

Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12

Number of Members present 8

Quarterly Meeting

Minutes of Proceedings of a Quarterly Meeting held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1923  
In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq  
Other members present were

Messrs Michael M Glinchay  
John Porter  
Thomas M Donagh  
John M Laughlin

The following tender was received from the Buncrana Electric Supply Company

We propose and agree to light the Streets & Roads of the Town of Buncrana from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1923 to the 30 September 1924 with 5 approximately 500 candle power lamps and 26 approximately 50 candle power lamps making a total of approximately 3,800 candle power

The lamps are to be lighted from dusk until 11 o'clock for all the year round unless the month of May June & July and moon-light nights or so much of same as is sufficiently clear to see fairly well

And we propose to carry out the aforesaid lighting by means of the lamps with their respective candle power as shown on the schedule for the sum of £115 (One hundred and fifteen pounds 5/-) payable in four quarterly instalments

Every care will be taken by the Company to see that

an uninterrupted current is given during the hours of supply but they will not be held responsible for any interruption resulting from accidents to machinery or causes outside their control or for consequential damage of any sort

Proposed by Mr Michael M Glinchay  
Seconded by Mr John Porter

That the Buncrana Electric Supply Company's tender to light the Streets and Roads of Buncrana from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1923 to the 30 September 1924 under terms set out in their tender and schedule attached for the sum of £115 One hundred and fifteen pounds) be accepted by the Council

PASSED

The following accounts were ordered to be paid

No	NAME	SERVICE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
33	Subsidiary Account	Payment in Sept 23	20 15 6	
34	Dr Jas M Cormick	On Salary to 30 9 23	4 10 0	
35	Edw O'Sullivan	On Salary Bonus to 30 9 23	8 15 0	
36	Electric Supply Co	Lighting town to 30 9 23	28 15 0	
37	Chas Callaghan	On Salaries to 30 9 23	41 5 0	
38	Denis Doherty	On Salaries Commission	26 12 9	
39	General M Clontock	1/2 yr Rent of Store 30 9 23	15 0 0	
40	P F Casey	1/2 yr Rent Dumping 9/1	1 0 0	
41	Robert Moore	On Sept to 30 9 23	10 0 0	
42	Chas Callaghan	1/2 yr Rent of Office	3 10 0	
43	Chas Callaghan	Postage etc to 30 9 23	1 2 8	
44	Donagel Co Council	1923 mt for year 3/3 23	490 9 2	
TOTAL			628 0 1	

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on 7 January 1923.

Michael M Glinchay CHAIRMAN

Chas O'Callaghan  
Clerk

DATED THIS 5 DAY OF OCTOBER 1923

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12

Number of Members present: 4

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting held on Monday  
the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1923.

In the Chair Michael W. Gluckey Esq.

Other Members present were

Messrs John Porter

Thomas W. Donagh

Daniel Finl

The Minutes of the last Ordinary and Quarterly  
Meetings were read and signed

Letter was read from the Local Government Dept  
NO 9, 40471, dated the 13 October 1923. Stating that  
the Minister for Local Government considers that  
the time has now come when no further delay in  
payment of rates should be tolerated and on  
leniency shown to unsatisfactory Rate Collectors

The Rate Collector should be called upon to lodge  
at once the full amount of the warrants for the  
years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923  
and he should be warned that if he fails to do so  
before the end of this month he will be suspended and  
the fact notified to the Department. The Department  
should be informed at the end of the month as to  
whether the Collector has carried out the Council's  
instructions in the matter

The Clerk stated as directed by the Chairman of the  
Council he sent a copy of the Department's letter to the  
Rate Collector and directed him to comply with the  
instructions therein contained.

The Clerk stated with regard to the Collections of the  
rates that the Collector failed to lodge the full amount  
of the rates made for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922  
and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, with respect to the rates made for  
the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922 there was the sum of  
£166 11 7 in respect of the period ended 30 Sept 1921  
together with the sum of £112 9 11 for the period ended  
31 March 1922 outstanding at 31 October 1923 and  
with regard to the rates for the year ended the 31 March  
1923 there was the sum of £139 10 5 for the period  
ended 30 Sept 1922 together with the sum of £249 10 2  
for the period ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923 outstanding  
at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1923.

The Rate Collector produced a schedule of unrecoverable  
rates and stated he had all the rates for the year  
ended 31 March 1922 collected that were recoverable.  
also that he had obtained a number of decrees at  
the District Court some as far back as June last  
but as yet the decrees were not executed consequently  
he was obliged to include the amount of the Decrees  
in the schedule of unrecoverable rates

Proposed by Mr. John Porter

Seconded by Mr. Thomas W. Donagh

That the Council is of the opinion that it is useless in  
obtaining any further Decrees at the District Court for  
the recovery of rates owing to the Authorities not  
executing

executing decrees already obtained some as far back as June last."

As a large amount of the rates made for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922 and 31 March 1923 are still outstanding and owing to decrees obtained for the recovery of rates not being executed the Council is placed in the unhappy position of not being able to have outstanding rates collected.

We therefore call upon the Minister of Home Affairs to issue instructions whereby all decrees obtained for recovery of rates at the District Court to be executed forthwith.

Copy of Resolution to be sent to the Minister of Home Affairs and District Justice Walsh passed.

An application was made by Mr. Henry Doherty for permission to sink tank and erect petrol pump on foot path in front of his garage on the main street.

Proposed by Mr. Thomas M. Donogh.

Seconded by Mr. Michael M. Glunchev.

That the plans submitted by Mr. Henry Doherty for erection of petrol pump be referred to the Town Surveyor for report on to the Council and that the Council's solicitors (Messrs. J. O. Doherty & Co.) be requested to let them (the Council) know if they are within their rights in granting such permission and if so to draw up agreement to be entered into by Mr. Doherty safe guarding the Council in all cases.

The rent to be paid by Mr. Doherty to be fixed at the next meeting of the Council passed.

Letter from Messrs. J. O. Doherty & Co. solicitors forwarding requisition to tax their bill of costs due by the Council and requesting the Council to name some solicitor to appear for them on the taxation.

Proposed by Mr. Michael M. Glunchev.

Seconded by Mr. John Porter.

That Mr. Philip O'Hagan be appointed by the Council to appear on their behalf on the taxation of Messrs. J. O. Doherty & Co. bill of cost and that the requisition be signed and sealed by the Council passed.

Letter from Messrs. J. O. Doherty & Co. stating with regard to the malicious injury claims that they attended at the hearing of Mr. Fleming's claim for fishery hut destroyed and salmon net, for the hut he was awarded £30 this amount will be paid by the Minister of Finance and for the salmon net he was awarded £24 and this amount will be met by the County Council. They also appeared in the case of Mr. Sheppard's house a sum of £500 was awarded and a re-instatement condition attached. The other claim they will attend the hearing of will be Richardson's claim in respect of the "Stone Lugg" and shall reply to have re-instatement condition attached if compensation is awarded.

In the other cases in the Urban Area in respect of property destroyed or taken away they <sup>did not</sup> not appear as they didn't consider there was any necessity for the Council going to that expense when the State Solicitor was there and also the County Council solicitor.

Resolutions from the Limerick County Borough and the 160000 Rural District Council regarding the release of prisoners

Ordered to be marked read.

An application was received from Mr James O'Flaherty requesting the Council to have an Electric Lamp erected at the corner of Mr Butthams gate

The Clerk was directed to reply that owing to the Contract for lighting the Town for the current year being made that Council can't grant their request

Mr Caw Barr submitted plans of a house he is about to erect at Mulltrae.

Referred to the Town Surveyor for report

The Town Surveyor was directed to notify John O'Shagan to have the cellar door of his house repaired as it is dangerous to the public and to enquire to the Council why he had not their orders carried out before this.

The Town Surveyor was directed to have the track at the Mill seen to as it is flowing into the well and also to have footpaths on Old road put in order.

The Sanitary Sub-Office reported that the notices served on Mr J. E. O'Shaughnessy to have earth closets erected for his houses in Park Avenue has not been complied with

Ordered that the time be extended to the next meeting of Council

The water manager reported that the water fountains in Park Avenue requires to be repaired

It was decided to take no action at present

The record of work performed by the Sanitary Sub-Office from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31 October 1923 was submitted and showed 29 premises had been visited and inspected.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid

Pay- ing- Order No	Name	Service	Amount		
45	Subsidiary Account	payments for Oct 23.	48	2	2
46	Commissions of Public Wks	Repayment of Loans 1 Nov <sup>r</sup>	93	14	5 <sup>r</sup>
47	John D. O'Connell	Remuneration jurors list	4	10	2
48	Charles Callaghan	Remuneration jurors list	11	7	9
TOTAL			152	14	6

The next Ordinary meeting of the Buncrana Urban District Council to be held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1923.

Patrick Foster CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF Dec 1923

Coral O'Callaghan  
Clerk

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12

Number of Members present 5.

Minutes of Proceedings of a meeting held on Monday  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1923

In the Chair Patrick Porter, Esq.

Other Members present were:-

McNeill John Porter

Thomas M Donagh

John M Laughlin

Daniel Frail

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

The following letter was read from the Local Govt Dept.

Letter No G 48380 dated 26 Nov 1923 drawing attention  
to their letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ultimo and stating that the  
Munster cannot consent to the collection of rates  
remaining open indefinitely and that the full

Amount of his warrants must be lodged by  
the Collector at once but if there are any outstanding  
decrees which have not been executed through no fault  
of the Collector the Munster will raise no objections to  
the Council refunding the amounts to him and carrying  
them over to a new warrant, and requesting to be let  
known what steps have been taken by the Collector  
towards executing the decrees

Also stating that the Munster awaits a reply

to the question contained in the last paragraph of letter  
of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ultimo and the list of irrecoverable arrears  
for approval.

The Clerk stated that when the Collector obtained  
decrees at the Court he requested the warrants to be  
addressed to the Civil Guard for execution and  
with regard to the Department letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ultimo  
he informed the Department on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1923  
that as directed by the Chairman of the Council he  
forwarded a copy of the Department's letter to the Rate  
Collector and instructed him to comply with their  
directions and also informed the Dept in the  
same letter in answer to their question contained  
in the last paragraph of their letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Oct  
that the books for March 1924 Collection have not  
yet been handed to the Collector

The list of irrecoverable arrears have not yet been  
finally dealt with by the Council.

Letter No 384/85 dated the 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 23 from the  
Ministry of Finance enclosing copy of letter they  
have received from Mr. John J. Donnell (Rate Collector)  
and stating that before payment on foot of  
any decree award of compensation is made the  
Local Authority concerned is invariably requested  
to furnish the Ministry with particulars as to  
any arrears of rates due by decree holders so that  
arrangements may be made for the discharge of  
such arrears.

The Clerk was directed to furnish the Ministry  
of Finance with particulars regarding arrears of  
rates due by Decree-holders.

Letter from the Minutes of Home Affairs No. 31/41. dated the 22. Nov. 23. acknowledging receipt of Resolution adopted by the Council at a Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 23. on the subject of the execution of decrees obtained for the recovery of rates and stating that the question of the execution of Decrees is a present recurring special attention and additional Legislation will be introduced if necessary. and requested to be informed to whom the outstanding decrees obtained by the Council were addressed for execution

The Clerk was directed to inform the Ministry that the District Justice has stated that decrees were addressed to the Civic Guard for execution

Letter from District Justice Walsh. dated 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1923. acknowledging resolution regarding the execution of Rate decrees and stating that the resolution is a proper one. The Minutes appears to object to using the Civic Guard for the purpose and expects Special Bailiffs to be employed. But in his experience both as a Solicitor and a Justice Special Bailiffs do not do the work properly

As regards decrees made in September and October he has in the meantime addressed the warrants for the decrees to the Civic Guard.

At the last Court in a number of rate cases the defendants alleged that no demand notices were served on them until there were about three years rates due. This seems such an extraordinary allegation that he thought it right that the Council should have an opportunity of rebutting the

statement and adjourned the cases to the December court when something should be done to clear up the matter at that court etc etc

The Clerk was directed to attend the Court and explain how the matter stands

The Clerk stated with regard to the collection of rates that with respect of the rates made for the service of the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922 there was the sum of £289.11.6 outstanding at the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1923 and with respect of the rates made for the service of the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923 there was the sum of £280.12.6 outstanding at the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1923.

Proposed by Mr John Porter.

Seconded by Mr Thomas M. Donogh.

That the Council's Rate Collector Mr John O'Donnell be notified to lodge all outstanding rates forthwith in respect of the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. and if he fails to lodge the full amount of the rates forthwith but not later than 17<sup>th</sup> December 23. that he is hereby suspended and the Local Government Department notified of same.

That a Special Meeting of the Council be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1923 to receive a report if the Collector has complied with the Council's orders.

passed.

The Clerk was directed to forward a copy of the Resolution together with a copy for the Department's letter of the 26 November 1923 to the Rate Collector.

The Council had under consideration a Malicious Injury. Claim by Mr W<sup>m</sup> Logan for £50 in respect of damage done to his boat between Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov and Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 23.

The Council had also under consideration a report from the Civic Guard regarding claim

The Clerk was directed to request the Civic Guard to let the Council know on what date did Mr Logan notify them of the damage and also on what date did the guards view the damage alleged

Letter from Messrs J & Co Solicitors dated 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 1923 forwarding draft agreement Mr Henry Doherty with the Council with regard to the erection of a petrol pump and tank on the main Street in front of his garage

After consideration the Clerk was directed to obtain from other Towns in the County if they have permitted the erection of these tanks and pumps and if so if the tank is placed underneath the public footpath or placed in a building

Letter from the State Solicitor forwarding a list of Claims for Compensation which will be heard at the Sitting of the County Court of Donegal for Rafford on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1923

Letter from Messrs Colquhoun & King Solicitors forwarding Notice of Assignment of two Decrees for Criminal Injury by Richard M. Fleming to John White

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 23. Stating that the Annual Revision of Valuation of the Urban District will commence about the 30 Nov 23.

The Town Surveyor reported that 100 tons of 1 1/2 inch broken metal has been applied to the Main Roads within the Area a fair repair has been done but would like to get permission to get another 100 tons as will be required for the upkeep of the Main Roads. He is having the footpath at present gravelled

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr Daniel Tril

That one hundred (100) tons of one and a half inch broken metal be ordered from Mr W<sup>m</sup> Logan at the same price as paid for the last 100 tons viz 7/3 per ton delivered at Buncrana Railway Station and that the Town Surveyor be authorised to obtain a quantity of grit quantity and price to be left in Surveyor's hands but price not to exceed 7/3 per ton at Railway station grit to be used for repairing portion of footpaths.

passed

The Town Surveyor reported that he inspected the sewerage of Mr Grant's houses in Mill Parra and found it defective not having a proper fall. Mr Grant had connected with Mr Kenley's sewer which is not deep enough and a proper fall could be obtained by connection with main sewer on Mill Parra.

The Clerk was directed to notify Mr Grant that he will have to make the sewer for his houses in conformity with the Council's Bye Laws and to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

The Town Surveyor reported that Mr. Jas. E. Doherty has stopped the discharge pipe for surface water on the Hall Road at the head of his field and requested to know what steps he would take in the matter.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor have the pipe cleared and the obstruction removed.

An account was received from Mr. Wm. Logan of £37. 6. 9 being delivery of 103 tons of stones at 7/3 per ton.

Ordered that the amount be paid.

The Council had under consideration an account from Mr. Logan for £50 being 100 tons of stones delivered during the year 1920.

As the Town Surveyor has not certified this account and the Council being of the opinion that although the stones were put in depots on the road they were again removed by Mr. Logan's men no action was taken in the matter.

The Sanitary Sub-Officers reported that the requirements of the Notice served on Mr. Jas. E. Doherty to provide earth closets for his houses in Park Avenue has not been complied with.

Proposed by Mr. John Porter.

Seconded by Mr. John M. Laughlin.

That the Clerk notify Mr. Jas. E. Doherty that if the Council's Sanitary notice be not complied with or at least the work commenced before the 17th December 1923, the Council will force the requirements of the notice to be

complied with and that a special meeting of the Council be held on the 17th Dec 23, to receive a report and if necessary to instruct Solicitors to institute legal proceedings to compel Mr. Doherty to comply with the Council Order.

passed

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the slaughter house of John Doherty is insanitary and kept in a very unhygienic state and recommended that he be ordered to clean this place at least once a month to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Authority.

Ordered that the notice be served and seven days allowed to carry out the recommendation on the Medical Officer of Health.

Letter was read from Mr. John Doherty complaining of the brook at the mill being blocked and the water flowing into the mill well.

The Town Surveyor stated that the matter had been seen to.

The record of works performed by the Sanitary Sub-Officers from the 1st to the 30th Nov 23 was submitted and showed 34 premises had been visited and inspected.



The following accounts were ordered to be paid

PAYING ORDER NO	NAME	SERVICE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
49	Subsidiary Account	payment during Nov 23	35 6 9	
50	William Hogan	103 tons stone 7/3	37 6 9	
51	Inshoven R.D Council	Cottage hours 6 1 12 23	60 9 4	
TOTAL			£ 133 2 10	

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Buncrana Urban District Council to be held on Monday 7 January 1924

Patrick Porter CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 7 DAY OF Jan 1924

Cairdeas Callachán  
Cheriac

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12  
Number of Members present 4

Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting held on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1923.  
In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.  
Other members present were:-

Messrs John Porter  
Thomas M. Donoghue  
John M. Raughlin

The Council had under consideration the state of the Rate Collection. The Clerk stated that the Rate Collector had lodged the full amount of the warrant for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. with respect to the rates made for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. The Collector failed to lodge the full amount of the warrant as directed by the Council there being outstanding at this date the sum of £ 280. 12. 6

The Rate Collector stated that he was unable to lodge the amount of the rates for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. as he lodged the full amount of the rates for March 1923 and by a refund of the irrecoverable rates he would be able to lodge the amount in respect of the year ended March 1923.

And requested the Council to extend the time for the lodgement of the rates for March 1923 to the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1924

Proposed

Proposed by Mr. Thomas M. Donogh  
Seconded by Mr. John Porter

That owing to the circumstances and the Rate Collector's statement that the Council extend the time for the full lodgement of the rates for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1923 to the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1924 subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department

passed

A Schedule of irrecoverable rates was produced by the rate collector in respect of the rates made for the year ended the 31 March 1922.

Owing to a number of cases for the recovery of these rates being now before the Court and included in the schedule, the Council decided not to consider the schedule pending the decision of the Court and in order that the collector may be refunded irrecoverable rates it was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council date to be fixed when the Council would learn of the decision of the Court

The Council had again under consideration the application by Mr. Henry Doherty for the erection of a petrol pump and tank on the main Street.

The Clerk read a number of letters from different Council some granting permission others refusing these applications

After fully considering the matter the Council informed Mr. Doherty that they were of the opinion that they have no legal authority to grant this permission and consequently refused same.

The Council had under consideration the Sanitary notice served on Mr. Jas E. Doherty to provide earth closets for his houses in Park Avenue

A letter was read from Mr. Doherty stating that he has instructed Messrs. Barr & Doherty Contractors to proceed with the erection of these closets

The Council approved of same.

Letter was read from the Super<sup>r</sup> Civil Guard stating with regard to Mr. Rogans S. Galicians injury claim that Mr. Rogan complained to the Guards on the 11<sup>th</sup> November of boys injuring his boat but made no reference to a claim for compensation and no more was heard of the affair until he received from Mr. Rogans solicitors of his intention to claim

It was decided to consider the matter at the next meeting of the Council

The next ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1924

Patrick Porter

CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 7 DAY OF Jan 1924

Caral O'Connell

Clerk

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12  
Number of Members present 4

Minutes of Proceeding of a Meeting held on Monday  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1924

In the Chair Patrick Porter

Other members present were

Mr. Ellis. John Porter

Thomas M. Donagh

John M. Laughlin

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The following letters were read from the Local Government  
Department

Letter No. R.S. 17. dated the 4 December 1923 requesting  
to be informed whether the proposal of the Council  
to fix the salary of the Town Surveyor at £35 per annum  
(with no bonus) was passed after due notice

The Clerk stated that he informed the Dept. that the  
Council had under consideration their letter of the 20<sup>th</sup>  
September No. G. 38981/23. regarding revision of bonus.  
and in connection with same the Council proposed to  
fix the Town Surveyor's salary at £35 per year with  
no bonus

No notice was given prior to the meeting to fix  
the Surveyor's salary

Approved

Letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1923. forwarding a copy of the  
President's letter of the 12. Oct 23. on the duty of prov-  
iding in civil life for officers and men demobilised from  
the Army

No the Council has no employment to offer at present  
No action was taken

Letter No. G. 50875/1923. dated 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 23 regarding  
economy in general administration

No action was taken

Letter was read from Mr. Patrick M. Laughlin complain-  
ing of the fence around the cottage occupied by him  
being thrown down by Mrs. Mary Doherty now  
occupying cottage next him as these cottages are  
the property of the Council and the fences were put  
up by them etc

The Town Surveyor was directed to examine  
the damage alleged and the Clerk was directed to  
notify Mrs. Mary Doherty that if she wishes to become  
the tenant of the cottage she now occupies she will  
have to make application to Council to accept her as  
tenant instead of her deceased husband.

The Council had under consideration Malicious Injury  
Claim by Mr. W. M. Logan for £50 for damage to his  
boat

The Clerk was directed to forward claim together  
with Civic Guards report on same to the Solicitor-  
Messrs. J. O. Doherty & Co to defend same.

An Account was received from Mr. J. P. McGrath.  
Architect for £5. 10. 6 being fees in connection  
with Malicious Injury claims

Proposed by Mr. John Porter

Seconded by Mr. Thomas M. Donagh

That Mr. McGrath's account for £5. 10. 6 being fees  
in connection with Malicious Injury claims be  
paid passed.

Application was made by Mr. James Boonquid to have  
the lamp in Park Avenue replaced in its original  
position as it is placed now in the lowest position  
in the Avenue with the result position of the  
Avenue is in complete darkness

Ordered that the Town Surveyor furnish  
the Council with a report on same.

The Council had under consideration an application  
by Mr. Henry Doherty for permission to erect petrol  
pumps on Main Street in front of his garage he  
stating that the tanks containing the petrol would  
be placed in his garage and connected with the  
pumps by a pipe

Proposed by Mr. John M. Raughlin

Seconded by Mr. John Porter

That the Council grant permission to Mr. Henry Doherty  
to erect petrol pumps on the footpath in front of  
his garage on the main street said pumps to be  
erected to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor  
and that he Mr. Doherty enter into agreement that  
that is prepared by the Council Solicitors and to pay  
the Solicitors all expenses in connection therewith

Said agreement to be entered into before the work of  
erecting the pumps be commenced

Ans. Amendment:

Proposed by Mr. Thomas M. Donagh

That the matter be deferred until notice be given  
on agenda to grant permission to erect pumps.

No Seconded.

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Mr. M. Donagh handed in the following

"I beg to protest against the granting of permission  
to erect petrol pumps on footpaths on Main Street  
Buncrana on the grounds that at the last meeting  
it was refused and that notice of application was  
not on the agenda."

Proposed by Mr. John M. Raughlin

Seconded by Mr. John Porter

That the Rent to be paid to the Council by Mr. Doherty  
for permission for erecting petrol pump on Main  
Street be the sum of Ten Shillings (10/-) per year  
passed

Letter from the Local Government Department:

No 54640/23 dated 28 Dec. 23. forwarding a copy  
of letter which they have addressed to the Honorary  
Secretary of the Buncrana District Nursing Society  
with regard to Child Welfare Scheme.

The letter stating that it is presumed that the  
customary contribution to the Buncrana District  
Nursing Society on account of Child Welfare Services  
during the year 1923. will be made by the Urban  
District Council and that no special sanction

is necessary. No alteration affecting the Society has been made in the conditions relating to the National Grant.

Letter from Miss A. Colburn, Hon Secretary of the Buncrana District Nursing Society, applying to the Council for the usual contribution of £25 for Child Welfare Service for year 1923.

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John Mc Raughlin

That the Council contribute to the Buncrana Dist. Nursing Society the sum of (£25) Twenty five pounds, on account of the Child Welfare Service during the year 1923, and that the Local Govt. Department sanction same and refund to the Council half of this contribution and that the Nursing Society furnish the Council with particulars as to the expenditure of this grant.

passed.

Letter from the Local Government: Dept. No. P.H. 50011/23, dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1924 transmitting for the information of the Council extracts from a letter of Mr Michael Gill and a report by Mr S. Farrell Local Government Inspector with regard to the sanitary conditions of houses in Parks Avenue Buncrana.

Extract from Letter

In this street which is in the Urban District there are 26 houses of these 15 have dry closets 9 ft from the back door and the remainder have no closets at all. We have no water supply except from a pump on the main street.

Extract from Report

At the request of the Tenants I visited Parks Avenue and inspected the houses. There are 26 houses in the row and I was informed they were built about 20 years ago at a cost of £50 per house. Some of the houses have flat roofs and some have sloping roofs. In many cases the roofs are leaking and in others the windows appear to be leaking also. The walls of some of the houses seem to be porous. The tenants informed me that the houses "are never dry" and while this is probably an exaggeration there is no doubt that many of the houses are in a very bad state and should be properly repaired. This is of course a matter for the landlord in the first instance, but in my opinion the state of some of the houses is a danger to the public health and the Urban Council should insist on the necessary repairs being carried out.

The sanitary arrangements are absolutely primitive and would not be tolerated by any efficient sanitary authority. There are dry closets attached to 15 of the houses. The remainder have no closets at all. The dry closets have an open cesspool at the rear and are about 12 feet from the houses. The closets are in a indescribable filthy condition and the cesspools are full of liquid sewerage. The contents of the closets are dumped on a refuse heap about 12 yards distant from the houses and there is a right-of-way between this refuse heap and the cesspool. This right of way appears to be used as a play ground for the children living in Parks Avenue with disastrous results to the health of these children.

The conditions existing at the rear of this

Avenue are a disgrace to civilisation and the Urban Council should be called on to take immediate steps to safeguard the health of the District by having the Public Health Laws complied with both by landlord and tenant

It was decided to refer the Inspector's report to a Committee to consider same and reply to the Dept. The following to act on Committee viz Chairman (Mr. Potts Porter) Mr. John Porter and the Medical Officer of Health

The Medical Officer of Health reported two cases of Septic Pneumonia following influenza.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the roof of the house of Daniel Doherty Mill Lane is defective and dangerous and recommended that the owner be ordered to have repairs carried out at once

Ordered that notice be served on the owner and one month allowed to carry out the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health

The Medical Officer of Health reported that there is a continual flow of sewerage material on the public street from the yard of Daniel Doherty Market Square nothing has been done to connect with the sewerage system since last time of notice being served and recommended that proper drainage to the sewerage system be constructed for this yard by the owner or occupier

Ordered that notice be served on the owner

Mr Daniel Doherty requiring him within the space of one month to have the sewerage of the yard properly connected with the main sewerage system

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the house of Edward Deeney is insanitary and dangerous to Public Health. a donkey is kept in the only living room keeping the place in a filthy state and recommended that this house be kept in proper order or be closed against the occupier

Ordered that notice be served on Edward Deeney requiring him within the space of fourteen days to have the donkey removed and his house put in a proper sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the house of Cathern Ruddy is insanitary and dangerous to Public Health. hens are kept in the living rooms causing accumulation of filth and manure. and recommended that as this house is not kept properly steps be taken against the owner or occupier to make them comply with the Public Health Act's

Ordered that notice be served on the occupier requiring her within the space of fourteen days to have the hens removed and the house put in a proper sanitary condition

The Clerk was directed where sanitary notices were not complied with within the time specified that he institute legal proceedings

The Sanitary Sub-offices reported that the notice served on Mr John Doherty to have the slaughter house properly cleaned up etc has been complied with.

The record of work performed by the Sanitary Sub-offices from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1923 was submitted and showed 34 premises had been visited and inspected.

The Water Manager reported that the pipe supplying the Water Reservoir at Grassha is blocked.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor have same seen to.

The Water Manager reported that the water fountains in Park Avenue and at Nailors Row requires repairs.

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That the Town Surveyor have the water fountains repaired.

As Amendment

Proposed by Mr Thos Mc Donagh

That the water fountains be not repaired.

No Seconded

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Sewerage Manager reported that the sewer at the rear of Coast Guard Station requires attention as it is not working properly.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor have same seen to.

The Sewerage Manager reported that the out-fall Chamber of sewerage requires attention as some of the cement has fallen off.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor furnish the Council with a report regarding same and also his recommendations as for repair of same.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Bunrana Urban District Council to be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1924.

Patrick Porter Chairman

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb 1924

Caral O'Connell

Clifford

# Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12

Number of Members present 4

## Quarterly Meeting

Minutes of Proceedings of a Quarterly Meeting held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1924  
In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.  
Other Members present were:-

Robert John Porter

Thomas W. Donagh

John W. Raughlin

The Council had under consideration the state of the roads in the Area

As Mr W<sup>m</sup> Logan failed to deliver as yet any part of the 100 tons of 1 1/2 inch broken metal and as the roads requires repairs at once the Clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation from Mr John Doherty Ballyliffin for the delivery of 50 tons of 1 1/2 inch metal delivered at Railway Station within the space of one week and a further 50 tons delivered before the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 24

If Mr Doherty undertook to deliver the stones within the time specified and at the same price as charged by Mr Logan the Clerk to order the amount from him and to cancel Mr Logan's order

The Council had under consideration the supply of stones for the up Rep. on Roads.

The Clerk was directed to publish Notice requesting tenders for a quantity of quarried stones of approved quality delivered in depots in the Area said tenders to be considered at next meeting of the Council

The following Accounts were ordered to be paid

PAYING ORDER No	NAME	SERVICE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
52	Subsidiary Account	payments during Dec 23.	25 2 4	
53	Electric Supply Co	Lighting town to 31. 12. 23.	28 15 0	
54	Dr. Jas W. Lormick	Dr. Salary to 31. 12. 23.	4 10 0	
55	Dennis Doherty	Dr. Salaries to 31. 12. 23	20 5 0	
56	Chris Callaghan	Dr. Salaries to 31. 12. 23	41 5 0	
57	Robert S. Coors	Dr. Sup <sup>ty</sup> to 31. 12. 23	10 0	
58	In Council Co Council	374 <sup>th</sup> instalment for 1923.	490 9 3.	
59	A. Culhoun for B.D. Nursing Socy	Child Welfare for 1/1 1923	25 0 0	
60	J. P. H. Grath. Architect	Fees for 16 objections by way of appeal	5 10 6	
TOTAL			641 7 1.	

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Buncrana Urban District Council is to be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1924

Patrick Porter Chairman

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb 1924

C. O. Carracain

Clerk



## Bunorana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12

Number of Members present 5

Minutes of Proceeding of a meeting held on Monday  
the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1924

In the Chair Patrick Porter

Other members present were

McEvers John Porter

Thomas W. Donagh

John W. Haughlin

Daniel Friel

The Minutes of the last Ordinary and Quarterly  
Meeting were read and signed

The following letters were read from the local government  
Department

Letter NO. H 501/2606 dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 1924 requesting  
to be furnished of certificates in respect of repayment of  
Loans under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland)  
Act 1890 to 1908

The Clerk reported that he complied with the request

Letter NO. S 1181 dated 21 January 1924 forwarding the  
sum of £2.5.9 in respect of Estate Duty Grant to the  
31 March 1923.

Amount lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter NO. S. 247 dated the 24 January 1924 stating with  
reference to the Minutes of Proceeding of the Council on the 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Ultimo that no objection will be ~~taken~~ raised to the Council's  
proposal to allow the Rate Collector by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1924,  
to close his warrant for the year ended 31 March 1923, but  
that no further extension will be granted. If the Collector  
fails to ~~close~~ close his collection on the date mentioned,  
the Council should forthwith suspend him and report  
to the Department for consideration by the Minister as to  
whether the suspension should be confirmed, in this  
connection attention is again drawn to Dept. Letter of  
the 26 November last relating to unexecuted decrees etc.

It was decided to draw the Dept. attention to the  
Minutes of Proceeding of the Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec last  
whereby the suspended the Collector

The Clerk stated with regard to the Collection of Rates made  
for the year ended the 31 March 1923 that there was the  
sum of £84.17.0 in respect of the period ended the  
30 September 1922 together with the sum of £93.3.8  
in respect of the period ended 31 March 1923. outstanding  
at the 4 February 1924

A Schedule of Irrecoverable Rates was under consideration  
in respect of the rates made for the year ended 31 March 1922.  
Amounting to the sum of £250.16.10 and claimed by  
the Rate Collector to be refunded to him

After fully considering each item the recommend-  
ations of the Council were set forth in the different  
columns, the Council expressing their disapproval  
at some of the decrees being returned by the Civic  
Guard

As no goods on premises where the Council believe there is goods and therefore in accordance with the Dept. letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1923. it was decided to carry forward a number of items to new warrant for year ending March 1925 to draw the Department's attention to the Council observations regarding same to set out at foot of Schedule of recoverable Rates.

Proposed by Mr John Porter  
Seconded by Mr Daniel Friel

That a Committee be appointed to mark the items on which decrees have been returned by the Civic Guard. as no goods on premises and on which the Council believe there is goods, in order to draw same under the Notice of the Local Government Dept.

passed

It was decided that Mr John Porter & Mr M Donagh  
Act as Committee on same.

Letter No RS: 7 dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 1924 stating that due notice must be given of the proposal to fix the Salary of the Town Surveyor at £35 per Annum (with no bonus)

In Pursuance of Notice of Motion by Mr John Porter  
Proposed by Mr John Porter  
Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That the Council fix the Salary of the Town Surveyor at £35 per Annum (with no bonus) as from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1923.

passed

Proposed by Mr John Porter  
Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That application be made to Mr Colquhoun (Landscape Agent) to vest the greens on the foreshore opposite Victoria Park in the Council in order that improvements made be carried out so that same can be used as a recreation ground or Town Park for the Town

passed

Letter from Messrs. J & D Doherty T.C. solicitors dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 1924 requesting to be forward map showing position of petrol standard about to be erected by Mr Henry Doherty, the map has to be attached to the agreement which is ready for signature

The Clerk state that he informed Mr Doherty to have map prepared in accordance with clause one of the agreement. he has to enter into but has not yet received same from him

In pursuance of Notice of Motion by Mr M Donagh.  
Proposed by Mr M Donagh.

That the solicitors be instructed to have a clause inserted in the agreement between Henry Doherty and the Council of use of footpath for petrol standard whereby all damages will be covered by a Policy of Insurance at Mr Doherty's expense

After consideration it was decided to refer the matter to the solicitors and request them to let the Council know if it is necessary to have this clause inserted in the agreement in order to safeguard the Council against all damages arising from damages fire, explosion etc from this petrol standard

Proposed by Mr Thomas McDonagh  
Seconded by Mr John Porter

That the Civic Guard be requested to see that the Council <sup>Bye Laws</sup> are observed in the Urban Area and that their attention be drawn to shops etc exposed for sale on footpaths near Market Square  
passed

The Town Surveyor reported that he inspected the fence between Mr Laughlin and Doherty Cottage Road side and <sup>found</sup> no reason for complaints as the hedge is quite strong

Application was made by Mrs Mary Doherty to be accepted as tenant of Cottage No 17 instead of her late husband

The Clerk was directed to inform Mrs Doherty that as there are buildings erected on the Cottage plot without the consent of the Council and until she makes application requesting permission for the erection of these buildings her application for tenancy of Cottage will be refused. Such request to be made before next meeting of Council

Letter from Mr Wm Logan stating with regard to the supply of stones that he was delayed owing to pressure from some of his customers and shortage of Railway waggons but hope to supply 4 or 5 waggons per week during the months of February, March and April 24

The following Tenders were received for the supply of stones.  
At suitable for steam breakers

(1) Edward Barr For supply of 400 tons of stones 200 delivered at Red Row & 200 at Railway Station) from Doherty's quarry provided he gets permission to enter quarry etc. for the sum of Four Shilling and six pence per ton

(2) William Porter For supply of 250 tons of stones delivered within Urban Area to be paid for as get down when work is fully done for the sum of Forty pounds etc.

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That William Porter's tender be accepted for the supply of 250 tons of stones for the sum of Forty pounds provided that the tender be altered so

that stones will be delivered in depots within the Area and that the supply will be delivered before the 20 April and placed for measurement allowing twenty four cubic feet for the form and to sign specification prepared by Town Surveyor and to offer securities to be approved by the Chairman

passed

The Town Surveyor reported that the sewerage tank at Black Rock is quite sound and safe. The foundations are about 10 feet below the beach level

The Sanitary Sub. Officer reported that the requirements of the Notice served on Edward Deeney to have his house put in a proper sanitary condition and manure removed from same has not been complied with

Ordered that the Clerk instruct the solicitors Messrs. Jno E. Doherty & Co to institute legal proceedings against Edward Deeney

The Sanitary Sub. Officer reported that the requirements of the Notice served on Cath Ruddy to have her house put in a proper sanitary condition and to have the manure removed from same has not been complied with

Ordered that the Clerk instruct the solicitors Messrs. Jno E. Doherty & Co to institute legal proceedings against Cath Ruddy

Letter was read from Mrs. Daniel Doherty stating that with regard to notice served on him to have yard and byre sewered that he will have same done as soon as possible

Ordered that when time expires to comply with the notice if not complied with legal proceedings to be instituted

In pursuance of Notice of Motion by Mr. John Porter  
Proposed by Mr. John Porter

That the undermentioned Road be put out for contract for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1924 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925

(1) Old Road at Railway Station including

Branch road to Urban Boundary at Barracks and Branch road to Glenside meeting boundary.

2<sup>nd</sup> Road from Swan Hill to Achilly boundary.

3. Road from Maginn's Cottage to Branch road to Clongash including Whitehead Road and Cassie road to Castle Gate

4. Road from Main Road to Urban Boundary at Lisnabally

No seconds.

After consideration it was

Proposed by Mr. John Porter

Seconded by Mr. Daniel Friel

That a Committee be appointed to report and recommend as to improvements and necessary works that is required to be carried out on the roads and footpaths and also as to what improvements they would recommend and report to a special meeting of the Council to be held when Committee complete their report

passed.

The following were appointed to act on Committee.

Messrs. John Porter Daniel Friel John W. Loughlin and Town Surveyor

The Town Surveyor report that he is having a surface water at Maginn's Cottage directed into existing pipe near Miss Friel's gate

Approved of.

The record of work performed by the Sanitary Sub. Officer from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 24 was submitted and showed that 2 premises had been visited and inspected

An Account was received from Messrs for C. D. Doherty & Co  
 amounting to £82.10.0 being forced Bill of costs  
 and enclosing Certificate of taxation  
 Amount ordered to be paid.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid.

NO	Name	SERVICE	AMOUNT		
b1	Subsiding Account	payments for month Jan 24	18	10	10
b2	Thomas J. Flanagan	Repairs to water fountain	1	13	0
b3	Donegal Printing Co Ltd	Rate book Stationery etc	15	1	9
b5	James Skempton & Co	maps etc	1	4	3
b6	Joseph Donaghy	material for water fountain	1	8	6
b7	Messrs. Barr & Doherty	material for Cottages	7	18	8
b3	Derry Journal	Notices etc		13	0
b8	Messrs. for C. D. Doherty & Co	Collector's Bill of costs	82	10	0
TOTAL			£	129	0 0

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Buncrana Urban  
 District Council to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1924

Patrick Goske CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF March 1924.

Carroll O'Callaghan

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Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12.

Number of Members present 5

Minutes of Proceeding of a Special Meeting held on  
 Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1924  
 In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.

Other Members present were

Messrs. John Porter

Thomas W. Donaghy

Daniel Friel

John W. Raughlin

The Council had under consideration report and recom-  
 mendations of Committee with regard to necessary  
 work and improvements to be carried out on  
 roads and footpaths

The Committee recommended the following

- (1) To Concrete footpath from West-End to  
 Castle Gate
- (2) To Concrete unfinished portion of footpaths from  
 Mr Jos Doherty gate to Mr Doherty Corner on Main Street
- (3) To widen corner of road at the junction of West-  
 Westbrook
- (4) To Concrete footpaths from Longwills house to  
 Mr. Kinleys gate and concrete unfinished portion  
 opposite Longwills house
- (5) To raise and adjust drains on both side of

- of main street and Mill brae where found necessary
- (6) To Repair all defects in concrete footpaths on the streets of the Town
  - (7) To Repair footpaths with stone curbing on Mill brae
  - (8) Make connection to sewers at meeting house gate and Church Lane for surface water
  - (9) Storm pipe to be made at Castle Avenue
  - (10) Notice to be served on P. McGowan to have new cellar door and frame made to replace old one

Proposed by Mr Thomas McDonagh

Seconded by Mr Daniel Friel

That the Committee report and recommendations be accepted by the Council and that the Town Surveyor have the necessary work carried out.

passed.

The Town Surveyor was directed to employ the workmen to carry out the work and to have some paid at the following rates

Tradesmen at the standard rate of wages

Labourers at 30/- per week

Horsework at 10/- per day

The Clerk was directed to request Mr Colquhoun (Rundlows Agent) to grant permission to the Council to have wall set back at junction of Westbrook in order to widen road as it is most dangerous to vehicular traffic

The Clerk reported that Mr. Wm Porter failed to enter his Bond for Contract to supply 260 tons of stones for £40 for which his tender was accepted at last meeting of Council he (Porter) stating that 200 tons was the quantity he intended to contract for at £40

A New tender was received from Mr Porter to supply £200 tons of stones at Four shilling per ton 4/- it was decided to accept the tender provided in enter into a Bond and to comply with the Town Surveyors Specification, having the stones placed for measurement allowing twenty four (24) cubic feet for the tons etc

The Council had under consideration letter from the Solicitors (Messrs J. W. Doherty & Co) regarding the agreement entered into with the Council for the erection of a Petrol Stand on the main street and stating that they see no objections to the Councils proposed additional clause to agreement providing for insurance against accidents and with regard to the Councils query if they are within their rights in granting permission to erect petrol pumps they (Solicitors) state that there is considerable conflict of legal opinion on the matter and the law advisers of the Ministry Home Affairs in Northern Ireland have advised the Local Authorities have no power to sanction or even acquiesce in the erection of petrol pumps or similar installations on land dedicated to a public highway.

As they are not aware that the Law Advisers to the Free State have yet given any opinion on the matter and in order to keep the Council safe they suggest that the Council ask the Local Government Department or else that they be directed to the Local Councils opinion

As the points affects all local Authorities they think it is the duty of the L.G. Department to advise seeing that there is a conflict amongst the legal opinions on the points

Proposed by Mr. John Porter

Seconded by Mr. Thomas Donagh

That the local Government Department be requested to inform the Council if they are within their rights in granting permission for the erection of a petrol pump on the main street and also if they are right in permitting a petrol tank (which feeds the pump) to be sunk under-neath the floor of the garage, which garage adjoins dwelling houses and abuts the main street.

passed

Patrick Dasher, Chairman

Dated This 3 Day of March 1924

Copy of (Council)

Clippings

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12

Number of Members present 5

Minutes of Proceedings of a Special meeting held on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1924.

In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.

Other Members present were

Messrs. John Porter

Daniel Friel

Thomas W. Donagh

John W. Laughlin

The Council had under consideration the work of concreting the footpath now proceeding at the West End. After fully considering the amount of work done and the cost of same it was:

Proposed by Mr. John Porter

Seconded by Mr. Thomas W. Donagh

That the work of concreting the footpath at West End on which work is proceeding at present be continued on to the end of that footpath and that the other footpath recommended by the Committee be concreted be put out for contract and that the Town Surveyor have specifications for same prepared and submit to Council at their meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 24 for their approval before tenders be asked for same.

passed

The Council had under consideration the widening of the road at corner of Westbrook bridge.

Letter was read from Mr J J Frew Colquhoun stating that he would give the Council the ground required for widening road at Westbrook. (As shown on sketch the ground required being 12 ft. by 36 ft.) on condition that the Council complete to his satisfaction a proper fence from the gate on Main Road to corner of bridge.

The Clerk was directed to inform Mr Colquhoun that the Council would be prepared to build a dry stone wall from the gate to point marked C on sketch and to repair the existing fence from C to corner of bridge the stone wall to be set back to back of existing wall in order to widen footpaths.

Patrick Porter CHAIRMAN  
DATED THIS 3 DAY OF March 1924

Clerk of Council  
Cherrie

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 12

Number of Members present 6

Minutes of Proceedings of a meeting held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1924

In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.

Other Members present were:

Messrs. William Doherty

John Porter

Thomas W Donoghue

Demill Friel

John McLaughlin

The Minutes of the last Ordinary and Special Meetings were read and signed

The following letters were read from the Local Government Department.

Letter NO G 7021 dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1924 stating with regard to the Collection of Rates, that it is observed that the Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December gave Mr O'Donnell by the 17<sup>th</sup> of that month to lodge the arrears of rate for the years ended March 1922 and 1923. On that date the Council gave Mr O'Donnell a further extension to the 1<sup>st</sup> February. It is not therefore understood what is meant by the statement that the Collector was suspended in December. The statement that the Collector was suspended in December.

It is observed that £180 is still outstanding in respect of the year ended 1<sup>st</sup> March 1923. and unless

Mr O'Donnell



lodges this sum by the 29<sup>th</sup> inst at latest: he will be forthwith removed from Office and proceedings instituted against his sureties under Bond

Copy of letter should be handed to the Collector and the M<sup>ty</sup> informed of the position on the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. by letter.

The Clerk reported that he handed the Collector a copy of the letter and informed the M<sup>ty</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. that the Collector failed to lodge the rates <sup>outstanding</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup> February.

The Collector stated he would be prepared to lodge the outstanding rates for March 1923, provided he received <sup>refund</sup> return of rates lodged for March 1922.

The Clerk reported that the Rate Collector failed to lodge the full amount of his warrant for year-ended March 1923, there being the sum of £140.9.10 outstanding at the 29 February 1924

Letter No G 6586 dated 26 February 1924 stating with regard to the schedule of uncollected rates sent to them that they approve of the recommendations of the Council on set forth in Columns 12, 13 & 14, and drawing attention to Article 92(3) of the Public Bodies Order 1904 which directs that all receipts for amounts carried forward be cancelled before being included for collection in new warrant receipts for irrecoverable items having already been cancelled by the M<sup>ty</sup>

As it is not now possible to carry forward the arrears considered irrecoverable to March 1923 warrant the M<sup>ty</sup> would not object to a

Separate warrant for these arrears, being issued to the Collector together with the relevant Receipt (which in this case would not be cancelled) on the distinct understanding that Mr D. O'Neill immediately complies with the conditions laid down in letter No G 7021 of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst

Payment of refund will be subject as usual to review by the Auditor when the Audit of accounts takes place

The Rate Collector produced a letter which he had received from the M<sup>ty</sup> stating that the arrears sheet were returned to the Council with the M<sup>ty</sup> sanction to refund

Proposed by Mrs Thos W. Donagh.

Seconded by Mrs John Porter

That the amount of uncollected Rates for the year-ended March 1922 which has been lodged, be refunded to the Collector which has been sanctioned by the Local Government Department.

passed

Application was made by the Rate Collector for a percentage fee for collection of Rates for year-ended March 1922

Proposed by Mrs John Porter

Seconded by Mr Daniel Freil

That the Rate Collector be paid percentage fees of eight pence in the pound (8<sup>d</sup> in £) for collection of Rates for year-ended March 1922 except on uncollected Rates which has been refunded to him and that the Local Government Department be requested to sanction same

passed

Letter No R.S. 7. dated 23. February 1924 stating that the Members of Local Government will raise no objection to the proposal of the Council to fix the salary of the Town Surveyor at £35 per annum inclusive

Letter No P.H. 4807/24 dated the 19 February 1924 stating with regard to the report from Committee appointed by the Council respecting the absence of sanitary accommodation in connection with certain houses at Park Avenue that the Council appears to be under a misapprehension as to the opinion attributed to Mr. Starnell Inspector regarding the question of adopting the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907. as Mr. Starnell states he did not offer any advice on the subject and reminding the Council that in his letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> August last the Minister inquired the purpose for which the adoption of the Act was being proposed and no reply to that inquiry would appear to have been received.

And asking what steps have been taken by the Landlord of the premises in question since October last to provide the requisite sanitary accommodation

And inquiring whether there are any bylaws in force in the District with regard to the cleaning of earth closets etc and for the prevention of nuisances

It was decided to inform the Department that the Landlord of the premises in question is at present erecting the earth closets as ordered by the Council and that there are bylaws in force in the district with regard to the cleaning of earth closets etc and the prevention of nuisances

Letter No F. 9411: 1924 dated the 28 February 1924 forwarding a copy of an Order made in pursuance of the Local Election Postponement Acts 1922 and 1923.

Election for Urban District Councils to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1924

Letter No P.H. 6005/24 dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 1924 stating that the Minister has authorized the issue of a Paying Order for £12.10.0 as recoupment from National Grant in respect of the Maternity and Child Welfare scheme carried out by the Council during the year 1923.

Amount lodged to the credit of the Council

Letter from the Secretary of Industry and Commerce. No F.I. 57/1. dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 1924 forwarding a copy of bylaws under the Factory and Workshops Act 1901 and requesting the Council to adopt some.

Acquired for further consideration

Resolution from the Bundoran Urban District Council regarding the holding of Municipal Elections  
No Action

Letter from Mr James E. Doherty requesting that the fence between Council Cottage plot and his field in Parnall Lane be put in order

Letter from the Solicitors Messrs J. E. Doherty & Co. stating that Mr Logan claim for £50 for damage to his boat has been withdrawn and that Mr Joseph Doherty claim for £10 for damage to motor. a decree for £5 and 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pence was granted to be levied off the Bundoran Urban area

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation transmitting revised Valuation lists of the Urban District for the year ending 28 February 1925.

Letter from Mr Michael McDavid requesting the Council to have sewer pipes put in at the bottom of his garden in order that he may be able to connect the sewerage of two yards to same.

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor to report on at next meeting of Council.

The Clerk reported that with regard to the legal proceedings instituted against Edward Deoney and Cath. Ruddy, that on request of the Defendant Solicitor the cases were adjourned to the March District Court.

The Sanitary Sub-Officer reported that the notice served on Mr. Daniel Doherty to have the lye in this yard properly connected with the main sewerage system has not been complied with.

Ordered that unless the work be commenced by Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> March that the Clerk instruct the Solicitors to institute legal proceedings.

The Sanitary Sub-Officer reported that the notices served on Mr. William McLaughlin to have the roof of the houses occupied by Daniel Doherty repaired has not been complied with.

Ordered that unless the work be commenced by the Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> March that the Clerk instruct the Solicitors to institute legal proceedings.

The Medical Officer of Health, the water accumulators on the public road at Park Avenue, owing to defective drainage and recommended that the Council takes steps to have this part of the Avenue properly drained.

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the open space in the occupation of William Porter Church St. is in a filthy condition and dangerous to Public Health and recommended that the owner be compelled to keep this ground in proper condition and so guard his manure heap so to keep it from flowing over the public thoroughfare.

Ordered that notice be served and seven days allowed to carry out the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health.

The Medical Officer of Health reported with regard to the houses in Park Avenue recommended that notices be served on the tenants to have the creosoting closets and ashpits emptied.

Ordered that notice be served and seven days allowed to carry out the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health.

The Sanitary Sub-Officer reported with regard to the notice served on Mrs. Jos. E. Doherty to have earth closets erected for his houses in Park Avenue that the contractor is at present proceeding with the work.

Approved.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that water accumulates and becomes stagnate in Ferris Lane owing to defective drainage of the road drains. This is dangerous to Public Health and recommended that the Council take steps to have the road properly drained.

The Matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

The Council had again under consideration the application by Mr. Henry Doherty for permission to erect petrol pump on Main Street.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Porter

Seconded by Mr. John Porter

That when a reply be received from the Local Govt. Department as to the Council query at last meeting of the Council if they are within their right in granting permission for erection of petrol pump etc on Main Street and if the reply be favourable that the Clerk inform Mr. Doherty that he can proceed with the erection of pump etc.

No Amendment.

Proposed by Mr. William Doherty.

Seconded by Mr. John McLaughlin

That the Council grant permission to proceed with the erection of petrol pump etc but if the Local Government Department inform the Council that they have no power to grant permission that Mr. Doherty be informed to have same removed.

Voted for the Amendment.

Messrs William Doherty

John McLaughlin

Daniel Friel 3.

Voted for the Motion

Messrs Patrick Porter

John Porter

Thomas W. Donoghue 3.

The voting being equal and the Chairman refused to exercise his casting vote. no action was taken.

The record of works performed by the Sanitary Sub-Officers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> February to the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1924 was submitted and showed 40 premises had been visited and inspected.

The water manager reported that the water fountain at Ardaraan, the fire hydrant on Townsend Street and water valves in Swilly Terrace and Castle Avenue requires repairs.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor have same attended to.

The Council had under consideration the concreting of the footpaths on the Town Street.

It was decided to invite tenders for concreting the following portions of footpaths.

(1) From Mrs Jos Doherty gate to A Doherty's

2 " Longwills for a length of 39 feet.

3 " Grants for a length of 48 "

4 West End to Mrs Bonners for a length of 43 ft.

And that a special meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday the 12. March to consider tenders in accordance with the plan and specifications prepared by the Town Surveyor.

Letter No SGA/201 dated the 18 February 1924, stating that the sum of £100 has been provisionally allocated to the Council for the improvements of Frank Roads.

A separate notification has been sent to the County Council who has been informed that it is open to them to supplement this amount out of the grant allocated to the County Council.

The Council would do well therefore to communicate with the County Council before framing this proposal etc etc.

After full consideration the matter it was

Proposed by Mr Patrick Porter

Seconded by Mr John Porter

That the County Council be asked if they will supply the Council with broken stones that will be necessary to carry out the work of improving the main Roads and if so at what price delivered.

As by the County Council supplying the stones from the quarry more employment would be given to the men they have employed under the grant allocated to them.

passed.

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That a Committee be appointed to draw up a scheme under this grant in collaboration with the County Surveyor and submit same to Council at a special meeting to be held during the month.

passed.

Letter No G 5308:1924 dated the 14 February 1924 forwarding a copy of the Local Officers and Employments Order 1924.

Mr William Doherty intimated that owing to his advanced age he wished to resign membership of Council and tendered his resignation.

NO ACTION

The following accounts were ordered to be paid

PAYING ORDER NO	NAME	SERVICE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
69	Subsiding Account	Payment for July	43 18 10	
70	John O'Donnell	Roundup for 1922	55 14 4	
71	John O'Donnell	Refund for 1922 Rate	241 14 4	
72	Wm Logan	100 tons stone 7/3	36 5 0	
TOTAL £			377 12 6	

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Buncrana Urban District Council to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1924.

Patrick Porter CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 11 DAY OF April 1924

Carole Ceallachain

Clifford

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 2  
Number of Members present 5

Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting held  
on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1924

In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq

Other Members present were

Messrs John Porter  
Thomas W. Donagh  
John W. Laughlin

The Council had under consideration a letter from the  
Ministry of Local Government No SGA/201 dated the  
18<sup>th</sup> February 1924 stating that the sum of £400  
has been provisionally allocated to the Council  
for the improvement of Trunk Roads within the  
Area and setting out conditions governing the grant.

The Council approved and accepted the grant  
under the conditions laid down by the Ministry

The Clerk was directed to ascertain from the Feroicall  
County Council if they would be prepared to supply  
road metal for the improvement of Trunk Roads  
under the grant at coll. price which metal they  
have procured under the grant allocated to them  
by the Ministry and which is at present in Gorey  
Quarry Buncrana

After considering what portion of the Trunk Roads  
the improvement would be first carried out on and  
in collaboration with the County Surveyor

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr Thomas W. Donagh

That if the Council can procure the metal from the  
Feroicall County Council at Gorey Quarry that  
the work be commenced on the Cuckhill road  
working towards the Town and if the metal has to be  
purchased elsewhere that the work be commenced on  
the Derry end of the Strand Road working towards  
the Town

passed

The Council had under consideration a memorial  
praying the Council to grant permission to Mr Henry  
Doherty to erect petrol pump on footpath at his  
garage on the public street

As the memorial was signed by residents  
residing beside the garage and in close proximity to same

Proposed by Mr Patrick Porter

Seconded by Mr John W. Laughlin

That the Council grant Mr Henry Doherty permission  
to erect petrol pump on public footpath outside  
his garage and to connect said pump with petrol  
tank situated in his garage subject to Mr Doherty  
taking out an Insurance Policy for the sum of  
£1,000 such policy to be in the joint names of  
Mr Doherty and the Buncrana Urban District Council  
and to him entering into agreement prepared by  
the Council's solicitors

passed

The Council had under consideration tenders for the concreting portion of footpaths on 16 am Street in accordance with specifications prepared by the Town Surveyor. (Three tenders were received)

(1) Messrs. Crawford & Carkin

To carry out the work in accordance with specification at Three shilling & eleven pence per yard equal to the sum of £5. 13 4

(2) Edward Barr

To carry out the work at 5<sup>s</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> per yd

(3) Hugh Armour

To carry out the work at 5 6 "

Proposed by Mr Thomas W. Donagh

Seconded by Mr Patrick Porter

That the tender received from Messrs. Crawford & Carkin to concrete portions of footpaths in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Town Surveyor for the sum of sixty-five pounds thirteen shillings and four pence £65. 13. 4 to be accepted by the Council

passed.

Letter was read from Messrs Crawford & Carkin stating that if the Council intended to concrete that portion of footpaths from centre of Mr Grants houses to Mr W. Kinleys gateway in Townsend Street that they would be prepared to concrete same at the same price as quoted in their tenders viz 3/11 per yard

Proposed

Proposed by Mr. John Porter

Seconded by Mr Thomas W. Donagh

That Messrs. Crawford & Carkin offer to concrete that portion of footpath from centre of Mr. Grants houses to Mr W. Kinleys gateway in Townsend Street at Three Shilling and eleven pence per yard to be accepted by the Council provided that the Council decides to proceed with the work concreting that portion at a future date.

passed

Patrick Porter Chairman

DATED THIS 11 DAY OF April 1921

Cora O'Connell

Clerk

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 7  
Number of Members present 5

Minutes of Proceedings of a meeting held on Friday  
the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1924  
In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.  
Other Members present were.

Messrs. John Porter  
John McLaughlin

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

The Clerk reported that owing to the absence of a quorum  
no meeting of the Council was held on Monday the  
7<sup>th</sup> April 1924 as summoned.

The following letters were read from the Local  
Government Department

Letter No G. 10584/1924 dated the 8 March 1924  
stating that as the Rate Collector John O'Donnell has  
lodged the full amount of his warrant for the  
year ended 31 March 1923. that it is with some  
hesitation that the Minister agrees that the Rate  
Books for the current collection may now be  
handed to the Rate Collector. He should be warned  
to use every endeavour to collect the present year  
Rates

rates without delay so any further delay on his  
part will not be treated with the similar leniency.

It is presumed that Collector O'Donnell's Bond is in  
order and that it complies with the terms of the Public  
Bodies Order 1904.

The Clerk stated that the Collectors Bond was  
approved of by the Ministry

Proposed by Mr. John Porter.

Seconded by Mr. John McLaughlin

That the Rate Collector warrants for the collection of Rates  
made for the year ended 31 March 1924 be signed and  
the collecting books handed to him and that the Collector  
have the full amount of his warrants lodged to the  
credit of the Council on or before the 31 October 1924  
passed.

Letter dated the 8 March 1924 No G. 9238/1924  
relative to the numbering of houses in the Town  
Adjourned for further consideration.

Letter No G. 9450/1924 dated 8 March 1924 regarding  
a "Rate for Irish"

NO ACTION

Letter No. 10694/24 dated 12 March 1924 regarding the  
Administration of the Vaccination Acts which has  
been transferred to the Urban Council under section 9  
of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923.

Letter No P. R. 15097/24 dated the 7 April 1924 stating  
with regard to the provision of sanitary accommodation  
for houses in Park Avenue and pointing out that  
it is understood that the by-laws on the subject of



of the cleaning of earth closets etc are not at present enforced. and the Minister desires to remind the Council that it is their duty to see that such by-laws are complied with.

The Sanitary Sub Officer stated that he notified the tenants of these houses to have the closets and ashpits cleaned. and that the notices were complied with.

Letter No G. 13681/1924 dated 1 April 1924 stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the payment of Poundage fees as proposed to the Rate Collectors in respect of the year ended 31 March 1925.

Letter from the Friconail Joint Technical Instruction Committee dated the 27. March 1924 stating that the Special Grant of £200 is still available for a school at Buncrana. and the Committee will establish same provided suitable premises can be obtained at a reasonable figure, and requesting to be let known if the Council has decided to strike a rate of one penny in the pound for the year 1924-25 for Technical Instruction purposes.

The Clerk stated that he informed the Committee that there is a building (the Masonic Hall) available for a Technical school and that same can be had at a yearly rent of less for a term of years.

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That the Council strike a rate of one penny in the pound for the year ending 31 March 1925 for Technical Instruction purpose and that the Clerk provide in the estimates for the said year provision for

said Rate. and that the Council transfer the proceeds of rate to Technical Committee provided that school is opened in Buncrana during current year but not otherwise

passed

Letter from the Minister of Industry and Commerce regarding the adoption of by-laws under the Factory and Workshops Acts 1901 to 1920.

Adjourned for further consideration

Letter from Messrs J. & C. Doherty T.C. dated the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1924 forwarding agreement Henry Doherty with the Council for erection of Petrol pumps. and stating that as directed they have added a paragraph that the licensee shall indemnify the Council by an insurance Policy in the joint names of the Council and Henry Doherty

As the agreement was signed by Mr H. Doherty and the sum of Four pounds (£4) deposits for stamp duty

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That the agreement be signed and sealed by the Council

passed

Letter from the Friconail County Council stating that they have decided not to dispose to the Urban Council the metal they have at Gorey Quarry Buncrana. as they will require same when the works is re-started on the Frank Road between Buncrana & Fahan.

Letter from Mrs. Mary Doherty applying for permission for erection of corrugated iron lype on cottage. plot dimension of same being 15 x 11 feet.

permission granted subject to sanitary arrangements meeting with the approval of the Medical Officer of Health.

Letter was read from the Franchise County Council dated the 21 March 1925 stating that the amount which will be demanded of the Urban Council for the service of the year ending 31 March 1925 will be in respect of County Charges to 1138. 10. 9

and enclosing copy of figures taken from the General Estimate of Rates

Formal Demand to be sent in due course

The Council had under consideration estimate of Rates required for the service of the financial year ending the 31 March 1925:

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John Mc Raughlin

That the following Town Rates and Poor Rates be made for the service of the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925:

	To be Paid on Agricultural Land.	Sum deducted in respect of Agricultural Ground	To be Paid on Other Land
In respect of County Charges	3 0	2 0	5 0
Total	3 0	2 0	5 0

Town Rates for the service of the year ending 31 March 1925 chargeable in the Urban District at the following rates in the pound :-

Under the Local Government Ireland Act 1898.  $\begin{matrix} s & d \\ 2 & 0 \end{matrix}$   
 Towns Improvement Ireland Act 1854.  $\begin{matrix} & s \\ & 6 \end{matrix}$   
 Public Health Ireland Act 1878.  $\underline{2 \cdot 0}$   
 Total Consolidated Town Rates  $\underline{4 \cdot 6}$

Total Town Rates.  $\begin{matrix} s & d \\ 4 \cdot 6 & \text{in } \text{Rs} \end{matrix}$   
 " Poor Rates.  $\underline{5 \cdot 0}$   
 Total Rates  $\underline{9 \cdot 6}$   
 passed

Letter from Mr J. E. Doherty stating that as this Contractor has erected earth closets as required by the Council for his houses in Park Avenue. he would be thankful to know if they satisfy the Council requirements.

The Matter was referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

Letter from Mr John Porter complaining of the state of the Dumping ground.

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

The Sanitary Sub. Officer reported that the requirements of the Notice served on William Porter to have the open space on his premises put in a proper sanitary condition as been complied with.

The Sanitary Sub Officer reported that the requirements of the notices served on Mr J. E. Doherty to have earth closets erected for his houses in Park Avenue have been complied with.

Letters from the solicitors (Messrs Jno C. Doherty & Co) stating with regard to the sanitary prosecution against Eam. Deeney Cath Ruddy Daniel Doherty and Williams & Laughlin that the Court made orders in these cases. Certified copies of the Orders will have to be served on the Defendants and then if the Orders are not complied with proceedings will have to be taken against the Defendants under section 114 of the Public Health Act for penalties etc.

Ordered that the certified copies of the Orders be served on the Defendants

The record of works performed by the Sanitary Sub-Officers from the 1<sup>st</sup> March to the 5 April 1924 was submitted and showed 43 premises had been visited and inspected.

The Water Manager reported that the pressure tanks at Meenagarry would require to be cleaned.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor have same done

The Water Manager reported that the pipe supplying the flushing tanks at Coast Guard Station would require to be opened and cleaned

Ordered that the Town Surveyor have same done

A Receivable Order was received from the Commissioners of Public Works for the sum of £92.2.8 being repayment of Principal and interest on Water and Sewerage Loans due on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1924

Ordered that same be paid when due

The Town Surveyor reported that he had the sewerage pipe cleaned from Coast Guard Station to Rev Moody's garden it is running free at present owing to the depth of same he had an inspecting chamber built in Dr Bernards garden this will be of great advantage in case of future stoppage in this section

approved of by Council

The Town Surveyor reported that he inspected the proposed extension of sewerage from the main to 100 feet from Mr. Michael O'Druid's premises the length of same would be 48 lineal yards and the estimate cost of the work would be £18.0.0

It was decided to adjourn the matter for further consideration

The Council had under consideration a Schedule of Rates as claimed by the Rate Collector as irrecoverable and applying to the Council for a refund of same

The rates being in respect of the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923.

Owing to the schedule not being signed by the Rate Collector nor the Declaration at foot thereof being made before a Peace Commissioner

The

The Council refused to consider the schedule until such Declaration was made and schedule duly signed by the Collector and put properly before the Council

Owing to the threatening attitude of the Rate Collector and his insulting remarks to the Council and especially the Chairman it was:-

Proposed by Mr Patrick Porter

Seconded by Mr John Porter

That owing to the Rate Collector's threatening attitude and his insulting remarks to Council that the collecting books for year 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 be not handed to him until he apologizes to the Council and the Chairman passed.

An Account was received from the Secretary St Mary's Hall Committee amounting to £4:10.0 being 00 pence for room for holding meetings of Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 being at the rate of five shillings 5/- for each time room was used.

The Council decided to pay the Hall Committee the sum of Three pounds (£3) the same as last year being at the rate of five shillings (5/-) for the twelve Ordinary meetings of the Council held during the year and to issue Paying Order for that amount viz £3

The next Ordinary meeting of the Ben crava Urban District Council to be held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1924.

Patrick Porter CHAIRMAN

Carroll Conlan

DATED This 12 Day of May 1924

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 7  
Number of Members present 3.

### Quarterly Meeting

Minutes of Proceedings of a Quarterly Meeting held on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1924.  
In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.  
Other members present were:-

Messrs John Porter  
John McLaughlin

The Clerk stated that no meeting of the Council was held on the 7 April 1924 as summoned owing to the absence of a quorum.

The Town Surveyor reported that all roads and footpaths within the Area are in fair order.

The Town Surveyor reported his estimate for road expenditure etc for current year as follows:

Road Maintenance	200
Scouring	100
Water Maintenance	60
Sewerage "	40
	<u>£400</u>

The Town Surveyor reported that a section of the garden wall between Mr John McLaughlin's garden and Mr Shephard's house is in a dangerous condition and the owners of the property should be required to have the wall properly built.

The report was adopted by the Council and the Clerk was instructed to notify the owners of the garden walls referred to complained of by the Town Surveyor to have same properly built the following to be notified Messrs Daniel Doherty Robert Cole James Clutton and Mrs Kate Farren.

The Council had under consideration the grant of £400 allocated to them for the improvement of Frank Roads.

The Town Surveyor produced a map showing the portion of the road to be improved.

The Council approved of same and instructed the Town Surveyor to have all matters in connection with the improvement of Roads as under the Grant carried out in collaboration with the County Surveyor.

The Council had under consideration Tenders for the supply of 500 tons of stones and 50 tons of grit or more if required for the improvement of Frank Roads under the Government Grant of £400 the stones and grit to be supplied for an approved Quarry and delivered before steam rollers when and where required by the Town Surveyor between the point Civic Guard Barracks and Urban Boundary on White Strand Road.

Two Tenders were received

① William Rogan. To supply 500 tons of 2" broken stones and 50 tons of grit from Drumfrice Quarry and deliver same on Road before Steam Roller is required between the points viz Civic Guard Bldg and Urban Boundary. for the sum of £225 and at the rate of 8/3 per ton. for any quantity in excess of 550 tons

② John Donaghy. To supply 500 tons stones and 50 tons of grit from Menagorry Quarry (20 cubic feet to the ton) between the Civic Guard Bldg and Urban Boundary.

The Conditions being that he obtained liberty from County Surveyors to open new place in the Quarry, and when stones are delivered, to be paid for according to work done and to do the work for the sum of £220 Eight Shilling (8/-) per ton.

owing to the conditions stated in Donaghy's tender which the Council could not accept and which he could not undertake to say if Donaghy would be allowed to enter Menagorry Quarry, it was:-

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr John McLaughlin

That the Tenders received from Mr William Rogan to supply 500 tons stones and 50 tons of grit for the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five pounds £225 be accepted by the Council passed.

As the material to be supplied under tender by Mr Rogan is for the improvement of Frank Roads the Council accept the tender under condition that the Ministry of L. Govt approve of Council scheme under the Grant allocated to them.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid

PAYING ORDER NO	NAME	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1	Dr Jas H. Connick MDH	Gr Salary to 31.3.24	4 10 0
2	Edw Callaghan Surveyor	Half year Salary to 31.3.24	17 10 0
3	Electric Supply Co	Lighting Firm to 31.3.24	28 15 0
4	Charles Callaghan Clerk	Gr Salary to 31.3.24	111 5 0
5	Dennis Doherty	Gr Salary to 31.3.24	26 19 7
6	Genl H. Chubbuck Per. Callaghan	1/2 year rent of Store to 31.3.24	15 0 0
7	Charles Callaghan	1/2 year Rent of Office	3 10 0
8	Mr F. Casey	1/2 year Rent of D. Group	1 0 0
9	Robert Moore	Sup <sup>r</sup> to 31.3.24	10 0 0
10	Charles Callaghan	Postage Account 31.3.24	1 8 3
11	Ph. Cready Sec. St. Mary Hall	Rent for Room for meeting to 31.3.24	3 0 0
12	Subsidiary Account	payment made during March 22	8 9
13	Dennis Brennan	Goods supplied to 31.3.24	15 6 10
14	Commissioners Public Works	Repayment Loans to 1 May 1924	2 8

TOTAL. £ 259 1 0

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Buncrana Urban District Council to be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1924

Patrick Porter CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 12 DAY OF May 1924

Caral O'Connell

Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 7

Number of Members present 6

Minutes of Proceedings of a meeting held on Monday

the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1924

In the Chair - Patrick Porter Esq.

Other members present were

Messrs. Michael McGlinchey

John Porter

Daniel Friel

John W. Laughlin

Thomas M. Donogh

The Minutes of the last meetings Ordinary and Quarterly were read and signed

The Clerk reported that no meeting of the Council was held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1924 as summoned owing to the absence of a quorum

The following letters were read from the Local Government Department

Letter No. 1R/93. dated the 14 April 1924 stating with reference to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1924 relative to the erection of Petrol Pumps that the Council has no legal power to authorise any obstruction on the highway.

owing to the Department delay in answering the Council query, and in the meantime the Council being petitioned, granted permission for erection of petrol pumps. no action was taken

Letter No. SGA/55. dated the 29 April 1924 stating that the Minister for Local Government has approved of the Council scheme for the improvement of Trunk Roads proposed to be carried out by them under the terms of the Minister's letter (S'GA 201) dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 1924

The Clerk stated that on receipt of the Minister's Letter he requested the County Surveyor to inform the Council when he would be in a position to hire to the Council a Steam Roller to carry out the proposed work, but received no reply as yet

As all matters in connection with the proposed work are completed the Town Surveyor was instructed to proceed with the work as soon as Steam Roller could be obtained

Letter was read from Mr. William Rogan (Contractor) for supply of Road metal for the improvement of Trunk Roads proposed to be carried out by the Council requesting permission of commencing the work of placing the stones say 1 along one side of the Road to be rolled which would enable him to get on with the work, which he is not too busy at the Quarry otherwise he might have difficulty in keeping Roller going later on when other contractors would be getting their supply

The Council granted this Rogan. permission subject to him placing the stones on Road to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyors.

Letter from the Minister of Local Government No 501/2939 dated the 30 April 1924 transmitting a copy of the Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924 which passed into law on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.

The Council after considering the Act and Orders made under same decided to adjourn the matter for further consideration.

Letter No. H 501/2918 dated the 17 April 1924 forwarding a copy of letter which has been addressed to Mr. E. O'Callaghan. the Council's Surveyors proposing to nominate him an "appointed Officer" in connection with the erections of new houses in the Urban District under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924.

The Council approved of the Surveyors appointment.

Letter from the Friconeill County Council dated the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1924 transmitting Annual Estimate and Demand in respect of the financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925.

The Council had under consideration a schedule of Rates as claimed by the Rate Collector as irrecoverable and requested same to be refunded to him.

The Rates being in respect of the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925 amounting to £170 1 1

After fully considering each item the recommendations of the Council were inserted in the different columns. The items carried forward being to New Warrant for Collection by Rate Collector.

Ordered that the Schedule be submitted to the Local Government Department for Approval.

Letter was read from Rate Collector stating with regard to the Schedule of irrecoverable Rates that he is unable to produce receipt in respect of Rate No 498 which has been lost.

It was decided to refund same subject to the Department's sanction and the Clerk was directed to forward Rate Collector explanation to the Department.

Application was made by the Rate Collector for the refund of the sum of £9 14s 6d being Court Costs which he had paid in respect of Rate Cases before District Court.

As the Department sanctioned the refund of the Cost of legal proceedings by Rate Collector letter No G 30102/23 dated the 24 July 1924.

Proposed by Mr. John Porter

Seconded by Mr. Michael G. Lynchey.

That the Rate Collector be refunded the Cost of legal proceedings in the recovery of Rates amounting to the sum of £9 14s 6d subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department and that the Clerk forward the Collector's application together with this bill to the Department for their approval.

passed



Chairman read a letter from the Rate Collector apologising for his conduct towards him at last meeting  
accepted by Council

Proposed by Mr Patrick Porter

Seconded by Mr Michael McGlinchey

That the Rate Collector be handed the collecting books of Rates made for the service of the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 and that he be instructed to proceed at once with the collections and that the full amount of his warrant be lodged on or before the 31 October 1924 passed.

Letter was read from Mrs John Doherty Mulltras Bumerano complaining of the state of the mill well being rendered unfit for use by reason of motor cars being washed near by the oil of same flowing into the well etc etc as ten families are supplied by this well the nearest water supply being on the main street, and requested the matter be attended to

Proposed by Mr Patrick Porter

Seconded by Mr Daniel Trill

That the matter of putting the corner well and the mill well in proper order be left in the hands of Mr M Donagh and Mr John Porter together with the Town Surveyor and that they be given power to have these wells rendered fit for use the cost of same not to exceed two pounds for each well  
passed

Application was made by Mr Joseph Donaghy Bumerano for permission to lay and connect a new one inch (1") water service for 4" C.I. water main from Railway Road to site of new schools. no water supply to same in conformity with Board of Works Specification

Proposed by Mr Michael McGlinchey

Seconded by Mr John Porter

That permission be granted to Mr Donaghy to make a half inch ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ") connection only from water main to site of new schools so only half inch water connections are allowed for each building  
passed

The Council had again under consideration the application from Mr M. David requesting Council to lay a public sewer at the rear of his house (about 100 feet from same) in order that he may be able to connect the sewer of his premises to same.

A letter was read from Mr M David stating that when the Town was being sewered it was found that the main in Townsend Street was difficult to make and it was then suggested proposed that two connecting sewers be made at the rear of the houses on each side of the street in order that premises could be sewered into same the Committee in charge requested him to waive his objections and that a public sewer would be made at the rear of his premises in order that he could connect his premises to same the sewer on the opposite side of the street was completed but the one on his side was not he therefore requests the Council to have same done

Proposed

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Porter  
Seconded by Mr. Daniel Friel

That the Council make a public sewer (the cost of same as stated by Town Surveyors to be about £20) at the rear of Mr. Murchall in Daid's premises such sewer to be made so that Mr. M. Daid can sewer his premises into same and also that buildings containing slated to be built at Mount Filly and other buildings in close proximity may be sewered into same and that the Local Government Department be requested to sanction same

passed.

The water manager reported that Thomas Lee objects to the letting flow the water from the tank at Inenagorry as he asserts that it injures his farm, and as it is necessary to let the water flow in order to clean the tank

The Town Surveyors were directed to let the water flow the outlet that was made for it and have the tank cleaned

The water manager reported that a copper gauge would be necessary for tanks at Inenagorry.

Ordered that Town Surveyors should have same purchased

The Sewerage manager reported that Edw. Barr has made a sewer connection for his two houses in Hill Brae into the adjoining sewer pipe of Charles Grant Hill Brae

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyors

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the drain pipe from the premises of John Doherty Hill Brae is blocked and recommended that the pipe be cleaned and a proper trap and grating be constructed.

Ordered that notice be served <sup>on the owner</sup> and ~~two~~ <sup>fourteen</sup> days (14) to be allowed to carry out the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the sanitary arrangements of the houses occupied by the following tenants <sup>are unsatisfactory</sup> viz Nellie Cameron John Donaghy Rose Ann Brennan Daniel Smith Edward Doherty and Bernard Lynch and recommended that the owners be compelled to erect flush closets in each of these houses.

Ordered that notice be served on the owners requiring him within the space of one month to provide a sufficient water closet for each of the following houses occupied by the following tenants viz Nellie Cameron John Donaghy Rose Ann Brennan Daniel Smith Edward Doherty and Bernard Lynch and further that if such notice be not complied with within the time mentioned the Council may at the expiration of such time do the work required to be done and recover the expenses incurred in so doing in the manner provided by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the sewerage from the house of Michael M. Cormick flows into garden of Chas. Grant creating a nuisance dangerous to public health. and recommended that the sewer pipe from the house be continued to open into mill river at bottom of the garden

Ordered that notice be served on the owner requiring him within the space of one month to have the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health carried out.

The Council had under consideration the Sanitary prosecutions against Ewan Deeney, Cath Ruddy, Daniel Doherty and William M. Raughlin. The Sanitary Sub-Officers reported that certified copies of Orders of the Court had been served on the Defendants and the Orders were not as yet carried out.

It was decided to adjourn the matter for further consideration

The record of work performed by the Sanitary Sub-Officers from the 7<sup>th</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1924 was submitted and showed 34 premises had been visited and inspected.

The Council had under consideration the erection of Bathing boxes and the procuring of Summer seats for shore greens or Park

Proposed by Mr. Park Porter

Seconded by Mr. Thomas M. Donagh

That the Town Surveyor prepare plan and specification for the erection of Bathing boxes at mens bathing place

also specification for six Summer seats for shore Park. and that a Committee be appointed with power to consider specification and tenders if necessary for erection of Bathing boxes and Summer seats and have the necessary work carried out at once. and the Local Government Department be requested to sanction same.

The following is act on Committee with Council powers. Messrs. Patrick Porter, Thos M. Donagh, John Porter and Daniel Friel

passed.

The Council had under consideration the Fire Insurance on Council's Cottages and Insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Proposed by Mr. Thomas M. Donagh.

Seconded by Mr. John Porter.

That the Fire Insurance and Insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act be transferred from the Suburban Fire & General Insurance Co Ltd to the Prudential Assurance Co Ltd under the same terms and that the Premium on both Insurance to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925 amounting to the sum of £5 14.11 be paid to the Prudential Assurance Co Ltd

passed.

The Town Surveyor made application for the procuring of ten Tons or more of one and a half inch (1½") broken stones from Mr. William Logan

The metal being require for the up keep of roads.

Proposed.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Porter  
Seconded by Mr. John Porter

That ten tons or more of one and a half inch  
broken stones be purchased from Mr. W. McLean  
Logan at the same price as those he last delivered  
passed

The Clerk was directed to request the Londonderry and  
Lough Swilly RyCo. to run a ordinary train from  
Derry to Buncrana on Sunday afternoons returning  
from Buncrana at a suitable hour so these ordinary  
trains give more facilities to people wishing to  
visit Buncrana on Sundays

If following accounts were ordered to be paid

PAYING ORDER No.	NAME	SERVICE	AMOUNT	R/s
15	Subsidiary Accounts	payment made in April 24	17	19 0
16	Thomas J. Flanagan	Repairs to Water fountain	1	10 6
17	Providential Assurances	Premiums on 7 Wks. <small>from April 4 31 3 25</small>	5	14 11
TOTAL £			23	4 5

The next ordinary meeting of the Buncrana Urban Dist.  
Council to be held on TG on day the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1925

Patrick Porter CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 2 DAY OF June 1924

Clara O'Connell

Clara

Truncama. Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 7  
Number of Members present 6

Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting held  
on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1924

In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.

Other Members present were

Mr Messrs. Michael M. Glinchey

John Porter

Thomas M. Donogh

Daniel O'Neil

John M. Laughton

The Clerk produced the Rate Book. Levying the Rates  
for the service of the financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 1925.

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr Michael M. Glinchey

That the following Rates be made for the service of  
the financial year ending 31 March 1925. and  
that the Rate Book be duly signed and sealed by  
the Council

Poor Rate

To be levied on Agricultural Land 3 0 in £1

To be levied on Other Hereditaments 5 0 in £1

Town Rates

Town Rates.

Under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.	£ 0 in £1
Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.	6 ..
Public Health Ireland Act 1878	2 0 ..
Total Consolidated Town Rates	4 6

Total Poor Rates 5 0 in £1

" Town Rates 4 6

Total Rates. 9 6

passed unanimously.

Patrick Porter CHAIRMAN

DATED THIS 2 DAY OF June 1924

Caral O'Callaghan

Clerk

## Buncrana Urban District Council

Number of Members on the Council 7

Number of Members present 4

Minutes of Proceeding of Meeting held on Monday  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1924

In the Chair Patrick Porter Esq.

Other members present were

Mr. J. Porter

Michael M. Glueckey

Thomas M. Donaghy

The Minutes of the last Ordinary and Quarterly meetings  
were read & signed

The following letters were read from the Local Govt. Dept:

Letter No G 22844 dated 23 May 1924 stating with  
regard to application by Rate Collector for refund of Court  
Costs in connection with the recovery of Rates requested to  
be informed why these costs were not recovered from the  
Defendants defaulting rate payers and also to be furnished  
with Form 65 showing state of Collection (Town & Port Rates)  
in the Urban District to the 30 April

The Clerk stated that he furnished the Ministry with  
Form 66 showing state of Collection and informed them  
that the reason why Court costs were not obtained from  
the Defendants was that although costs were granted  
against them that the decrees were returned by the Civic  
Guard as no goods on the premises and also informed  
them that none of the rates made for the year ended March  
1924 has yet been collected nor has any instalments

of the Demand by County Council for the year ended March  
1924 been paid

Letter No G 22880 dated 30 May 1924 stating with regard  
to the schedule of Uncollected Rates submitted to them  
requested to be informed with further information regarding  
No 259 premises described as Sailors Rest and the  
person liable for Rates is stated to be J. J. Fraw Colquhoun  
and the reason given for claiming rate as irrecoverable  
"National School"

The Clerk was directed to inform the Ministry that  
these premises "Sailors Rest" has been transferred to the  
Rev W<sup>m</sup> Doherty P.P. to be used and is used as a  
National School these premises were rated as Half  
Annual Rent and Mr Colquhoun being then landlord  
was rated but the premises are now used as a National  
School

Letter dated 28 May 1924 stating that the Ministry has  
appointed E. O' Fitzgerald as Auditor of the Accounts  
of the Buncrana Urban District Council as from the 1<sup>st</sup> prox.

Letter dated 22 May 1924 stating that consequent on a  
revision of the Inspection Districts Mr S. M. G. has  
been appointed inspector for an area including that  
of the Council as from the 1<sup>st</sup> prox.

Letter No PH 22905 dated the 24 May 1924 stating with  
reference to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council on  
the 12 May that the Minister observes that it is not  
clear on what grounds a sanction is sought to the  
proposals to extend the public sewers for the service of

premises of Mr. McDaid and to erect bathing boxes and provide six summer seats

It was decided that seeing that the Minister's sanction is not required for the erection of bathing boxes and the extension of the public sewer that the Council take steps to have the works carried out.

Letters from the Commissioners of Public Works No 7457.24 dated the 23 May 1924 stating with regard to the permission given by the Council for the provision of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " connection from water main for water supply to new school. that the Commissioners would be obliged if the Council could see its way to allow  $1$ " connection instead. The school will be an extensive with W.C.s, wash basins and hot water installed. and if a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " connection is put in it will be necessary to incur the expense of providing a large storage tank etc etc

The Clerk stated that he informed the Commissioners that the Council gave permission for  $\frac{1}{2}$ " connection to facilitate the building of the school and that when the school is completed if it is found that a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " connection is inadequate the Council would give a sympathetic consideration to application for another  $\frac{1}{2}$ " connection etc  
Approved.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion

Proposed by Mr. John Porter.

Seconded by Mr. Thomas M. Donagh.

That the Council erect a water fountain at the foot of Mill brae along wall on the left hand side going to water the Mill and that the Town Surveyor be directed to have same carried out.

passed.

The Council had under consideration tenders for repairing the Bathing boxes and the supply of six summer seats in accordance with plan and specification prepared by the Town Surveyor. (Two tenders were received.)

(1) Edward Barr.

To Repair repair bathing boxes and supply six Summer seats for the sum of Seventy six pounds Eight shillings £26.8.0

(2) Frank M. Gluehney

To repair bathing boxes & supply six summer seats for the sum of £31.11.9

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Porter

Seconded by Mr. Michael M. Gluehney.

That Edward Barr. tender to repair bathing boxes and supply six summer seats in accordance with plan and specification prepared by the Town Surveyor provided that Edw Barr. enters into a Bond with two solvent sureties and carry out the work in accordance with specification be accepted by the Council. passed.

It was decided that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements with regard to the letting of the bathing boxes when completed and make arrangement with regard to the using of same for the season. The following to act on the Committee. Messrs Peter Porter, John Porter, Thomas M. Donagh and Daniel Friel

The Council had under consideration tenders for the supply of horse, cart and man to do the necessary horse work required by the Council from the 2 June 1924 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1925. Two tenders were received.

(1) Hugh Doherty To do all the horse work etc for the sum of Ten shillings 15/- per day.

(2) John Doherty To supply horse cart and man for the sum of Eight shilling & Six pence per day.

The Council had under consideration the suitability of John Doherty horse & cart to do the necessary work

It was decided that the Town Surveyor inspect the horse and cart and report to the Council at their next meeting if same is suitable to carry out the work of the Council

Letter from the Ministry of Local Government Roads Dept. requesting that all correspondence in connection with Ross Paragoo Road Grants Surveyor appointment & remuneration to be addressed to the Secretary Ministry of Local Govt. Roads Dept.

51 Upper Mount St  
Dublin

The Council had under consideration the plans & specification of new school erecting in Town by Comr. of Public Works

Proposed by Mr John Porter

Seconded by Mr Thomas H Donogh.

That the Town Surveyor procure a copy of the plans and specification of new schools erecting and report to the Council if same comply with the Council Bye Laws.

passed.

Proposed by John Porter

Seconded Mr. Patrick Porter

That the Warrants for Rates carried into new warrant from schedule of uncollected Rates of the year ended March 1922. and approved of by the Local Govt. Dept. be signed and sealed by the Council and that the Rate Collectors have full amount of said Warrant lodged to the credit of the Council by the 31 October 1924

passed.

The Sanitary Sub-Officers reported that the requirements of the notice served on P. F. Casey to have the drain from the house occupied by John Doherty cleaned and a proper trap and grating constructed has not been complied with but that the work is proceeding

Ordered that the time be extended.

The record of work performed by the Sanitary Sub-Officers from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 31 May 1924 was submitted and showed 32 premises had been visited and inspected.

The water manager reported that the water fountains at Park Circus Market Square and Milltown requires repairs

Proposed by Mr Michael M. Glueck

Seconded by Mr John Porter

That the Town Surveyor have the water fountains reported by the Town Water manager repaired

passed.

Letter from the Ministry Local Government Housing Department: No H 501 2934:1924 dated the 23 May 1924 requesting to be informed of what action the Council has taken in pursuance of the Housing (Local Assistance) Order 1924 with a view to putting into operation the powers vested in it under section 6 of the Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924

After consideration it was unanimously decided to refer the matter for further consideration.



The following Account was ordered to be paid

PAYING ORDER NO	NAME	SERVICE	AMOUNT	R/S
18	Subsidiary Account	Payments made in May	26 9 0	
		TOTAL	26 9 0	

The next ordinary meeting of the Buncerana Urban District Council is to be held on Monday the 7. July 1924.

Patrick Porter Chairman.

DATED THIS 7 DAY OF July 1924

Carroll O'Connell  
Clerk

R. Perry M. Donnell  
21.7.24

