



The minutes record that 'At an inaugural meeting at Kern's Hotel on Monday night Feb 15 1907 a Branch of the Sinn Féin organisation was formed', also includes results of the election of officers and committee, and details of 'Rules' which include for instance 'That the branch be called the Galway Branch of the National Council,' and 'That no member of the British armed forces or pension or therefrom shall be eligible for membership nor shall any person who has otherwise taken an oath of allegiance to the British crown be admissible as a member so long as he shall retain the office involving the oath' (p2).

Dr Ryan was elected President and Mr Louis E. O'Dea, Solicitor, was elected Vice President. The Irish Volunteer's Galway base was 10 Williamsgate Street, Galway.

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Galway Branch Sinn Féin Organisation.

At an inaugural meeting at Keenan's Hotel on Monday night Feb 26. 1907
a Branch of the Sinn Féin organisation was formed. Y. P. MacDonnell in Chair.

The following officers and Committee were elected, to hold office till
next October when there would be a general election of officers.

President D. Ryan

Vice Pres. L. E. O'Dea Esq.

Treasurer P. Powell

Secs. D. Greaney and J. Walsh

Committee. Messrs. J. Flanagan, P. MacDonnell, H. Ardeman,
J. Henry, Col. Doyle, B. Byrnes, M. Murphy, J. McCarthy,
A. O'Flaherty.

Any 5 of the above will form a quorum.

It was decided to write to Co. Council for use of Rooms.

.. to meet fortnightly.

.. to apply for affiliation & send fee 10/-.

.. to get 20 Sinn Féin pamphlets.

.. to ask Mr. A. Griffiths to deliver a public

lecture in Galway.

.. to hold next meeting on that day week at

same place and hour.

The Secs. were directed to draw up and submit rules for next
meeting.

Louis O'Dea

Rules..

1. That the branch be called the Galway Branch of the National Council.
2. That the minimum subscription be 1/- annually.
3. That the branch consist of members and a Committee of 13. That the officers of the ^{branch} Society be a president, a vice-president, 2 secretaries and a treasurer and that the officers be ex-officio members of the Committee. That 5 of the Committee form a quorum and that the Committee and officers be elected annually at a general meeting of the members.
4. That new members be elected by the Committee on being duly proposed and seconded.
5. That no member of the British armed forces or pensioner therefrom shall be eligible for membership, nor shall any person who has otherwise taken an oath of allegiance to the British crown be admissible as a member so long as he shall retain the office involving the oath.
6. That the branch be strictly non-sectarian.
7. That the branch meet fortnightly.

Expressed to Mr John O'Leary.

Monday March 4th 1907.

A meeting of the Galway Branch 'National Council' was held at Keane's Hotel on above date. E. L. O'Dea was in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Sinn Féin pamphlets were received from the Executive and it was decided to order others. 200 copies of leaflet to shopkeepers
200 copies of Sinn Féin pamphlet.

The Sec. was directed to write to Mr ~~Boylan~~ acquainting him of the fact that he had been made a vice-president of the branch subject to his approval.

The Sec. was also directed to send an account of the meeting to the local papers. The giving of lectures and the acquiring of permanent head quarters for the branch were considered among other things but no definite decision was come to. The rules were submitted for consideration and amended.

Louis O'Dea

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Irish Concert & Play

The Racquet Court

on Wednesday Ap 17th

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Miss Keogh: Halloran

Madden. (The Top of the Morning)

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Miss O'Dea. Gleeson.

~~Ludie. S. O'Flaherty.~~

~~Yarnes. Powell.~~

~~Constable. Flanagan~~

~~Carlin. Miss Keane.~~

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with two A.D.'s enclosed for 12/6. I will
lay your application for application before
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has formally granted application of Thursday
night's meeting of the Executive.
I forward you herewith 1st membership
cards to which you are entitled. Any further
supplies will be sent at 6/- per dozen.

- Pamphlets No. 1. Sun, Sun & Sun 6/- per doz.
- 2. Purchase of Railway 4 " "
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~~Yours sincerely~~

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16.3.07.

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BAILE ÁTA CLIAË.

↑ *copy*. Your letter to hand. Have you given
me an idea of proposed date of public
meeting. I have been speaking to Mr. Griffith,
and he can't say definitely. Mr. Edward
Martin of Fingra. Boyle is at home now
and might be available. If you'll let me
know further arrangements I will be
able to arrange definitely about a
speaker.

Hope you got literature all right.
so *copy*

AN COMAIRLE NÁISIÚNTA.
(THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.)

Seán Ó Súilleabháin
.....
Ranádo.

T. Brennan
Galway

Coirí an Comhairle Náisiúnta.



National Executive
(Meeting every alternate month).

General Purposes Committee
(Meeting every Monday).

Proposals Committee
(Meeting every alternate Thursday).

Organisation and Press Committee
(Meeting same night as Proposals' Committee).

Dublin Local Executive
(Meeting monthly).

Meetings and all matters connected with the National Council are officially reported and referred to every week in "Sinn Fein."

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"Ár n-óráir agus ár nuair."

AN COMHAIRLE NÁISIÚNTA
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.



INNÓIU, 190
To-day

Do cuirtear ríor ainm.

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mar comóirle de
has been admitted a Member of

.....
Branch

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agus tá iocáil di mar úiolairdeáil
and has paid Annual Subscription
.....
towards the funds of the Organisation.

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Uachtarán.
President.

.....
Rúnaíre.
Secretary.

"An tOifig nAisur ar Muintir."

AN COMAIRTE NAIRIUNTA.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.



Constitution and Rules.

1. The National Council shall be composed of members who pledge themselves to its principles, and who subscribe a minimum of 1s. annually to its funds.

2. Any ten members may form a branch which shall pay 10s. per annum affiliation fee, but not more than one branch shall be formed in any electoral district, except with the consent of the Executive Committee.

3. Members of the Council who are candidates for public representative positions shall, before being adopted, pledge themselves in writing, that in case of their election they will act and vote in regard to any issue as may in council be decided.

4. Such decision to be arrived at only at meetings, specially summoned in writing, of all members of the Council who are members of local governing bodies.

5. Citizens wishing to join the National Council must be proposed and seconded by two members, and their nomination be sent to the Central or Branch Committee which shall accept or reject the nomination at its next meeting.

6. No member of the British armed forces, or pensioner therefrom, to be eligible for membership, nor shall any person who has otherwise taken an oath of allegiance to the British Crown be admissible as a member so long as he shall retain the office involving that oath.

7. Each year an Ard-Chomhairle (Congress) shall be held, which shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation, and at which the Executive shall be elected. The meeting to be held in the summer, the date to be fixed by the Executive.

8. The Ard-Chomhairle shall meet at least once a month, and shall deal with matters arising in connection with organisation, finance, Press, propoganda, and all matters of urgent public importance. Meetings of the Central Body shall also be held at least once a month.



An
Comairle
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“Δη ὅτιν ἀγυρ ἀρ Μυινητιρ.”

Ἀν Ὀμαιορλε Νάιριύντα.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Principles and Policy

As expressed in Resolutions adopted at First Annual Congress, November, 1905.

“That the people of Ireland are a free people, and that no law made without their authority or consent is, or ever can be, binding on their conscience.”

“That the General Council of County Councils presents the nucleus of a national authority, and we urge upon it to extend the scope of its deliberation and action; to take within its purview every question of national interest, and to formulate lines of procedure for the nation.”

“Δη ὅτιν ἀγυρ ἀρ Μυινητιρ.”

Ἀν Ὀμαιορλε Νάιριύντα.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Principles and Policy

(Resolutions of First Annual Congress).—continued.

“That national self-development through the recognition of the duties and rights of citizenship on the part of the individual, and by the aid and support of all movements originating from within Ireland, instinct with national tradition, and not looking outside Ireland for the accomplishment of their aims, is vital to Ireland.”

