requested Portiuncula Hospital authorities to negotiate.

The Chairman stated he considers it deplorable that notices

by the Irish Medical Association should appear in the public press requesting applicants for positions in Portiuncula Hospital to communicate with the Irish Medical Association before applying for these posts.

Finally, it was proposed by Clr. Wall seconded by Deputy Carty, and resolved:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Deputy Carty, Clr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Deputy Geoghegan, Clrs. Glynn, Greene, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiff, Clrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Patrick, Sirr and Wall.

483 - CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Clr. P. Kelly, seconded by Clr. M.A. Ashe, and unanimously resolved:

"That Mr. Martin Quinn, County Councillor, be elected Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1957/58."

Mr. Quinn, who then took the Chair, thanked the Council for electing him to the position of Chairman, and for their co-operation with him during the past year.

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"That Deputy Michael Carty, Co.C., be elected Vice-Chairman of the Galway County Council for the year 1957/58."

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Clr. Kelly proposed as an amendment that these representatives be elected individually. This proposal was not seconded, and the Chairman declared the existing representatives re-appointed for the coming year 1957/58.

487 - COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL: It was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, that Clrs. M. Quinn, M.A. Ashe and J.J. Ruane, be appointed to represent the Council on the County Councils General Council for the year 1957/58.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Clr. Kelly, that Clr. John Mannion be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council, in lieu of Clr. M.A. Ashe.

Subsequently, Clr. Flaherty withdrew his proposal, and the Chairman declared Clrs. Quinn, Ashe and J.J. Ruane appointed.

488 - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Ashe and resolved:

"That Mr. John Glynn, Co.C., be appointed to represent the Council on the Irish Tourist Association."

Clr. Kelly asked if any reports are received by the Council of the proceedings at meetings of the Irish Tourist Association.

The Secretary stated that such reports are not received.

Clr. Kelly stated further that vacant positions under the Irish Tourist Association should be filled by competitive examination.

Clr. Glynn stated that the Press attends every meeting of the Irish Tourist Association, and that if Clr. Kelly desires that the minutes of these meetings be sent to him, this can, no doubt, be arranged.

489 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that the existing members of the Visiting Committee for District Institutions be re-appointed for the year 1957/58.

It was recommended by Clr. James Donnellan that the members of the Council who reside nearest to the various institutions be appointed to form a Visiting Committee for the Institution near which they reside - thus saving expense in travelling. This recommendation was supported by Clr. Kelly and by Deputy Coogan. Clrs. John Mannion and P. Sirr held that the opposition on the Council should obtain a fair representation on the various committees.

Clr. Kelly requested that the Press be present at meetings of the Visiting Committee held at Galway Regional Hospital.

The Chairman in reply, stated that the minutes of the meetings of the Visiting Committee are circulated to the County Councillors and are put before the Council at a meeting at which the Press is present.

Deputy Carty's proposal for the appointment of the existing members was approved.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion, seconded by Clr. P. Collins that Clrs. J. Lambert, J. Flaherty, and P. Kelly be appointed as additional members on this Committee, so that there would be on the Committee one member of the opposition for each electoral area.

The Chairman directed that this motion be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council - the effect of the proposal being that the membership of the Visiting Committee would be increased to twenty.

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"That the existing members of the Library Committee be re-appointed for the year 1957/58."

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"That Mr. Jarlath A. O'Connell, Solicitor, Tuam, be appointed a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee proper, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Doctor T.B. Costello, and that the remaining four members of the Committee proper and the remaining honorary members be re-appointed for the year 1957/58."

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The Council then adjourned until 2.30 p.m. and on resumption, Clr. Martin Quinn took the Chair.

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Clr. Kelly proposed that the representatives of the Council on that Board be elected individually. This proposal was not seconded, and the Chairman declared the existing representatives re-elected to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board for the year 1957/58.

486 - WESTERN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BOARD: It was proposed by Deputy Carty and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that the existing representatives of the Council, viz., Clr. M. Quinn, Chairman, and Clr. M.A. Ashe, be re-elected for the year 1957/58.

Clr. Kelly proposed as an amendment that these representatives be elected individually. This proposal was not seconded, and the Chairman declared the existing representatives re-appointed for the coming year 1957/58.

487 - COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL: It was proposed by Clr. T. King and seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, that Ctrs. M. Quinn, M.A. Ashe and J.J. Ruane, be appointed to represent the Council on the County Councils General Council for the year 1957/58.

It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty and seconded by Clr. Kelly, that Clr. John Mannion be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council, in lieu of Clr. M.A. Ashe.

Subsequently, Clr. Flaherty withdrew his proposal, and the Chairman declared Ctrs. Quinn, Ashe and J.J. Ruane appointed.

488 - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Clr. Ashe and resolved:

"That Mr. John Glynn, Co.C., be appointed to represent the Council on the Irish Tourist Association."

Clr. Kelly asked if any reports are received by the Council of the proceedings at meetings of the Irish Tourist Association.

The Secretary stated that such reports are not received.

Clr. Kelly stated further that vacant positions under the Irish Tourist Association should be filled by competitive examination.

Clr. Glynn stated that the Press attends every meeting of the Irish Tourist Association, and that if Clr. Kelly desires that the minutes of these meetings be sent to him, this can, no doubt, be arranged.

489 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, and seconded by Deputy Geoghegan, that the existing members of the Visiting Committee for District Institutions be re-appointed for the year 1957/58.

It was recommended by Clr. James Donnellan that the members of the Council who reside nearest to the various institutions be appointed to form a Visiting Committee for the Institution near which they reside - thus saving expense in travelling. This recommendation was supported by Clr. Kelly and by Deputy Coogan. Ctrs. John Mannion and P. Sirr held that the opposition on the Council should obtain a fair representation on the various committees.

Clr. Kelly requested that the Press be present at meetings of the Visiting Committee held at Galway Regional Hospital.

The Chairman in reply, stated that the minutes of the meetings of the Visiting Committee are circulated to the County Councillors and are put before the Council at a meeting at which the Press is present.

Deputy Carty's proposal for the appointment of the existing members was approved.

It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion, seconded by Clr. P. Collins that Ctrs. J. Lambert, P. Flaherty, and P. Kelly be appointed as additional members on this Committee, so that there would be on the Committee one member of the opposition for each electoral area.

The Chairman directed that this motion be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council - the effect of the proposal being that the membership of the Visiting Committee would be increased to twenty.

490 - COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Library Committee be re-appointed for the year 1957/58."

491 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. Ashe, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:

"That Mr. Jarlath A. O'Connell, Solicitor, Tuam, be appointed a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee proper, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Doctor T.B. Costello, and that the remaining four members of the Committee proper and the remaining honorary members be re-appointed for the year 1957/58."

492 - EDUCATION (SCHOLARSHIPS) COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Senator Lahiff and resolved:

"That the existing members of the Education (Scholarships) Committee be re-appointed for the year 1957/58."

493 - OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES: On the proposal of Deputy Kitt seconded by Deputy Carty, it was resolved that particulars of the attendance of members of old age pension sub-committees at meetings during the past year be obtained; that any member who has not attended a meeting during the past six months be regarded as ineligible for re-appointment; that the list of the members who have attended meetings during the past six months and who are eligible for appointment, be placed before the Council at the next meeting, so as to show the number of eligible members for each committee.

494 - SYMPATHY: On the proposition of the Chairman, Clr. M. Quinn, seconded by Clr. T. King, a vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of Mr. T.J. Fleming, Clarenbridge, a former member of the Council, and it was decided that as a mark of respect the business of the ordinary meeting would be adjourned for one hour.

The Council then adjourned until 2.30 p.m. and on resumption, Clr. Martin Quinn took the Chair.

495 - HOUSING: On the proposition of Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Sirr, it was decided that a meeting of the Council to deal with housing will be held within the next couple of weeks.

496 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting No: 482, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

497 - MEDICAL OFFICER TUAM HOME: Deputy Killilea stated that it is considered that the recent increase granted to the Medical Officer of the Children's Home, Tuam, is not adequate, and he requested that this matter would be re-considered by the Assistant County Manager.

498 - RATES: It was proposed by Clr. J. Glynn, seconded by Clr. J. Canning and resolved:

"That the Council hereby allow and make the rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1958, as assessed in the Rate Books."

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

"That the demands on the Galway Borough Council and Bullinasloe Urban District Council be signed by the Chairman and Secretary and sealed with the seal of the Council."

The rate arrears lists at the 31st March, 1957, were submitted.

499 - ROUNDSTONE DISPENSARY RESIDENCE LOAN: Consideration of Item No. 7 on the Agenda was adjourned until the next meeting, as the Mortgage Deed had not been received from the National Bank Ltd.

500 - OVERDRAFT: It was proposed by Clr. Flaherty, seconded by Clr. James Donnellan, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the obtaining of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £75,000 on General Account for the quarter ending 30th September, 1957".

501 - BARNÁ WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy J. Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. P. Joyce and resolved:-

"That this Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health district of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from Lough Inch lake for the purpose of providing a supply of water for the inhabitants of the town of Barna and the townlands of Forramoyle East, Forramoyle West, Knocknagreana, Furboghgarva, Cushmanmore, Knockanavoddy, Stripe, Ballynahown, New Village, Lacklea, Trusky West, Ahaglugger, Seapoint, Freeport, Lenareagh, Knockauncarragh and Barna under the Local Government Sanitary Services Acts 1878 to 1952 under a scheme to be called and known as "The Barna Water Supply Scheme" hereby make this proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such supply of water from the said Lough Inch Lake sufficient for the requirements of the said inhabitants of the said town of Barna and of the aforesaid Townlands. The said supply is to be taken from the said Lough Inch lake at a point marked "A" on the map prepared for the purpose of the said scheme by Patrick J. Sheahan Esq., which point shall extend not more than 100 ft. into the said lake.

Ancillary operations to be carried out for the purpose of the said scheme shall include the construction of a concrete and rock filled bed within Lough Inch between lake edge and aforesaid point of supply, the laying of supply pipe thereon and the supporting and protection of such pipe with stone pitching to a height extending over water level in the lake. Said supply pipe shall be extended to a concrete intake chamber to be constructed adjacent to the existing outlet stream from Lough Inch and not more than 100 lin. yds. downstream from the point of exit of such stream from said lake. A weir structure with adjustable and/or removable cill shall also be constructed across the aforesaid outlet stream at a point not more than 100 lin. yds. downstream from the point of exit of such stream from said lake, and such weir structure shall maintain a maximum top water level in aforesaid lake of 182.45 O.D. Said weir structure shall be fitted with overflow cill and low level draw off arrangement.

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

502 - RULES UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE HEALTH ACT, 1953: It was proposed by Clr. T. King, seconded by Clr. J. Canning and resolved:

be affixed to the following rules:-

Institutional Services (Health Act, 1953, Section 26) Rules, 1957, for Galway Regional Hospital.

Institutional Services (Health Act, 1953, Section 26) Rules, 1957, for Clifden District Hospital.

The seal of the Council was then affixed to both sets of rules above-mentioned.

503 - HEALTH SERVICES (MISCELLANEOUS): In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Burke, the Assistant County Manager stated that District Medical Officers are required to supply medicines to holders of medical cards who reside in their districts.

Deputy Carty requested that the County Manager would investigate a case, the facts of which he has reported to him, in which a patient in the Orenmore District could not obtain from the District Medical Officer drugs which when a patient in the Galway Regional Hospital, she was told could be obtained from that officer.

Clr. Glynn stated that he is aware of cases in which the doctor does not stock the drugs and cannot obtain them from the hospital when he requires the special drugs for treatment of a patient in his district.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the only manner in which such special drugs could be obtained readily would be through the Regional Hospital.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Killilea, the Assistant County Manager stated that the arrangements are that prescriptions for drugs supplied by chemists under the Maternity Service Scheme must be priced by the Irish Drug Association before the Bills are submitted to the Council for payment.

In reply to an enquiry by Clr. Joyce, the Secretary stated that the question of the signposting of the wards in the Galway Regional Hospital had been referred to the County Engineer, and that the matter would be taken up with that officer again.

Deputy Coogan requested that nurses be paid their allowances for holiday periods before the start of such holiday periods.

Clr. Kelly recommended that an advertisement be issued informing the public of the services which are available to them under the Health Acts.

Clr. Patrick Ruane recommended that proper signs be erected to indicate to visitors the whereabouts of the lavatories in the Galway Regional Hospital.

504 - KILKERRIN (CARNA) WATER SUPPLY: In accordance with Minute No. 323 of 23rd February, 1957, the correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted.

Deputy Geoghegan stated that grants are now available towards the cost of water supplies in Fíor-Gaeltacht areas, and that the obtaining of a grant for this work would reduce the amount to be met by the County Council. It was therefore proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, seconded by Clr. Carty and resolved:

"That the Council approve the provision of a water supply scheme for Kilkerrin, Carna, at a total estimated cost of £13,100."

505 - CARRAROE WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: It was proposed by Clr. O'Donnell, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan and resolved:

"That the Minister for the Gaeltacht be requested to make a grant available for the extension of the Carraroe Water Supply to Derrartha village."

506 - PUMPS: Clr. P. Ruane requested that the County Engineer would attend to pumps in his area which had been out of order for ten days past; Clr. Ruane stated that he would submit particulars of these pumps to the County Engineer.

507 - ANAESTHETISTS - GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL: In accordance with Minute No. 380 of 23rd March, 1957, the correspondence in connection with the request for the Council's approval to the creation of two part-time permanent posts of Anaesthetist at Galway Regional Hospital was submitted.

Clr. King recommended that consideration of this matter be deferred to a meeting which is to be held to consider the future use of Woodlands and the old Main Block of the Galway Central Hospital.

In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Coogan, Deputy Carty stated that Professor O'Donnell had informed a meeting of the Visiting Committee that he would object very strongly to the use of certain rooms in the Galway Regional Hospital for accommodation of patients.

It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:

"That a meeting of the County Council be held at an early date to consider the provision of accommodation for patients by utilising the old hospital or by the use of Woodlands Hospital or by some other means; that the Resident Medical Superintendent and the Lay Superintendent at the Regional Hospital, representatives of the Senior Medical and Surgical Staff at the Regional Hospital, the Resident Medical Superintendent, Merlin Park Sanatorium, and a representative of the Department of Health be present at that meeting. It was decided further that the meeting above-mentioned will be a meeting of the County Council in committee - the date to be arranged with the Chairman when information will be available as to the date on which the Department of Health representative can attend."

508 - POLIOMYELITIS: On the proposition of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved the scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis, as outlined in

Circular No: 19/57 of 20th April, 1957, from the Department of Health.

509 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: It was directed that the following matters be referred to the General Council for inclusion in the Agenda for their August meeting:-

1.- Proposed by Clr. Collins, seconded by Clr. Sirr "That the Minister for Health be requested to make an appropriate increase in the Health Grant, to compensate for the increased expenditure involved in the maintenance of patients and staff in institutions as a result of the removal of the food subsidies."

2. Proposed by Clr. Flaherty - "That it is unjust that the valuation of houses of a similar type situated in rural areas should vary."
Clr. Flaherty gave as an example two similar houses, of which he is aware, the valuations being £5. 10. 0. and £8. 10. 0. respectively.

510 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949: Clr. Glynn stated that he was withdrawing his Notice of Motion, No: 14 (a) (1). Clr. Sirr recommended that the County Councils General Council be requested to consider the desirability of restoring this grant.
Deputy Carty stated that the grant has been suspended for a period of one year.

511 - ROAD FENCE AT WILLIAMSTOWN: In reply to Clr. Glynn's Notice of Motion, No: 14 (a) (2), Mr. Collins, Acting County Engineer, stated that he will make provision for this item in next year's estimate.

512 - ROAD WORKS: Clr. Glynn requested that the County Engineer would make provision in next year's estimate for removal of at least six of the corners on the Williamstown-Dunmore-Tuam road.

513 - WATER AND SEWERAGE EXTENSIONS TO COTTAGES: In connection with Clr. Burke's Notice of Motion 14 (b) (1) and (2), the Secretary submitted a statement giving particulars of the extensions, etc., required to provide water and sewerage services for cottages at Pollacullaire, Headford, St. Colman's Terrace, Gort, Garrabeg, Gort, The Hill, Loughrea, Galway Road, Loughrea, Bride Street, Loughrea, Cosmons, Loughrea, Demesne, Tuam, Half-Straddle, Tuam, Tubberjarlath, Tuam, Boher na Creine, Tuam, at a total estimated cost of £25,780, and stated that the County Manager would be prepared to recommend this work to the Council if the rents of all the cottages concerned were increased to a minimum of 4/- a week.

After a discussion, it was decided that this matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, when the financing of the scheme would be considered, and that in the meantime, the Secretary will ascertain if the tenants concerned are prepared to pay the minimum rent of 4/- a week.

514 - COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME: In reply to an enquiry by Deputy Killilea, the County Manager stated that pending disposal of the applications for housing grants, the staff of the Housing Section are unable to spare time for preparation of a purchase scheme for cottages not already included in the existing scheme.

515 - PORTUMNA LABORATORY: In reply to Clr. Canning's Notice of Motion No: 14 (c)(1), the Secretary stated that while this amenity had been recommended by the County Medical Officer, funds for the purpose were not provided in the current year's estimate.

It was directed that the matter be referred to the County Engineer to make the appropriate provision in the estimate for the coming year.

516 - PORTUMNA WATER SUPPLY: In reply to Clr. Canning's notice of motion, No: 14 (c), (2), the Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the work is £60, and the Council approved the provision of this fountain at Shannon Road, Portumna.

517 - COTTAGE NO: 110, PORTUMNA: On the proposal of Clr. Canning, the Council recommended that the tenancy of Cottage No: 110 be granted to Mr. Dan Flannery, who has been residing in this cottage for a considerable period.

518 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: In reply to Notices of Motion by Deputy Killilea and Clr. Flaherty, the correspondence was submitted, showing that the estimated cost of extending the watermain to the new factory at Tuam would be £3,396.

The Assistant County Manager stated that a reply from the factory owners is being awaited as to the amount of the contribution

which they would be prepared to make towards the cost of this work.

It was directed that further consideration of this matter would be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

519 - ROADS, PORTUMNA DISTRICT: In reply to Clr. Hanley's Notice of Motion, No: 14 (d), Mr. Collins, Acting County Engineer, stated:-

1. That £3,400 has been allocated in the current year's schemes for the steamrolling of the road from Point Bridge to Woodford, and that sanction to this work is being awaited.
2. That the road through Derrow, Ballycrissane, is in fair condition, and is not impassable.
3. That the road from Killimor to Rahoon is on the five-year plan, but it is not included in the list of works for the current year.
4. That the road from Power's Cross via Sragh School to Louisaun Church is on the five-year plan, but that it is unlikely that it will be done during the next twelve months. Clr. Hanley stated that this is an important Tourist Road and requested that it be put on next year's list of works.

Clr. Canning stated that Portumna District is becoming an important tourist area, and that it is entitled to receive some help by way of grants from An Bord Fáilte.

Clr. King stated that matters such as these can be considered properly only at the appropriate Annual Meeting, and he suggested that the Secretary should not put on the Agenda, in the intervening period between annual meetings, items which are appropriate for consideration at the annual meeting.

It was directed that further consideration of Clr. Hanley's notices of motion no: 14 (d), (2), (3) and (4) would be deferred to the next roads meeting.

520 - OUGHTERARD BRIDEWELL: Mr. Tracy, in response to Deputy Geoghegan's Notice of Motion, stated that the estimated cost of demolition of the Bridewell at Oughterard after allowing for the cost of any material recovered, would be approximately £187.

It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan, and seconded by Clr. John Donnellan, that the Council recommend to the County Manager that the Oughterard Bridewell be demolished.

It was proposed by Deputy Coogan, that the Bridewell be sold instead of being demolished. This proposal was not seconded.

The County Manager pointed out that the cost of demolition would be approximately £187, after allowing for the value of any materials recovered, and in addition to this, there would be the loss of the sum of £30 offered for the purchase of the premises and the loss of rates on the premises, if reconstructed.

Deputy Geoghegan's proposal was declared carried.

521 - QUARRIES: Consideration of Notice of Motion No: 14 (f) referring to the use of local quarries, was adjourned until next meeting.

522 - HOUSING GRANTS: It was directed that consideration of Notice of Motion No: 14 (g) would be adjourned until the next meeting, and that this item would be put on the agenda for the Housing Meeting if that meeting should be held in the meantime.

523 - WELL AT KILCOOSH, TOOMARD: In reply to Clr. M. Mannon's notice of motion, the Secretary stated that the estimated cost of improvement of the well at Kilcoosh, or Kilclough, Toomard, on Mr. Michael Clarke's land is £70, and that the consent of the owner to the carrying out of the work is being awaited.

524 - KILKERRIN-MOYLLOUGH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: In reply to Clr. M. Mannon's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that the consent of the Department of Local Government to the issue of advertisements inviting tenders for this scheme has now been received, and that advertisements will be issued in the immediate future.

525 - PUMP FOR CLOONDAHAMPER, LAVILLY: In reply to Clr. M. Mannon's Notice of Motion, the Secretary stated that while this pump is on the list, it is not listed for provision during the current year; that it may be on the list of pumps to be provided during the next financial year.

Clr. Mannon pressed for provision of this pump in next year's programme, and also pointed out that surface wells in the area have disappeared due to the carrying out of the Corrib Drainage Scheme.

526 - TRANSPORT: On the proposal of Deputy Coogan, it was unanimously agreed to inform the Department of Industry & Commerce that the proposed closing of the Limerick-Sligo line would seriously effect the economy of this county.

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

- The relatives of the late Mr. Henry St. J. Blake, Solicitor, Galway.
- The relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Cantwell, Fairhill, Galway.
- The relatives of the late Mr. Dermot O'Dwyer, Dublin, former Architect to the Galway Regional Hospital.

528 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS: Deputy Coogan recommended that Press publicity be given to malicious injury claims, so that interested parties might oppose them.

529 - MEETINGS: Mr. Joyce recommended and it was unanimously agreed that the meetings of the Council in July, August and December, 1957, would be held as arranged last year.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. M. Ryan, Rinní.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Michael Carby, Chairman.

Date: 29-7-57.

COMAIRLE CONNDAE NA SAIBLIHÉ.

Suídh:
Saibhín 55.

Oifis An Rúnaí,
Bóthar Mór,
Saibhín.

12ú Iúil, 1957.

A ÓARA,

IARRTAR: ORT leis seo beirte i lárúir ag Cruinniú de Comhairle Conndae na Saibhíne a tionsólpar i Seomra na Comhairle i nGara, Oifis na Foirgníche Conndae, Oia Iúil, 22ú Iúil, 1957, ar 12. 30.p.m. a éile.

Mise, le meas,

MAM Ó TUATH.

Rúnaí.

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Na h-ábhair seo leanas a breathnú:-

1. Miontuairisgí.
2. Coisí fó-cóisteí na b-pionseoirí sean-aoise.
3. Coisíe Fiosrúche Fionúireadúcháí Ceannair 9 Mionc. 489 de 24. 6. 1957
4. Iasáit 23400 - ceáir an doéicúra i gcloic na Rón: MORGÁISCE A SÉALÚ.
5. Córús Uisge i bTuaire a éabairt go dtí an monarcha nua - Mionc. 518 de 24. 6. 57.
6. Uisge i Séarúig a soláicir do h-íostáir - Mionc. 513 de 14. 6. 1957.
7. Driúicéad i mbeannóir na Sionna - Coimhreachas.
8. Ceáir na h-údarás Síciúla (Oibreacha), 1949 - Iúil 28. 6. 57 ó'n Roinn Rialtais Síciúla.
9. Coisíe Comhairleaché Sláinte - Miontuairisgí 11. 5. 1957.
10. Cruinníche - Iúil 3. 7. '57 ó Comhairle Ceáirde na Saibhíne.
11. Áisíle h-áiríochóirí a soláicir i nUachtaráir.
12. Áiríochóirí - Foirgníche.
13. Na postáir seo a cruthú:-
(a) Ceáiríe oéarúine, Síneachá
(b) Ceáiríe (i) agus post na Ríon-Oifigeach a éir ar gcúl.
14. Ceáir an t-áiríochóir - Foras Síneach Conndae, bl. go 31. 3. 1956.
15. Molta ó Comhairleóirí.
16. 3ú eile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Election of Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.

3. Visiting Committee for District Institutions - Minute No: 489 of 24. 6. 1957.
4. Completion of Mortgage Deed for loan £2,400 for Roundstone Dispensary Residence.
5. Tuam Water Supply - Extension to new factory : Minute No: 518 of 24. 6. 1957.
6. Water and Sewerage Extensions to cottages - Minute No: 513 of 24. 6. 1957.
7. Reconstruction of Swing Bridge at Banagher - correspondence.
8. Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 - letter 28. 6. '57 from the Secretary, Department of Local Government.
9. Minutes of Meeting of Consultative Health Committee, 11. 5. 1957.
10. Meetings: Letter 3. 7. '57 from the Galway Trades Council objecting to adjournments.
11. Provision of a dumping ground at Oughterard.
12. Remuneration Variations:- Tradesmen etc.
13. Creation of Offices:-
 - (a) Caretaker of Tynagh Dispensary
 - (b) Clerical Officer (1) and abolition of post of Staff Officer (1)
14. Auditor's Report on Accounts of the Western Health Institutions Board for year ended 31. 3. 1956.
15. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
 - (a) Cllrs. J. Glynn, M. Mammion, J. Flaherty, P. Sarr, W. Burke, M. Wall, Deputy M. Killilea, Clr. Jas. Donnellan:
"We request the County Engineer to use local metal procured locally in all roadwork in the North Galway districts in future."
 - (b) Deputies M.F. Kitt, M. Cartv, J. Geoghegan: "At the next meeting of Galway County Council we will propose that the scheme for the payment of supplementary grants for new houses, for reconstruction and for the provision of water and sewerage facilities be continued as heretofore to the end of the present financial year."
 - (c) Deputy M.F. Kitt:
"I, at the next meeting of Galway Co. Council, will propose the three fountains be erected on the 'hascragh' water supply scheme, one in the village near the site of the old pump, one at the schools and the other near Kilglass School."
 - (d) Clr. J. Flaherty:
 - (1) "I will ask the County Engineer to have the bridge between Hillswood and Castlemoyle (Tuam) repaired at once.
 - (2) I will ask that a cottage be built without further delay for Michael Byrne, Cloonascragh, Kilbannon."
 - (e) Deputy M.F. Kitt:
 - (1) "At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that a Consultant Engineer be appointed to prepare plans for the proposed water supply for Caltra and Castleblakeney.
 - (2) At the next meeting of Galway Co. Council I will propose that a water supply be provided for 'onivea'."
 - (f) Clr. P. O. Ruadhain:
"That we, the members of Galway Co. Council protest in the strongest possible manner against the unlawful arrest and detention of the members of the 'Ard Comhairle' of Sinn Fein, which is a legally instituted movement functioning in a strictly constitutional manner."

15. (g) Clr. T. King:
 - (1) "I will propose that the practice in operation by this Council, in parts of this county of doing unnecessary servile work on Church Holydays be discontinued.
 - (2) That the walled in portion of the Square at Headford be surface-dressed and cleaned, or alternatively that the dividing wall be removed."
- (h) Clr. P. Kelly:
 - (1) "I or someone on my behalf will move that the date for sending in completed applications for the positions of Clerical Officers to the Council be extended.
 - (2) That rate collectors be requested to personally compile the Register of voters for the coming year."
16. Other business.

COMHAIRLE CONDAE NA GAILLIMHE,

Oifig an Runai,
Bathar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

18adh Iuil, 1957.

To:
Each member of the Council.

A Chara,

Please note that the meeting of the Galway County Council which was fixed for Monday, 22nd instant, has been postponed for a week - as a meeting of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Board is being held on the 22nd instant.

The meeting of the Galway County Council will now be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 29th July, 1957, commencing at 12. 30.p.m.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUINNÁIGH.

Runai.

COMHAIRLE CONUDA NA GAILLIMHE.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

29adh Iuil, 1957.

To:
Each Member of the Council.

A Chara,

Please note that the meeting of the Galway County Council which was fixed for Monday, 29th instant, has been adjourned until Tuesday, 6th August, 1957, the agenda being as already circulated.

You are requested to attend the adjourned meeting at the County Buildings, Galway, commencing at 12.30.p.m. on Tuesday, 6th proximo.

Mise, le meas,

L. O. LUANAIGH.

Runai.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 29th JULY, 1957.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael Carty.

ALSO PRESENT: Cirs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Collins, Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Glynn, Hanley, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Clr. King, Deputy Kitt, Senator Lahiffe, Cirs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, O'Donnell, Ridge, Ruane Patrick, Sirr and Wall.

530 - MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting to No: 529, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

531 - SYMPATHY: Deputy Carty proposed that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the relatives of the late Mr. James J. Nestor, who was for many years a distinguished member of the County Council and distinguished member of the Gaelic Athletic Association. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Glynn, and Deputy Killilea proposed, and Clr. Kelly seconded that as a mark of respect to Mr. Nestor's memory, the business of the meeting be adjourned for a week.

The following members joined in the expression of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Nestor and in the tributes to him, viz., Cirs. Ashe, Lambert, Sirr, King, Flaherty, Donnellan John, Wall, Joyce, Mannion M., Mannion J., Burke, Collins, Kitt, Dowd and Ruane P.

Votes of sympathy were also adopted with the relatives of the late Professor Prendergast, University College, Galway, Mr. Michael O'Donnor, Monairmore, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, and with Mr. P.S. McCudden, Local Government Auditor, on the death of his mother, and with Mrs. J. Connolly, Craughwell, on the death of her husband.

The County Manager, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the expression of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Nestor, and Professor Prendergast, and with Mr. McCudden.

It was unanimously decided that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 6th August, 1957, at 12.30.p.m.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

L. O. Luanaigh - Runai.

*Submitted, approved and confirmed
Michael Carty
Chairman.*

Date: 6-8-57

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 6th AUGUST, 1957.

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

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

532 - SYMPATHY: Clr. King proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Martin Mannion, a former official of the Council and with Mr. Sean Concannon, County Solicitor's Office, and his relatives, on the death of their mother.

It was unanimously agreed that as a mark of respect, the meeting be adjourned until 1.45 p.m.

ON RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING DEPUTY CARTY TOOK THE CHAIR.

533 - MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting to No: 531 having been circulated to members were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

534 - OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES:

Lettermore: Letter dated 4th July, 1957, from Mrs. Ellen Nestor, Clerk to the Lettermore Old Age Pension Sub-Committee was submitted, wherein she stated that she had called several meetings during the previous three months, that no member had attended and that consequently several claims awaited a decision.

Deputy Geoghegan said that the area administered by this sub-committee was too extensive, that the members had to travel long distances to attend meetings and hence the poor attendance. He suggested that they write to the Minister for Social Welfare requesting him to sub-divide the area of administration into two districts and this was agreed to.

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

That the existing eligible members of the Lettermore Old Age Pension Sub-Committee be re-appointed for 1957/58 and that the following new members be appointed on the Sub-Committee, viz:- Joe Costello, Annaghvane, Bealadangan, Tom Folan, Lettermore, and Johnny O'Connor, Lettermore."

General: It was proposed by Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. Collins and resolved:

"That the existing eligible members of all other Old Age Pension Sub-Committees be re-appointed for the year 1957/58; that a list of the ineligible members of each of the age pension sub-committee be circulated to the members of the Council and that the appointment of new members be deferred until the next meeting."

CLR. QUINN NOW TOOK THE CHAIR.

535 - OUGHTERARD DUMPING GROUND: It was proposed by Deputy Geoghegan seconded by Clr. Joyce and resolved:

"That a dumping ground be provided at Oughterard on a site of one acre at Lemonfield on the land of Mr. Thomas Connor, Camp Street, Oughterard, at a purchase price of £50 and a development work cost of £100.

536 - HOUSING GRANTS: It was proposed by Deputy Carty, seconded by Deputy Kitt and unanimously resolved:

"That the Scheme for the payment of supplementary grants for new houses, for reconstruction and for the provision of water and sewerage facilities be continued as heretofore to the end of the present financial year but that applications made in the period from 1st May, 1957 to the 31st March 1958 be not dealt with until after the end of the present financial year."

537 - UNNECESSARY SERVICE WORK ON CHURCH HOLYDAYS: Clr. King proposed and Clr. Burke seconded that the practice, in operation in parts of the county, of doing unnecessary service work on Church Holydays be discontinued.

The County Manager said that this matter was an executive function of his and not a reserved function of the

Council and that the workers could not be paid if they did not work on these days. He submitted that it was primarily a matter for the workers concerned and he suggested that the Acting County Engineer obtain their views.

The County Manager's suggestion was agreed to.

538 - HEADFORD SQUARE: Clr. King proposed that the walled in portion of the Square at Headford be surface dressed and cleaned or alternatively that the dividing wall be removed.

The County Manager said that the site referred to was not Council property and that the Council could not enter on it without permission. He undertook to look into the matter to see if there was anything the Council could do.

539 - VISITING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS: It was proposed by Clr. John Mannion seconded by Clr. James Donnellan and resolved:

"That Clrs. J. Lambert, J. Flaherty and P. Kelly be appointed members of the Visiting Committee in addition to those appointed by Minute No: 489 of the 24th June, 1957."

540 - VISITING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of meetings of the Visiting Committee for Institutions held at the Regional Hospital, Galway, on 14th June, 1957 and at St. Mary's Children's Home, Tuam, on 13th July, 1957, were submitted and noted, copies having already been circulated to the members of the Council.

541 - ROUNDSTONE DISPENSARY RESIDENCE LOAN: It was proposed by Clr. Joyce, seconded by Clr. John Mannion and resolved:-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 31st day of May 1957, of the Minister for Health, the sum of £2400 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Galway, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of and repairs to a dispensary residence at Roundstone, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the usual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction provided; the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a mortgage over the rates and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

542 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY - EXTENSION TO NEW FACTORY: It was proposed by Deputy Killilea seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That the watermain be extended to the new factory at Tuam by provision of a 4" main provided that the County Council and the promoters of the factory could come to terms.

543 - WATER & SEWERAGE EXTENSIONS TO COTTAGES: The Acting County Secretary referred to minute No: 513 of the 24th June, 1957 and said that in response to the circular to the tenants, one had accepted in Tuam, and one in Gort; two had refused in Gort, Headford & Loughrea and a query requesting further information was received from Gort.

The County Manager suggested as an alternative that the tenants might be informed that they could apply for vesting and then apply for Improvement Grants to the Department of Local Government towards the cost of installing water and sewerage services in the cottages and the Council would bring the mains to their doors.

On the proposal of Deputy Carty and seconded by Deputy Kitt the Co. Manager's suggestion was agreed to.

It was recommended by the members that, as an alternative to the vesting, water and sewerage services be provided for the cottages on payment of a rent, inclusive of present rates, of 4/- per week, any future increases in the rates to be payable in addition.

It was recommended that the tenants be circularised with the new conditions.

544 - RECONSTRUCTION OF SWING BRIDGE AT BANAGHER: Correspondence between the Co. Manager and the Offaly Co. Manager in this matter was submitted. It was decided to adjourn consideration of it pending receipt of information from Offaly Co. Council on the amount of Government Grant that would be sanctioned."

545 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949: Letter dated 28 Meitheamh, 1957, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government was submitted stating that no grants would be available for the current year for new schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act and that it had been arranged with the Department of Agriculture that that Department would make to local authorities such grants as were necessary to enable them to continue to carry out schemes under the Act for culvert improvement etc. consequential on Land Project operations.

Deputy Carty proposed and Clr. Hanley seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Council carry out works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture on the terms and conditions stipulated in the letter dated 28th Meitheamh, 1957, issued by the Department of Local Government.

546 - CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE: The minutes of meeting of the Consultative Health Committee held on the 11th May, 1957, were submitted and noted.

547 - GALWAY TRADES COUNCIL: On the proposal of Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. John Mannion letter dated 3rd July, 1957 from the Galway Trades Council regarding the adjournment of meetings of the County Council was marked read.

548 - LOAN £22,800 FOR OUGHTWARDA WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: It was proposed by Clr. P.D. Joyce seconded by Clr. John Mannion 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 £22,800, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952".

549 - LOAN £15,600 FOR BALLYGAR SEWERAGE SCHEME: It was proposed by Deputy M. Killilea seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £15,600, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1952."

550 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN £4,500 FOR THE COMPLETION OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT LOUGHREA: It was proposed by Deputy M. Carty seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £4,500, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Acts 1930 to 1947."

551 - REMUNERATION VARIATIONS: The following remuneration variations were approved unanimously on the proposition of Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. Ashe.

- (a) Tradesmen and labourers - existing wage rates increased by 1¹/₂d. per hour from 10th May, 1957, for tradesmen and labourers employed on Building and Civil Engineering Work in Galway Borough, Ballinasloe Urban District and in the districts of Loughrea and Tuam Town Commissioners.
- (b) Apprentices: revised wage rates payable per hour from 10th May, 1957, to apprentices employed on Building & Civil Engineering Work in Galway Borough, Ballinasloe Urban District and in the districts of Loughrea and Tuam Town Commissioners - 3rd year 1/2d., 4th year 1/9³/₄d., 5th year 2/7d. in lieu of existing wage rates.
- (c) Tradesmen employed on Building Work and Cottage Repairs in the County Health District - revised wage rate of 3/11d. per hour payable as from 10th May, 1957, in lieu of existing wage rate.
- (d) Semi-skilled workers: revised wage rate of 18/10d. per day payable as from 1st April, 1957 in lieu of existing wage rate.
- (e) Foremen: Existing wage rates increased by 1¹/₂d. per hour from 10th May 1957 for the foremen in the Galway Borough and Tuam town areas, and St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea.

551 - (a) Keymen: existing wage rates increased by 1¹/₂d. per hour as from 10th May, 1957.

552 - CARETAKER, TYNAGH DISPENSARY: On the proposal of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd, the Council approved the creation of the position of Caretaker, Tynagh Dispensary at a salary of £25 per annum, the caretaker to provide fuel and attend to the grounds.

553 - ABOLITION OF ONE POST OF STAFF OFFICER AND CREATION OF ONE POST OF CLERICAL OFFICER: On the proposal of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Deputy Carty the Council approved the abolition of one post of Staff Officer and the creation of one additional post of Clerical Officer instead.

554 - ABOLITION OF ONE POST OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AND CREATION OF ONE POST OF DISTRICT NURSE: On the proposal of Deputy Carty seconded by Clr. Galvin the Council approved the abolition of one post of Public Health Nurse and the creation of one additional post of District Nurse with remuneration at the rate of £137. 7. 9. by £11. 10. 9 to £495. 1. 6 x two long-service increments of £11. 10. 9 - £518. 3. 0. per annum inclusive of temporary bonus and uniform allowance.

555 - AUDITOR'S REPORTS: The following Auditor's reports were submitted and noted:-

Western Health Institutions Board - Y.E. 31st March, 1956.

Lough Lash and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee - Y.E. 31st March, 1957.

556 - LOCAL QUARRIES: Deputy Killilea proposed and Clr. Sarr seconded that the Co. Engineer use local metal, procured locally, in all roadwork in the North Galway districts in future.

The proposal was supported by Clrs. Glynn, Flaherty, Burke, Jas. Donnellan and Martin Mannion.

Clr. John Mannion made a similar proposal regarding the Clifden area and Comemara generally.

After a lengthy discussion, the Acting Co. Engineer was requested to submit to the next meeting a report showing the cost of production at the central pits, the cost of haulage for the various distances, and the cost produced locally.

557 - AHASCRACH FOUNTAINS: Deputy Killilea proposed, Clr. Galvin seconded and it was unanimously resolved:

"That three fountains be erected on the Ahascrach Water Supply Scheme, viz:- one in the village near the site of the old pump, one at the schools and the other near Kilglass School.

558 - WATER SUPPLY FOR CALTRA & CASTLEBLAKENEY: Deputy Kitt proposed that a Consulting Engineer be appointed to prepare plans for the proposed water supply for Caltra and Castleblakeney.

The County Manager said that the estimated cost of a joint scheme for Caltra & Castleblakeney in 1950 was, for Caltra Section £9445 and Castleblakeney Section £3245, a total estimated cost of £12690 and he did not consider that this expenditure would be justified for the small population which was to be served. It might be possible, at less than half this cost, to instal electrical automatic pressure pumping systems with distribution water mains serving the villages, the yield being obtained from satisfactory boreholes. The Co. Manager agreed to submit this suggestion to the Department of Local Government for approval.

559 - MONIVEM WATER SUPPLY: Deputy Kitt proposed that a water supply be provided for Monivem.

The Co. Manager undertook to make a proposal similar to his Caltra and Castleblakeney Water Supply suggestion to the Department of Local Government for approval.

560 - BRIDGE BETWEEN HILLSWOOD AND CASTLEMOYLE (TUAM): Referring to Clr. Flaherty's notice of motion, the Acting Co. Engineer said that final plans for the reconstruction of the bridge between Hillswood and Castlemoyle (Tuam) were almost ready and he hoped the work would be completed by early next summer.

561 - COTTAGE FOR MICHAEL BYRNE, CLOONASCRAUGH, KILBANION: Clr. Flaherty asked to have his notice of motion in this matter withdrawn.

562 - DERREEN FOOTBRIDGE: The Acting Co. Engineer told Clr. Lambert that the Council were prepared to go ahead with the erection of a footbridge at Derreen, Gort.

563 - SINN FEIN: Clr. Patrick Ruane proposed that the Council protest in the strongest possible manner against the unlawful arrest and detention of the members of the "Ard Comhairle" of Sinn Fein which was a legally instituted movement functioning in a strictly constitutional manner.

Deputy Carty proposed that the motion be ruled out of order.
Clr. James Donnellan seconded Clr. Ruane's proposal.
The Chairman declared the motion out of order.

564 - CLERICAL OFFICERS' EXAMINATION: Clr. Kelly proposed that the date for sending in completed applications for the position of Clerical Officers to the Council be extended.

The Co. Manager said he would inquire into the merits of the proposal.

565 - REGISTER OF VOTERS: Clr. Kelly proposed that rate collectors be requested to personally compile the Register of Voters for the coming year.

The Co. Manager said that the compilation of the Register of Voters was a matter for the Department of Justice.

566 - SALTHILL CAR PARKS: The Co. Manager said that they were led to believe originally that a grant would be forthcoming from Bord Failte for the Salthill Car Parks scheme, other than the acquisition of lands. It now transpired that Bord Failte had no funds for the car parks only and suggested incorporating them in a general scheme for Salthill including the extension of the promenade. The Co. Council had already applied for a compulsory purchase order and they could apply for a Road Fund Grant for the car parks and for tourist grants for the other work.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter until further information was available.

567 - NEW DISPENSARIES: Letter dated the 31st July 1957, Ref: H.11/31/1 from the Department of Health was submitted, confirming that it was regretted that no grant would be allowed for the building of any dispensary on which work had not commenced by 1st June, 1957.

On the proposal of Deputy Carty, seconded by Clr. Dowd the Council unanimously decided to complete the dispensary building programme despite the Department of Health's refusal to give grants for those which had not been commenced by 1st June, 1957, the work to be financed by raising a loan.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

M. S. O' Madruaidh
Chairman

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Carb *Chairman.*

Date: 5-10-57

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE FIRE BRIDGES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY,
ON SATURDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1957.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr. Martin Quinn, Co.C.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Galway Corporation: Alderman M. O'Flaherty, Mr. F. Breathnach,
Mr. J. Cox.

Ballinasloe U.D. Council: Mr. C. Soden.

Loughrea Town Commissioners: Mr. J. Kilboy.

Tuam Town Commissioners: Mr. J.A. O'Connell.

Galway County Council: Mr. P. Joyce, Co.C., Mr. J.J. Ruane, Co.C.

Officials: Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager, Captain P.B. Sugrue,
Chief Fire Officer, Mr. K. Doyle, Staff Officer and
Mr. L. O Luanaigh, County Secretary.

1 - MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th April, 1956, having been circulated to the members, were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

2 - EQUIPMENT, TUAM: The Chief Fire Officer's report of the 28th August, 1957, was submitted.

The County Manager drew attention to the recommendations for the provision of new Fire Fighting Units at Tuam and Gort, at a total cost of approximately £5,000.

Mr. Soden considered that where there is an obsolete engine, as in Ballinasloe, it should be replaced.

Captain Sugrue stated that the engine in Tuam is a Ford V8, which was obtained from the Department of Defence in 1940, and the recommendation is that a Unit be provided there similar to that recently provided in Loughrea; that the Fire Station has already been provided.

On the proposition of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, the Committee recommended the purchase of new Fire Fighting Unit for Tuam.

The Chairman explained that the existing Unit would be transferred elsewhere when the new Unit would be provided, and that possibly it would be transferred to Athenry.

3 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY: Mr. O'Connell pointed out that at the previous meeting, it had been recommended by him that a pump be installed in the Tuam Pumping Station, and that this has not been done up to the present.

Captain Sugrue explained that it is the volume of water rather than the pressure which is of importance, and Mr. O'Connell suggested that it would help to provide a greater volume of water if the water were cut off at a point in the main below the scene of the fire.

Mr. Joyce recommended that the Fire Brigade Staff be empowered to take over the water supply on the occasion of a fire.

The Chairman stated that it would be necessary to warn water users or to make them aware of this fact, as otherwise damage might result from lack of water.

On the recommendation of Mr. O'Connell, the Committee requested that Captain Sugrue would investigate this matter, to see what action could be taken so as to secure the maximum supply of water at the fire location.

4 - ATHENRY FIRE STATION AND EQUIPMENT: Mr. Ruane stated that a fire broke out recently at Ryehill, Athenry, and that on that occasion there was one hour's delay in getting the pump out.

Mr. Ruane was informed by Captain Sugrue that the pump in Tuam would be repaired before the Tuam Unit would be transferred to Athenry - on the provision of a new Unit in Tuam.

On the proposal of Mr. Ruane, the Committee unanimously recommended the provision of a fire station at Athenry, and

Mr. Ruane recommended further that this Station would include provision for an Engineer's Office.

5 - FIRE BRIGADE STAFF: The County Manager drew attention to the recommendation in the Chief Fire Officer's report that members of the Galway Fire Brigade be, if possible, allocated the tenancy of houses in the vicinity of the Fire Station.

On the proposition of Mr. Ruane, seconded by Mr. Soden, the committee decided to recommend to the Galway Corporation that members of the Fire Brigade be given an option of transfer to houses which may become vacant in the vicinity of the Fire Station.

The Chairman asked if Captain Sugrue had been requested to organise Fire Fighting arrangements at University College, Galway.

Captain Sugrue stated that he is about to carry out an inspection of the College premises, and that he would give any assistance possible in regard to Fire Fighting arrangements there.

Mr. Soden asked if the voluntary system of fire brigades is the best one, and asked that the Committee would consider whether in some cases a plot of land would be made available on which the members of the fire brigade could produce vegetables and where they would be readily available on the occasion of an outbreak of fire.

The Committee decided that this matter be referred to the Chief Fire Officer to consider its feasibility.

6 - FIRE INSURANCE: The Chairman asked if Fire Insurance Companies would make a contribution to the Council to meet the cost of fire fighting arrangements.

The County Manager stated that this matter had already been taken up with Insurance Companies, who refuse to make any such contribution, and who stated that the premiums which they charge are based on their claims experience; that if the incidence of fire damage was greater, the rate of premiums would be greater also.

Captain Sugrue pointed out that the Insurance Companies also refused to give particulars of the amount of claims payable by them for fire damage; that this information would be of assistance to the Council in assessing the worth of the Fire Fighting arrangements provided by them.

On the recommendation of Mr. O'Connell, the Committee recommended that this matter be referred to the Municipal Authorities Association and to the County Councils' General Council, so that these bodies might request the Insurance Companies to supply the information in regard to the amount of claims paid in particular years in respect of fire damage.

7 - CLIFDEN FIRE STATION AND EQUIPMENT: Mr. Joyce requested that the provision of a new Fire Station in Clifden be expedited.

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Joyce, Captain Sugrue stated that proper care was not being taken of the fire equipment in Clifden.

8 - CLIFDEN WATER SUPPLY: On the proposition of Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, the Committee recommended that a watermain be laid at Market Hill, between Main Street and Market Street, Clifden, and that hydrants be provided thereon.

9 - MEETINGS: On the recommendation of the Chairman, the Committee authorised the Secretary to call meetings of the Fire Advisory Committee once in each six months.

Mr. Soden stated that Saturday is not a suitable date for his colleague and it was decided that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, to consider the day on which meetings should be held.

10- GORT - FIRE STATION AND EQUIPMENT: The Committee recommended provision of a Fire Station and Unit at Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST, 1957, TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR PATIENTS OF THE GALWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL BY UTILISING THE OLD HOSPITAL OR WOODLANDS HOSPITAL OR BY SOME OTHER MEANS.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr. M. Quinn.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Ashe, Burke, Connors, Deputy Carty, Mr. Collins, Deputy Coogan, Mrs. Donnellan James, Donnellan John, Dowd, Flaherty, Calvin, Deputy Geoghegan, Mrs. Glynn, Hanley, Kelly Deputy Killilea, Mrs. King, Senator Lahiff, Mrs. Lambert, Mannion John, Mannion Martin, Ridge, Ruane James, Ruane Patrick, Sirr and Wall.

Dr. Deeney, Chief Medical Advisor and Mr. Dowling, Principal Officer, Department of Health.

Drs. M.G. O'Malley, N. McDermott, B. O'Driscoll, and Mr. W.C. Hogan, Lay Superintendent, Galway Regional Hospital; Dr. M.C. Little, Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon and Dr. J.V. Cussen, R.M.S., Merlin Park.

Messrs. C.I. O'Flynn, County Manager, T.P. Mac Diarmada, Assistant County Manager and M.S. O'Mahon, Acting County Secretary.

MINUTE: Minute No. 507 of meeting held on 24th June, 1957, whereby this special meeting was authorised to be convened was submitted.

The County Manager introduced Mr. Dowling and Dr. Deeney to the meeting and they were welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

Mr. Dowling recalled that when the new Regional Hospital was being built, it was decided to await its completion to see what the demand for bed accommodation would then be in the County of Galway before coming to any decision regarding the future of the old hospital block. The position had altered somewhat in the meantime as Calvary and Portlucan Hospitals had been opened in Galway City and Ballynasloe respectively, but a big problem remained as there was still a large number of long-stay patients and the temporary unit, St. Joseph's, was still occupied. It was tentatively agreed with the Medical Staff of the Regional Hospital that the latter unit should be demolished and that the patients there should be disposed of by transferring the orthopaedic cases, numbering about 47, to Merlin Park, by transferring 40 patients to the Maids' Old Quarters and by accommodating the remaining 40 in the main block of the new Regional Hospital. Dr. J. O'Donnell subsequently objected to these arrangements as it was feared that they would result in overcrowding and jeopardise the Regional Hospital's position as a teaching hospital. The meeting had therefore to consider (1) the future of St. Joseph's Unit (2) the future of the old Central Hospital block and (3) whether or not Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital should be re-opened.

He referred to the financial statement, which had been circulated, showing an estimated hospitalization expenditure of over £750,000 for the County of Galway during 1957/58 and he added that the Minister for Health was most anxious in the present economic circumstances, that the best possible use should be made of all available hospital accommodation and that no additional hospital should be opened, if that could be avoided and he thought that it could. It was agreed that the Regional Hospital was a first-class teaching hospital and should be used as such; and that chronic long-stay cases should be transferred from it at the earliest possible date. An architectural report on St. Joseph's Unit, which had an excellent theatre, stated that after some minor alterations it would remain in good condition for another ten years and the Minister considered that it should not be demolished but retained and after evacuation, as already outlined, used to accommodate some 50 chronic cases at present in the Regional Hospital. It was also considered that 35 to 40 patients could be accommodated without overcrowding in the Maids' Old Quarters, which were in excellent condition. From an inspection of the Regional Hospital itself it appeared that a good many more patients could be accommodated there without overcrowding or interfering with its existing high standards. Medical opinion believed that if the present trend in Merlin Park continued, further patient accommodation would be available there in the near future. If these suggestions were agreed to by the Council, at least 150 additional beds would be available, the chronic cases would be transferred out of the new hospital to St. Joseph's Unit and the Maids' Old Quarters, such more accommodation would be available under better conditions and there would be no necessity to re-open Woodlands Hospital.

Dr. Deeney said that between the Regional Hospital and Merlin Park Sanatorium, Galway, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Clifden and Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, approximately 3000 people were accommodated in hospital beds in Co. Galway so that one person in every fifty in the county was in bed at the ratepayers and taxpayers expense all the time, a figure as high as anywhere in the world. With the changing methods of medicine, acute illness in young people was disappearing and hospitals, generally speaking, were becoming filled with elderly chronic patients. There should be more reciprocity in the utilization of beds between the Regional Hospital and Merlin Park. The latter could be part of the teaching school - it was planned in small units for chronic and long-term patients. On an inspection of the Regional Hospital that day, he saw many patients such as bronchial and asthmatic cases, people with fractured bones and children with T.B. meningitis who would obviously benefit from a stay in Merlin Park - it was a place where the physically disabled, aided by the wonderful work of the Regional Specialists, could be rehabilitated and trained. As the number of patients there was daily reduced with the disappearance of T.B. it could take the overflow of patients from the Regional Hospital, without any necessity for re-opening Woodlands Hospital.

Referring to his inspection of the Regional Hospital he submitted that, without the slightest degree of overcrowding:- (a) 2 extra beds could be put into each of the 8, 12 bed wards thus accommodating 16 additional beds, (b) 3 extra beds could be put into each of the 8, 8 bed wards thus providing 24 additional beds, (c) the 10 sisters' offices, which were not used, could each accommodate two patient beds, i.e., a total of 20 beds, (d) the 10 day rooms, which were mostly ornamental and were not used, could each accommodate 4 patient beds, i.e., a total of 40 beds - these proposals, if implemented would provide a total of 100 extra beds. He added that there were 86 single bed wards in the Main Block and while in some, for medical reasons, only one patient could be accommodated, it should not be too difficult to put two patients instead of one in many of the larger single bed wards, as most people, especially children, preferred company rather than be in a room alone. He told Clr. Glynn that he did not take into account the numbers in private hospitals when estimating that one in every fifty in County Galway was in hospital.

Deputy Coogan asked why the Medical Staff of the Central Hospital were not consulted when the Regional Hospital was being designed fourteen years ago, instead of being brought into conference now when it was built and when it was realised that it could not cater for the number of patients it was intended for. He blamed the Department of Health for the present position and said that it should provide its own remedy now. He considered that the huts were not fit for medical or nursing staffs to work in or for patients to be accommodated in.

Deputy Carty said it was rather late in the day for the Department of Health to discover all this waste space which had now come to light. The Department now realised that the Galway Regional Hospital could not cater for County Galway's requirements, without any cognisance of the requirements of the Western Region. He suggested that the huts, which were most unsightly and overcrowded, should be demolished, and that Woodlands Hospital, on which the Galway County Council had spent a considerable sum of money, should be reopened as otherwise it must decay.

Mr. Dowling told Clr. Lambert that Woodlands Hospital could be sold after the hospital accommodation requirements were ascertained.

Clr. Kelly said that the Regional Hospital was appallingly overcrowded.

Clr. Rowd supported the proposals outlined by Dr. Deeney and Mr. Dowling as he believed that there was more than plenty hospital accommodation in County Galway but that it was not being properly utilised.

Clr. Collins supporting the proposals said it would be wrong, in the present economic circumstances, to spend money on reopening buildings in view of Dr. Deeney's assurances.

The Chairman disagreed with Dr. Deeney that it was feasible to accommodate two patients in the single bed wards and said it was undesirable that a child should share a ward with an adult. From his experience as a patient in one of these wards, he considered that they were too big for one patient and too small for two patients.

Clr. John Donnellan was pleased to hear that extra bed accommodation was available in the main block of the Regional Hospital but he doubted that the huts could be made suitable for patients.

Clr. Ashe deplored that the huts were to be continued to be used for patients and she suggested that irrespective of where a patient was put, he, or she, should be accommodated in a suitably sized bed.

Clrs. King and Wall requested that the Medical Staff of the Regional Hospital and of Merlin Park should submit their views to the meeting.

Dr. Cussen, R.M.S., Merlin Park, said that there were 68 vacant beds in Merlin Park that morning and 28 of those were required as a standby for normal cases, leaving a surplus of 40 to help the Galway Regional Hospital. He suggested that these beds could best be used immediately by the transfer thereto from the Regional Hospital of chest conditions, e.g., primary T.B., pleurisy, bronchitis, asthma, etc., for which he had the necessary staff and equipment, and that subsequently, when more beds were available, chronic cases, orthopaedic cases, etc., could be accommodated. He pointed out that Merlin Park was built to accommodate 547 patients, but that they were able to accommodate 700 patients without any inconvenience with a minimum floor space of 60 sq. ft. per bed.

Deputy Killilea said that the Medical Staff told the Visiting Committee that it was essential that all hospital buildings should be convenient to one another and he added that they would be wasting their time travelling to and from Merlin Park if some of their patients were transferred there. He believed that they would get a better return for their money if they repaired a wing of the old Central block rather than renovate St. Joseph's.

Dr. Deeney told Deputy Carty, who suggested that the Fever Hospital be transferred to Woodlands, that the Fever Hospital was the Regional Poliomyelitis Centre.

The County Manager told Clr. Glynn, who suggested that the Children's Home, Tuam, be transferred to Woodlands, instead of spending a large sum renovating it, that it was run by the Bon Secour Nuns under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop and they might not agree.

Dr. M.G. O'Malley said he was afraid that the new Regional Hospital would be as overcrowded as the old Central had been.

Dr. B. O'Driscoll said that if more patients were put into the wards than they were designed to accommodate, some would be up against an open window and be liable to get cold or even pneumonia. The verandahs were only glasshouses and could not be used to house patients as they were too cold in winter and too warm in summer. They would not like, for teaching purposes, to lose contact with those patients that Dr. Cussen said he could accommodate in Merlin Park.

Dr. McDermott pleaded for an avoidance of the overcrowding conditions that prevailed in the old Central Hospital so that the patients could be handled and treated efficiently; unless the beds were spaced comfortably apart, the nurses could not do their work properly. He did not think that the single wards could accommodate two patients nor that the verandahs were suitable. He did not favour the use of the Sisters' offices. He agreed that the day rooms, after some slight alterations, could be utilised and that there was nothing very much against the use of St. Joseph's if it were renovated and limited to a reasonable number of beds. He confirmed that they would not like to lose contact with those patients that Dr. Cussen said he could accommodate in Merlin Park.

Dr. Little said that during the last eight years he had developed:- (a) a Regional Orthopaedic Service for the entire Connaught region and Donegal and (b) an immediate traumatic service for fractured bones based in the Regional Hospital for County Galway. Two months ago there were 46 traumatic cases in the Regional Hospital, and after transferring the absolute orthopaedic cases to Merlin Park, 38 still remained. He stressed that bone trauma fractures required empty rather than full beds, as a number of beds had always to be in reserve for emergencies and accidents. He submitted that this bone trauma service should be continued in the Regional Hospital where the X-Ray and Physiotherapy Departments were close at hand, and that the long-stay cases could be passed on to Merlin Park. He considered that the huts, if suitably renovated, could be utilised for fracture cases provided

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that only a reasonable number was accommodated. He said that it was absolutely impossible for him to perform operations on those cases coming into County Galway from the Western Region during his visits to the County Hospitals, as this work could only be done in a Specialist centre and no orthopaedic theatre appliances were available in those hospitals.

Dr. Sussen told Deputy Coogan that the visiting hours, applicable to existing patients in Merlin Park, would apply to any patients transferred there from the Regional Hospital.

Deputy Georhegan objected to the suggested transfer of patients from either the Regional Hospital or the huts to Merlin Park as he felt that the patients themselves would be opposed to it. He supported Deputy Killilea's proposal to repair a wing of the old Central block. He added that if any patients were transferred to Merlin Park, the Galway County Councillors would insist that their relatives could visit them there any time they came to Galway.

Clr. Lambert said he was sure that, if the patients were approached first to ascertain their views, the majority of them would gladly accept the transfer to Merlin Park.

Clr. Sirr condemned the further use of the huts and advocated their immediate demolition.

Clr. King opposed the renovation of the huts. He wondered if Dr. Deoney was aware that the doctors of County Galway were sending patients to the Regional Hospital on a quota basis and that there were patients out in the country who could not get hospital treatment because the accommodation was not there for them. He submitted that the cramming of patients into the Regional Hospital by shoving in extra beds there would not solve their difficulties as it made no provision for those people outside who were clamouring for treatment. He suggested that the Maternity Hospital Section of the Regional Hospital, which was a self-contained unit, should be transferred to Woodlands, thus making additional beds vacant convenient to the Regional Hospital itself.

Clr. Wall recommended that Dr. Deoney's proposals be given a trial in the absence of any better ones from the Council.

Dr. Deoney told Clr. Hanley that he believed there would be another block vacant in Merlin Park before Christmas, and a further three blocks probably vacant in a year.

The County Manager advised Deputy Coogan that it would not be feasible to relieve the overcrowding by building a second storey on the Children's Unit of the Regional Hospital as, apart from other considerations, the walls were not strong enough. He said that the last estimate for the demolition of the old Central block and clearing the site, etc. was £500 and he added that this was the obvious thing to do with it as otherwise, even though partly renovated, it would only be an eyesore. He appealed to the members to be sensible and to adopt the Minister's proposals as outlined by Dr. Deoney and Mr. Dowling.

Dr. Deoney suggested that the matter could be finalised by a small committee consisting of a few members of the Council, a few members of the Regional Hospital Medical Staff, the R.M.S., Merlin Park and the County Manager.

Clr. Glynn then proposed and Deputy Coogan seconded that the Council to utilise the huts for the present as they stand, that the old hospital be demolished, and that where possible the patients be transferred to the Regional Hospital and Merlin Park.

Deputy Carty proposed and Clr. Collins seconded "That we recommend to the Council that the old Central Hospital be demolished."

Deputy Killilea proposed and Clr. Wall seconded "That we recommend to the Council that no decision be made until after an estimate of the cost of the repair and renovation of a wing of the old Central Hospital, to accommodate 100 beds, be obtained from the County Engineer."

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The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on Deputy Killilea's amendment and the result was as follows:

FOR: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Donnellan James, Georhegan, Killilea, Ridge, Sirr and Wall - 9.

AGAINST: Clrs. Carty, Collins, Coogan, Dowd, Galvin, Glynn, Hanley, Kelly, Lahiff, Lambert, Quinn, Ruane James - 12.

The Chairman declared Deputy Killilea's amendment lost.

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

FOR: Clrs. Carty, Collins, Coogan, Dowd, Galvin, Glynn, Hanley, Kelly, Lahiff, Lambert, Quinn, Ruane James - 12

AGAINST: Clrs. Ashe, Burke, Canning, Donnellan James Georhegan, Killilea, Ridge, Sirr and Wall - 9.

The Chairman declared Deputy Carty's proposal approved.

Deputy Carty proposed, Senator Lahiff seconded and it was agreed:

"That we recommend to the Council that, at its next meeting, the County Engineer's estimate be submitted for the repair and renovation of the huts to serve for a period of not more than five years."

Deputy Carty proposed, Clr. Sirr seconded and it was agreed:

"That we recommend to the Council that an immediate transfer of 40 patients to the Day Rooms in the Regional Hospital be effected."

Deputy Carty proposed, Clr. Collins seconded and it was agreed:

"That we recommend to the Council that the Waids' Old Quarters be utilised as suggested by Mr. Dowling."

Deputy Carty proposed, Deputy Coogan seconded and it was agreed:

"That we recommend to the Council that two permanent part-time posts of aesthetists to the Galway County Council be created."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHARLE CONNDAE NA SAILLIUME.

Suíth: Saillium 55.

Oifis an Rúnai,
Dólar Mór,
Saillium.

18 Meán Fómhair, 1957.

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Diar Saéar, 28d M. Fómhair, 1957, ar 12.30.0.m. a éile.

Mise, le meas,

Le ó tuairis.

Rúnai.

Óuis zac bair be'g Comhairle.

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Na h-ábair seo leanas a breaicé:

1. Miontuairisí.
2. Polúncasí i b'fó-éiscí na bpinsean sean-áoise.
3. Scéimeanna Scolaireáda 1957/58.
4. Tasaót £4,800 - ceac an doctúra sa éileáin.
5. Tasaót £17,500 - Scéim Uisge-éoláir i gCill Íomair.
6. Tasaót sealadac - Raité go 31. 12. '57.
- 6 (A) Tasaót le h-ádhú soláir síte.
7. Deónas £13000 - bóite sa Saéar.
8. Scéim Feabsú Uóite Cuarcóirí.
9. Scéim Uisge-éoláir in Inis Mór.
10. Baile áda an Ríog - feabsú éamra.
11. Scéim éamraí i gCeátraí Ruad.
12. Scéim Uisge-éoláir i mDeanna.
13. Soláir Uisge do'g mionarcán nu. i b'ádhú.
14. Scéimeanna Uisge-éoláir sa Saéar - litir 22. 8. 57 ó'g Roinn.
14. (A) Tasaót éamra-óiscidéil.
15. Deónasí le h-ádhú feabsú síte - leasú scéime.
16. Baileáir Ráirí, Ceannair 4 - Baileáir Sealadac a éamra.
17. Díosa talair i nSorc an Iomair a éile.

18. Coiscé ércáid talair - Miontuairisí 31. 8. '57, 7h1.
19. Oifisí a éruú.
(a) Inneáilóir Conndae Congasa.
(b) Dlíéadóir Conndae.
(c) Móaire i Saé Saéar.
20. Baileáir Ráirí i g-Ceannair 30. - leasú éamra.
21. Coileir - Costasí.
22. Coiscé Fiosraite Fandúreádaí Ceannair - Miontuairisí.
23. Litir 5. 9. 57 ó'g m'órb Fáilce.
24. Heliporter.
25. Tasaót ó'g Inneáilóir.
26. Soláir síte.
27. Camraí do éileáin i loé Ríadac i nSorc Inse Saéar.
28. M'óir ó Comhairleóirí.
29. Fiosraí do ceiscéanna.
30. Saoráidí talair a g'Inis Mór, leiscir Meáilín -
litir 3. 8. '57 ó Roinn na Saéar.
31. Tasaót £50,000, leasú um síte Deasa éamra do'g -
M'óir a éamra.
32. Cruinnite - litir 15. 9. '57 ó'g Comhairle Ceátra na SAILLIUME.
33. Éile éile.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Vacancies on Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.
3. Scholarship Schemes, 1957/58:-
(a) Formulation of Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools.
(b) Adoption of University Scholarship Scheme.
4. Raising of Loan £4,800 for provision of a Dispensary Residence at Clifden.
5. Raising of Loan of £17,500 for Killinor Water Supply Scheme.
6. Overdraft for gr. to 31st December, 1957.
- 6 (a) Raising of loan for provision of cottages.
7. Grant £13,000 for Road Improvement Works in Fíor Gaeltacht Areas.
8. Tourist Road Grant Scheme, 1957/58 - Amendment.
9. Regional Water Supply Scheme for Inishmore, Aran.
10. Athenry Sewerage Scheme Improvement.

11. Carraroe Sewerage Scheme.
12. Barna Water Supply Scheme - Sealing of Book of Reference, and Notices of Motion:-
12. (a) Clr. S. O. Domhnallain: Molfaidh me an run seo ag an rooad cruinniu eile de Comhairle an Conndae go dtosofar laithreach bonn an coras uisce do solathair de Ceanntar Bearnna.
 - (b) Deputy F. Coogan: "That the Co. Manager state present position of proposed Barna Water Supply."
13. Tuam Watermain Extension to new factory.
14. Water Supply Schemes in Gaeltacht - letter 22/8/57 from Department of the Gaeltacht.
- 14 (a) Demolition of old hospital main block.
15. Scheme for Supplementary Housing Grants - Amendment of Scheme of grants for private water and sewerage services.
16. Rate Collector, No: 4 District - appointment of temporary collector (Miss Margaret Lee) to close current year's collection.
17. Proposed sale of plot of ground at Newgrove, Newbridge - notice of 11. 9. 1957.
18. Fire Brigades Advisory Committee:-
- (a) Minutes of Meeting 31. 8. 1957.
 - (b) Consideration of Provision of New Units at Tuam and Gort (cost £5,000 approx.).
 - (c) Senator Laffie's Notice of Motion:- "That proper fire fighting equipment be provided at Gort."
19. Creation of Offices:-
- (a) Assistant County Engineer in lieu of Architectural Assistant - Minute No: 324 of 23. 2. 1957.
 - (b) Whole-time office of County Solicitor.
 - (c) Caretaker of Recess Dispensary.
20. Rate Collector No: 30 District - Revised Scheme of Remuneration etc.
21. Local Quarries - cost of material as compared with cost of material from Central Quarries.
22. Visiting Committee - Minutes of Meetings:-
Clifden - 14. 8. '57.
Loughrea - 24. 8. '57.
Tuam - 14. 9. '57.
23. Letter 5. 9. '57 from Bord Failte re grants for Portumna area.
24. Helicopter for conveyance of patients - letter 16/7/57 from Department of Health.
25. Auditor's Reports.
26. Cottages - Progress with provision.
27. Sewerage Extensions to cottages at Loughrea and Gort.
28. Councillors' Notices of Motion:-
- (a) Clr. P. Sarr: "That sign-posts be erected between Ballyear and Loughrea indicating the route to Shannon Airport."

28. (b) Clr. J. Dowd:
- (1) "I will propose that the Eyrecourt Sewerage Scheme be started without any further delay.
 - (2) At our next meeting I will propose that No: 2 Pump at Abboylands, Eyrecourt, be deepened as this pump is dry at present.
 - (3) At our next meeting I will propose that a cottage be erected for Patrick Healy at Coolcarty West, Eyrecourt, whose house was recently destroyed by fire."
- (c) Clr. P.D. Joyce:
- (1) "That immediate steps be taken by the Galway County Council to have Boffin Harbour, Inishboffin, dredged, be taken in time to allow successful applicants to go into occupation immediately the cottages are handed over to the Council by the contractors.
 - (2) That decisions regarding the allocation of new cottages to applicants to go into occupation immediately the cottages are handed over to the Council by the contractors.
 - (3) That in future all stone needed for road-making and maintenance in Connemara be produced in Connemara."
- (d) Deputy M.F. Kitt: "That the derelict sites in the village of Castleblakeney be acquired by the Galway Co. Council."
- (e) Clr. J. Ridge: "Iarraim ag an goad cruinniu eile de Comhairle Co. na Gaillimhe go n'iarfai ar Ministear na Gaeltacta rud siciint a deanamh faoi botar Seanafoistin."
At the next meeting of the Galway Co. Council I will propose that the Minister for the Gaeltacht will be approached about the Shanafistein Road.
- (f) Clr. P. Kelly:
- (1) "I or someone on my behalf will move that P.R.C. Mr. Gavin be directed to hold an office at Spiddal village for the collection of the rates.
 - (2) That the Council direct the lighting of Spiddal from 7.30 p.m. to 12 midnight.
 - (3) That the Council protest against the increased charges for maintenance in the Regional Hospital."
29. Replies to Questions already submitted by members.
30. Pier for Inisherk Island, Lettermullen - Letter 3/8/57 from Roim na Gaeltachta.
31. Completion of Mortgage Deal for Loan £50,000 for Housing Loans.
32. Meetings - letter 15/9/57 from Galway Trades Council.
33. Other business.
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HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON SATURDAY,
28th September, 1957.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. Quinn.

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

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"That the Council present an Address of Welcome to His Eminence, Cardinal D'alton, on the occasion of the Cardinal's visit to Galway on 26th October, 1957.

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Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Carty Chairman.

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avail of a scholarship under this scheme, until such time as facilities for such courses will be available in University College, Galway, either entirely in University College, Dublin, or for the first year in University College, Galway, and for the remainder of the period in University College, Dublin."

It was proposed by Clr. Quinn, seconded by Clr. Galvin and resolved: "That the Council adopt a scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1958, similar to the scheme for 1957, as amended above."

The meeting was then adjourned until 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 5th October, 1957.

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

M. Carty Chairman.

Date: 5-10-57