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County Council of Tipperary

Copy Minutes of Proceedings at a Special Meeting held on the 23rd January 1923.

Attendance

The members present were:

Councillors Brewer, Dangan, Myles, Mr. Cool, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Kelly, & Russell (Hugh) and O'Flaherty.

On the motion of Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Myles, Councillor Mr. Goldrick, was moved to the Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed. Reports of Committees

The Report of the undermentioned Committee was adopted -

Tuberculosis. Meeting held 9th January 1923.

Resignation of Chairman

a letter dated 27th December 1922 from the Ministry of Local Government stating that they have accepted the resignation of Mr. J. Ward, J. P. as Chairman of Tipperary County Council, was read.

Resignation of Councillor Hurlbert

a letter from Mr. James Hurlbert, Clerk, stating that owing to being appointed Registrar to the District Justice of Clontarf and Stranorlar it is necessary that he should resign his Seat on the County Council and the different Committees. He therefore tendered his resignation as a member of the County Council Central Home Committee, Stranorlar Clontarf District and Fever Hospital Committee, and Clontarf National Benefit Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Brewer, seconded by Councillor Mr. Cool, the resignation was accepted with regret.

Local Elections

a letter dated 22nd December, 1922, from the Ministry of Local Government referring to the Circular, dated the 22nd ultimo, in reference to the postponement of the Local Elections and stating that the Local Election Postponement Bill has now been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas and has received the assent of the Governor General, and setting out the main features of the Act to which the County Council's attention is mainly directed, was read.

Large Room in County House Lifford

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, having suggested certain alterations in the large room in County House, Lifford, with a view to providing accommodation for members of the Clerical Staff (Rate Department), and also offices for the County Surveyors.

On the motion of Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Myles he was directed to prepare a plan, specifications, and Estimate and submit same to the County Council at their next meeting.

Prepayment of Loans.

(Penalty Interest)

a letter, dated 29th December 1922: Ref. No L.G. 27/49 - from the Ministry of Local Government stating that they have been informed by the Minister of Finance that he has now authorised the Commissioners of Public Works to exclude from the Receivable Orders issued by them penalty interest from the period beginning 1920 up to the 11th inst. in respect of overdue instalments of Local Loans.

As regards the future the Minister of Finance has intimated that he will be further prepared to waive penalty interest which

which would normally accrue on instalments now in arrears, but only on the understanding that these amounts in arrears will be discharged with reasonable expedition by the authorities concerned, was read.

Claim for a Superannuation Allowance
 a letter dated 30th December 1922, from the Ministry of Local Government - 31/641/22
 Tircouall County Council, relative to the Claim of Mr. J. Patterson, of Ramleton for a Superannuation Allowance in Consideration of his Services as Medical Officer of the Fever Hospital at Ramleton, and stating that the Ministry of Local Government are advised that if the Hospital in question was a County Fever Hospital, Mr. Patterson is not entitled to receive Compensation for loss of Office, was read, and the Secretary decided to convey the decision of the Ministry to Mr. Patterson

Superannuation Allowance
 a letter, dated 1st January 1923, 5/6 to/1922, from the Ministry of Local Government transmitting, to be laid before the Tircouall Co. Council, Copy of a Communication which the Ministry received from the Clerk National Benefit Committee for Dunfarghly Rural District regarding the fixing of Superannuation Allowance of a Medical Officer, who has resigned, and requesting to be furnished with the observations of the County Council thereon, having been read, the Secretary stated that the Local Government Department Inspector intimated to him that he had consulted the Department's Law adviser on the matter, with the result that the National Benefit Committee can fix

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for superannuation allowance subject to ratification by Committee of management of the Central Home, and subsequent approval of the Local Government Department.

On the Inspector's instructions to the Secretary, wrote to the Clerk of the National Benefit Committee accordingly.

Hearing of Claims under Criminal Injuries Acts

a telegram from the Ministry of Local Government, received by the County Secretary Lifford, on 6th January, 1923. Stating that owing to legislation pending before Parliament application for adjournment of all cases for hearing under Criminal Injuries Acts should be made the next session, or such other time as may be fixed by Law, Solicitors concerned to be notified, was submitted.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of the telegram he sent a copy of it to the Council's Solicitor.

Trinidad County Hospital

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), seconded by Councillor Boyle, Mr. Wagoner of Lifford was appointed a member of the Committee of management of above institution in succession to Miss Mary Clarke of Belmont Lifford.

Condition of a County Road

a letter from Mr. E. K. O'Ryan, Roughted Cottage, Killybegs, drawing attention to the bad condition of the road to Killybegs or Common Schoolhouse, having been read, the County Surveyor stated the matter was receiving his attention.

Pound at Ardara

a letter from the Glenties Rural District Council relative to the action of the County Council

in deciding not to appoint a caretaker for the Pound at Ardara, was read and previous decision adhered to.

Prisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

An application by Mr Joseph Marley, General Groser, 40, Cloughan, Strabane, for a Licence under the above-named act, having been considered, it was decided to grant the Licence sought for, subject to the Superintendent of the Civic Guards expressing approval.

Accounts for Sleepers supplied
accounts from Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Company, amounting to £8.15.6 and £1.4.0 respectively, for sleepers supplied to National Troops at Ennally and Dungloe for the purpose of repairing bridges, were submitted. It was decided to refer the accounts to Glenties Rural District Council.

a notice, dated 28th December 1922, received from Mr James Dunleavy, Solicitor, Londonderry, on behalf of Mr Alexander Harroun of Laghey objecting to the taking and cutting away of any portion of his lands along the County road for the purpose of widening same in the townlands of Yrummon, and in case the County Council do so after the service of this notice proceedings would be taken, and an injunction applied for to prevent the County Council carrying out their intended action of taking lands of Mr Harroun's without his consent or without having any legal authority to do so, was submitted.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of the notice he wrote Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor,

Surveyor on the matter.

Mr Saffrey stated that the widening was carried out in connection with the Relief of Distress Scheme and under his directions.

The widening went no further than the old County fence, consequently a claim for damages could not be sustained.

Proposed Commitment to an Industrial School

A notice, dated 5th January, 1923, from the Sergeant Civic Guards, Lifford, re proposed application to the District Court to have John Rivers of Tiber committed to the Industrial School at Killybegs, was read.

Damage to Bridge over River Finn

A letter from the Transport Officer, Stranorlar Castle, Stranorlar relative to damage done by one of the Crossley Tenders to the bridge over the River Finn between Stranorlar and Ballyropey, and stating that the Divisional Engineer, Lt. Col. M. C. C. C. has undertaken to repair the damage, was read.

Clerical appointments

A circular letter from the Local Government Officials (Ireland) Trade Union, appending copy resolution.

"That all Clerical appointments in the Service of Public Bodies should be filled by Competitive Examinations, &c.", having been read, the Resolution was approved.

Application for an advance

An application by R. A. Wilson, Esq., Registration Officer, Lifford, for an instalment of, say £300, in account of expenses, as provided by Section 15 (5) of the Representation of the People Act, having been considered, it was decided, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government, to accede to the

to the application.

Engine Shed at Lifford

a letter from Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, pointing out that he had not yet got possession of the Council's Engine Shed at Lifford, having been read, it was decided to request the military authorities to hand over the shed to the County Council as soon as possible, as it is required for the Council's Steam Pulling Plant.

Condition of a County Road

a letter was read from Mr. James M. Laughlin, Cahane, Linsfort, Buncrana, directing attention to the bad condition of the County road in Gortleck. Linshtown Rural District. Contractors: James M. Laughlin and Noel Bradley.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to furnish the County Council with a report on the matter.

Prosecution of Defaulting Road Contractors

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, mentioned that perhaps the time had arrived when defaulting Road Contractors should be proceeded against.

The Council concurred.

Mr. Steadman submitted a list of those Contractors which was approved, and he was directed to furnish the Council's Solicitor with full particulars with a view to prosecution.

Estimates 1923-1924. Repair of Public Roads and Bridges

a letter from the Ministry of Public Government dated 11.1.23, on the subject of the Estimates for the ensuing financial year 1923-1924 and desiring to impress upon County and Rural Councils the necessity of making adequate provision for the upkeep and repair of such public roads and bridges in their area

as they are required by statute to maintain, having been roads, the County Surveyors stated that adequate provision had been made by the respective Rural District Councils

Claim for Damages

a letter was read from Mr Samuel Hutchison, Carrahunney, Glenties, Derry, stating that his Van and harness were broken and destroyed through the action of one of the County Councils Engine Drivers on the 3rd January, 1923, and adding to the claim from the Council the cost of the necessary repairs. The matter was left in the hands of Mr Sheehy, County Surveyor, in conjunction with Councillor, Bourne, for investigation a report to be furnished to the County Council at their next meeting. The case of Mr Rafferty also to be embodied in report.

Sick Leave Granted

Mr F J Kelly, assistant County Surveyor, applied for and was granted three weeks sick leave for the purpose of an operation

Streets of Lifford

an application by Mr James Moore, Brumbeen, Ballindrait, for an extra allowance for additional labour involved in cleaning the streets of the town of Lifford, occasioned by the holding of a market fair, was considered and no action taken

Manufacture of Illicit Whiskey

The following Rider to the Jury's Verdict in connection with an inquest held at Quigley's Point, Tirone, on 8.1.23 touching the death of a man named Crossan, who was found dead in the river after leaving a house where there had been wedding festivities, was approved.

"That we call upon the County Council of

of Wisconsin to urge the Government of the Irish Free State to take over Control of Trade and Brown Sugar so that these Commodities - which are used in the manufacture of illicit Whiskey - may not be disposed of or sold, except under Permit. There is no concealing the fact the articles in question are causing havoc in our midst.

Flooding of Premises

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel O'Doherty, Gortashinson, Clonmany, Complaining again of the destruction done to his property by flooding caused by the act of Patrick Dugley of Gortashinson, in building a fence across the drain of the road, whereby the overflow from the adjoining pipe is turned on the public road, and down the laneway leading to Daniel O'Doherty's house, and flooding same.

The matter was referred to Mr. Madden, County Surveyor, for a report

Re Unemployment Grant

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. J. McManamin, Solicitor, Ballycroy, referring to the allocation of a sum of £200. for the relief of unemployment, by improvements to the road between the village of Berragha and Pettibrick National School, and stating that the carrying out of the work has been entrusted to a local contractor, by name John M. Glynn, Pettibrick. Several persons in the area concerned have instructed him (Mr. McManamin) that the selection of the persons for relief and the consequent division of the money is by no means equitable. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported that since the date (4.1.23) of the foregoing letter the work has

has been restarted and that he gave instructions that only those in need were to be employed. The Secretary was directed to write Mr. McManamin to that effect.

In this connection a letter from Mr. Patrick May, Burnside, Glasgow, was read.

Copy of a resolution passed by the Irish Farmers Union and Unpurchased Tenants Association, at a meeting held in Termon U.S. on the 14th inst, protesting against the place selected for giving employment in aid of alleviating distress in the parishes of Gortan and Termon.

"That the spot selected in Barnes Gap is so remote from households in thickly populated districts that the deserving poor can scarcely attend the work, being four miles from the spot, and suggesting that after the sum of £100. is expended in Barnes Gap the remainder of the money allotted for the above-named parishes be expended on back roads in the poor thickly populated districts of the parishes, as well as pathways and old roads leading to peat banks where the inhabitants are to their knees in winter in mud and sludge carrying turf to their houses. These places have been neglected for years although the inhabitants pay rates and get no distributive justice in return."

The Secretary was directed to write and request that the roads on which they consider the money should be expended be specified.

a telegram and letter were read from Mr. Teague Mac Fadden, Carrigrohilly, intimating

intimating that at a meeting of Parishioners of Carrigart Parish held on 21st January 1923, it was decided to ask the County and assistant Surveyors for that district to attend a meeting of District Councillors and Committee of Parish to see about a more equitable allocation of Relief Grant for the parish. The Council considered they could not now go into the matter as the Scheme had been sanctioned by the Local Government Department.

Luniskeragh Island

a telegram was read from Mr Jas. F. O'Donnell, Burtouport, re damage done to houses in Luniskeragh Island by recent storm, and the urgent necessity of a Breakwater to ensure safety of inhabitants. Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor, intimated that he submitted a Report on the matter to the County Council at a meeting held on 17th May, 1921, at this meeting the Council had before them a memorial from the inhabitants of Luniskeragh.

The Council expressed sympathy with the memorial, but owing to lack of funds they were unable to make a contribution towards the proposed work.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the County Surveyor's Report to the Congested Districts Board and request them to state what amount (if any) they would be prepared to contribute towards the project.

Transfers

Transfers were decided to be made to the undermentioned Bodies, as soon as sufficient sums were

available

available.

Local authority	Period
Committee of Management of the Central Home at Stranorlar.	Quarter ending 31.3.23
Committees of Management of the District and Fever Hospitals.	do
National Benefit Committees	do
Rural District Councils	Quarter ended 31.12.22
Tironeauill Mental Hospital.	do

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— Rates —

Refusal to Sanction Mr. James F. O'Donnell's Appointment.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Ministry of Local Government refusing to sanction the appointment of Mr. James F. O'Donnell, Bursar, as Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Bauer, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), to request the Ministry to reconsider their decision, and to approve of this appointment. In making this request the Council directed the Secretary to call the Ministry's attention to the fact that Mr. O'Donnell had given an undertaking to the Council, which the latter believed he would carry out, to collect the current Rates and arrears in this widely scattered district of which he had an intimate knowledge, and that under the present abnormal conditions it would be impossible to get an equally satisfactory person for the position. Failing Ministry's sanction to appointment position to be again advertised for next County Council meeting.

Rate Collectors Personal Security

The Secretary submitted Communications from Collectors Hugh Mc Nulty, Knockanagher, Ballymore, Letterkenny, (No. 12 District), Cormac Breslin, Buncbeg, Letterkenny, and Patrick J. Mc Hugh, Hill Head, Ardara, giving the names & addresses of solvent persons willing to join them in Bonds in the form prescribed under the "Public Bodies Order" 1904, (Form 55 article 87) in sums of £116, £242 and £105, respectively. The proposed Sureties of Collector Mr. Nulty were Messrs John Mc Nulty, Merchant,

Bunfawaghy,

Bunfaughy, and Daniel M. Ge. Magheramend,
Bunfaughy, and these the Council decided to
accept, the Presiding Chairman stating that
Mr. John M. Kelly, to his knowledge, was satisfactory.

The proposed Sureties named by Collector
Preslin were messrs Bernard Boyle & Daniel
Boyle, both of Magheraclogher, Bunbeg,
L. Kelly, and as the local County Councillor
(Mr. John E. Farragher) testified in a communication
to the Council as to their solvency, the Council
accepted them as Sureties. The third-named
Collector, Patrick M. Hugh, furnished the names
of messrs Patrick Gavigan, Kentucky, Ardara,
and Charles M. Hugh, Hill Head, Ardara,
as his proposed Sureties, and these were
also accepted by the County Council, subject
to a satisfactory reference from either a
Bank manager or the local County Councillor.

In the case of Edward J. Roberts,
the Secretary submitted a letter from him
intimating that owing to the state of the
Country he had some little difficulty in
obtaining personal Security, and it was
decided to call on him to make arrangements
to ensure compliance with the Council's
requirements in this matter at the next
meeting of that body -

Uncollected Rates

The Secretary submitted lists of uncollected
Rates for the half-year ended the 30th
September, 1922, for Collection Districts nos 1,
3, 4, 25, and 28, and it was decided to refund
the amounts claimed subject to the approval
of the Ministry of Local Government. In
these cases the amounts of the Warrants
for the period mentioned had previously
been lodged with the County Treasurer.

Collectors John Harley, Michael O'Donnell and P. J. Sweeney
 The Secretary brought to the Council's notice
 the positions in the districts of Collectors John
 Harley, M. O'Donnell, and P. J. Sweeney, whom
 the Council had previously asked to give
 undertakings to collect the Current Rates
 and arrears in their respective districts
 under military protection. No reply having
 been received from the first-named Collector
 on the subject it was decided to defer action
 in this case until the next Council meeting,
 and meanwhile directions were given that
 all Collecting Books relating to this area
 be retained at the Council Office. A similar
 decision was arrived at in the case of
 Collector O'Donnell who gave an undertaking
 to do all he possibly could in the matter
 of collecting the Rates, but could not
 guarantee the safety of the books entrusted
 to his custody owing to his being resident
 13 miles from the nearest military station.

The Secretary was directed to call on the
 Collector to furnish to the County office
 a statement of his accounts immediately
 prior to the date of the alleged seizure of
 his books, this statement to be prepared
 by him, if necessary, by reference to
 the duplicates of Rate Books at the Office
 of the Clerk Rural District Council, Gentry.

As the remaining Collector - Mr Sweeney -
 intimated that he had already availed of
 military protection, and hoped in a short
 time to close his accounts, it was decided
 to take no further action in his case.

Ex Collector Guinness

The Secretary called attention to the failure
 of this Ex Collector to close his collection
 for

for the half-Year ended the 31st March, 1922, in accordance with the terms of the resolution passed by the County Council at their previous meeting, notwithstanding the fact that he had called at the Council Office on the 2nd January 1923 and promised to lodge forthwith the outstanding Rates amounting to £831.0.3, and it was decided to defer action until the next meeting of the Council, the Presiding Chairman stating that Mr. Guinness's Solicitor - Mr. M. Mullen, Ballybofey - had made a request to that effect before the commencement of business which had been delayed for over an hour owing to the absence of a quorum. Neither Mr. M. Mullen nor Mr. Guinness was present at the Council meeting.

State of Rate Collection of County

The Secretary submitted Returns showing the condition of the collection of the Rate in the County to the 19th January, 1923, from which it appeared that £7,754 19. 11 & £42,197. 7. 8 remained uncollected in respect of years ending 31st March, 1922, and 31st March, 1923, respectively, and also laid before the Council explanatory letters received from a number of Collectors on the subject. After a lengthened discussion it was decided to call on all the Collectors to lodge the full amounts of their Warrants for the Year ended the 31st March, 1922, and for the half-year ended the 30th Sept, 1922, on or before the date of the next Co. Council meeting, the rates for the half-Year ending the 31st March, 1923, to be lodged on or before the latter date.

Extension of Collection period for Newly-Appointed Collectors.

The Council decided to extend the time for
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the Completion of the Collections of the Rates and arrears in the Districts of Collectors Mc Trucky (No. 12 District), Mr. Hugh, Edward J. Roberts, and Cornac Breslin, to the 31st March 1923, these Officers having received their Warrants during the month of December, 1922.

Re Ex Collector Mr. Cole

The Secretary intimated that the former Collector had failed to submit his books & accounts to the Deputy Checker for final examination up to the date of the issue of the notice summoning the present meeting, but had since telephoned from the Military Barracks, Letter Kenny, that he would do so on the 22nd January, 1923. The presiding Chairman intimated that he believed this man would carry out the Council's requirements. It was therefore decided to take no further action in the matter for the present.

Payment of Prudage fees

The Secretary called the Council's attention to the fact that certain Collectors who had not closed their accounts for the half-year ended the 30th September 1922, within the time previously fixed by the Council, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Local Government, but had since done so. It was unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry to sanction the payment of fees to the Collectors who had closed their accounts for the period in question.

Rates on Ruined Premises of Mr. Young, Culdaff.

The Secretary submitted a communication ~~from~~ received from Mr. G. R. Young, F. D. J. Randalstown, stating that his premises situated at Culdaff were burned down last May and that he had obtained malicious injury Decrees in respect

respect of the damage which had not yet been paid. The holdings valued in one sum of £ 30.5 0 include two Gate Lodges, which it is admitted by Mr. Young and the Rate Collector for the District, have not been destroyed, and which remain in occupation of employees or tenants, and Mr. Young asked the Council to relieve him of payment of the Rates on the main structure which was burned, and make a separate assessment on the existing and occupied Gate Lodges. The Council, while sympathising with the application, felt that they had no statutory authority to accede to it, and that unless the Ministry of Local Government otherwise determine, payment of the full assessment would have to be enforced. In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that the premises had been returned for revision last year, and that it was anticipated the necessary change would be effected in the Rating after the 31st March next.

County Council of Fironaill

Copy Minutes of Proceedings at a Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th February 1923.

Attendance

The members present were -

Councillors Barry, Cannon, Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher (John E), Kelly (Henry J.), Kelly (Neal), Langan, McBoal, Mr. Daid, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Shawe, and O'Duffy.

Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, representing the Solicitor to the County Council, and Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Dept. Inspector, were also present.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (John E), Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

Adoption of Reports of Committees
The Reports of the undermentioned Committees were adopted:

Tuberculosis - Meeting held 13. 2. '23,

Finance & Proposal - Meetings held 20. 2. '23

Estimates for Year 1923-24

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Clarke the Secretary's Estimates for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March 1924, as adopted by the Finance Committee, at a meeting held on 20th February 1923, were unanimously confirmed.

In this connection Councillor Mr. Goldrick moved that in future a copy of the Secretary's Estimates be transmitted to each member of the County Council
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three clear days before the date of meeting at which the Estimates are to be submitted to the Council. Councillor Bower seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to

Proposals for Payment

Claims for Payment in respect of Salaries &c for Quarter ended 31.12.22, as reported on by the Finance Committee, were (without modifications) ordered to be paid -

Treasurer's Advice Notes

Treasurer's advice notes were submitted and duly signed.

Note of Condolence

On the motion of Councillor Bower, seconded by Councillor Clarke, a resolution of sympathy was extended to Councillor Barry on the death of his father. The resolution was passed in silence the members standing. Councillor Barry returned thanks.

Proposals for Maintenance Works &c

List of Proposals for maintenance works &c formulated by Letterkenny R.D. Council were then taken into consideration

Nos. 1214, 1216, 116, 197, 258, 261 and 264, were rejected.

Nos 498, 58, 59, 60, 61, 69, 80, 87, 90, 91, 105, 108, 137, 151, 177, 179, 185, 191, 192, 196, 204, 211, 216, 225, 243, 254, 256, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 1 Year. Nos 1221, 1224, were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor. Remaining Proposals on list were approved.

In this connection a letter was read from Mr James Quinn Deacy, Breenagh, drawing the attention of the County Council to the procedure adopted by Letterkenny Rural District Council when dealing with tenders

tenders for roads nos 74, 75, and 229, respectively, and stating that the contracts were given to another Contractor although he had no sweties present at meeting of Rural District Council Councillor Neal Keely (Chairman of the latter body) produced the three tenders lodged by Mr James Quinn which Councillor Keely stated were rejected, not being signed by the Contractor:-

Proposal no. 115, Dunfaughy R. D.

A letter was read from Councillor Fallagher (John E.), re action of the County Council in rejecting all new Works, especially proposal, no. 115.

Dunfaughy Rural District, at their last half-yearly meeting. The Chairman stated they could not re-consider their decision in the matter. He suggested that a fresh proposal be submitted to the Dunfaughy R. D. Council at their next half-yearly meeting. This course was agreed to.

Ticesuille County Hospital, Lifford,
In accordance with notice of motion, duly given, Councillor Clarke moved - "That the Ministry of Local Government be requested to have the accounts of above Institution audited under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1902". Councillor Clarke mentioned there was a sum of approximately £1,000 due to the Treasurer of the Institution.

Mr O'Harell, Local Government Inspector, said the position of Ticesuille County Hospital was rather vague, and it was desirable that the County Council should have absolute control over that Institution, and that it should be brought within the General Scheme.

The Secretary pointed out that the following note appears in amalgamation Scheme
"as the ownership of Lifford Hospital appears

appears to be vested in Trustees, the Committee decided to await fuller particulars re same before making any suggestion as to the Constitution of the management Committee"

The Council decided to give full consideration to the position of the Hospital at their next meeting

Councillor Banner seconded

Councillor Clarke's motion re requesting Local Government Department to have accounts audited

Lishlofin Pier

a letter was read from the Local Government Department requesting to be furnished with a copy of the plans of the proposed improvements to Lishlofin Pier, and intimating that the Ministry will raise no objection to Liscovall County Council's proposal to contribute £220 towards this work.

Mr. Steadman reported that plans could not be prepared at this season of the year.

Councillor O'Duffy proposed, Councillor Fallagher (John E.) seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Steadman prepare plans as soon as possible with a view to the proposed improvements being carried out at the earliest possible opportunity.

Courthouse at Letterkenny

Mr. Steadman was directed to have windows of the Courthouse at Letterkenny repaired and subsequently to have tenders issued for the remodeling of the building

Summoning of a Special Meeting

Telegrams calling attention to the report that a number of executions were to take place at Drumree Castle, Co. Liscovall, and urging that a Special meeting of the County Council be called to consider the matter with

with a view to having the executions cancelled were read. The Secretary pointed out that under the standing orders, before a special meeting could be called, it was necessary to have a requisition from five members in view of the Chairmanship of the Co. Council being vacant.

The Local Government Inspector stated there were no executions to take place. The whole thing was a fake.

Councillor O'Ruffy said he was very glad to hear the Inspector's statement. He had got some wires, one of which came from Perry, stating that these prisoners were sentenced to death, and while he did not want to place any obstacles in the way of the Government, as he had been a consistent supporter of the Free State since it came into being, he did not think it would serve any useful purpose if the executions took place. He was glad to have the assurance that there was no truth in the report.

Ex Collectors Gavigan, Drogan, and Roberty George Letters were read from the Local Govt. Dept. sanctioning the superannuation allowances granted by the Tipperary County Council to Ex Rate Collectors Michael Drogan and George Roberty.

With regard to Ex Collector Gavigan the Ministry of Local Government wrote stating that as Mr. Gavigan had not had 20 Years Service he is not eligible for a Pension under the Union Officers Superannuation Act, 1865, as applied by Local Government Act 1898.

Mr. F. Gallagher, Solicitor, Banegal appeared before the Council on behalf of Mr. Gavigan.

Mr. Savigan and asked the Council to request the Ministry of Local Government to reconsider their decision, and pointed out that Mr. Savigan is entitled to a pension under Section 8 (9 & 10 Geo 5 c. 19) of the 3rd June 1919.

Councillor Kelly (Avery J.) proposed. Councillor Barry seconded, and it was unanimously resolved: "That we respectfully ask the Ministry of Local Government to reconsider the question of Collector Savigan's pension and beg to draw their attention to Section 8 of the Local Government amending act 1919, under which he seems perfectly entitled to a pension."

Explosives

a letter from the Commandant General, Broomfield Castle, Stranorlar, intimating that a Circular has been received from the Chief Ordnance Officer to the effect that "Cheddite" may be issued under certain conditions, to County Councils, having been read, the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to each County Surveyor.

License to Sell Blasting Powder

an application by Messrs John Sweeney & Son, Ltd., merchants, Dunblae, for a License to sell Blasting Powder, having been considered, the application was acceded to, subject to the approval of the military authorities.

Roads, County Surveyors' Examinations

a letter from the Secretary County Council's General Council forwarding, for the information of Tivonaill County Council, copies of resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the General Council and brought before the Minister for Local Government by a Deputation from the Council was read

Unemployment and Relief of Distress Grants

Remuneration to County & Assistant Surveyors

a letter from the Ministry of Local Government refusing to sanction the proposal to remunerate the County and Assistant Surveyors on a percentage basis in connection with above grants, and adding that the situation may be met with more advantage to the County Council, and to the Surveyors themselves by allowing vouchers travelling expenses, as per terms of Circular letter No/101 of the 29th July 1922. Also that the Ministry will sanction refund by County Council of motor tax paid by Surveyors only in cases where these officers supply weekly returns of their travelling expenses and Diary on roads Department Form R. 1, having been read. Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) proposed, and Councillor Mc Gredrick seconded that the Ministry of Local Government's scheme be adopted.

Councillor Clarke proposed as an amendment, and Councillor Bonner seconded, that the Ministry of Local Government be asked to reconsider the matter and allow the 2% arrangement made by the County Council to stand until the 1st March 1923, after which the Local Government's Department's scheme to come into operation.

A vote was then taken

For the motion - Councillors Boyle, Kelly (Henry J.), Kelly (Neal), Langan, Mc Gaid, & Mc Gredrick - 6

Against - Councillors Barry, Bonner, Clarke, Gallagher (John E.), Mc Gool, Mc Shane, and O'Duffy - 7

The Chairman declared the amendment carried
Waiver

a letter from the Local Government Department transmitting, for the information of Finance Committee, copy of a communication addressed

addressed by them to the Letterkenny Rural District Council regarding the proposed appointment of Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, as Valuer in connection with claims under the Linnamur Injuries Act, having been read. The Local Government Department Inspector stated that Mr. O'Callaghan was appointed Valuer prior to the date of the Co. Council's resolution requesting that those Rural District Councils who had not appointed Valuers make no such appointment as it was most desirable that Mr. W. J. Doherty (the Valuer appointed by the County Council) should act in the cases of those Councils with a view to avoiding unnecessary expense. The Secretary was directed to reply to the Ministry of Local Government to that effect—

re Opening of the Oheir Hospital

a letter was read from Mr. Ralph H. Reid, Solicitor, Bellefleurhamon, requesting to be furnished with a copy of all correspondence that passed between the County Council and the Oheir Hospital representatives with a view, if necessary, to take legal proceedings to have the Oheir Hospital open. The Secretary stated that no communications passed between the County Council and the Oheir Hospital representatives.

Unemployment & Relief of Distress Grants
a report of Mr. Coffey, County Surveyor, re stamping of Workmen's Cards under the National Health Insurance Act, was read. The Council decided that the Workmen's Cards would have to be stamped in conformity with the Act of Parliament. Councillor Boyle here referred to the work that was being done in connection

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with above Grants in the Rosses District and stated there was no satisfactory supervision of the workmen, he therefore proposed that Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor, and his assistant (Mr Kearney) reside in the Rosses District until the work was completed. Cndd that the work begin not later than Monday 26th inst. Councillor Kelly (Henry A.) seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to

Remodelling of Large Room in County House
Lifford

The Council deferred the consideration of plan, specification and Estimate in connection with the proposed alterations in large room in County House, Lifford, with a view to providing accommodation for members of the Clerical Staff - Rate Dept. and also offices for the County Surveyors

County Road in Gortleck

Having regard to a letter from Mr James Mc Laughlin, Cahane, Linsfort, Buncrana, drawing attention to the bad condition of the County road in Gortleck, Dunshower Barrow District. Mr Stedman, County Surveyor, reported that he had said road repaired

Flooding of Premises

with reference to the letter from Mr Daniel O'Roberty, Gortnahinson, Clonmany, complaining of the destruction done to his property by flooding caused by the action of Mr Patrick Quigley of Gortnahinson, in building a fence across the drain of the road. Mr Stedman, County Surveyor, reported that a settlement had been arrived at between Daniel O'Roberty and Patrick Quigley

Claims for Damages

with reference to the claims for damages by

by Mr Hutchinson and Mr Rafferty, alleged to have been caused by County Council's Steam Rolling Plant, on the report of Mr Steadman, County Surveyor, having been read, it was decided in Hutchinson's case to deny liability, and in Rafferty's case the County Surveyor was directed to have the necessary repairs carried out.

The consideration of a letter from Mr John Wray, Collector, Kameelon, on behalf of Mr James W. Rodgers of Coalbony Letterkenny, applying for payment of £20. damages sustained by him owing to County Council's Contractors having carted 200 tons of the surface clay out of the quarry in Coalbony for filling in sides of County roads at the latter place, was postponed until next meeting.

Condition of Roads and a Bridge

A letter signed by certain ratepayers of the Illies and District re the neglected, disgraceful, and dangerous condition of the roads in this District, and in particular the road from Cocksill Chapel to the Illies, and also the dangerous structure that has to do duty for a bridge on same road, having been read, Mr Steadman stated that the roads were receiving his attention, and that he had taken tenders for the repair of the bridge referred to, and the work would soon be started.

Spreading of Road material

The Chairman drew Mr Steadman's attention to the manner in which metal was applied to the roads from Lifford to Letterkenny at Ballyshaley. Mr Steadman stated he would attend.

attend to the matter.

Army supplies

Copy of a Resolution passed by Monaghan County Council Calling on the Army Council to suspend the Order that all supplies be ordered from Central Depots in the large cities, thereby depriving the local traders and manufacturers of the opportunity of competing was, on the motion of Councillor Keely (Henry J.) seconded by Councillor Banner, unanimously adopted -

The Local Government Department Inspector stated that any local trader had a right to tender & provided his quotations were not in excess of the price of the firm approved by the Local Government (all other things being equal) his tender could be considered.

Allocation of the Relief of Distress Grant

a letter from Mr. Teague Mac Fadden, the Cottage, Carrigart, enclosing copies of Resolutions passed at a meeting of the people of Carrigart, regarding the allocation of the Relief of Distress Grant, and other matters connected therewith was read, as were also copies of resolutions on the same subject passed at a meeting of Farmers Union and Unemployed Ratepayers of Kildareman and District, ~~unanimously~~ and no action taken.

Limit of Road Expenditure Belford R. D.

a letter from the Clerk Belford R. D. Council intimating that that body request the County Council to increase the Limit of Expenditure on roads for the ensuing financial year by £2541.5.0, having been read, the request was acceded to

Superannuation.

a letter from the Ministry of Local Government stating

stating that the keeper of a County or Sessions
Court-house would not appear to be an
Officer of the County Council for the
purpose of Superannuation, was read
Registration and Licensing of mechanically
Propelled Road Vehicles

a letter from the Ministry of Local Government
on the above subject, and appointment of
Local Taxation Officer, having been read, the
Local Government Department Inspector stated
that he proposed to interview the Secretary
on the matter with a view to the motor
tax to be collected by one of the members
of the office staff until the County Council
are in a position to appoint a local
Taxation Officer. The Council approved
of the proposal—

Engine Shed at Kifford

Mr. Sheddman, County Surveyor, informed the
Council that their Engine Shed at Kifford,
which was taken possession of by Mr.
McHenry of Strabane in May last, and used
by him as a motor garage had, owing to
the doors being broken, been wrecked by
the recent gale on night of 7th inst.
That he had brought the matter
before the Council some weeks ago but
that Mr. McHenry ~~persisted~~ persisted in retaining
possession of the shed and had motor
cars in the shed when it was blown
down.

District Sessions Court

On the motion of Councillor Barry, seconded
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by Councillor Bower, it was unanimously resolved: (1) That we, the members of Irisuaill County Council take this opportunity of congratulating the Government on the forward step they took when they established the District ^{sessions} Courts, and express our appreciation of the good work accomplished by these Courts in restoring settled conditions, and in putting down crime, and we consider that the success they have secured is very largely due to the goodwill accorded to them by people of all parties in the present unhappy state of our Country, as every patriotic Irishman, no matter on what side in the present conflict, is agreed that a determined effort should be made to rid the Country of the evil doers who are taking advantage of the disturbed conditions for their own criminal ends.

(2) That we think the usefulness of these Courts should be increased by giving them extended jurisdiction in civil matters, and we respectfully warn the Government against the folly of thinking that the Country will ever be content with the old British Court system that was at once clumsy, expensive, and un-Irish—

Playing Football in Streets of Rifford.
The Secretary was directed to bring under the notice of the Superintendent of the Civic Guard, Letterkenny, the custom of playing Football on Rifford Square and streets with the result that several panels
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of glass have been broken in the Courthouse and County House and to point out that the County Council have to replace the damage done at considerable expense and they request the Superintendent to be good enough to have this abuse stopped.

Protection Wall

a letter dated 17.2.23 from the Congested Districts Board, acknowledging receipt of the letter (no. 603) of the Tircouaille County Council of the 30th instants, with copy of County Surveyor's Report, relative to the above subject, and stating that they cannot undertake the proposed work, as the cost thereof would be excessive, having regard to the value of the Island, was read.

Scheme of Instruction in Irish

a letter was read from the Gaelic League organizer for Ulster requesting the Tircouaille County Council to give consideration to a proposal to strike a rate of one penny in the £1. for the purpose of providing funds for a Scheme of Instruction in Irish under the Technical Instruction Scheme.

The organizer not being present it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter to later on in the day. Subsequently the Organizer appeared before the Council but as most of the members had gone home the Chairman refused to take the matter into consideration.

Transfers

Transfers were directed to be made to the under-mentioned Bodies -

Rural District Councils £1280 - Tircouaille Mental Hospital £9128.15.

Committee of Agriculture, &c. £637

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Rate Collectors Personal Security

The Secretary submitted letter from the Ministry of Local Government requiring Personal Security under the prescribed form of Bonds for Messrs Hugh Mc Kuey (No. 12 District), Cornac Breslin, Patrick J. Mc Kuey, and E. J. Doherty, recently appointed Collectors of Poor Rate in the County, and for the Collectors generally after the close of the present Collections in Case Guarantee Bonds, in the prescribed form, cannot then be provided.

It was pointed out by the Secretary that Personal Security in the three first mentioned Cases was being provided, and that Mr. E. J. Doherty had now furnished the names of Messrs John Doherty, Farmer, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh, and Charles J. Doherty, Farmer, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh, as his proposed Personal Securities. These Councillor Lavinian intimated were satisfactory, and he moved that they be accepted. Councillor Bower seconded and passed unanimously.

The amount of the Personal Security in this ~~case~~ Case was fixed in the sum of £557. which represents 25% of the present Year's Collection

Collectors Harley and Michael O'Donnell

The Secretary submitted a letter from Mr. Denis Harley, Brimard, Frosses, (portion of whose books had, it was alleged, been previously seized by armed men) tendering his resignation for No. 9 Collection District in the County. This was unanimously accepted on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Clarke. The Secretary also read a communication from Collector M. O'Donnell, Meenanavy, Carrick

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(whose books and certain Cash in his Custody had been, it was alleged, also seized by armed and disguised men some time ago) in which he stated that in the absence of new Collecting books he was unable to furnish the Statement of account asked for by the County Council at their meeting held on the 23rd January, 1923. In a ^{further} letter, which was also laid before the Council, Mr O'Donnell intimated that while he was most anxious to retain the Collectorship he did not consider it advisable under existing conditions in his District, to send him new books. In view of the armed opposition encountered by both Messrs Harley & O'Donnell in the discharge of their duties, the Council, on the recommendation of the Road & Sanitary Inspector, unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor O'Duffy, to place the collection of all ^{the} Poor Rates and arrears of Rates from this date ~~for~~ these two Districts in charge of the Rates Department of the County Council, all necessary arrangements in this connection to be made in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Local Government.

Re Mr Francis Dunne's Resignation.

The Secretary informed the Council that Mr Francis Dunne's admiral, strawsler, had failed to lodge the outstanding Rates for No. 35 Collection District for the half-year ended the 31st March 1922, and amounting to £ 831.0.3, although it was on the understanding that he would place this amount to credit of the County Fund account, ^{his} resignation as collector had previously been accepted by the

the Council, and after hearing W. Mc Mullin, Solicitor, Ballybofey, on his behalf, but who was not in a position to give an undertaking that the amount in question would be lodged with the Treasurer by his Client, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Bower, to suspend Mr. Guinness from office under the terms of article 89 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, and to appoint Mr. James Mc Fowan, Navan St., Ballybofey, temporarily to the position, as suggested by the Ministry of Local Government in their letter on the subject to the Council of the 13. 12. 22, Mr. Mc Fowan to collect the arrears in the District in addition to Current Rates

Collector Peery

The Secretary submitted an application from Rate Collector Peery, Lishowen Rural District, for an increase in his poundage from 8d. to 4s. as from the 31st March, 1921. Councillor Bower proposed and Councillor Mc Goldrick seconded that the increase be granted as from the 1st April, 1922.

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) proposed as an amendment that no increase be allowed. Councillor Clarke seconded.

Voting -

For the Motion - Councillors Bavy, Bower, Boyle, Langan, Mc Goldrick, & Mc Shane - 6
against - Councillors Clarke, Gallagher (John E.), Kelly (Henry J.), Kelly (Neal), and Mc Cool - 5.

The Chairman declared motion carried
Uncollected Rates

The Secretary submitted Lists of uncollected Rates for the half-year ended the 30th Sept, 1922

1922, for Collection Districts nos 5 and 7, and it was decided to refund the amounts claimed, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government. In these cases the amounts of the Warrants for the periods mentioned had previously been lodged with the County Treasurer.

Collection of the Rates

The Secretary submitted Returns showing the Condition of the Collection of the Rate in the County on the 17th February last, from which it appeared that £ 7,250.4.9 and £ 37,378.6.5 remained uncollected in respect of the Years ending the 31st March 1922, and 31st March 1923, respectively. He also brought to the notice of the Council the laxity of Collector Breslin for no. 13. Collection District, in the discharge of his duties. His Officers Books were issued on the 13th December last, but up to the 14th January, 1923. the Lough Swilly Railway Coy. had not according to their letter to the County Office received Demands notes for Rates on their property in his area, and on Mr. Breslin's attention being called to the matter he intimated that these claims had been furnished on that date. The Deputy also reported that Mr. Breslin failed to attend at his Office for the checking of his accounts, and that according to information which he had received he had not opened his books until about the middle of January last. In his letter to the Council on the subject Collector Breslin stated that owing to the disturbed state of the district and the absence of both Civic Guard & military forces he was not in a

a position to start work immediately, after the receipt of his books, but that he was now getting on with the Collection as well as could be expected, and would have his books examined and checked by the officer appointed for that purpose. It was decided to seriously warn this Collector that he must proceed energetically with his Collection, and to make arrangements to close his accounts within the time fixed for the purpose, failing which drastic steps would be taken in this case.

No 16 Collection District

The Secretary, in reply to Councillor Boyle, intimated that no communication had as yet been received from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the Council's recommendation on the 23rd January, 1923, for official sanction of the appointment of Mr. James F. O'Donnell, Burt report, as Rate Collector for this District.

County Council of Tironaill.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings at a Special Meeting held on the 20th March, 1923.

Attendance

The Members present were:-

Councillors Barry, Bomer, Boyle, Clarke, Coak, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (John E), Kelly (John), Kelly (Neal), Myles, Mr. Cost, Mr. Nally, O'Donnell, (Hugh), O'Duffy, and O'Leaghty.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector, was also present.

Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed

Report of Committee

The Report of the Tuberculosis Committee meeting held 13th March, 1923, was unanimously adopted

Union Areas of Killea and Lifford.

A letter, dated 28.2.23 from the Ministry of Local Government transmitting copy of an Order made by the Ministry dissolving the Union areas of Killea and Lifford, and amalgamating them with the Union area of Lishowen and Stranorlar respectively, was read.

Agricultural Grant

A letter, dated 1st March 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that a Paying Order for £10,469, being in respect of the Agricultural Grant for the half-year ended 30th September, 1922, had been forwarded to the County Treasurer for credit of the account of the Tironaill County Council.

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State of the County Fund Account

The Secretary intimated that owing to the lack of funds he had to withhold transfers under Annual Estimates & Demands in respect of the Current financial Year to certain local Bodies, there was a Debit Balance of approximately £10,000, and the transfers amounted to about £30,000. It would be necessary to request the Ministry of Local Government to sanction an overdraft of £40,000.

The Local Government Department Inspector said there were sufficient Rates outstanding to meet the Council's liabilities. Some grants had been withheld owing to non-payment of Land annuities.

Councillor Boyle said those Grants mentioned by the Inspector would be a very small amount of the whole.

It was unanimously decided, subject to the sanction of the Local Govt. Department to obtain an Overdraft for £40,000 from the Treasurer at 3%.

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuity
The Secretary was directed to apply to the Irish Land Commission for a list of defaulting annuitants in Wicklow County District Courts.

A letter dated 8th March 1923, was read from the Ministry of Home Affairs acknowledging the receipt of Resolution unanimously passed by Wicklow County Council at a meeting held on 20th ultimo, expressing appreciation of the efforts of Government in establishing District Courts, enforcing the Law, and restoring conditions of peace and stability in the Country.

Claims for Heating and Cleaning Londonderry Courthouse

a letter, dated 7th March, 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government re claims in respect of the heating of Londonderry Courthouse, and the cleaning and preparing of same when cases from Buncrana, Carrisdeer, Buncross, Malin, and Moville were being held under the provisions of the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, was submitted,
Particulars of Claims:

Claimant	Particulars	Amount		
		£	s	d
Hugh C. Cochrane (under Sheriff for County Donegal)	Heating of Londonderry Courthouse	5	.	
Courtkeeper at Londonderry	Cleaning and preparing the Courthouse on above occasions			Suitable remuneration

The Ministry of Local Government state that a further sum of £5 might be considered an equitable discharge of this latter claim, and they request that Fingonall County Council will be good enough to deal with these two claims at their early convenience.

It was decided to pay the former claim and disallow the latter -

Claim for Damages

a letter was read from Mr John Wray, Esq., Ramelton, applying on behalf of Mr James W. Rodgers of Coalbwoy, Letterkenny, for £20 damages sustained by him owing to the County Council's Contractors having carted 200 tons of the surface clay out of the quarry in Coalbwoy for filling in sides of County roads there.

Mr Steadman, County Surveyor, recommended the Council to deny liability. The recommendation was adopted.

Meetings

The Secretary submitted the dates as fixed by him, for meetings of the County Council, and its Committees; also the half-yearly meetings of the various Rural District Councils in the County during the Year 1923-24, which were approved.

Contract No. 98. Dunfanaghy P. D.

A letter was read from the Clerk Dunfanaghy Rural District Council enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. John Mac Fadden, Lower Kurockastold, relative to the bad condition of above road. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that the Contractor for this road failed to perform his Contract. He (the County Surveyor) endeavoured to get another Contractor but did not succeed.

The Council decided the ratepayers of the District were responsible for the present state of the road.

Football, &c. being played on the Streets and Square of Lifford.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Civic Guard, Letterkenny, relative to the County Council's complaint of Football, &c., being played on the Streets & square of Lifford, and stating that he had issued necessary instructions, re the matter, and can confidently promise that this practice will be speedily discontinued.

Criminal Injuries Bill

Copy Resolution passed by Limerick County Council asking the Government to eliminate the Clause from Criminal Injuries Bill that prohibits citizens who have been killed or injured either maliciously or with

with Criminal intent, from State Compensation, and adding that they Consider a Clause Can be so enacted that will protect the State from any abuses that may arise from such Compensation, was unanimously adopted.

Liabilities of Ballyshannon Union

A letter from the Registrar of the County Home, Stranorlar, relative to unpaid bills of Ballyshannon Union, amounting to £1,070. 2. 9. which under clause 21 of the abolition Scheme the Committee of management of the County Home are responsible for, having been read, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Clarke, to transfer the amount to the Committee of management of the County Home, subject to adjustments to be made subsequently by the Local Government Department Auditor.

Permission to open a Gateway

An application by Mr. P. J. O'Donnell, Main St., Rathmullan, requesting the County Council to grant him permission to build up the present little gateway (3 feet wide) leading into his garden from the main street, and allow him to open another gateway instead, of same width, to the garden, but directly opposite his house in main street, having been considered, permission was granted, subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor.

Condition of a Road

A letter from Mrs. Sophia M. Bride, Rarginreegh, Carrigart, calling attention to the bad condition of the road leading into Cottage, No. 185, occupied by her. Having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for his attention.

re Flooding of Premises

A further letter from Mr. Daniel O'Doherty, Gortna-hinson, Clannamony, re. flooding of his premises, and stating Mr. Dugley of same address enlarged the end of the pipe where the water enters, but did not remove the obstruction built across the road through thereby leaving his (Daniel O'Doherty's) premises subject to the same flooding, having been read, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that the matter had been attended to.

Use of a Room in Courthouse, Ballyclannony

a letter from Mr. Seamus O'Donnell, Clerk of the District Sessions Court in Ballyclannony and Pettigo, requesting the County Council to grant him permission to use a room in Courthouse Ballyclannony as an office in which to fill up summonses, &c. having been read, the request was acceded to.

Sleepers supplied to National Troops

a letter from the Clerk Elects Rural District Council returning accounts for £8.15.6 and £1.4.0 respectively, furnished by Messrs Roudsberry and Lough Swilly Railway Company for sleepers supplied to National Troops at Crolley and Dungle Road stations in connection with road repairs, and pointing out that the District Council have no means of checking these accounts, and they consider the County Council and their Officers are the proper authority to deal with these claims having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for investigation, He to report to the County Council

Condition of the lower portion of Main Street, Lifford.

a letter from Messrs Wm Bamford, James Bryson,

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and Thomas Brennan, residents in Main St., Lifford. Calling the County Council's attention to the state of the lower portion of this street, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for his immediate attention.

Proposed superannuation of Mr. James Gavigan, a further letter, dated 9th March 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the proposed superannuation of Mr. James Gavigan, ex Rate Collector, by the Fircorail County Council, and pointing out that Mr. Gavigan was appointed in 1907 when he was 57 years of age, and he would only be entitled to a pension if he were a whole time Officer, and had completed 20 years service when retiring on the ground of old age (vide Section 3 of the Union Officers Superannuation Act 1865).

The Local Government Act of 1919 only protects Officers holding pensionable offices at the time of the passing of that Act under the circumstances set forth therein. Mr. Gavigan resigned without the Ministry's prior sanction, and it will be noted from sub-section 2 of Section 8 of that Act that the Ministry can only give their sanction to resignations on the ground of age when the officer in question has served for not less than 20 years. This Act does not apply to Mr. Gavigan's case, having been read, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Barry to grant an ex. gratia grant of £50. to Mr. James Gavigan who has attained advanced years, and has had many years faithful service, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

Condition of a County Road & Bridge.

A letter from Father Roberty, F.C., Dunmore, calling attention to the bad state of the road leading through very populous district - Kiurego to Shandrum. i.e. from Ellie's road (now being repaired) past Kiurego school to Clannamy road (now in excellent repair); also referring to a bridge on same road which is down. Having been read, Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor, stated that the road was put up for tender but no one came forward to take the work, and that the repair of the bridge was receiving his attention.

Copy of a resolution passed by Wilsford Rural District Council respectfully bringing before the notice of the Irish Government the great inconvenience experienced by Tircouall Emigrants to the United States America, in having no American Consulate in Southern Ireland nearer than Dublin, and urging on them the necessity of negotiations with the American authorities with a view to minimising the present difficulties and effecting a great saving to residents in the Free State. Having been considered, on the motion of Councillor O'Duffy, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) the resolution was adopted, it was requested that Letterkenny be made a Centre.

Printing of Fourth Register, &c.
A claim for £407.4.5 from the Stationery Office, Dublin, in respect of printing of fourth Register, &c. County Tircouall, under the Representation of the People Act, 1918. was submitted & payment ordered.

Censor of Cinematograph Films

a letter, dated 13th March, 1923, was read from the Ministry of Home Affairs stating, for the information of Tironaill County Council, that they have had under consideration the question of the appointment of a National Film Censor, whose duty it would be to censor all Cinematograph Films prior to their exhibition, and requesting that the Ministry of Home Affairs may be informed of the views of the County Council as to the practicability and usefulness generally of these proposals.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Barry, it was unanimously decided to adopt the proposals—

Limit of Road Expenditure. Stranorlar R.D.
Copy of a Resolution of Stranorlar Rural District Council requesting the Local Government Dept. for their sanction to an extension of the existing Limit of Road Expenditure by £5,781.6.0 in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 1924, was unanimously adopted.

Limit of Road Expenditure. Ballyshannon R.D.
a letter from the Clerk Ballyshannon Rural District Council stating that that Body, at a meeting held on 10th March, 1923, unanimously decided to request the Tironaill County Council to apply to the Ministry of Local Government for sanction to an extension of the existing Limit of road expenditure by £1,585— in respect of the ensuing financial year for this District was read and request unanimously acceded to—

Claim for Quarrying Stones

a letter from Mr. Con Haulon, Cloughwally, Letternacaward, desiring to bring before Tironaill County Council a grievance in respect of work

work performed and unpaid for in a quarry situated at Cloughwally bridge under the Unemployment and Relief of Distress Grants having been read, and having heard the County Surveyor's Report on the matter the Secretary was directed to state in reply that the County Council are prepared to give 5% per ton for the quarried stones which are to be carted out of the quarry as may be directed by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

Tirone County Hospital

The Council then took into consideration the question of the position of Tirone County Hospital at Kippford under the abolition of workhouses and the reorganization of Hospitals Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was unanimously resolved that the County Hospital at Kippford be brought within the Scheme and that at the next meeting of the County Council a Committee of management be appointed to administer the affairs of said institution.

County Council Scholarship Scheme

a letter was read from Mrs. K. M. Colgan, "The Store", Cuedaff, requesting to be furnished with particulars of above Scheme. The Secretary was directed to send her a copy and to state that it is the one at present in force.

Proposed alterations in Central Home and District and Fever Hospitals

The Secretary was directed to summon a meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the County Council for the purpose of considering

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Considering plans &c of the proposed alterations in the Central Home at Stranorlar and District and Fever Hospital at Gouegal, Glenties, Letterkenny, and Carradunagh, - meeting to be held on 24th prox. at Lifford, at the hour of 10 a.m.

Central Home at Stranorlar

It was unanimously decided to authorise the Committee of management of the Central Home to proceed with their proposed scheme in connection with water and light for the Institution, at a cost not to exceed £900.

Courthouse at Gouegal

A letter from Mr. Hugh O. Cochrane, Under Sheriff for County Donegal, enclosing copy letter he received from Mr. Francis Fallagher, Solicitor, Donegal, and photographs of the premises of Mr. Mc. Lutyre, merchant, Donegal, which are suitable for a Courthouse, and stating that Mr. Mc. Lutyre would be willing to exchange them for the site of the old Donegal Courthouse together with the Deed held by the County Council for same. Mr. F. Fallagher, Solr. Donegal, appeared before the Council on behalf of Mr. Mc. Lutyre.

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Banner, it was unanimously decided to postpone consideration of the matter until their next May meeting, in the meantime a small committee consisting of Councillors Myles, Barry, and Pastor H. J. Wadnock, in conjunction with Mr. John Caffrey, County Surveyor, go into the matter and report to the County Council.

Polling Districts

a letter, dated 13th February, 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government drawing

The attention of Tipperary County Council to the provisions of the Electoral Bill, now before the Dail, in relation to the creation of Polling Districts and places for the purposes of the Dail and Senatorial Elections, was read, as was also a letter from the Returning Officer for the County, stating that with reference to his interview with the Secretary to the County Council relative to the re-arrangement of Polling Districts in the County, and after consulting the Registration Officer, they are of opinion that the existing proposals & arrangements already put before the County Council, and passed by them in 1922, viz:-

"That each Registration Unit in the County should form a separate Polling District, and that the place to poll in such Polling District so formed should be the area of the Unit, with the exception that in the Rural Districts of Letterkenny and Dromahaire respectively, the place to poll for the Units of Letterkenny Rural and Buncrana Rural, should be in the towns of Letterkenny & Buncrana for the respective Units"

would be the most suitable arrangement for voters in the County. By this arrangement he would point out the majority of the proposed Polling Districts will have between 500 and 1000 Voters.

Having considered the matter fully it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Barry, "ay"

That each registration Unit in the County of Tipperary form a separate Polling District and that the place to poll in such Polling

Falling District so formed be the area of the Unit with the exception that in the Rural Districts of Letterkenny and Inishowen, respectively, the place to fall for the Units of Letterkenny Rural and Buncrana Rural be in the towns of Letterkenny & Buncrana for the respective Units."

Registration and Licensing of mechanically propelled Road Vehicles
The Council then proceeded to appoint a Temporary Clerk to carry out the duties in connection with above. Remuneration £4. per week.

A telegram from the Local Government Department giving result of Tax Collectors Examination in order of merit: numbers 10, 21, 3, 11 and 8. Others failed. No. 20 was up goods in English and arithmetic, sent us Irish paper was read.

Councillor Boyle proposed that the Candidate who received the highest number of marks be appointed to the position. Councillor Barry seconded.

Councillor O'Duffy proposed as an amendment that any Candidate who qualified be eligible for election. Councillor Kelly (neal) seconded.

A vote was then taken for the motion - Councillors Barry, Bremer, Boyle, Clarke, Hyles, McBoal, - 6.

against - Councillors O'Connell, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (John E.), Kelly (John), Kelly (neal), McNaally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Duffy and O'Flaherty - 9

The Chairman declared motion lost and amendment carried.

(1) Councillor Gallagher (John E.) proposed and Councillor

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- Councillor Kelly (John) seconded that Mr. John Fallagher, Ballina, Talcarragh, be appointed.
- (2) Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) proposed that Patrick McDermott of Ballinacait be appointed. Councillor O'Flaherty seconded.
- (3) Councillor Myles proposed that Mr. Higgins of Ballyshannon be appointed. Councillor Barry seconded.
- (4) Councillor O'Flaherty proposed that Miss Eva Boyle, Castlefin, be appointed. Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) seconded.
- (5) Councillor McBride proposed that Mr. James McDermott of Glenties be appointed. Councillor Banner seconded.

A vote was then taken for Mr. Fallagher. Councillors Banner, Boyle, Clarke, Cole, Fallagher (Anthony), Fallagher (John E.), Kelly (John), Kelly (Neal), McWally, and O'Ruffy - 10.

- For Mr. McDermott - Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) - 1
 For Mr. Higgins - Councillors Barry & Myles - 2
 For Miss Boyle - Councillor O'Flaherty - 1
 For Mr. ~~James~~ McDermott - Councillor McBride - 1

The Chairman declared Mr. John Fallagher duly appointed, subject to the approval of the Road Government Department.

It was decided that Mr. Fallagher enter into a Bond with the County Council with two solvent Sureties in the sum of £500. The Bond to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council.

Councillor O'Ruffy submitted a Sureties. Messrs Michael Mac Fadden, Merchant and Hotel Proprietor, Gortahork, and James O'Donnell

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James O'Donnell, merchant, Galcarragh. The Council approved of these Surveys.

Future appointments

The Local Government Inspector stated he desired to ascertain if it was the desire of the County Council that all future appointments be Competitive. The Council decided in the affirmative.

Unemployment and Relief of Distress Grants Remuneration to Surveyors on a percentage Basis

a letter, dated 6th March, 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the decision of the Ministry refusing to sanction the proposal of Tirone County Council to remunerate Surveyors on a percentage basis will not be altered. If the Council are still anxious to remunerate the Surveyors in connection with the outlay of necessity incurred by them during recent months, they (the Ministry) will give favourable consideration to any reasonable proposition put forward, based on actual expenses. The Surveyors are bound to keep Diaries, and so there should be no difficulty in furnishing up a "Form" R.I. for each and every week. The Council are prepared to take into consideration in the matter of remuneration for past services, having been read, the Secretary was directed to write and ask the County and Assistant Surveyors to make out claims in accordance with the Local Govt. Departments Scheme, and furnish same to the County Council for consideration.

Road Board Grant

Councillor Bunker referred to the Grant obtained from the Road Board for repairs to the Redcastle - Merville Road, and

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and stated that he understood that repeated applications had been made by Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for an instalment of the grant but without success. The Local Government Department Inspector intimated he would take the matter up with the proper Department.

Road Roller & Breaker

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated that a light Road Roller and Breaker were required in connection with roads in Counties Rural District. He was directed to submit a Report and Estimate to next meeting of the County Council -

Claim for Superannuation allowance
a letter from Messrs Edward Mc Fadden and Coy. Solicitors, Letterkenny, enclosing an application by Miss Sarah Wallace, late Matron of the Letterkenny Fever Hospital, for superannuation allowance on loss of Office under the Hospitals Re-organization Scheme of the County Council having been read, and the application duly considered, it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), to grant her £70- per annum, subject to the approval of the Local Government Department. Length of Service 30½ Years
Total Salary and Emoluments £121. 7. 3 per annum.

Rents of Courthouses

The Secretary submitted agreements duly signed by persons agreeing to let their premises to the Tirone County Council for the purpose of holding Sittings of the District Courts

The Secretary intimated that the Owner
of

of the Courthouse in Killybegs inserted in agreement £20. as the yearly rent he would accept for the premises but the amount of rent which the County Council can legally pay, under the Law as at present stands is £10. The Secretary was directed to write him to that effect

Mr Keen to Tirone County Council
The conveyance in above in respect of plots of land at Roughpart, in the parish of Aughrannishin, for a quarry, was submitted, and the Seal of the Council ordered to be affixed thereto -

Suspension of Sheep at Fairs
The Council decided to instruct their inspectors appointed under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Act to visit Fairs in the County during the current year for the purpose of examining sheep with a view to ascertaining if they are free from Scab. The fairs to be attended to be the same as those selected for the year 1922.

District Courts

The question of supplying the District Sessions Clerks with presses for the preservation of the books, records, documents &c of which they are the Custodians, and for which they are responsible, was taken into consideration

The Secretary was directed to furnish each County Surveyor with a list of the Courthouses in their respective Districts with a view to the Surveyors ascertaining the number of presses required & reporting to the County Council as to cost, &c

District and Fever Hospital at Donegal

A Card, dated 15th March 1923, was read from Dr E. F. O'Sullivan, The Surgeon, who is withdrawing his resignation as a member of the Committee of Management of Donegal District and Fever Hospital. The resignation was accepted.

Burtonport Harbour Improvements

A letter concerning improvements at Burtonport Harbour was submitted by the Local Government Inspector. He stated the original scheme included a Ferro Concrete Pier, at a cost of £13,500 - but now it was proposed to proceed with the wharf and dredging, leaving the construction of the Ferro Concrete Pier for the present.

It was estimated that the wharf and dredging would cost £5,000 - and the County Council's opinion in the matter was requested.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Barry, that the construction of the wharf and dredging be proceeded with, the building of the Ferro Concrete Pier not to be gone on with at present.

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The Proposed appointment of Mr. James F. O'Donnell
as Rate Collector

a letter dated 5th March 1923 was read from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the proposed appointment of Mr. James F. O'Donnell, Burtoupost, as Rate Collector, and stating that the letter of the Ministry of Local Government on the subject of the 10th January last explains their position.

The Secretary pointed out that the Council at their meeting held on the 23rd January 1923, had decided that in the event of this appointment not being approved advertisements should be issued declaring the position vacant and inviting applications for the post. This course, the Secretary added, had been adopted

No 16 Collection District Appointment
of Collector

The Secretary intimated that no applications had been received for this vacant Collectorship, but Councillor O'Duffy stated that Mr. James P. Gallagher, Killeenavragh, Croxley, who had formerly acted as Collector in this area, had duly posted an application and if it had not reached the County Office the fact was not that of the Candidate who was in attendance. The latter, in reply to the Chairman, confirmed Councillor O'Duffy's statement and handed in Registered Postal Receipt, and it was then decided to consider Mr. Gallagher as a Candidate.

In answer to the Local Government Inspector Mr. Gallagher intimated that the termination of his appointment as Collector in 1916 arose through troubles which he

he had had with a man in the District, and that if now elected to the Office he would be prepared to discharge his duties satisfactorily, in accordance with the Council's requirements, and provide the necessary Security. He added that he had lodged the full amount of Rates collected by him up to the date when he had ceased to hold this Office in 1916.

On the motion of Councillor O'Suffy, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (John E.), it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr Gallagher for the District, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

During the progress of the meeting Mr Gallagher's application was delivered to the Secretary through the Post.

Rate Collector Mr. Gluchey - Collection District No. 14.
 The Secretary submitted correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government, the Guarantee Society, and Mr. Joseph ~~Mc~~^{Chinney} Sandfield, and also, regarding the illness of his father, Rate Collector Frank Mc. Gluchey, as attested by a medical Certificate produced, and on Mr. Joseph Mc. Gluchey's application it was decided to appoint him Deputy Collector under article 94, Public Bodies Order 1904, for the District until such time as his father would be sufficiently restored to health to resume work.

Rate Collectors Personal Security

The Secretary submitted letter from the Council's Solicitor intimating that Collectors Coruac Breslin, Hugh Mc. Merty, & E.J. Doherty, had not yet completed their personal security Bonds although he had repeatedly written them on the matter. It was decided to seriously warn these Officers that unless they took immediate steps to have these Bonds completed

Completed drastic steps would be taken in these cases

Collection of the Rates
The Secretary reported that the Collection of the Rates in many Districts of the County was still in an unsatisfactory condition, and that particulars in all these cases had been furnished to the Local Government Inspector. Special attention was called to the case of Collector Breslin who had attended once only at the Deputy's Office for the checking of the accounts since his books were issued, and who had failed to lodge the amount of his collection, as then ascertained, until a fortnight afterwards. Councillor O'Duffy stated that this Collector had considerable difficulties to contend with in the discharge of his duties and that he had informed him that he would have his books submitted for examination regularly in future. It was decided to warn this Collector that any further laxity on his part in the discharge of his duties would result in drastic steps being taken.

Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors accounts
The Local Government Inspector called attention to the delay of certain Deputies in forwarding Collectors fortnightly returns, and it was decided to call on these Officers to make arrangements to ensure of the prompt transmission to the County Office of these Returns in future.

Collectors Mulhern and Peery
The Secretary intimated that Collectors Mulhern and Peery had closed their accounts for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1922, and it was decided to pay these Officers poundage fees at the usual Rates, subject to

to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government

List of uncollected Rates - M. Peery

The Secretary submitted list of uncollected Rates in the District of Collector Peery for the half-Year ended the 31st March 1922, and it was decided to refund the amounts claimed, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

This Collector had previously lodged the full amount of his warrant for the half-Year ended the 31st March, 1922.

Rate Notices to Ratepayers in Nos 9 & 19

Collection Districts

The question of providing either additional Clerical assistance or of calling on the present Staff in the Rates Department to perform, in addition to their present duties, the work of sending out notices to Ratepayers in Nos 9 and 19 Collection Districts, requiring them to pay the amounts of the current Rates and arrears on their holdings to the County Treasurer, was discussed at length, and it was decided to place the whole matter in the hands of the Local Government Inspector for the purpose of making all necessary arrangements.

County Council of Tipperary.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings at a Special Meeting held on the 24th day of April 1923.

Attendance

The Members present were:

Councillors Barry, Bannet, Clark, Gallagher (Anthony), Myles, Mr. Daid, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh) and O'Flaherty.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector, and Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, representing the Solicitor to the County Council, were also present.

On the motion of Councillor Mr. Daid, seconded by Councillor Mr. Kelly, Councillor Mr. Goldrick was moved to the Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed —

Reports of Committees

The Reports of the undermentioned Committee were unanimously adopted.

Tuberculosis Meeting held 10th April 1923.

Special Committee appointed to consider Plans of proposed improvements at Central Home and District and Fever Hospital

" " 24th April 1923

Chairman of Stranorlar P. D. Council

Copy Resolution unanimously passed by Stranorlar Rural District Council appointing Mr. John Mr. Bennett, Rosgier Ballinacraig, Chairman of the District Council, in room of Mr. Joseph Mr. Ginty, Stranorlar, the latter being disqualified through

through non-attendance, was read. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Mr. Bennett as a member of the County Council.

The ex. Collector James Garigan.
 a letter dated 5th April 1923. L.G. G 13314/23, Tircouaill County, from the Ministry of Local Govt. regarding the proposal of the Tircouaill County Council to make Ex Gratia Grant of £50. to Mr. James Garigan, ex Collector, and stating that the Council have no Legal power to make such payment, and adding that Mr. Garigan is not entitled to Superannuation, was read.

Mr. Francis Gallagher, Sub. Ponegal, appeared on behalf of ex. Collector James Garigan and requested the Council to ask the Ministry of Local Government to be good enough to re-consider their decision in the matter. On the motion of Councillor Barry, seconded by Councillor Bramer, it was unanimously resolved: That the County Council ask the Ministry of Local Government to re-consider their decision with regard to the question of Superannuation of ex. Collector James Garigan, in view of his faithful service, his continuance in Office at the express request of the Council last year, and the recent Local Government Act.

Labours Act - Repayment of Outstanding Loans
 a Statement, dated 23rd March, 1923, received from the Ministry of Local Government, showing particulars of amounts permitted to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer Contribution to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding Loans under the Labours Act charged on certain Rural Districts in Tircouaill County, was read.

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Fee for Audit of County Council after a letter, dated 27th March, 1923. L.G. 9171. Miscellaneous, from the Ministry of Local Govt. pointing out to the Tircouall County Council that the fee of £100 assessed for the audit of their accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1920, has not been paid, and requesting payment of the amount, having been read, it was decided to accede to the request.

Temporary Overdraft

a letter, dated 28th March, 1923. L.G. G 12381/23. Tircouall County - from the Ministry of Local Government sanctioning the borrowing by the Tircouall County Council of a Temporary Overdraft not exceeding £40,000, up to the 30th June next, under Section 3 of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, and adding that the Overdraft may bear interest at the rate not exceeding 4% was read. In this connection a letter was read from the Local Government Inspector re payment of Grants.

Registration and Licensing of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles

a letter, dated 29th March, 1923. M. 7/7. Bowgal, from the Ministry of Local Government relative to the proposal of Tircouall County Council to appoint Mr John Gallagher as Temporary Local Taxation Officer in connection with the above duties in Bowgal County, and stating that this appointment is not subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government. The Department, however, see no objection to the proposed arrangement, but they cannot at present commit themselves to a promise to refund a definite weekly salary as they will in due course have to

to satisfy themselves that whatever refund may be applied for has been properly incurred under the terms of Section 3.

(4) (a) of the Roads Act 1920, was read.

Local Elections Postponement Act, 1922.

An Order, dated 11th April 1923, made by the Ministry of Local Government postponing the day for the holding of the next statutory Election of County Councillors, Councillors of Rural Districts and Guardians in Urban Districts to the 12th day of September, 1923, was submitted.

re Remuneration to Courtkeeper at Londonderry,

a letter, dated 16th April 1923, L.G. G 13905/23. Tinscaille County, from the Ministry of Local Govt with further reference to their communication of the 7th ultimo respecting the remuneration claimed by the Courtkeeper ^{at} ~~at~~ Londonderry, the Ministry desire to state that they understand from ~~the~~ Ministry of Home Affairs that the claim for £5 is reasonable, covering, as it does, the services of the Courtkeeper on 48 occasions when the Londonderry Courthouse was used for Co. Tinscaille business. It is therefore hoped that the Council will see their way to meet this claim, having been read, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Banner, seconded by Councillor Anthony Gallagher, to adhere to the Council's previous decision in the matter.

Demand upon Bundoran U.D. Council
Financial Year 1922-23

a letter, dated 11th April 1923, from the Clerk Bundoran Urban District Council with reference to the amount due by that Body to Tinscaille County Council in respect of Demand for Financial Year ended 31.3.23, and stating that the Urban District Council have ordered that payment be deferred until

a substantial lodgment of Rates is made, and regret delay, was read. The Secretary stated that the amount due by Bundoran U. D. Council in respect of financial Year Year ended 31.3.23 was £632.3.9

Demand upon Bundoran U. D. Council
Financial Year 1922-23

The Secretary also stated that the whole amount (£980.18.5) of Demand in respect of above periods was due by Bundoran U. D. Council.

It was unanimously decided to call upon these Bodies to have the respective sums lodged immediately to Credit of the General County Fund account
Steam Road Roller

a letter, dated 28th March, 1923, from the Clerk Bundoran U. D. Council desiring to be informed at about what date will it be convenient for the County Council of Tisconaille to hire the services of their Steam Road Roller to the former Council for work in Bundoran area, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Coffey, County Surveyor,

Legal System. Setting up of a Commission
Copies of resolutions passed by Dúnshannon Rural District Council welcoming the action of the Government in setting up a Commission to report on an up-to-date, cheap, and efficient legal system in substitution for the slow, expensive, and cumbersome judicial machinery that has hitherto existed in this County; also urging the extension of the jurisdiction of the County Courts so that cases that had formerly to go to Dublin may henceforth be tried in the parties own County, and requesting their representatives in the Senate and Dail

to Champion these reforms, were read and no action taken the County Council having already adopted similar Resolutions
Contract No. 56. Genties P. D.

A letter from Mr. Michael Gallagher, Road Contractor, Stranaglen, Genties, stating that owing to being in bad health he is not able to carry out his Contract, No. 56, Genties P. D., having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Saffrey County Surveyor, for a report.

re Sale of Scrap

A letter from Messrs O'Flaherty and Mr. Guinness, Strabane, offering 15/- for the old iron lying on the site of the old Jail at Rifford, having been read, on the suggestion of Mr. Spedman Esq. Surveyor, the matter was left in his hands, to report to County Council at next meeting.

A similar decision was come to by the Council in regard to an offer made by Mr. Wm. Mc Luer, Pound St. Carrindough, in respect of Scrap in the old Courthouse at Carrindough.

re Making of a New Road.

A letter from Mr. T. E. Conaghan, B. A. Solicitor, Berrig. Stating that he has been consulted by Mr. Wm. Mc Laughlin, Mr. James Devlin, and Mr. John Devlin, all of Kesh, with reference to a road which was granted them by the County Council. That his clients got instructions from Mr. A. W. Mc Laughlin, Esq., to proceed with the work of constructing a road, and they did so on the 25th January of the present year.

As soon as they started the work Mr. P. O'Flaherty interfered with his clients and prevented them carrying on the work.

He (Mr. Conaghan) would like to know whether his clients will receive protection in the making of the road or whether the County Council will make the road themselves? Having been read, Mr. Madden, County Surveyor, stated that the Contractor was responsible for the making of the road.

Workmen's Compensation Act

A letter from Mr. James O'Neill, Acting Secretary to County Board Committee of Agriculture stating that his Committee at their last meeting had under consideration the desirability of insuring their Officers under the Workmen's Compensation Act. It was decided to insure four Inspectors and the Acting Secretary, and the point was raised as to whether the Committee is liable in respect of the casual workers engaged at the Committee's two nursery plots, and working under the supervision of the Inspector of Forestry; also of liability exists in respect of students attending any of the various classes held under the Scheme of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. The Committee would like to have legal advice from the Council's Solicitor on the points raised, having been read, the matter was referred to Co. Board Committee of Agriculture with a view to their consulting the Solicitor to the County Council.

Boyal District Hospital Committee

A recommendation of Boyal District Hospital Committee that Dr. Michael McGettigan, B.M.S., be appointed a member of the Committee in place of Dr. E. J. O'Sullivan, M.S., was adopted.

re Use of County Councils Engines
 A letter from Mr Patrick Diver, Tirconaille St. Ponegal, applying for the use of the County Councils Engines and Driver to bring his Traction Engine from Garrison to Ponegal, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr Caffrey County Surveyor.

District and Fever Hospitals at Carndonagh
 A letter was read from the Clerk to the Committee of management District and Fever Hospital at Carndonagh, stating that the following members have resigned, and the Committee request the County Council to take the necessary steps to have the vacancies filled:

Rev. Canon Smith, R.S. Generaly Rectory.

Miss Treu Colquhoun, Gloneau, Buncrana.

On the motion of Councillor Bruner, Mr John Scott, Baskill, Generaly, was appointed in place of the Rev. Canon Smith.

Councillor Mr. Galdrick intimated he would furnish the Secretary County Council with name and address of the successor to Miss Treu Colquhoun.

Secondary Teachers - Claims for Higher Remuneration

Copy Resolution passed by Dublin Corporation approving of the claims of the Association of Secondary Teachers, and desiring to impress on the Government the urgent necessity of taking into immediate consideration their claims for higher remuneration, fixity of tenure of position, &c, having been read, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to adopt the Resolution.

Transfers

At the request of the Committee of management of the Central Home at Stranorlar it was decided

decided to transfer to them the first instalment (£2041) of Annual Estimate and Demand in respect of the Current Financial Year.

It was also decided to transfer the sum of £1316 1.9 to the Committee of Management of the Central Home for the purpose of paying superannuation allowance under the Scheme for the abolition of Workhouses, & in Tipperary, up to and including 31.3.23.

A letter from Dublin Sinn Féin Peace Committee requesting that the following Resolution be passed -

"That this Council welcomes to Ireland His Excellency the Pt. Sec. Mounsignor Luzzio, Papal Envoy, and respectfully requests his intervention in the interests of Peace"

having been read, the Chairman said he understood it was Mounsignor Luzzio's own desire that no more Resolutions should be passed on the subject.

In deference to this wish the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

Scheme for the abolition of Workhouses
Tipperary County Hospital - Committee of Management
 The Council then proceeded to appoint a Committee of Management under above Scheme to administer the affairs of Tipperary County Hospital at Lifford.

It was unanimously decided that the total number of members of the Committee be 19, composed as follows: 10 members of the County Council, and 9 non-members.

Committee

Committee

Members of County Council

- Thomas Mac Fadden
- Michael Burns
- John E. Boyle
- James Clarke
- Henry Joseph Kelly
- Frank Joseph Lanigan
- John M. Ismatt
- Thomas M. Shams
- Hugh O. Samwell
- John O. Flaherty

New Members

- Rt. Rev. Monsignor Polarty P. P. ^{Stabane.}
- Rev. W. F. Garstan, Lifford
- Rev. A. G. Lecky, ^{Feddycross} ^{Raphin.}
- Rev. John Polarty, adu. ^{Letterkenny}
- Rev. John M. Cafferty, P. P. ^{Stranorlar.}
- Miss L. B. Brennan, Lifford
- Mr. A. R. Wagentreiber, ^{Lifford.}
- Mr. Catherine M. Fadden ^{Counyburnew Lifford.}
- Mr. R. A. Wilson, ^{Hindon Lodge} ^{Berry.}

It was resolved that five members form a quorum.

Polling Districts and Places

a letter dated 6th April 1923 F. 13460/1923, Tironeall County from the Ministry of Local Government referring to the letter of the Secretary Tironeall County Council, dated 31st March 1923 and to previous correspondence in regard to the scheme of Polling Districts and Places, and stating that the general principle upon which the scheme is framed appears to be satisfactory. Immediately upon the passing of the Electoral Bill an Order in relation to the Creation of Polling Districts, publication of Schemes &c. will be issued, and the procedure outlined in the Order should then be followed.

Tironeall Central Home

a letter from the Registrar of above Institution inquiring whether the Co. Council have a water cart not in use that they would send for use at the Central Home, having

having been read, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated there was no water cart available.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Committee of management of the Central Home, and to suggest that they ask their Engineer to report re water supply.

Road - Kincasslagh Village to Kincasslagh Road Station

The consideration of a letter, dated 5th April 1923 from the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, on above Subject, was, in the absence of the Councillors of the District, deferred until next meeting -

American Consul

A letter, dated 12th April 1923 from the Ministry of External Affairs, with reference to copy resolution passed by Tipperary County Council on 20th March with regard to the inconvenience suffered by intending emigrants from Tipperary to the U. S. A. owing to the fact that there is no American Consular representative in or near the Tipperary area, and enclosing copy of their reply to a letter recently received from Mr. Louis J. Walsh, J.P. on the same Subject, in which it is stated that representations have been made to the American Government who have recently consented that their Consuls should give visas to Irish citizens from any part of Ireland, instead of, as formerly, only to those in their particular area. As the American Government, however, is not interested in the encouragement of emigration, it is very unlikely that they will consent to increase the number of offices where visas can be obtained beyond beyond.

beyond the three already existing in Dublin, Belfast, and Cork, was read. In this connection a letter from Mr. J. F. O'Donnell, Burtownport, was also read.

Railway Station at Lifford

a letter from Mr. D. J. Maguire, Organising Librarian, County Repository, Lifford, stating that owing to the introduction of the Customs Frontier the people of Lifford and the hinterland adjoining, if not the people of North Down generally, have been put to great inconvenience by the action of the management of the County Down Railway in not arising to the changed conditions by providing accommodation at Lifford Railway Station. Goods cannot be sent or dispatched to or from Lifford. All goods must go through Strabane, having been read, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Barry, seconded by Councillor O'Fogarty -

"That the Strabane to Letterkenny Railway Company be called upon to make provision for receiving and despatching boxes & parcels of the County Down Libraries and of the County Council at the Railway Station at Lifford." —

Burtownport Harbour Improvements

a letter from Mr. James F. O'Donnell, Burtownport, stating that the weather was favourable for dredging and that the people there require some employment. He would therefore request the County Council to press for immediate resumption of the improvements at above Harbour, having been read, the Road & Waterworks Inspector intimated that the work would be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Unemployment and Relief of Distress Grants
 Copy of a resolution passed by Ballyshannon
 Workers Union, drawing attention to an
 injustice which was being perpetrated in the
 District, and pointing out that some time ago
 a certain sum was granted by the Pail to
 provide Relief Works in parts of Tironeall.

Of that sum £1,000 as well as other
 money provided by the Road Board, was
 allocated to Ballyshannon District to repair
 roads. This money was meant by the
 Pail and Tironeall County Council, owing
 to the severe distress existing during the
 winter months, to provide employment
 for the unemployed. What happened
 in Ballyshannon District? Men who
 owned farms of land were employed,
 and town workers - labourers and Carters -
 who could scarcely get out an assistance
 were turned away, and the members of the
 County Council are probably under the
 impression the money is being used as a
 Relief Grant, as intended, having been read,
 Councillor Barry stated he received copy
 of a similar Resolution for investigating
 the matter he found that the Gauger refused
 no person work. The Chairman remarked
 that the foregoing grants were only to apply
 to those in Distress, and the County
 Surveyors should bear this in mind
 when taking on Workmen.

In this connection a letter,
 signed "Residents of the District, Carradocan,
 Rathmullan, drawing attention to the
 distribution of the work in connection
 with the Grants above referred to,
 was read, and a copy directed to be
 sent Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor, for his attention.

Lishlopsie Pier

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, Submitted a report in connection with repairs to above Pier and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the Report, and for the reasons detailed to convey the desire of the County Council that the suggested Districts Board would carry out the repairs to the Pier which are urgently necessary and state that the County Surveyor has at present in addition to his ordinary work, a large number of works to attend to in connection with Relief of Distress, and it is important that close attention should be given to the repairs of this Pier if success is to be assured.

Magheravarty Boat Slip

A report of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, re damage to the Pier and Boat Slip at Magheravarty, was also submitted. The Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the Report, to the Board of Works and convey the ardent wish of the County Council that the Board would carry out promptly the repairs that are so urgently necessary for the security of this structure upon which so much has been initially expended.

Road Board Grant.

Councillor Bunner referred to the Grant obtained from the Road Board for repairs to the Redcastle - Merville Road, in respect of which the Local Government Inspector at the last meeting of the County Council intimated he would take the matter up with the proper Department, and the Councillor Bunner wished to know how

how the matter stood. The Local Government Inspector stated he had taken the matter up with the Ministry of Local Government.

On the motion of Councillor Bruner, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (author), it was unanimously resolved to request the Ministry to advance portion of the Grant in question, the balance to be retained until such time as the National Government and British Government arrange financial matters.

Compensation of Officers

A letter, dated 14th April 1923, No. 15163/1923, miscellaneous, from the Ministry of Local Government drawing the attention of the County Council to the Sections of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923 relating to the Compensation of Officers and pointing out that the liability for payment of the Compensation of pensionable Officers of a Union transferred in pursuance of a County Scheme of amalgamation is transferred to the Council of the County in which the workhouse belonging to each Union was situate, and that the Council to whom liability for payment of the Compensation of Officers has been transferred may dispute the right of any such Officer to such allowance, or the amount of the allowance provided they do so within a period of three months from the passing of the act. The Council's desire to dispute must be notified to the Officer concerned and to the Local Govt. Department.

The act received the assent of the Governor General on the 28th March 1923. so that the period within which the Council may dispute these allowances will expire on the 28th June

June next, having been read.

The Chairman said they had the right to appeal against any Pension granted an Officer where they considered the amount was excessive. Some of these were granted indiscriminately by Guardians who were going out of Office, and the County Council should now exercise their right to appeal.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector, said the Council will have to pass a Resolution asking the Ministry of Local Government to inquire into the matter of these Pensions.

The Chairman stated Officers had also the right of appeal to the Ministry against their Pensions being reduced if they felt they had a grievance.

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bonnet, that the Co. Council lodge an appeal in every case, and that the Ministry of Local Government be asked to reconsider claims before the 28th June next.

Cowthouse at Dougal.

The Committee appointed to report on the suggested exchange of Creamery premises in Dougal for the old Cowthouse and site there which had been burned down some time ago intimated that the Creamery was a substantial building and could be converted into a Cowthouse at an approximate cost of £300. Three important questions arose that should be solved before any steps are taken.

- (1) Whether the £3000 granted as Compensation for the destruction of the old Cowthouse could be expended for any other purpose than

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- than rebuilding the Courthouse destroyed?
- (2) Whether or not the original Grant of site stipulated that the buildings upon this site should not be used for any other purpose than that of a Courthouse?
- (3) Cost of rebuilding old Courthouse?

Mr. Francis Gallagher, Solicitor, Fingal, appeared to advocate the acceptance of the Creamery.

He said it would make a good building for the purpose of a Courthouse.

With regard to the question of Title he thought Lord Avon would be willing to dispose of the old site and the Co. Council could acquire the Freeholds.

The Chairman said there were a number of Courthouses in the County that had been demolished as well as the one in Fingal, and he did not think the County Council should begin to deal with a particular one.

A Scheme should be formulated to deal with them all.

The Secretary here produced the Conveyance of site of extension to Fingal Courthouse in which it stipulated that the site of the Courthouse and also the site of extension were not to be used for any other purpose than that of a Courthouse.

The matter having been referred to Mr. Peter J. Ward Esq., representing the Esq. to the County Council, said the Co. Council could not dispose of the Courthouse premises until they inquired into their rights.

The following telegram was read from "Warwick, Fingal."

"Would suggest that Council advertise for tenders for restoration of old Courthouse in accordance with Specification of County Surveyor."

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On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Anthony Gallagher, it was decided to adjourn the matter until the next meeting of the County Council. In the meantime the Solicitor to the Council take the Lease and Committee's Report into consideration and furnish the Council with his advice on the matter.

Courthouse at Letterkenny

With regard to the Courthouse at Letterkenny, which is in urgent need of restoration, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, urged the necessity of getting the necessary work done as soon as possible. He suggested the leaving of the acceptance of tenders to a small Committee composed of the three local County Councillors and himself, and asked the Council to sanction the money necessary for the work, as the Courthouse was urgently required. Councillor Anthony Gallagher said he understood a Sudden Breach Order had already been granted to enable the work to be done.

Mr. Steadman said the only Order was for a small sum of £25. That was of very little use as the interior of the building required to be remodelled.

He suggested that the Council grant an Order for £200 or £300.

The Chairman declined to do things in that way. He thought it better not to mention a fixed sum.

Mr. Steadman said tenders could be invited and submitted to the Committee or the County Council.

Mr. Steadman was directed to invite tenders for the remodelling of the Courthouse and submit same to the County Council
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at their next meeting to be held on 15th May next.

Vacancies

Councillor Barry gave notice of Motion that all vacancies in the membership of the Lincolnshire County Council be filled at the next meeting of that Body to be held on 15th May next.

Granting of use of Grand Jury Room

Councillor Gallagher (author), asked that the Council give the use of the Grand Jury Room in Courthouse Lifford, when not required for any other purpose, for meetings of the Farmers Union.

Customs

Letters from Customs and Excise, relative to the provision of accommodation for Customs Staff (Officers), and Sheds for Storage of goods, pending examination, at wharfs and Quays to be Operated by Co. Council, having been read, Consideration was deferred until next meeting of the County Council and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the various Harbour masters in the County with a view to being furnished with the following information:-

- (1) - Particulars of Sheds (if any) erected on or adjacent to the Pier and wharfs would be available for examination of goods and storage for goods pending examination.
- (2) - Name and address of owner of sheds and whether agreeable to rent sheds to County Council, and if so, yearly rent expected.

In this Connection Councillor Bowyer suggested that the County Council ask the Revenue Commissioners to define the Council's position in regard to Newville Pier. He stated that they had very few Piers there, one of which was built

owned by the Ratepayers, Controlled by the Grand Jury and handed over to the Ferry Harbour Trust to maintain. The suggestion was adopted:

re Leasing of Portion of the Workhouse Premises at Letterkenny
 The Local Government Inspector mentioned that the Committee of Management of District and Fever Hospital at Letterkenny proposed to Lease to Messrs A. A. Watt and Coy. Shipquay St. Ferry, a portion of the Workhouse buildings at the former place ~~and~~ for the purposes of a Brewery, and that it would be necessary for the County Council to approve, or otherwise, of the proposal. On the motion of Councillor Anthony Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Banner, it was unanimously resolved to approve of the proposal, provided the terms of the Lease are considered satisfactory by the Deputes to the County Council, to whom the Lease is to be submitted by the Committee of Management above referred to.

re Room in County House Lifford,
 The Secretary stated that the Room in County House, Lifford, in which the Co. Council's Safe and Presses are, is being used by the military for storing their Bicycles &c. He suggested that the military authorities be written to with a view to having Bicycles &c. removed, and the Room left for County Council purposes only. The suggestion was agreed to.

Courthouses forittings of the District Courts
 The Secretary intimated that he was negotiating with the owners of premises at Bunsupost and Bellebegs for fittings of the District Courts. The amount of Rent which the Council can legally

pay, under the Law as at present stands is £10. but the Owner decline to accept this sum.

With regard to premises at Bunsford the Chairman said he would take the matter up with the owner with a view to an arrangement being come to.

Regarding the premises at Kellybegs, in respect of which the owner wants a yearly rent of £20, the Secretary was directed to write the District Justice on the matter so that other premises suitable for sittings of the District Court may be procured.

The Secretary submitted form of agreement in connection with a room in the premises of Messrs The Carndonagh Loan and District Coy. Ltd. for approval.

Councillor Power stated that the sittings of the District Court were at present being held in a room in the workhouse buildings at Carndonagh and if this room was suitable for the purpose it might not be necessary to rent a room from the Company referred to. He suggested that the Secretary communicate with the District Justice on the matter. This course was agreed to.

Collection of the Rates -

Collector J. Mc. Gowan. Application for Increased Poundage on Arrears -

The Secretary submitted an application from Collector Mc Gowan for $\frac{1}{3}$ poundage - the fixed rate is 7 - on £831.0.3 arrears of Rates to be collected in his district, this sum remaining outstanding at the time of his predecessor's removal from Office. These arrears, Mr. Mc Gowan alleged, would be extremely difficult to collect, especially in the area known as Frumenten. The Council did not deem the present an opportune time to deal with this application, but expressed their willingness to favourably consider the matter once the Collector had lodged the amount of the arrears with the County Treasurer.

Application by ex Collector F. J. O'Donnell, for refund of uncollected Rates

The Secretary submitted letters from Ministry of Local Government refusing to sanction proposed refund of uncollected Rates in the former district of Mr. F. J. O'Donnell, Burtanport, and also a communication from Mr. J. F. O'Donnell, Burtanport, on the subject.

Mr. Frank Sweeney, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the latter and urged the Council to discharge this claim.

His client, he stated, had advanced the sums in question, to his son in order to enable the latter to lodge the full amount of his warrants, but the items, he contended, were absolutely irrecoverable.

The Secretary having given particulars of the original claim which amounted to £152 odd, and the Local Government Inspector, who

who was in attendance, having stated that the matter had already been ^{very} Carefully Considered, and that the Ministry's decision must be regarded as final, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded by Councillor Barry, to again ask the Ministry to re-consider the proposal and to sanction repayment of the amounts.

Lists of Uncollected Rates

The Secretary submitted lists of uncollected Rates in the District of Collector Farrow for the period ended the 31st March, 1922, in the Districts of Collectors Perry, W. Gallagher, W. O'Donnell, Pius O'Hane, & Chas. W. Ginty for the period ended 31st March, 1923, and it was decided to refund the amounts as shown on the lists, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

These Collectors, it was pointed out by the Secretary, had closed their accounts for the periods specified. —

Payment of Poundage Fees

The Secretary called the Council's attention to the fact that certain Collectors who had not closed their accounts for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1922, within the time previously fixed by the Council, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Local Government, had since done so. It was unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry to sanction the payment of fees to these Collectors for the period in question.

Application by ex-Collector Mr. Devitt for Poundage

The Secretary submitted letters from the Ministry of Local Government regarding proposal of payment of poundage fees to ex-Rate Collector Mr. Devitt in which the Ministry asked that the

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The facts communicated by letter from the Council Office to the Ministry should be placed before the Council with the view to ascertaining whether that body still consider that Mr. W. Devitt should be allowed this remuneration.

The communication in question having been read by the Secretary, W. M. Mullan, Esq., Ballyroafay, addressed the Council on behalf of Mr. W. Devitt, whom he described as a man in very poor circumstances with a small family, and that in his efforts to collect the Rates in this disturbed district he had neglected his crops. He added that retaining certain sums collected as representing poundage on amounts previously lodged until legal proceedings had been instituted against him, was done in ignorance of the official requirements, and with no intention to defraud the Council.

Councillor Barry stated that Mr. Mullan had correctly stated the facts and he proposed that the Ministry sanction payment of fees in this case. This was decided by Councillor W. Baird & passed unanimously.

Collector Barry. Increase in Poundage.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Ministry of Local Government declining to sanction the proposed increase in poundage from 8d to 12d in the case of Collector Barry, no reasons having been given by the Council in support of this proposal. The Chairman remarked that the circumstances of this district were exceptional and the Officer had under extreme trying conditions satisfactorily closed his accounts up to the

31st March 1923. He endorsed the statements contained in Mr. Peery's letter of the 8th February 1923, and proposed that a copy of this communication be sent to the Ministry as embodying reasons for the proposed increase. This was seconded by Councillor Bremer and passed unanimously.

Personal Security of Collector E. J. Roberts.
The Secretary informed the Council that Collector E. J. Roberts, Ballylooney, Curragh, had not yet completed his Personal Security Bond although he had been repeatedly written to in the matter both by the Council's Solicitor and the Council Office.

It was decided to call on this Officer to complete his Security before the date of next Council meeting without fail.

Personal Security - Collector James M. Cowan
The Secretary informed the Council that Collector James M. Cowan, Tavenney St., Ballylooney, had submitted the names of Messrs Michael Keenan, Merchant, Ballylooney, & John Cumlish, Fisher, Ballylooney, as solvent persons willing to join him in a Bond to the Council, in the form officially presented, for the sum of £1008 and these men the Council decided to accept in this connection. The reference as to their Solvency furnished by the Kibernan Bank Ltd., Ballylooney, being considered satisfactory.

State of the Collection - With particular Reference to District of Collector Muehler.
The Secretary submitted Returns showing the condition of the Collection of the Rate in the County to the 21st April 1923, from which it appeared that (excluding sums furnished) £23,458.17.11 remained uncollected in respect

respect of the two Years ended the 31st March 1923, this representing 9% of the warrants for that period. He pointed out that Collector Mulhearn had made no lodgments for the past Year and this the Council considered exceedingly unsatisfactory, and directed the Secretary to inform him that unless he made arrangements to ensure of the closing of his accounts for this period before the date of the next Council meeting drastic steps would be taken in the matter.

Re Mr. James J. Gallagher, No. 16 Collection District
The Secretary laid before the Council letter recd. from the Ministry of Local Government refusing to sanction the appointment of Mr. James J. Gallagher, Killeendarragh, Croley, as Collector for the 16 Collection District. The Ministry suggested that this area should be included with the other Districts in which arrangements are being made for direct collection of the Rates, and this caused the Council unanimously decided to adopt on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Barry.

Paper on Labourers Cottage, No. 14 District
The Secretary submitted letter from Collector M. Glinchy stating that in a case in which he had sued the occupier of a Rural District Council Cottage for Rates the District Justice granted an adjournment for a month on the grounds that the defendant was very poor, the Council to be meanwhile asked if the tenant could in the circumstances be relieved of portion of the amount due. The Council felt that they could not reduce the claim & directed that the Collector be informed of the course taken in similar cases in Donegal Rural District by the Ministry of Local Government.
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Letter dated 22.3.23 G 8871/23, Tinsinnail County
re Collector Mr. Glinchey - District No. 14

The Secretary submitted letter received from
Collector Frank Mr. Glinchey Sandfield, Ardara,
tendering his resignation as Collector on the
ground of deafness, &c. as attested by
medical Certificates produced, and asking
the Council to pay his retiring allowance.

The Council refused to accept his
resignation, the Secretary pointing out that
his son had been appointed Deputy
Collector for this District, in accordance
with the prescribed procedure.

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County Council of Tironaill.

Copy Minutes

of Proceedings at a Half Yearly Meeting
held on the 19th day of June 1923

Attendance

The members present were:

Councillors Barry, Banner, Boyle, Browne, Clarke,
Kelly (Henry J.), Kelly (John), Kelly (Neal), Lanigan,
Myles, Mr. Daid, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Halsey,
O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J. F.), O'Duffy and
O'Flaherty.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector,
and Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, represent-
ing the Solicitor to the County Council,
were also present.

Councillors Browne and O'Donnell,
(J. F.) signed their Declarations of acceptance
of Office on taking their Seats as County
Councillors.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle,
seconded by Councillor Barry, Councillor
Clarke was moved to the Chair and
Subsequently Councillors Mr. Goldrick, Boyle,
and Banner.

Minutes

The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed

Treasurer's advice notes

Treasurer's advice notes were submitted and
Signed.

A letter from Mr. Daniel Mulhern, Glenties,
regretting that owing to his position as
Registrar District Sessions he is precluded
by Law from acting as a member of
either County, District or Urban Council, was read.

Annual Meeting of County Council

A letter dated 29th May 1923 from the Ministry of Local Government on the Subject of the holding of an Annual Meeting of the County Council for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and adding that under the Local Elections Postponement Act 1922, Sub. Section 4, directs that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in Office at the passing of the Act shall continue in Office until his Successor shall have been duly elected at the first meeting of the Council after the Statutory Elections thereto, and shall have made the Declaration accepting Office, was read.

Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses

A letter dated 1st June 1923 from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that it has been decided to revert to the regular Legal procedure in regard to the payment of Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses which was temporarily suspended during the Conflict with the British Administration.

Payment of these expenses is primarily a Legal obligation of the Council, and following examination of the accounts by a Local Government Auditor, reimbursement will be made as heretofore from an Exchange Grant-in-aid, & adding that the Treasurer of the Council should be advised that Drafts for payments issued by the Clerk of the Peace should be honoured as formerly, having been read, the Secretary stated that arrangements have been made whereby payments will be made by the Treasurer of the Council —

Claim by the Courtkeeper, Ferry

A further letter from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the claim by the

The Keeper of the Cowthouse at Ferry for Services rendered when the Cowthouse was used for County Tircouaill business, having been read, On the suggestion of the Local Government Inspector it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Barry, seconded by Councillor Myles, to pay the amount.

Coroner

a letter, dated 7th June, 1923. G. 23244/23. Tircouaill County Council, approving of the Salary of £90 per annum fixed by Tircouaill County Council for the position of Coroner for the District of Kilmacrenan, was read,

Cowthouse at Letterkenny

a letter from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, stating that he has been directed by the Urban District Council to bring before the County Council the great necessity that exists for sufficient Water-closet and Urinal accommodation for the general public attending Sessions at Letterkenny Cowthouse ~~for the general public attending Sessions~~ having been read, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that he only got authority to restore the Cowthouse premises to their original condition and no provision was made for water closet & Urinal accommodation for the general public attending Sessions at the Cowthouse. The Council considered something should be done in this respect and Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to submit an Estimate at next meeting of the County Council

A diversity Extension to Rathmullan Pier

A letter from Mr. Edward Deery, Pier Hotel Rathmullan, Hon. Secretary Rathmullan Pier Committee, intimating that the Committee desire

desire the County Council to take over the admiralty extension to the Pier as a Promenade and attraction to the place, having been read. The Secretary stated this matter came before the County Council on 19th December 1922. when it was decided to recommend the matter to the Irish Government for consideration. The Local Government Inspector stated he would take the matter up with the proper Department.

Plot of Ground at Quay St. Donegal.

Further letter from Mr. Patrick Meenan, Castle Street, Donegal, requesting the County Council to rent to him a piece of waste ground, between the two Quays at Donegal, for a motor Garage, having been read, Consideration of the matter was adjourned until next meeting, in the meantime a plan showing the proposed location of the motor Garage to be sent to the Secretary County Council,

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor.

Copy of a Resolution passed by Dunfavinagh & Ruidal District Council requesting the County Council to call on the County Surveyor for the Northern Division to reside in future in the Free State, was read, and no action taken.

Committal to an Industrial School

A notice dated 19th May, 1923, received from Sergeant Michael Riddan, Civic Guard Station, Killybegs, relative to the proposed Committal of a girl named Lizzie Hegarty to a Certified Industrial School, was read.

A notice, dated 29th May, 1923, from Sergt M. J. Cullen, Civic Guard Station, Donegal, relative to the proposed Committal of a boy to the Industrial School, Killybegs, was also read.

An application by Mr. Peter Kennedy, Donegal, for permission to roof and use the walls adjoining his house in New Row Donegal. Between his house and Ticeanall Street Bridge, having been considered, the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor for his report

Ballyshannon District Hospital Buildings and Stock

A letter from the Secretary Committee of Management Ballyshannon District Hospital, stating that the Committee request the County Council to sanction their payment of Premium on Insurance Policy on Hospital Buildings and Stock. The total sum insured is £5,250. Premium £3.18 9, less a discount of 15% in consideration of Insured's agreeing to renew the Insurance with the Gibraltar Fire and General Insurance Coy Limited, for a period of 5 Years, leaving the annual premium £3 7 9, having been read, on the motion of Councillor Hyles payment was approved

Unpurchased Tenants

A Circular letter from the Secretary to the Land League relative to the case of the unpurchased Tenants, and stating that it is with confidence the Executive appeals to local bodies for their co-operation, and support to urge upon the Government the necessity of staying the hands of the Landlords who are now proceeding to recover arrears of rents for the Irish War period, having been read, it was decided to co-operate in the matter

Increase in Insanity in Ireland.

Copy resolution passed by Dublin County Council

County Council directing attention to the increase in insanity in Ireland, and urging that a Pathological Laboratory for research in connection with insanity and nervous diseases be established under the provisions of Section 5 of the Lunacy (Ireland) Act 1901. was adopted.

Ballyshannon District Hospital

a letter from the Ballyshannon District Hospital Committee requesting the County Council's approval to the letting of the Hospital field for 11 months for the sum of £37.6, having been read, on the motion of Councillor Myles the matter was approved of.

Courthouse at Killybegs

a letter from Mr Bernard Kelly, Killybegs, appending conditions on which he is prepared to let his premises there to the County Council for sittings of the District Court, having been read, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that the County Council will be prepared to pay an annual rent of £10 and in addition pay for Fuel and Light but they cannot agree to pay half the Rates on the premises.

Urinal on Rathmullan Pier

a Report of the Medical Officer of Health of the Rathmullan Dispensary District, re condition of the Urinal erected by the County Council on Rathmullan Pier and referred by Milford R.D. Council to the County Council for consideration, having been read, the Secretary was directed to write and inform the Caretaker of the Urinal that a Complaint has been made regarding the condition of same and that if he does not pay more attention to it in future.

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his remuneration as caretaker will be stopped.

Bundoran Pier

An application by Mr Wm Daly, West End, Bundoran, for a small Winch at above Pier for the purpose of hauling the boats, and adding that the help would be greatly appreciated by the Fishermen there, having been read, Councillor Myles supported the application and stated a Winch could be procured for about £15. Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor was directed to bring a proposal before the Proposal Committee

Boyal District Hospital

a letter from the acting Clerk to the Committee of management, Boyal District Hospital intimating that the Committee request the County Council to approve of the proposal to have eight windows (old iron) in the District Hospital replaced by new wooden ones, under the supervision of Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor, having been read, it was decided to approve of the proposal

Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Barry, Mr John Gillespie, Main Street, Ballyshannon was unanimously appointed Collector of Poor Rates for No 3 Collection District, in room of Mr Edward Galan, resigned, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

In this connection the General Warrant to Collect the Rates was submitted and duly signed, and the Seal of the Council ordered to be affixed thereto.

Re Ex Collector James Gavigan

Proposed by Councillor Barry, seconded by Councillor

Councillor Mr. Daid and Unanimously resolved:-
 that having again considered the application
 of James Gavigan, a former Rate Collector,
 for the Carrickbeg division in Ballyshannon
 Rural District, and in justice to Gavigan,
 we propose our decision either to allow
 him a Pension of £18.2.0, or a Gratuity
 of £50. James Gavigan collected his district
 in difficult times in an excellent manner,
 and retired leaving us Rates uncollected.

Some years ago he withdrew his resignation
 and held on to Office at the request of the
 County Council and on the promise of liberal
 treatment whenever he should retire. He
 retired ultimately in failing health. The Council
 owe it to Gavigan that something should
 be done for him, and we earnestly request
 the Local Government Department to sanction
 either the pension of £18.2.0 or a gratuity
 £50.

Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915
 arising out of a letter from the Department
 of Agriculture (V. B.) dated 17th May 1923,
 with reference to the dipping of sheep
 in Tinsaudill during the present year, it
 was decided not to carry out any operations
 under above Order, inasmuch as the
 Council's Sheep Dipping plant had been
 disposed of some years ago and the
 finances of the County did not permit
 of the purchase of new plant at the
 present time.

Occupation of Coach House at back
of Lifford Courthouse

Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor, reported that
 the Coach House at back of Lifford Court-
 house is still occupied by Mr. William
 Mc Gillion of Strabane for keeping a
 motor

water over there. Since the large Engine Shed at Lifford, which was occupied and used as a Garage by Mr. McNewry was destroyed a short time ago, there is a lack of room for storing anything connected with the County Plant.

It was decided to instruct the Solicitor to the County Council to institute proceedings against Mr. McGillion to compel him to vacate the building.

No. 9 Collection District

A letter was read from Mr. George Dunne, Clerk of the Rural District Council Donegal, containing a suggestion that No. 9 Collection District be divided between the two neighbouring Collectors - J. Gallagher, and J. J. Sweeney - two Electoral Divisions to each.

On the motion of Councillor Barry, it was decided to advertise for a new Collector for said Collection District, the appointment to be made at next meeting of the County Council.

Extension of Premises

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) stated that Mr. Peter Gallagher of Glenties intended extending his premises there and was desirous of ascertaining to what extent the extension could be made in the direction of the public Street. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, to deal with.

Tirone County Scheme

A letter dated 2nd June 1923, ^{was read} from the Ministry of Local Government calling attention to the notice given by him on the 16th ult. of his intention to amend and modify the Scheme of amalgamation of Poor Law Unions in Tirone, and to the Schedule to that notice.

Setting

Setting forth the Scheme as it will be when so amended and modified, and explaining the Scheme in detail; also adding that the Minister has no doubt that when the Scheme is considered by the County Council they will fully understand the desirability for the amendments and modifications proposed by him; The Scheme, as modified & amended, was approved.

Scrap

In the absence of the County Surveyor's Report the consideration of quotations for scrap on fair site at Lifford and Courthouse at Carradrough, was adjourned.

Presses for use of Registers of District Courts

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted a plan and two quotations in connection with a Press required by the Registers of District Courts in which to keep Books and Records. The lowest quotation was £8. which the Council accepted.

The Secretary was directed to ascertain from the District Justices in the County the number of Presses required

Courthouse, Carradrough

The Secretary mentioned that the Courthouse in Carradrough, and a plot of land adjoining, which formerly belonged to the Board of Guardians of Glenties Union was now vested in the County Council under a recent act of Parliament. Consequently no rent was now payable to the National Benefit Committee for Glenties Rural District for the use of said building for sittings of the District Court. He (the Secretary) understood the plot of ground referred to has been sold by the National Benefit Committee

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Committee and the purchase ^{money} should be lodged to Credit of the County Fund etc. He was directed to make application to the Committee for the amount.

The Council approved of the Sale.

Sanitary Arrangements at Lifford
Courthouse

Mr Steadman reported re the Sanitary arrangements at Lifford Courthouse, and on his suggestion it was decided that the Closet in the Courthouse - convenient to Grand Jury Room, be put in order for use on Court days and on days when meetings of the Co. Council are being held; also that a key be given to Clerk of Crown and Peace for use of Clerks in his Office; also that the water Closet at river be put in order and key handed over to members of the County Council Staff in Rate Department.

Proposed Railway between Sligo & Bundoran

Copy of a resolution passed by Sligo County Council requesting the Government to assist in the promotion and carrying out of a scheme for the construction of a Line of Railway between Sligo and Bundoran; also the appointment of Delegates by Tinscull County Council to attend a Conference at Bundoran for the purpose of furthering this cause, having been read.

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) proposed that the Resolution be adopted, adding that the future prosperity of Tinscull really depended on the construction of this Line. It was the missing link in the chain of Irish Railways, and there were no great Engineering difficulties to be contended with upon it. It would have far reaching effects in many directions

Councillor

Councillor Myles said he would Second the Resolution if Ballyshannon were substituted for Bundoran. Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) agreed.

Councillor Myles said this Line would link up Boregal with the West & South.

at the present time, when travelling from one part of the state to another, they had to leave their County. This would obviate that. The Line should be a continuous one right through Ballyshannon & Bundoran into Sligo. The resolution was unanimously adopted and the following, on the suggestion of the Chairman, were appointed as delegates to the Conference - Councillors Myles, Kelly (Henry J.), Barry, and Ward.

District Hospital at Letterkenny

A letter from Mr. John G. Larkin, Chairman Committee of management of Letterkenny District & Fever Hospitals, enclosing Plan, Estimate & Specification, of works proposed to be carried out at the District Hospital so as to provide Surgical accommodation for the Visiting Medical Officer having been read, a deputation consisting of Revd. John O'Doherty, adm., Dr. W. Guiley, J. D., and Mr. John G. Larkin, with the architect (Mr. John W. Lutyre) representing the Committee of management of the Letterkenny District and Fever Hospitals attended the meeting to urge on the Council the necessity of proceeding with the work to be carried out at the Hospital. Several members of the Council having expressed their views on the matter Councillor O'Donnell (J. J.) proposed that the Scheme be proceeded with; Councillor Neal Kelly Seconded.

Councillor Power said although he realised the danger of differentiating between the four District Hospitals in the County

County he would support this being proceeded with at once.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick said they were in full sympathy with the project, but they had got to consider the situation in relation to all the Hospitals. The only solution of it would be to spend a certain amount now.

Councillor Mr. Perreuth said it was to this Kamsbackle place you wanted to bring the County Home.

Councillor O'Duffy said it was where the County Home ought to be.

Councillor Kelly (Henry &) proposed as an amendment that £1,000 be spent at once on the necessary improvements. Councillor Myles seconded. —

A vote was then taken

For the Scheme — Councillors Barry, Browne, Kelly (neal), Langan, Mr. Daid, O'Donnell (Hugh) and O'Duffy — 7.

For £1,000 — Councillors Boyle, Browne, Kelly (H.J.), Kelly (John), Myles, Mr. Perreuth, Mr. Gree, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Nally, Mr. Shane, & O'Flaherty — 11.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

It was decided that a plan & specification be submitted to the County Council by the Committee of management showing the proposed works to be carried out for the £1,000.

The expenditure of this amount to be subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government

Burtonport Railway Extension

Councillor O'Duffy drew attention to the way in which the Burtonport Section of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway was being managed. He referred to the fact

fact that on the occasion of the last Letterkenny living fair young boys & girls who, owing to the distress, had to go out to live were obliged to travel 20 or 30 miles to the fair owing to the train service being cut-off the night before. This was not fair to the people, particularly when no less than three trains were kept on from Ferry to Letterkenny and when Buncrana & Claudonagh were also catered for fully. He proposed a resolution calling attention to the scandalous way in which the section of the line is being managed, and asking the Board of works to hold an inquiry. Councillor Kelly (read) decided the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Mr. Guldick said he had been waiting for the Railway Estimates to come before the Council in order to deal with the unsatisfactory working of this Railway.

Railway station at Lifford

A deputation representing Strabane & Lifford Traders appeared before the Council & asked their support in the effort to secure the opening of Lifford Railway station for the handling of goods traffic to and from the Lifford district. Mr. John Cashion, merchant, Strabane, speaking on behalf of the deputation, pointed out the inconvenience caused by the present arrangements whereby goods for Lifford were taken by Rail to Ballinacraig and Carted back.

On the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), it was unanimously resolved that the Guarantee in respect of the Strabane to Letterkenny Railway be withheld unless the Station at Lifford

is opened for goods traffic by the Railway Company, or a temporary station erected for that purpose.

Dougal Lowest Traffic

Councillor Myles asked the Secretary if a reply had been received from the Inland Revenue Commissioners regarding facilitating Lowest traffic at the Border. The Secretary replied in the negative.

Councillor Myles said surely the out to have had the Courtesy to reply.

They were on the top of the Lowest Season now.

Councillor Bayle said it was a great hardship on the Seaside Resorts

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) intimated that negotiations were proceeding with the Government and some early relaxation of the Orders was anticipated

Councillor Baumer said they in the North of the County were not aware of the negotiations.

He proposed that the Council ask for a reply to their resolution passed at previous meeting. Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Customs and Excise

Reports were made by the County Surveyors as to the accommodation for Customs officers and sheds for storage of goods pending examination at wharves and quays in Liscannell.

The Piers mentioned were:

(Northern Division) Buncrana, Rathmullan, Dowling and Miford

(Southern Division) Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Buncroshan, Dougal, Dethill, Killybegs, Cladugheragh, Telin, Burtanport and Inglee,

It was unanimously decided to make application to the Revenue Commissioners for approval of above Piers for the purpose stated.

Control of a Pier at Arville

a letter was recd from the Secretary to the Landwardry Port and Harbour Commissioners stating that the Stone Pier at Arville, known as Carrickaroney, was transferred to the Commissioners by the Donegal Grand Jury and was vested in the Commissioners by the Landwardry Port and Harbour Act 1882.

Councillor Bower said he raised this question at the last meeting of the Council.

It was certainly a peculiar position and one they could not any longer tolerate, a Pier in Free State territory controlled by a foreign Board known as the Ferry Harbour Trust.

This Pier belonged to the County of Donegal, and he was in a position to say that the Free State Government was interested in it very much in this question. Whatever rights were in the Pier went to the Free State Government under the Treaty. He proposed that in view of the reply from the Landwardry Port and Harbour Commissioners the County Council request the Government of the Free State to take steps to have the Custody of the Pier transferred to the Ticeanille County Council with the object of having it scheduled in accordance with the Customs Regulations. He said he moved this resolution to strengthen the hand of the Government in the measures taken with regard to the whole boundary question. Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) seconded the resolution which was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

Pouegal Courthouse Premises

Mr. J. Ward J. D. for the Debtor to the County Council, wrote stating that with reference to the instructions of the Council in this matter he had simply to state that the Council have no power to dispose of the premises under the present Title. If the Council acquired the Fee-Simple from the Landlord they could of course transfer that property to any purchaser. He wrote to the Landlord's Debtor but received no definite expression of whether they were prepared to sell the Fee-Simple of the property as they wished to have more details.

Mr. Francis Fallagher, Debtor for Mr. John Mc. Intyre, Pouegal, said Mr. Mc. Intyre was prepared to give Eske Hall, which was quite suitable in every way for a Courthouse, in exchange for the ruins of the old Courthouse, and such part of the Deed for £3000 in respect of the burning of the Courthouse as the Council thought fit.

Mr. Dunlevy appeared before the Council on behalf of the Ratepayers of the District who protested most strongly against parting with the old Courthouse.

Mr. Vincent Mc. Mullen, Deb., who also appeared before the Council, supported Mr. Dunlevy's remarks re the matter.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had no power at present to dispose of the Courthouse, and if they had the question would arise whether it was proper and right to do so. Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) considered Eske Hall would make an ideal building for a Courthouse. If they got that for the ruins of the old Courthouse and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Deed for £3000, he believed the

The Council would be making a fine business arrangement.

Councillor Myles said the fact that the £3000 would have to be paid by the Ratepayers seemed to have been forgotten, and also that if they restored the old Courthouse for less than that sum they would save the Ratepayers to that extent and retain the site as well as have the building. He proposed that they reject the application.

Councillor Mr. Dermott seconded. Councillor Mr. Gedrick proposed as an amendment that they defer consideration of the matter until it was established whether the Council were entitled to the Grace for £3000.

Councillor Kelly (Henry J) seconded. A vote was then taken on the motion for Councillors Boyle, Brown, Clarke, Kelly (real), Myles, Mr. Dermott, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, and O'Flaherty - 10. Against Councillors Barry, Banner, Kelly (Henry J.), Kelly (John), Langan, Mr. Gaid, Mr. Gail and Mr. Gedrick - 8.

Councillor Mr. Wally did not vote.

The Chairman declared motion carried and amendment lost.

Mr. James Dunlevy Sobr, returned thanks to the Council.

It was decided not to rebuild the old Courthouse for the present.

Bedcastle - Moville Road.
Grant No. P 23 : Ref. No. A 5938

A letter dated 1st June 1923 was read from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department), relative to the above Grant, and stating that the Department regret that the financial arrangements referred to in the Department's letter of the 24th October last, have not yet been completed and the Dept. are therefore not in a position to accede to the request of the Tinsodill County Council.

The Department have no funds at their disposal out of which the commitments of the British Government in respect of road grants could be met pending the transfer to the Irish Government of the funds out of which the Grants were indicated.

On the motion of Councillor Bannet, seconded by Councillor Myles, it was unanimously resolved to obtain a loan of £2000 from the Treasurer of the County to enable the repair of this road to be proceeded with.

Road Kincasslagh Village to Kincasslagh
Road Railway Station

A letter dated 5th April 1923 was read from the Congested Districts Board with reference to their promised contribution towards the cost of improving the above road, having been read, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated that the sum of £1000 was allocated to this road under the Relief of Distress Scheme, and that the sum of £400 was still unexpended. On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor O'Connell, (J.F.), it was unanimously resolved to request the Congested Districts Board to contribute a similar amount (£400) towards the completion of the work.

Balbans Road - Co. Fingal

A letter dated 18th May, 1923, was read from the Congested Districts Board for Ireland requesting to be informed whether the County Council have carried out this work, and adding that the question is asked as the existence of the Board is about to be terminated. The County Surveyor stated that no contract was entered into by the Glenties Rural District Council.

The County Council decided to expend £50 on said road, and to request the Congested Districts Board to contribute the sum of £100 towards the work.

Road between Cruit Islands and the County Road at Lower Cruit

A letter dated 15th May, 1923, was read from the Congested Districts Board for Ireland forwarding a Draft for £150 in respect of the making of the road between Cruit Island and the County road at Lower Cruit, and stating that the Board understand that there has been some change in Contractors, so the Board's contribution is sent to the Council in order that it may be disbursed to the person entitled to payment.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated that this amount is payable to Mr. Frank Doherty, Cruit, Kincasslagh, and that he was certifying for his payment on acc for £150.

Upper Curwick Bridge

A letter, signed by certain ratepayers, calling the County Council's attention to the condition of Upper Curwick Bridge, which was destroyed, having been read, the Council decided that this bridge would have to be dealt with in the same way as those bridges enumerated in the Report of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, and submitted at this meeting.

Condition of the Main Roads between
Caradnaghn and Moville.

a letter was read from Mr. G. L. Young of Cuedaff. Calling attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the main roads between Caradnaghn and Moville. No action was taken

re Building of a Bridge at Ballyony
Councillor Duffy brought before the County Council the urgent necessity of pushing ahead with the building of a bridge at Ballyony. The block in the way was the owner of a small piece of ground where a bridge is to be built and that after a good deal of trouble he got the Owner to agree to accept £5 as compensation for the ground, and he now wished to get the County Council's approval to his action

The County Surveyor having corroborated the great urgency in the matter the County Council, unanimously agreed to this course being taken

Per mission to make an opening in a Wall
Councillor O'Duffy stated that Mr. Peter O'Donnell, Bealau, Gortahork, requested the County Council to grant him permission to make an opening in the parapet wall in a bridge for the purpose of securing an approach to a new house he is building.

The Council acceded to the request, subject to Mr. O'Donnell signing the usual agreement form with Mr. Stedman, Co. Surveyor.

Relief of Distress

a letter dated 28th May 1923. Ref. E/410 from the Government Buildings, Dublin, with reference to the Grant for the Relief of Distress Voted by an Oireachtas, and stating that the Minister

minister of Local Government on Consulting the Comptroller and Auditor General he finds there is no authority for payments from this Fund subsequent to 31st March 1923. as all monies must be expended during the Financial Year in which they are Voted, and requesting the Secretary Tiroconail County Council to notify that body that pending a Vote for this purpose, all work presently being carried out in anticipation of further payments should be suspended when the balance (if any) in the Council's possession has been exhausted. Having been read, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor M. Goldrick, that the works already approved be carried out and that the amount due to Tiroconail County under the Relief of Distress Scheme be re-Voted by the Government

Destroyed Bridges

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported as follows:
Gentlemen

I beg to report that in the Southern Division of the County 45 bridges have been maliciously damaged. In Ballyshannon District 3. Bovegal 10. Stranorlar 15. & Glenties 17.

The three bridges in Ballyshannon District are important bridges between this County and Leitrim. It is essential that these be restored without delay, of which half the cost will be borne by each County. In Bovegal District two of the destroyed bridges are on the Fermanagh Border, and in Stranorlar District four on the Tyrone Border. As some of these were blown up by Specials I am assuming that none of these Border bridges are yet to be rebuilt.

rebuild. Near Letterbrick, in the Stranorlar
 Glenties District a large bridge, known as
 Lower Cunniff Bridge, has had two arches
 removed. This bridge should also be
 restored as it is on a leading road &
 very dangerous at present.

I estimate the total cost of
 restoring these structures at £2500-,
 and a sum of, at least, £1000 should be
 passed to enable this work to be
 carried out.

The Report was approved, and
 Mr. Caffrey directed to invite tenders for
 the restoration of these bridges which
 are urgently required for public use.

Water Roller

An application by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor
 for a water roller for use on roads
 in the Southern Division of the County
 was submitted, and approved on the
 motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J. F.)
 seconded by Councillor Myles,

In this connection a letter was
 read from Mr. Michael Flood, Donegal
 enclosing specification of Fordson tractor

Mr. Caffrey was authorised to
 invite tenders for a water roller & sleeping
 van respectively, and should a Fordson
 roller be available, and equal in all
 respects to English manufactured machines,
 preference be given to the former machine
 (Fordson roller)

Quarry at Mullaus, near Carradough
 Councillor Langan referred to a quarry at
 Mullaus, near Carradough, which he
 considered should be purchased for
 County use. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor,
 was directed to prepare a plan showing
 plot

plot of land proposed to be taken, and to ascertain from the Owner the amount for which it can be purchased. The matter to be considered at next meeting of the County Council.

Proposals for Payment

The Proposals for Payment formulated by the various Rural District Councils in respect of half-year ended 31st March, 1923, were sanctioned for payment.

Re Contract No. 10 Nov. 1921.

Dunfanaghy Rural District

Copy of a resolution passed by Dunfanaghy Rural District Council requesting the County Council to pay Mr. James Gallagher, Contractor for above road on Current Pay sheet, the sum of £20. being, in the opinion of the District Council equitable compensation for about 80 tons of unbroken stones which were carted two miles from a quarry and left by him on the side of the road, which stones were afterwards taken off the road by the Beak and Tans to repair damages done to a bridge. The stones had to be replaced by the Contractor for the repair of his own Contract, having been used.

Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the matter was discussed at the recent half-yearly meeting of Dunfanaghy Rural District Council, and that the Contractor was unable to give any definite information on the subject.

The County Council decided they had no power to order payment.

Contract No. 60. 1st April 1922.

Dunshower R. D.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Henderson, Tullydish,

Jullydish, Buncrana, requesting payment of £25 in respect of materials supplied in connection with above Contract.

Mr. Steadman stated that he had certified £18 on foot of said Contract in respect of half-Year ended 31st March 1923, and that he had no funds to go on to enable him to make a further payment

Proposals for Maintenance Works
and New, Special, and miscellaneous
Works

The Chairman here referred to the Resolution passed by the County Council at their half-Yearly meeting held on 19th Decr. 1922, that no new Works be approved. The Resolution having been read by the Secretary, it was decided it was not a resolution that referred to subsequent Proposals, and on the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Kelly (John), it was unanimously resolved to take all Proposals for new works on the list into consideration and deal with each case on its merits —

Ballyshannon Rural District

Nos 118, 119, 124, 125, and 128, were rejected. No 130, a Provisional Proposal - was read. Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Dougal Rural District

Nos 1, 19, 20, 25, and 26 were rejected. Nos 2, 4, and 9 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months. Nos 28 and 29, being Provisional Proposals, were read. Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Dunfanaghy Rural District

Before proceeding with the list Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that several of the
Proposals

Proposals were not lodged with the Clerk to the District Council within the prescribed time and he suggested same should be rejected by the County Council. The suggestion was adopted.

nos 520, 534, 535, and 539, were rejected, also rejected (Proposals not in order) nos 206, 207, 521, 523, 524, 531, 533, 536, 537, and 538.

no 525 was placed in charge of the County Surveyor. Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

It was decided to break Contract no. 103, in group commencing 1st April 1923, from 1st July, 1923, —

Lisshower Rural District

nos 1154, 1197, 1200, 1204, 1210, & 1214, were rejected. no 1123 was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 9 months. nos 1137, 1182, 1203, 1215, 1222, and 1223, were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

nos 1170 and 1179 were approved, subject to consents being completed. The consents were handed to Councillor Bonner who proffered to have this done. Remaining Proposals on list were approved. —

Letterkenny Rural District

nos 280 and 281 were rejected. nos 266, 267, and 283, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months, and nos 286, 288, 290, 292, and 293 for a period of 9 months.

no, 1245 was also placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved. It was decided to break the following contracts in group commencing 1st April 1922, as from 1st July 1923, nos 60, 61, 90, 91, 105, 108.

Milford

Milford Rural District

nos. 8, 11, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21, 26, 34, 36, 42, 49, 52, 67, 68 and 71 were rejected, nos 6 and 74 were placed in Charge of the County Surveyor for 9 months.

Remainning Proposals on List were approved.

It was decided to break the following Contracts in group Commencing 1st April 1922 to operate from 1st July, 1923. nos 12, 21, 23, 39, 60, 66, 69, 105, 116, 117, 178, 181, 204, 206 and 225.

Stranorlar Rural District

nos 465, 468, 458, 461, 464, and 472 were rejected, nos 467 and 485 were placed in Charge of the County Surveyor for 9 months nos 490 and 504 were also placed in Charge of the County Surveyor.

Remainning Proposals on List were approved.

It was decided to break the following Contracts in group Commencing 1st April 1922 as from 1st July 1923. nos 308, 36, 136, 168, 170 and 175.

County Council of Tipperary.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings at a Meeting held on the 31st day of August, 1923.

The members present were:

Councillors Bowen, Browne, Clarke, Myles, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gie, Mr. Sedgwick, and O'Rourke (Augs)

Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed

Reports of Committees

The reports of the undermentioned Committees were unanimously adopted

Subsidiary Meetings held 26th June and 7th August 1923.

Finance Meeting held 31st August 1923

Proposed Meeting held same date

Proposals for Payment

Proposals for payment in respect of Salaries &c. for Quarter ended 30th June 1923, as reported on by the Finance Committee, were ordered to be paid

Treasurer's advice notes

Treasurer's advice notes were submitted & duly signed.

Claim for Payment.

A letter from Mr. Tom Haulson, Cloughiskey, Lettermacaward, stating that he has had the stones taken out of the quarry at Cloughiskey and placed on roadside, and that same had been measured by Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor. He (Haulson) now claims payment at the rate of 5/- per load, as agreed on by County Council on 20th March, 1923, having been read. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor stated that owing to the Relief of Distress

Work being suspended there was not at present any money available out of which to meet this claim. The Secretary was directed to put the matter on agenda for consideration at next meeting

Maintenance of Patients in Caronsnagh District Hospital -

a letter dated 19th June 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, forwarding for the consideration of the Tinsdale County Council, copy of a letter with enclosure which the Ministry received from the Clerk of the Caronsnagh District and Fever Hospital Committee with reference to the average weekly cost of the maintenance of a patient in the Caronsnagh Hospital amounting to almost £3 a week

Claim for Payment.

a letter dated 20th June 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government forwarding to be laid before Tinsdale County Council, copy of an application from Mr. Thomas Williams for payment of an account amounting to £19.15.6 due to him for fees on Certified Copies of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Dunfanaghy Union, up to and including 31.12.22. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Tinsdale County Scheme

a letter dated 28th June 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government stating that an Order has been made amending and modifying the Tinsdale County Scheme, in accordance with the notice served by the Minister on the County Council on 16th May 1923, was read.

In this connection copy of an Order dated 24th July 1923, made by the Minister of Local Government under article 20 of the Tinsdale County Scheme with respect to

- to (1) the Control and management of Institutions
 (2) the appointment and removal of Officers
 and their duties and qualifications, and
 (3) any prescribed matter was read.

Supervision of Midwives

a Circular letter dated 30th June 1923. was read from the Ministry of Local Government drawing the Special attention of County and County Borough Councils to the duties which devolve on them as the Local Supervising Authority over midwives practising within their area and adding that the Minister hopes that the Councils will now evince an active interest in the Subject, and that they will at once take effective steps to exercise their powers and functions in this very important branch of Public Health Administration.

Pending the introduction of Contemplated reforms in the Public Health Services it would be advisable that the appointment of medical Officer should be made on a temporary basis.

It was decided to take no action for the present.

re ex Collector James Gavigan

a letter dated 2nd July 1923. was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating, that as already pointed out, the Ministry have no power to accede to the Council's request in regard to the proposed payment of Compensation to Mr James Gavigan, ex Rate Collector.

Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest
 (Restrictions) Act, 1923.

a letter dated 5th July 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government on the Subject of above act, and pointing out that the main purpose of the act is to amend

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and Continue Certain restrictions which existed prior to its coming into force respecting the increase of rent & recovery of possession of premises in certain cases

Damaged or Destroyed Courthouses
a letter, dated 6th July 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government was read, requesting the Ticondill County Council to arrange for the preparation and submission at an early date of a list of all damaged or destroyed Courthouses or other public buildings in the County showing the location of each and mentioning whether totally or partly destroyed. The County Surveyors were directed to prepare the list asked for -

Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923
a letter, dated 16th July 1923, was read from the Ministry of Finance stating that the Minister has issued an Order in pursuance of the powers vested in him by Section 4 sub-Section (1) of above Act prescribing the form to be used in lodging applications for Compensation under the Act

Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places

a letter, dated 21st July 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing duplicate Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places which has been duly confirmed by him.

Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923.

a circular letter, dated 27th July 1923, was read from the Minister of Local Government forwarding copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1923, made under Section 15 of the Local Govt (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, and stating that

that it will be noted that the ministers powers with respect to appointments made by the Boards of Guardians are now extended to appointments by Local authorities as set out in the first column to the Order

Local Elections (Postponement) Act 1923

A circular letter dated 2nd August 1923 was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that Orders under above act will be issued forthwith postponing the next Local Government Elections.

Maghera party Boat slip

The consideration of a letter dated 8th August 1923 from the Office of Public Works on above Subject, was adjourned until next meeting.

re Nurse Finn, Midwife

A letter from the Assistant Secretary the Irish Nurses and Midwives Union calling attention to the case of Nurse Finn, midwife who attended the maternity cases in the Union Hospital at a fee per case, and pointing out that she is the only official who has received no compensation for the taking away of her work under the amalgamation scheme, which deprives her of about £20 a year in income, having been read, the Secretary stated that the Local Government Inspector informed him that Nurse Finn is not a Pensionable Officer owing to her having been paid a fee per case. No action was therefore taken.

Traffic across the Border Line between Northern Ireland and Irish Free State

Letters dated 4th July and 11th August 1923 from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners Dublin Castle, setting out their approved arrangements.

arrangements whereby Motor Vehicles, not carrying merchandise and not being themselves imported as merchandise, may be temporarily imported free of duty or deposit into the Irish Free State from Northern Ireland by persons provided with a Pass Sheet (Triptyque) guaranteed by the Royal Irish Automobile Club, Dawson St., Dublin, having been read.

Councillor Moyles proposed that we, the Tipperary County Council, do not consider that the arrangements stated to be made by the Revenue Commissioners for facilitating Motor Traffic across the Frontier have been a success, and that in fact the conditions to-day are more difficult than at the time of our previous resolution in May last.

This County Council therefore requests the Revenue Commissioners to take urgent steps to remedy the existing state of affairs as regards motor tourist traffic, particularly in connection with the weekend traffic to the seaside resorts in Tipperary.

Councillor Bowen seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

Public Reconstruction Grant - Insurance of Cartmen
 a letter dated 17th July 1923, from the Secretary, National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, regarding the Cartmen employed by Tipperary County Council in connection with Public Reconstruction Grant, and stating that such employees would appear to be insurable under the National Health & Unemployment Insurance Act, having been read, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported that as far as he was aware the stamping of cards for Cartmen is not done in any County in Ireland. No action was taken.

Ballyane Road - County Donegal.

a letter dated 28th June 1923, from the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, stating that it is regretted that the proposal of the Tírconaille County Council, as contained in their Secretary's letter of the 25th June last, cannot be entertained as it is most improbable that there will be another meeting of the Board. The Board's offer of half the cost of construction, not exceeding £50, will remain open until the next meeting of the County Council, having been read. The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to the Glenties Rural District Council and suggest that they bring forward a notice of motion for £100. half to be paid by the Congested Districts Board and the remaining half by Glenties Rural District.

Maintenance of Road across Arranmore Island.

a letter, dated 19th June 1923, was read from the Secretary Irish Lights Office, Dublin, requesting the Tírconaille County Council to be so good as to take over the maintenance of the road across Arranmore Island, leading from the Congested Districts Board gate to the Lighthouse & Coastguard station, and suggesting that the sum of £2 or £2.10.0 per annum would be a reasonable contribution by the Commissioners of Irish Lights.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated that his estimate for maintaining the road annually was £12. The Council decided they would be prepared to take over the maintenance of said road, provided

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The Commissioners of Irish Lights agree to contribute one half the estimated cost.

Auditors Report

The Auditors Report on Limerick County Councils accounts, was submitted & read.

Quotations for Scrap

Quotations for scrap on jail site at Rifford and at Courthouse, Carndonagh, were submitted. Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor, reported that as the quantity of scrap is small and some of it attached to masonry it would not be worth while entertaining offers for same as it would only be an excuse for parties interfering with the buildings, and more harm would be likely to result than any benefit derived.

The Report was approved of.

W.C. and Urinal Accommodation at Courthouse Letterkenny

A letter from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, relative to the great necessity that exists for sufficient Water closet & Urinal accommodation for the general public attending Sessions at Letterkenny Courthouse; also Mr. Stedman's Report and Estimate were submitted. The matter was placed in charge of Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor, he to advertise for and accept a tender for the execution of the work - Mr. Stedman estimated that a sum of £48- would be required for providing two W.C.s and Urinal accommodation.

Crally Bridge

A letter from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, merchant, Crally Bridge, requesting the County Council to make him a grant in respect of repairs to be carried out at Crally Bridge, which cost him at least £130- having been read, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that the

the Council considered it would strengthen any recommendation they might be prepared to make if a Memorial was well signed by those in the District using the bridge setting out the great necessity there was to have the structure repaired

Courthouse at Glenties

a letter from Mr. P. M. Kiernan, The Rock, Glenties drawing the attention of the County Council to the fact that the caretaker appointed to reside in and keep in order the Courthouse at Glenties from the 3rd May last does not reside in the Courthouse. He (Mr. Kiernan) believing that the Courtkeeper would occupy the Courthouse took the house and shop attached in which the Courtkeeper at present resides for the purpose of buying eggs and butter, and requesting the Co. Council to be good enough to make an Order that the Courtkeeper take up his abode in the Courthouse or if he declines to do so that he (Mr. Kiernan) be allowed to live in the latter building, having been read, Mr. Coffey, County Surveyor, stated he was asked to inform the Co. Council that Mr. Kennedy intends occupying the Courthouse premises during the present week. The Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. Kiernan to that effect.

Nurse for Tory Island.

a letter from the Revd. Michael Carr, C.C., Tory Island, requesting the County Council to consider the question of having a nurse appointed for Tory Island as the poor people have no medical aid whatsoever, having been read, the Council decided they had no power to make such an appointment

Old Courthouse at Dougal

Copy of a resolution passed by Dougal and District Ratepayers Association, that the doors and windows of Courthouse at Dougal be closed up so as to prevent nuisances and other traffic, loose stables to be removed, and any openings at river bank adjoining grounds to be closed, having been read, Mr. Caffrey, Co. Surveyor, was directed to attend to the matters referred to in resolution.

Accounts for appliances supplied
 a letter, dated 26.6.23, from the Registrar Central Home, Stranorlar, enclosing a/c for £6.18.6 and £10.18.8 respectively, furnished by Messrs. Bailean and Boyd, Ltd., Dublin, to Milford Board of Guardians, being for appliances supplied to Milford Union, having been read, it was decided to authorise the County Board of Health to pay the amount.

Railway Station at Lifford

a letter from Mr. Henry Forbes, Secretary Strabane and Letterkenny Railway Coy, referring to the resolution passed by Dougal Co. Council that the guaranteed interest in respect of the Strabane and Letterkenny Railway be withheld until certain provisions are carried out at Lifford Railway Station, and reminding the County Council that the guaranteed shares of the said Railway were taken up by the present holders on the security of a guarantee given by the Dougal County Council that the interest on the Capital invested would be met by the Council, and if this interest is not paid over to the Company the latter Council of course

pass

pass it on to the holders of the shares, was read. It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Mr. Dermott, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that unless the terms of the Co. Council's resolution passed at a meeting held on 19th June 1923, are complied with by the Railway Company the Council will withhold the guarantee in respect of the Railway in question -

Proposed Railway Sligo - Bundoran

A letter, dated 9th July 1923, from the acting secretary Sligo County Council re Conference at Bundoran in regard to above proposed Railway which has been proposed until such time as Leitrim County Council appointed Delegates was read.

Claim for remuneration for Storage of Court books &c
 A claim by Mr. John Sweeney as Clerk Petty Sessions for Tamney District in respect of the room in his house which he used for a Petty Sessions office, and for the storage of the Court books and records for the period from the 18th April 1920 to the 31st December 1922, was submitted and no action taken

Bunfauaghy Rural District Sub-Pension Committee

A letter from the Clerk Bunfauaghy Sub-Pension Committee stating that there ^{are} ~~are~~ now only two members of the Committee available and no business can be transacted in the absence of a third member, having been read, no action was taken in the absence of the representatives of the district.

Application for a Loan
 an application by Messrs Frank Kearney and Michael J. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyors, for a Loan of say £265 each, in accordance with the Scheme laid down by the Local Government Department in their Circular letter No. R 101 of the 29th July 1922, to enable them to purchase motor cars for the discharge of their duties, having been considered it was decided to grant Messrs F. Kearney and M. J. Cunningham a loan of £200 each, on the terms set out in Circular letter above referred to.

re Order to enter a Quarry
 a letter from Mr. P. J. Heron, Dungannon, Ardara, stating that he has been stopped from quarrying stones for use on road leading from Ardara to Glenties, and that he considers the matter should be placed in the hands of the Solicitor to the County Council with a view to obtaining an Order to enter said quarry, having been read, it was decided to instruct the Solicitor to the County Council to appear in the District Court on behalf of Mr. P. J. Heron.

Sale of meadow at Glenties
 a letter from Mr. Thady Campbell, Auctioneer, The Glenties, stating that the Matron of the District Hospital there asked him to dispose of some meadow but before doing so he wished to have some authority, having been read, the Secretary stated he wrote Mr. Campbell to have the meadow disposed of, the latter having stated that the meadow would go to loss unless seen to at once. The Secretary's action in the matter was approved of.

Flooding of Premises
 a letter was read from Mr. John Finney,
 Mountcharles

unsubstantiated, directing attention to the flooding of his premises, the result of a breach in the County wall. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported he was attending to the matter.

No Erection of Petrol Pumps

An application by Mr. Michael Flood, Ford Garage, Dougal, for permission to erect outside his place in Dougal one Herbestone Petrol Pump, having been considered, permission was granted, subject to the approval of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, and to Mr. Flood entering into an agreement with the County Council that he will remove said Pump when required by the Council and pay to the latter body a nominal rent of 1/- per annum, the agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council and cost of same defrayed by Mr. Flood.

Permission was also given to Mr. Mahon, Ross, Miford, and Mr. Barney McMuray, Tinsandall Central Motor Works, Ballysally, to erect a similar Pump in Miford and Ballysally respectively, on the same conditions. The County Surveyors were directed to furnish the Solicitor to the County Council with any particulars he may require in the preparation of agreements.

Applications for the Positions of Engine Driver and Flagman

Consideration of applications for the positions of Engine Driver and Flagman in connection with Motor Roller proposed to be purchased for use on roads in the Southern Division of the County was deferred as Roller had not been delivered.

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re Renting of a piece of Waste ground at Donegal -
a letter from Mr. Patrick Meehan, Castle St.,
Donegal requesting the County Council to
rent him a piece of Waste ground between
the two Quays at Donegal for a motor
garage; a plan of the waste grounds
were submitted. Mr. Francis Gallagher, Dob.,
Donegal, appeared on behalf of Mr. Meehan.

Councillor Patrick J. Mc. Leedick proposed that
the request be acceded to, provided Mr.
Meehan enters into an agreement with
the County Council and pays to them
a Yearly rent of £3, Councillor Browne
Seconded.

Councillor ~~James~~ Myles proposed, as an
amendment, a direct negative, Councillor Clarke
Seconded - subsequently the motion was
withdrawn, and it was decided to postpone
the matter for 6 months.

Rock Hospital Ballyshannon.
In accordance with notice of motion, duly
given and signed by 6 members, Councillor
Myles moved - That in pursuance of the
option conceded to us in the Tinsdale
County Scheme (Part II, n 15, par 9) we, the
Tinsdale County Council do hereby affirm
our conviction that the retention of the
Rock Hospital at Ballyshannon is an
indispensable factor of any impartial
readjustment, and an imperative duty ~~and~~
we owe to the poor of the two important
and populous towns Ballyshannon & Bundoran,
and of the congested neighbourhood. In
view of the apparent collapse of active
negotiations between the Trustees of the
Shree Hospital and the County Council our
position is clear and all semblance
of rational objection has vanished.

The "Steel" no longer blocks the way,
and

and we now proceed to support the completion of the arrangement we should have insisted on from the beginning but for this obstacle, for

(1) the promised annual Grant of £2,000 to be augmented to £3,000, if economically and usefully expended, will enable the Tircanail Board of Health to administer the Rock Hospital, already admirably equipped without further strain on the ratepayers.

(2) An inexhaustible supply of water, Electric Light, comfortable wards & a surgical theatre - second to no other in the Province, - a beautiful Chapel, a splendid Laundry, are all readily available with little or no initial ~~starting~~ outlay.

(3) The normal register of patients for the past three years exceeds 30, and the actual roll has never fallen below 20, save for two months. at present (June 27th) the number is 28.

That the Tircanail County Council ~~unanimously~~ ~~unanimously~~ approve of the Rock Hospital being administered by Tircanail Board of Health for a further period of 12 months, Councillor Bowen seconded, and the matter was unanimously agreed to, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

Road - Kincaaslagh Village to Kincaaslagh Road Railway station.

a further letter dated 5th July 1923, from the Congested Districts Board for Ireland on the Subject of the above-mentioned work, having been read, the Secretary stated that £1,000 was allocated to this road under the Relief of Distress Scheme, and that £400 was

was unexpended at the date (19.6.23) of the last meeting of the County Council, when the Council decided to request the C.D. Board to contribute a similar amount towards completion of the work.

The Congested Districts Board state that it is altogether outside the Board's powers to contribute towards the proposed road improvement if operations were carried out according to the methods of what is known as "Relief Work", that they will pay one-half of the cost of the road improvement upon terms stated, and the Board would therefore wish to know what amount is estimated as likely to be borne by the County Rates.

The Council decided that owing to the present state of the County funds they were not in a position to make any contribution towards the proposed road improvements.

In this connection a letter from the Congested Districts Board for Ireland enclosing, for the information of Tipperary County Council, copy letter received from the Revd. J. Mac Groarty, C.C. together with copy of the Board's reply thereto, was read.

Lewisham Pier

On the motion of Councillor Mc Dermott, seconded by Councillor Bowen, it was unanimously decided to grant Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, the sum of £33.0 as expenses in connection with the inspection, &c. of above Pier.

Explosives

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, mentioned the

the great difficulty road Contractors have in performing their Contracts for want of Explosives. On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor McKeown, it was unanimously resolved to request General O'Sweeney, The Barracks, Ballyshannon, to facilitate Tirane County Council by having the number of depots for Explosives in the County increased and arrangements made whereby Road Contractors may be able to procure them.

District Courts - Seating & Accommodation.
 Letters were read from certain Clerks of District Courts in the County making application for certain Office furniture and Seating & Accommodation at the various District Courts.

It was decided not to take any action at present.

Scheme for Allocation of 50 Council Scholarships

A letter from Rev. F. H. O'Connell, President of St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, regarding the allocation of County Council scholarships, and desiring to know if the results of the Senior Grade Examinations held by the authorities of the Dis. Counties area would be recognised as a basis for awarding the Scholarships.

Councillor Brown said the point before the Council was whether Examinations held in the Dis. Counties would be treated in the same way in future as they had been heretofore.

Very Rev. Canon E. Maguire, D.D., Chairman of the Scholarships Committee, who was in attendance, explained how

how the Scholarships had been allocated previously, and said it was desirable that the same conditions should prevail in future. He urged that ^{no} ~~no~~ ^{new} system of Examination should be allowed. He thought the County Council should allocate the Scholarships to candidates as heretofore and should not be drawing any new line of demarcation.

The Chairman moved that they make no change and the allocation of the Scholarships should remain as heretofore.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

Admiralty Pier at Rathmullan

a further letter was received from Mr. Edward Denny, Pier Hotel, Rathmullan, in regard to obtaining permission to use, for trading accommodation, the wooden wharf erected by the Admiralty at Rathmullan.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick stated a Deputation from the Trading Community at Rathmullan waited on him regarding the matter. It was too bad they could not use their own Pier. He thought the County Council should urge on the Admiralty to allow the wharf to be used by the people of the District.

Councillor Mr. Bennett said the Council should send a strong resolution on the subject to the Admiralty, and if they did not respond to the request he would suggest that the lock on gate at entrance to wharf be broken.

Councillor Bourne said the question of the Pier at Rathmullan had been dealt

dealt with in the Treaty. There was an Oil Tank there used by the Admiralty.

We thought the Council were proceeding altogether in an irregular manner

It was decided to recommend the matter to the Irish Government for consideration.

to Gratuity of £200. to Mr. Edward O'Donnell

The following Copy of a resolution passed by Linnishowen National Benefit Committee and Committee of management of District and Fever Hospitals at Caradunagh recommending that Mr. Edward O'Donnell receive Compensation on the termination of his Office as Clerk to both Committees was submitted -

It was unanimously resolved -

"That we protest in the strongest possible terms against the treatment of the Clerk who has discharged his duties with such incomparable zeal and efficiency, and who as assistant Clerk of the Local Public Bodies, has, for the past 10 years, been regarded throughout Linnishowen as a part of the Institution of Local Government here.

It is within the knowledge of the Committee that when the funds of Linnishowen Union were low, he never sought an increase; that during, and for long after the termination of the war, at a pre-war salary & without bonus, he daily devoted to the public duties the full measure of a day's work, and to cope with the prevailing inflated prices, worked at other employments while other people took their enjoyment or their rest, and we strongly recommend to the Council

Financial County Council, and to the Local Government Department, that the services he has rendered be recognised by them and Commensurate Compensation awarded him.

We avail of the opportunity to express our thanks to the Clerk for the assistance he gave the Committee.

Mr. Edward O'Donnell attended and having been heard. Councillor Bower stated that the amount of War Bonus which would have been sanctioned by the late Local Government Board for any Official, in accordance with Circular issued on the subject, would have amounted, (@ £60 per annum,) to £360 in 1914-15. It would be wrong to have Mr. O'Donnell, who performed the various duties for 10 years penalised because of the technicality that he was not a recognised Official, while throughout the district he was universally regarded as a part of the Institution of Local Government. He was entitled to have his services for those years he was assistant Clerk of the local Bodies recognised and adequately paid for. He (Councillor Bower) therefore moved that we recommend that Mr. Edward O'Donnell be granted a gratuity of £200, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, and that the Secretary forward the letter, dated 16.7.23, and enclosures thereto, received from Mr. O'Donnell to the Ministry. Councillor Myles seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

Appointment of Rate Collector - No 9 Collection District

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Bonner, Mr. Thomas Harvey, Meenagran, Frosses, was unanimously appointed Collector of Poor Rate for No. 9 Collection District, he to take up Collection of the ~~Rate~~ Rate for current Year, and not to be held responsible for Collection of previous arrears which are being demanded through County Office. At the same time Mr. Harvey was asked by the Council to give assistance in ensuring delivery of arrears claims in cases in which the occupiers could not be traced by County Office. This assistance Mr. Harvey undertook to render

Appointment of Mr. John Gillespie for No. 3 Collection District, and Personal Security to be provided by him

The Secretary submitted letter, dated 18.7.23, G 27945/25, from the Ministry of Local Government, sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. John Gillespie, Ballyshannon, for this district, and calling on him to provide Personal Security under the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1904. In accordance with this requirement Mr. Gillespie submitted the names of messrs

James Garigan, Cattle Dealer and Farmer,
Castle St., Ballyshannon,
John Dweeney, Commercial Hotel,
Ballyshannon, (Farmer, auctioneer,
and Hotel Proprietor)

as solvent persons willing to join him in a Bond to the Council for the sum of £144, and these men it was decided to accept, on the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Bonner, the former intimating that

that they were satisfactory.

re Ex Collector McDevitt

The Secretary submitted letter from the Ministry of Local Government intimating that in reference to the wishes of the County Council no objection would be raised to the payment of poundage fees to this Ex Collector. The Council desired it to be placed on record that the poundage to be allowed should be determined at the fixed rate of 5% on the total collection and lodgements for the year ended the 31st March, 1922. -

List of Uncollected Rates

The Secretary submitted lists of uncollected rates in the Districts of Collectors Gillespie, Polan, Cassidy, Garman, Warren, Dawson (Lethbrun), and Greer, for the periods ended 31st March, 1923, and it was decided to refund the amounts as shown on the lists, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

These Collectors, it was pointed out by the Secretary, had closed their accounts for the periods specified.

Payment of Poundage Fees

The Secretary called the Council's attention to the fact that Collectors Gillespie, Gougle, Cassidy, Garman, and Dawson (Lethbrun) who had not ^{closed} their accounts for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1923, within the time previously fixed by the Council, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Local Government, had since done so.

It was unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry to sanction the payment of fees to these Collectors for the period in question.

re Collector Muehew

The Secretary submitted letter from the Ministry of Local Government intimating that directions had been given for the issue of an Order removing Mr Michael Muehew from the Office of Rate Collector under the Tipperary County Council. In this connection the Secretary intimated that the Deputy Checker for Ballyshannon Rural District had on the 20th inst. sent Mr. Muehew's Collecting Books and Returns showing the total amount of Rates Collected but not lodged by him for the Year ended the 31st March 1923. as £ 558.18.3. This sum, the Secretary added, Mr. Muehew had been called on by Registered Letter to lodge immediately with the County Treasurer, his Sureties also having been communicated with in the matter.

The Council directed that all necessary steps be taken to secure payment of the amount. That the Office be considered as vacant and that a new appointment be made at the next meeting of the County Council.

Direct Collection of Rates - No. 9 District.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Managers National Bank, Ltd., Duncannon, intimating that his Branch had remitted on behalf of Ratepayers of No. 9 Collection District sums amounting to £ 231.12.8 to the County Treasurer and intimating that while his Directors were desirous to facilitate the Co. Council in the collection of Rates they could not authorise their Officers to continue to perform this work without being remunerated and asking what proposal the Council were prepared to make in

in this connection. The Secretary was directed to inform the Bank that while they appreciated the services rendered by the Bank, they had no authority to make any payment of this kind, and that the obligation as to the means of making such remittance was solely a matter for the ratepayers concerned.

Collection of the Rate, with particular reference to Collector Mc Gowan.

The Secretary submitted Returns showing the condition of the Collection of the Rates in the County to the 18th August 1923, from which it appeared that (excluding sums garnisheed) £ 13,017.8.8 remained uncollected in respect of the two years ended the 31st March 1923. The Secretary intimated that in the Districts for which the Collections to that date had been closed the warrants for the current year had been issued and the new books for the remaining districts would be despatched immediately the Collectors had lodged all outstanding arrears. The Collection of these arrears, he further pointed out, was proceeding very slowly for some time past, and he urged the adoption of the strongest possible measures to ensure of the immediate recovery of all outstanding sums. After considerable discussion it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Mc Dermott, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that the Collectors who had not as yet closed their accounts for the period ended the 31st March 1923, be called on to do so forthwith, and that the Local Government Inspector be furnished with full particulars

of these cases for the purposes of report to the Ministry of Local Government in order that the latter may take such steps in the matter as the circumstances warrant. In the case of Collector McFowan whose application for increased poundage on arrears in the District for the half-year ended 31.3.22 was deferred to the County Council meeting on the 24th April last it was decided, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government, to pay him 4/- in the £ (fixed rate is 7^d) on the total amount of such arrears if lodged before the 18th Sept. next. These arrears amounting to £ 831.0.3 remained outstanding at the time of his predecessor's removal from office, and were not it was stated by him at the time, recovered owing to the disturbed conditions then prevailing in the District.

Requisition of Special Infantry

A letter from the military authorities Drumcree Castle, setting out the procedure to be adopted for the requisition of special infantry for the collection of rates in Districts in which it may be necessary to obtain their services was read.

Application for an Increase of Remuneration

A letter from Mr. Vincent J. Mc-Mullen, Solicitor, Ballybofey, stating that he was instructed by the County Taxpayers Rate Collectors Association to appear before the County Council on their behalf in respect of the application by the Ratepayers of the County for an increase of remuneration and for the purpose of having certain grievances redressed, having been read, it was intimated to the Council that

Mr. Mc-Mullen

Mr. Mc Mullin was unable to attend in support of the application consideration of the matter was therefore adjourned
Relief of Distress Scheme

With reference to the suspension of works under the Relief of Distress Scheme the Secretary stated he wrote Councillor Mr. Goldrick, 7.19. to approach the Ministry of Local Government with a view to having the balance of the Grant (£15,000) reverted.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick replied stating this Grant it appears was by the old Poor when all were together and out of funds held Commonly. It would have been expended had some of the members of the County Council agreed to the terms attached by the Local Government Department as to ruling out new works. That this money was now the subject of litigation and whether it may ever become re-available is uncertain. However, he (Councillor Mr. Goldrick) pressed the Minister of Finance, and in response to same he received from him a personal letter to say that he would be prepared to sanction the payment of a further sum of £10,000 subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government as to apportionment amongst the various Rural Districts for which the Grant was sanctioned, and the manner in which the money, when issued, is to be utilised.

The Secretary stated that only £5,000 of the Grant had been received, and the sum of £9,004 14 0 expended leaving a debit Balance of £4,004 14 0.

Mr. Stedman has referred to letter dated 28.5.23 received from the Ministry of Local Government which held there was no authority for payments from the Relief of Distress Fund subsequent to 31 March 1923, as all money must be expended during the Financial Year in which they are voted. This condition Mr. Stedman added, is not included in the Scheme nor in any correspondence bearing on the Grant in question. The Secretary was directed to write the Ministry of Local Govt as to the amount expended in excess of the instalment of the Grant received, and to request that a further instalment of the Grant may be reverted.

County Council of Tipperary.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings Meeting
held on 13th November, 1923.

Attendance.

The members present were:-
Councillors Barry, Bower, Boyle, Clarke, Coll,
Gallagher (Anthony), Kelly (John), Langan, Myles,
Mr. Cool, Mr. Drusth, Mr. Vally, O'Donnell (Hugh),
O'Donnell (J.F.), and O'Flaherty.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Govt Inspector,
and Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, representing the
Solicitor to the County Council, were also present.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher
(Anthony), seconded by Councillor Boyle,
Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

Minutes.

The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

Reports of Committees

The Reports of the undermentioned Committees
were unanimously adopted:-

Tuberculosis - Meetings held 26th Sept & 30th Oct, 1923.

Finance - Meeting held 13th Nov, 1923.

Proposals - - - - -

Proposals for Payment

Proposals for Payment in respect of Salaries, &c
for Quarter ended 30th Sept, 1923, were
ordered to be paid.

Treasurer's advice notes

Treasurer's advice notes were submitted & signed

re Release of Political Prisoners

Councillor Boyle said that as the War had
ended and peace prevailed in Northern & Southern
Ireland something should be done on behalf
of the Prisoners. Most of them had been
interned.

interned for over eighteen months without charge. A very useful member of Ticondoga Co. Council was interned, and it was the duty of the Council to do what they could to hasten his release, as well as all the others. He therefore moved that the Council urge the immediate release of all Political prisoners in the Custody of the Northern and Southern Governments.

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded. The Chairman said he would not give way to any person in the County to see that the persons interned were released. From the beginning he said that when they had an established Government in the County he would be a stronger supporter of it than some of the people who had been talking.

He was a supporter of the Government and to show it he went on the platform at Lattin camp with the President. The proper course was to get the members of the Fair for the County to raise the question in the Fair. He was very sorry, particularly in the case of a member of the Council, that these men should be interned, but the best thing was to leave it to the Fair to manage this business.

Councillor Myles said he desired to dissociate himself from the terms of the Resolution. They had a Government elected by the people of the County and it was entirely in their hands. Any recommendation in the form of a Resolution or otherwise would have no effect, for the Government would act as they thought fit, independent of the views of the Council.

Councillor Banner asked were only political prisoners referred to. He was as desirous as any member of the Council that those who were genuine Political prisoners should, on giving the undertaking required, be

be released, But what about the looters, plunderers, and those guilty of other crimes, were they to be included in the Category of Political prisoners. There were a number of individuals in at present, and it was far better for themselves & the Country that they should be kept there. It was hardly fair to dictate to the Government who were responsible for law and order that every individual should be let out.

Councillor Boyle said the Government should bring to trial those against whom there was a charge.

The Resolution was put to the meeting and passed.

Relief of Distress Grant

A letter dated 26th October 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept, stating that a Cheque for £5,000, being a further instalment of the Daily Relief of Distress Grant has been sent to the Hibernian Bank, Letterenny, and adding that a further sum, not exceeding £5,000, will be held available to enable the Tinsowall County Council to complete certain works commenced under the Scheme, but the disbursement of this sum is conditional on the Council enforcing at once the arrangements made at the inception of the Scheme.

The Secretary stated that on the 30th Sept. last there was a debit balance of £4,942.5.7, and after taking credit for the £5,000 recently received there was now a credit balance of £57.14.5.

Councillor Mr. Perrott said he understood a sum of £10,000 was available, and it was a scandal that the money was

was held up because some of the Officials did not comply with the requirements. If the money was coming from England there would not be a single one of them who would not do everything necessary.

It was pointed out that the difficulty arose in connection with the establishment of an Office in Lifford for the two County Surveyors.

Mr. O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector, said the conditions were not complied with. It was not enough to appoint a clerk and put him in an Office in Lifford unless there was supervision, and he was in touch with the work they were spending £65,000 of the Rates on roads and he hardly thought there was a single member of the Council who would say that they were getting value for the money. When an Inspector came down he found a clerk there who knew nothing about the roads. The County Surveyors had to be wired for.

Messrs. Steadman and Caffrey submitted the following report:

Gentlemen,
With regard to Offices for the County Surveyors there are no rooms at present available. All the existing apartments are occupied. Some time ago a scheme was brought forward to convert the large room in County House - now occupied by the military - into offices for the County Surveyors and Rate clerks. The military, however, taking over the premises has somewhat delayed the putting into operation of this scheme.

If the alterations were now carried out there would be no further need for complaint
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on part of the Local Government Department.
Under the present conditions documents and papers get lost when brought into Offices already occupied.

Councillor Mr. Bennett said that one of the rooms in the Courthouse was occupied by a Clerk from the Rate Department, he moved that this Clerk vacate the room and carry on his work in the Office set apart for Rate work, and that the room be made available for Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, immediately; also that the Clerk from the Rate Department, occupying the room in which Mr. Steadman has his Office, remove to the Rate Department Office, with a view to the conditions as to Offices for the County Surveyor being complied with.

Councillor Boyle seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

It was also pointed out that one of the conditions that had not been fulfilled was that each County Surveyor had not taken charge of the areas, as allotted in Scheme.

Mr. Steadman here submitted the following Report -

Gentlemen,

arising out of the proposal of the Local Govt Dept. to have all roads in Stranorlar Rural District placed under one County Surveyor, it seems to me desirable to point out the position which is as follows:-

It will be recollected that the whole of the area, formerly known as Stranorlar No. 2 District was thrown into Stranorlar Rural District.

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The major portion of Strabane No. 2, was in the Northern Division of the County and under my Supervision.

I pointed out to the representative that this area was the most conveniently situated District under my Charge, that I had of necessity to travel through a good deal of it when on my way to inspections of roads more remotely situated; also when going to my Office at Rifford. The Representative on the other hand urged that the desire of the Department was solely to have the whole of Strabane District under one County Surveyor and that there was no intention of the Department to interfere with my Salary.

In face of this assurance, and notwithstanding the fact that I was asked to exchange the District most convenient to me for a remote portion of Letterkenny District, and ^{much} more difficult of access I felt that any grounds for not falling in with the wishes of the Department could scarcely be considered reasonable.

It seemed to me, however, but fair that I should place on record these facts so that there might be no misunderstanding in future as to the conditions on which I had fallen in with this desire.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor O'Farrell (J.F.), it was decided to ~~approve~~ instruct the Officials to comply with the conditions forthwith, and to request the Ministry of Local Government to forward the third instalment (£5,000) of the Grant at once.

The Chairman said he was certain the Local Government Inspector (Mr O'Farrell) would

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Would facilitate the transfer of the money to the County.

Mr. O'Farrell said when the Conditions were carried out he would inform the Ministry

Grant of £3960

a letter dated 24th October 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept. relative to the Grant of £3960 provisionally allocated to Tiscouaill for the improvement of Trunk Roads and setting out the procedure to be adopted with regard to the employment of demobilised men of the National Army on this work was read. The Secretary stated that he sent a copy of the letter to each County Surveyor.

Mr. Steadman in a report recommended that half of above amount be utilised on that ^{part} of the Trunk road, beginning at Buncrana Urban Boundary and going towards Fahan.

Mr. Caffrey recommended that the remaining half be expended in reconstructing about three miles of roads from Ballybopey to Dougal, between Barnes bridge and Headue bridge.

Councillor Mr. Bernatt protested that not a penny was being spent in the parishes of Lifford and Castlefin. They had many demobilised National Soldiers resident in those areas.

Councillor O'Donnell (D.F.), said West Dougal should be allocated a portion of the amount.

After further discussion, on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Myles, the recommendations of the County Surveyors were unanimously adopted.

Explosives

A letter, dated 27.9.23, was read from the Colonel, Rock Barracks, Ballyshannon, stating that it would be impossible for the military authorities to supply Explosives to all the military Posts in Tirone, requesting that a list of all Contractors requiring Explosives, and the Posts to which they would wish to have same sent, be forwarded when the matter will receive immediate attention. The Secretary stated he forwarded a copy of letter to each County Surveyor in the County.

The County Surveyors were directed to have prepared, through their assistants, the list asked for and forwarded to the proper quarter.

Claim for Payment

A letter from Mr. Bernard M. Carson, Kinego, Ballymagann, Lishowen Rural District, applying for payment for repairing part of the road and bridge, on the road from Buncrana to Clonmany, between the Crossroads at Shandrum and the Crossroads at Clough, having been read, no action was taken in the matter.

Conditions of a Road & Claims for Payment

A letter from Mr. James Maxwell, Farnmacbride, Glencolumbkille, drawing attention of the County Council to the unsatisfactory condition of the road to Farnmacbride, and stating that he and Michael M. Ginty worked several days and put said road in repair for which they each claimed £1.10.0, having been read, the claim was refused.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted a report as to the cause of the condition of this road, and the Secretary was directed to

to send a copy to the Irish Light Board,
Irish Land Purchase Fund

An Order, dated 19.9.23, made by the Minister of Finance directing that there shall be deducted from sums payable from the Local Taxation (Ireland) account to Tircouaill County Council, the sum of £268.19.9, such sum being unpaid and due to the Irish Land Commission by the Rural District Council of Dushowen (formerly Derry No. 2), was submitted. The Secretary was directed to write the Clerk, Dushowen R.D. Council for an explanation as to the cause of the non-payment of the amount.

Pension to Sister M. Cowley
 a letter dated 18th Oct 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government consenting to an allowance at the rate of £34.16.8 a year, to Sister M. J. Cowley, for loss of employment as Matron of Gentles Workhouse.

The Council approved of the amount granted.
re Mr R. Moore, Ex Clerk Dushowen Union
 a letter, dated 21st Sept 1923, was read from the Minister of Local Government with reference to the dispute of Tircouaill County Council in regard to the compensation payable to Mr Robert Moore for loss of employment as Clerk of Dushowen Union, and adding that it is intended to introduce into the Oireachtas at the first available opportunity a Bill providing for the compensation of clerks who were employed in a whole time capacity by Clerks of Unions and whose services were terminated as a consequence of County Schemes, and the Minister would suggest that Mr Moore's
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might be deferred until it would be seen how the proposed legislation affects his case. It was decided to adopt this suggestion.

re Mr. Brian Douglas - Gratuity
 a letter dated 26.9.23 was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister considers that Mr. Brian Douglas late Porter of Lishowen Workhouse, might be paid a small amount on account of his gratuity, pending a final decision in his case. The Secretary intimated that the County Council recommended as a gratuity £207.10.0. On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was unanimously decided to pay £50- on account.

Maintenance of a Road in Arranmore
 A letter, dated 3rd October, 1923, No. 772, was read from the Irish Lights Office, Dublin, relative to the maintenance of the road leading from the Congested Districts Board gate to the Lighthouse and Coastguard Station on Arranmore Island, & stating that the Commissioners of Irish Lights' proposal is that they should pay half the actual cost of upkeep, subject to the understanding that their contribution shall not exceed £6. per annum on the average in any consecutive five years, and requesting to learn that the County Council agree to this.

The Council decided to take over the maintenance of said road, the Commissioners of Irish Lights having agreed to contribute half the yearly estimated maintenance cost.

Explosives Act, 1875.

a letter, dated 8th October 1923 was read from Major General Dweeney, Rock Barracks, Ballybrannigan, stating that the Military authorities have decided not to allow any more Dealers in Cartridges than there are at present, as Licences have just been issued to two men in that part of the County. One in Letterkenny, and one in Carradrough.

Charge on Fresh Fish

a letter, dated 15th Oct. 1923 from the Minister of Local Government on the Subject of the resolution passed by Invercaille Co. Council relative to a Charge on fresh fish on being taken across the border through the Dist. County area, and stating that the representations have been forwarded to the Revenue Commissioners, Dublin Castle, for their consideration was read, and the matter referred to Councillor Myles, he to approach the Revenue Commissioners with a view to having the charge above mentioned dispensed with. Councillor Myles undertook to interview the Commissioners.

Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923

Section 14 (1)

a circular letter dated 14th Oct 1923, D. 13/7. was read from the Ministry of Local Govt setting out the dates on which the amount (£ 8,037.19.6) payable by Invercaille County Council to the Exchequer in pursuance of Section 14 (1) of the above-named Act in respect of the Financial Year ending 31.3.24 are to be lodged

Sheep Scab.

a letter, dated 19th Oct 1923. from the Dept
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of Agriculture, 40, Dublin, requesting to be informed whether the Tinecaille County Council propose to institute legal proceedings against ~~the~~ ^{Certain} ~~sheep owners~~ Sheep Owners for breaches of the Sheep Seal (Ireland) Order of 1905, having been read, it was decided to take no action —

Exportation of Animals

Copy Order cited as the Exportation of animals (Irish Free State) Order of 1923, made by the Department of Agriculture 40, Dublin, was submitted.

Condition of two County Roads

a letter from Mr. Hugh McBride, Largaureagh Cottages, Downings, relative to the bad condition of the two roads leading into four Cottages occupied by Mrs. Sophia McBride, John Mc Lafferty, Mrs. McSwan and himself, having been read, the County Surveyor stated that the roads referred to were not on the County and that the Cottages were built by Milford Rural District Council

Claim for Compensation for loss of Office

a Claim for Compensation by Mr. John W. Gee, for loss of employment as secretary to the Committee of management of the County Infirmary at Lifford, consequent on the coming into operation of Tinecaille County Scheme, was submitted, and the Secretary was directed to ascertain if Mr. W. Gee was a pensionable Officer, the claim to be again submitted to the Council at their next meeting

Prisoners in Mountjoy Jail

a letter, signed on behalf of the Prisoners in Mountjoy Jail, protesting against the treatment meted out to them; also copy of a resolution passed by Macroom Rural

Rural District Council, on the same subject, were read,

re County Council Scholarship
An application by Miss Josephine Mc Colgan, Home address: "The Store", Culdaff, for a County Council scholarship, was submitted and no action taken—

James Mc Daid v Donegal County Council
Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor, reported that with reference to the action brought by James Mc Daid of Whinpark, Glenties, against the Donegal County Council under the Workmen's Compensation Act for injuries sustained by him while working at the County Council's Steam Breaker on the 19th July last, Councillor Banner, Mr. A. W. Mc Laughlin, and he went into the matter and decided in the interest of the County Council that it was advisable to effect a settlement. Mr. Mc Daid was sounded and he agreed to accept £10 in respect of injuries to his thumb. His Honour Judge Cooke went into the case at the October session and confirmed the amount to which he added the costs of Mr. Daid's solicitor.

Cost of Sleepers supplied
Accounts for £8.15.6 and £1.4.0 respectively, received from the Londonderry andough Swilly Railway Company for sleepers supplied to military at Dungloe Road Station and to National Troops at Orleary Station, for the purpose of repairing bridges, were submitted. The Secretary stated that these claims came before the County Council at a previous meeting and were referred to Glenties Rural District Council. The latter body expressed the opinion that the County Council, through their Officers, was

was the proper authority to deal with the accounts in question, subsequently the County Council referred them to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor for investigation

Mr. Caffrey reported that he had made inquiries - the military authorities state that the sleepers were got but can give no further particulars. It was decided to refuse payment of the amount -

Road to the Pier at Arranmore

a letter from Messrs Edward Mc Fadden & Coy, Solicitors, Letterkenny, on behalf of Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Arranmore Island, Complaining that the road to the Pier at Arranmore had, for a considerable time past, been blocked up with boats & other obstacles, having been read, the Secretary was directed to write the Harbour master to have the obstructions removed -

re Courthouse at Ballintra

a letter from Mr O'Hara, District Justice, Donegal, enclosing letter he received from the Clerk of Ballintra Court with reference to the heating of the premises, having been read, it was decided to pay to the owner the cost of providing fuel and light on days when business is being transacted by the District Justice, on production of the necessary vouchers &c

Condition of Pipes

a letter from Mr Thomas Carney, Craig, Rathmullan, drawing the County Council's attention to the neglected state of four pipes which cross the road (Rathmullan to Ramletan) opposite his lands at Ray, having been read, the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention -

Condition of the Kinnego Road

a letter from the Revd. T. J. Agnew, C.C. Buncrana,

Buncrana, drawing attention to the Scandalous State of the roads generally in the district, but particularly to the Kinego road which runs from the Illis road East of the townland of Glenagh to the Buncrana Clannary road at Shandrum and making a special appeal for the immediate repair of this Kinego road, not alone for the convenience of the large number of Ratepayers but to avoid the imminent danger of serious accident with perhaps loss of life, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, Co. Surveyor, who stated that the road is now in Contract and the Contractor had up the metal and would be putting road in repair immediately. —

State of a Bridge on the Kinego Road
 a letter was read from P. J. Mc Cormick, Buncrana, protesting most emphatically against the state of a bridge on the Kinego road in Inishowen Rural District. This bridge was destroyed almost three years ago, & although the span is only about 6 feet there is yet no effort made to effect repairs.

The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for his attention —
Re Release of President De Valera & other Elected members

Copy of a resolution passed by Limerick County Borough Council, recognising the absolute necessity existing for peace and unity in Ireland, demands the removal of all barriers to that peace and unity by the release of President De Valera & other elected members, was read.

Re Decree for £25.18.9

A letter was read from Mr. William Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, wishing to know if the County Council will pay the sum of £25.18.9 on foot of a Decree at the suit of James Keruan, Secy. of Manor-Cunningham against the County Council, granted at Letterkenny Sessions on 17.1.22.

It was decided to pay the amount on production of the Decree.

Loan of £2,000. Greenacastle-Mooville Road
A mortgage in connection with a Loan of £2,000 proposed to be obtained from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., re repairs to above road, was submitted and the Seal of the County Council ordered to be affixed thereto.

Annual meeting Co. Council's General Council
A letter from the Secretary County Council's General Council stating that the annual meeting of that body will be held in Dublin on 13th December, 1923, and a statement of any matter which the Council of Fircouaill may wish to have discussed at the meeting should be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary by the 13th Nov., was read.

Councillor Clarke was appointed a representative of the Council on the County Council's General Council in place of Councillor Ward, J. D., resigned.

Limiting Speed of Motor Cars.

Copy resolution passed by Letterkenny Urban District Council requesting the Fircouaill County Council to make application to the Ministry of Local Government to make a Regulation, with a view to the safety of the public, limiting the speed of Motor Cars, within

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Within the Urban District of Letterkenny to 10 miles an hour, was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Bower, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.)

Flooding of Lands

a further letter from Mr Philip N. Boyle, Leab-garrow, Arranmore, relative to the flooding of his lands, which is caused by two pipes being stopped, and requesting that a pipe be made to take the place of the latter pipes, having been read, it was decided to take no action in the matter—

re Proposed District Court at Carrick

A letter from the Very Revd. E. Canon Maguire, D.D. Carrick, Co. Donegal stating that the people of this Parish request that a District Court be established there. As a suitable room is readily available, and as the Court is to function only on one day within every period of two months it is confidently hoped that the County Council will cheerfully pay a small rent and save litigants infinite hardship, having been read, it was unanimously decided to recommend the establishment of a District Court to the Minister of Home Affairs.

re Committal of Children to Industrial Schools

A notice, dated 13.10.23, from the District Sessions Clerk at Letterkenny, re proposed Committal of a Child - Robert Wm White - over 7 years and under 14 years to the Industrial School, Killybegs; also a notice dated 13.10.23, from Sergeant M. W. Mahon, Glenties, re proposed Committal of three boys - John McDevitt, Charles McDevitt, & Henry Breslin, of Gortnamucklagh, to an Industrial School on the Charge of Larceny, were submitted.

Overground Telegraphic Line

An application dated 15.10.23, on behalf of the Postmaster General, for permission to place an overground Telegraphic Line on the road from the existing route near Lifford Bridge to a point opposite the Courthouse, Lifford, having been considered, the application was acceded to, subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor.

Dunfaughy R.D. School Attendance Committee
 A Recommendation of Dunfaughy Rural District School Attendance Committee that Mr. Joseph Fallagher, Murroe, Dunfaughy, be appointed a member of the Committee in room of P. Mac Grath, resigned, was submitted, and adopted.

Lighting District Clerks Office at Letterkenny
 A letter from the acting District Clerk, L. Kenny, requesting that the gas-fittings to Clerk's Office be repaired; the fittings are still intact and all that seems necessary is to make the required connections with the main which lights the body of the building, having been read, On the motion of Councillor Fallagher (Anthony), seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), it was decided to have the repairs carried out.

County Board of Health
 A Requisition from the Tinscoil Board of Health for £7,000 to meet payments authorised up to 30th Sept. 1923. was submitted. The Secretary was directed to have the amount transferred.

Cruit Road, Kincaulagh
 A letter was read from Mr. Frank Roberts, Cruit Island, Kincaulagh, requesting payment for the making of above road.

Mr. Caffrey, Co. Surveyor, stated that he had attended to the matter.

Proposed Weighbridge at Buncrana Pier.
A letter from the Clerk Urban District Council, Buncrana, stating that that body request that a proper Weighbridge be erected on above Pier for the Convenience of the general public, having been read, Consideration of the matter was postponed until next meeting.

re Provision of Pounds
Letters from Mr. O. Hawthorn, District Justice, Donegal, stating that he has been instructed by the Minister of Home Affairs to take the necessary steps to requisition the County Council for the provision of Pounds at Lifford, Raphoe, Donegal, Killybegs, Carrick, and Glencolumbkille, and adding that he trusts the County Council will deal with these Requisitions with as little delay as possible as it is obviously in the public interest that provision for dealing with trespassing and straying animals should be made available as soon as possible, having been read, Consideration of the matter was adjourned until next meeting.

re Erection of Petrol Pumps, &c.
applications by the undermentioned persons for permission to erect Petrol Pumps outside their respective premises; also to excavate so as to put a Tank underground to supply ^{each} pump, were submitted.

- F. Graham, Ballyshannon
- J. O. Reilly, Tironaill Garage, Donegal
- Daniel Mc. Nelis, Ardara
- Thomas Couster, Drumkineely
- George Dunlevy, Mount Charles
- R. H. Mc. Dowell, Milford
- James Keating & Coy, Letterkenny
- Jack Mc. Auley, Letterkenny, James

James Binney, Ramelton

Permission was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyors, and to each applicant entering into an agreement with the County Council that said Pumps and Tanks will be removed when required by the County Council, and paying to the latter body a nominal rent of 1/- per annum, the agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council and cost of same to be defrayed by the respective applicants

Road No. 868, Duishower R.D.

a letter from the Ratepayers resident in the townland of Drumaville, relative to the bad condition of the road between Drumagresson bridge and James Dougan's of Drumaville, having been read, it was decided to take no action in the matter
re Mr. Leo Mullin, Assistant Surveyor.

a letter was read from Mr. Leo Mullin, Assistant Surveyor, with enclosing a medical Certificate, dated 30.10.23, to the effect that Mr. Mullin will be unable to follow his occupation for five weeks.

Travelling Expenses of a Patient to L. Kenny Mental Hospital
a letter from the Clerk Dunsfawagh Rural District Council, stating that at the recent meeting of that body a complaint was made that James Gallagher, Magherarowsky, was compelled to pay the expenses of the Committal of his sister to the L. Kenny mental Hospital, amounting to £3.14.6, in addition to the Doctors fee of £1.1.0 and adding that the Council are satisfied that this man is a poor person, and they wish to know under what circumstances was he obliged to pay these

These expenses, having been read, the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to the R. H. O., Letterkenny, Mental Hospital, and request him to favour the County Council with his observations thereon.

Claim for Compensation
 a letter was read from W. W. Keely, Solicitor, Letterkenny, stating that he has been instructed by Mrs. Barr (Widow) of Maghera-Clogher, Gweedore, to write the County Council with regard to the death of her son (Peter Barr) who was killed on the 22nd July last whilst engaged in quarrying operations at Cahalandy, in the Gweedore District, and request to be informed if the County Council are prepared to pay compensation to the relatives of the deceased. It was unanimously decided to deny all liability in the matter.

Refusal to Pay Rates
 Mr. John Gillespie, Poor Rate Collector, Ballyshannon, appeared before the Council and stated that Dr. Gordon of Ballyshannon had refused to pay his rates, and that he (Gillespie) proposed instituting proceedings for the recovery of same and asked the Council to grant him the assistance of their Solicitor in the case. The request was acceded to.

Permission to build Bay-Windows
 Subject to the approval of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, permission was granted to Mr. Charles Mundy of Tinsodale St., Donegal to build two Bay-Windows on his house in Tinsodale St.

Fever Hospital at Ramblton
 a letter was read from Mr. P. M. Ward, The Mall,

The wall, Ramelton, regarding the Fever Hospital at Ramelton, which was closed under the abolition of Workhouses Scheme, and pointing out that there is a considerable quantity of furniture, beds and bedding in it which belong to the County Council, and suggesting that same be Auctioned & the proceeds lodged with the Council, or spent in repairing the place, which is at present in a state of 'degradation', and will soon fall unless it is seen to, and adding that the building, if repaired, could easily be rented, as there are quite a number of people in the locality looking for houses.

The Local Government Inspector stated he had the matter in hand and would report to the Council at their next meeting. This course was agreed to.

Proposed Lighting of Town of Dougal.
A letter was read from Mr. James Dunlevy, Solicitor, Dougal, stating that the Dougal Acetylene Gas Lighting Coy. have arranged to light the town and suburbs of Dougal and they require the usual liberty to open the streets when necessary to lay and repair the pipes. The Company will of course give the usual undertaking to restore the streets to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Permission was given, subject to the approval of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, and to the Company entering into an agreement with the County Council at a nominal rent, and paying the cost of preparation of agreement.

re Injury to Lands

a letter was read from Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solr., Letterkenny,

Letter from, on behalf of Mr. Daniel W. Conlogue, of Sockat, Letterkenny, relative to the very serious injury done to the lands of the latter at Sockat by reason of a bridge, County property, being allowed for a considerable time to remain badly injured, and adding that unless his Client is compensated he will take proceedings at law. meantime it is vital to get the bridge repaired. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

re Keep of a Cow

a further letter from Mr. John M. Conwell, Hotel, Merville, relative to his claim for the keep of a cow, being a seizure made by the former Rate Collector on foot of a Decree obtained in the Republican Court, no sale having been effected, owing to failure of the Officer of the Court to carry out his duty. having been read, the Council decided to adhere to their previous decision in the matter. Therefore the claim was not entertained.

Courthouse at Glenties

a letter was read from Mr. Daniel Mulhern, Glenties, stating that the press in the Courthouse, which contains all the statutes and records, requires two good locks; also three chairs are required to be replaced, which were either broken or carried away. The magistrates room is being used by the clerk for his office & these requirements are necessary. The Secretary was directed to write Mr. Mulhern to have the locks for press; also the three chairs (not expensive) purchased and the account, duly certified by him, sent to the Secretary County Council.

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Arising out of a letter from Mr. Mulhern, it was decided to allow the Courtkeeper at Glenties the sum of £3. per annum for the purpose of having a fire put in the Magistrates room when required by the Clerk for his Office.

Courthouse at Stranorlar.

It was also decided to allow the Courtkeeper at Stranorlar the sum of £3. per annum for the purpose of providing a fire in the Courthouse there when required by the Clerk.

Weights & Measures Standards

A letter was read from the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Power Section, 24 Kildare St., Dublin, on the subject of weights and measures standards, enclosing a list of articles which will be required to complete six sets of Dub. Standards.

The Secretary was directed to write the Ministry to have the articles supplied.

Boatworks, Boat Slip.

A letter from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, referring to the Resolution of Tircoull County Council regarding the repair to above Boat Slip, and stating that it is not proposed to reconstruct the slip unless and until the destroyed Inishbegin Coastguard station is reconstructed. The Board have had the Landing Place built by the C.D. Board inspected, and are advised that it is in very fair order, and safe enough for the present, was read.

In this connection Mr. Steadman reported that as mentioned by him in a previous report, this Boat Slip was not built by the County, but he raised the matter in the interest of the local fishermen, believing that the Board of Works would see the necessity of making good a work of theirs.

things which had failed. An additional reason for his taking up the matter was, that in the event of the Boat slip not being reconstructed, the Landing Place adjoining the slip is liable to be damaged—

Sale of Food and Drugs acts

A further letter from the Ministry of Local Government relative to the administration of the Sale of Food and Drugs acts in Tiresouille, having been read, it was decided to appoint a County analyst at the next meeting of the Council at a remuneration of 7/6 each for the first 100 samples and 5/- each for those above 100 per year. This to include samples of water, and all other samples under the Food and Drugs acts that may be sent him.

The Secretary was directed to have an Advertisement inserted in local papers, and "Irish Independent" and "General Advertiser" inviting applications for the position.

The secretary was also directed to write the Chief Superintendent, Civic Guard, Letter-Kenny, for a list of the names of the Guards selected for appointment as Inspectors in Tiresouille.

Registration and Licensing of mechanically propelled Road Vehicles - Prosecutions

A Circular letter dated 21.9.23, from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, on the above subject and adding that the County Council should, for the purpose of ordering prosecutions, appoint a Small Committee under article 36(4) of the Local Govt. (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, and thus avoid delay in waiting for the Quarterly meeting of the Council.

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The acts of such Committee will, however, require to be submitted to the Council for their approval, having been read, at a Committee, consisting of the under-mentioned members of the Council, was appointed -

Messrs James Clarke, John M. Dermott,
Hugh O'Donnell & John O'Flaherty.

Rameelon - Letterkenny Road.

Mr. William Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, introduced a Deputation, headed by Mr. Wm. Speer, Castleshanganagh, to make representations to the Council in regard to the condition of the road from Rameelon to Letterkenny for which a grant had been earmarked by the Road Board during the British regime.

Mr. Speer said it would be necessary to have the road steam rolled. The road served people who paid a large sum in Motor Tax, and added that there was a quantity of road material piled along the sides of the road, which should be spread and rolled in.

On the motion of Councillor Hyles, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), the County Surveyor was directed to have all the material available spread and rolled and it was decided to ask the Minister of Finance to issue an instalment of the amount allocated to this road out of the Road Board Fund.

Sister M. A. Stephens - Pension.

a letter, dated 20th Sept 1923. No. P 18812/1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Govt in connection with the dispute of the Tipson Hill County Council in regard to the compensation payable to Sister M.

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Aidan Stephens, for loss of employment as
Nurse in Ballyshannon Workhouse, and
adding that calculating on her total service,
according to scales laid down by the Local
Government Department, Sister Stephens
could be allowed a pension of £38. a
Year.

Mr Michael Maguire, J.P., Ballyshannon,
appeared on behalf of Sister Stephens
and pointed out that Ballyshannon Board
of Guardians fixed her pension at £45,
which amount was subsequently recommended
by the County Council to the Ministry of
Local Government.

On the motion of the Chairman,
seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was
decided to again recommend a pension
of £45 a year in the case of Sister
Stephens.

Sister M. F. Carew

a letter, dated 21st Sept. 1923, No. P 13191/1923, was
read from the Minister of Local Government
in reference to the dispute of the Tircouair
County Council in regard to the Compensation
payable to Sister M. F. Carew, for loss of
employment as nurse in Stranorlar Work-
house.

~~Mr~~ Mr Maguire, J.P., Ballyshannon, appeared
on behalf of Sister Carew and stated that
the Guardians of Stranorlar Union fixed her
pension at £40. This amount the Co. Council
recommended to the Ministry of Local Government.

On the motion of the Chairman,
seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was decided
to ask the Ministry to sanction that
amount.

re Daniel Mc Cafferty - Gratuity

a letter, dated 18th Oct. 1923, No. P 41666/1923,
was read from the Ministry of Local Government
enclosing

enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. Wm
 Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, relative to the
 Compensation payable to Mr. Daniel Mc Cafferty
 for loss of employment as Porter of Mieford
 Workhouse and stating that the minister
 would be glad to have the observations
 of the County Council thereon. Mr. William
 Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared on Mr.
 Mc Cafferty's behalf and stated that the
 Mieford Board of Guardians granted a
 gratuity of £205.17.8, and the Co. Council
 subsequently reduced that amount to £139.9.11
 difference £66.7.9 and that the Council in
 arriving at the sum of £139.9.11 only
 allowed a sum of £30, to cover rations,
 fuel, light, laundry, & apartments, &c.,
 which he (Mr. Kelly) contended was far
 too small an allowance. Mr. Kelly pointed
 out that the minister of Local Government
 had in certain other cases of ex-officials
 in Mieford Union increased the sums
 recommended by the County Council, and
 he therefore asked the latter body to recon-
 sider their decision & grant Mr. Mc Cafferty
 the amount to which he was justly entitled,
 viz - £205.17.8. It was decided to increase
 Mr. Mc Cafferty's gratuity by £33, being
 half the difference between the amount fixed
 by the late Board of Guardians, and
 subsequently by the County Council,
 re Miss Mc Dermott - Gratuity
 a letter, dated 24th October, 1923. No. P 42541,
 1923. from the ministry of Local Government
 enclosing copy of a letter received from
 Mr. William Kelly, Solr. Letterkenny, on
 behalf of Miss Mc Dermott in regards
 to the amount of compensation to be
 allowed

allowed to her for loss of employment as nurse in Miford Workhouse. Mr. Kelly appeared on nurse Mc Dermott's behalf and stated that the late Board of Guardians fixed a gratuity of £423.18.9, and the County Council subsequently reduced the amount to £357.1.9, Difference £66.17.0. On the same grounds as mentioned by him in the case of Mr. Daniel Mc Cafferty, he asked the Council to grant Miss Mc Dermott the full amount as fixed by the late Board of Guardians of Miford Union. Councillor Boyle proposed that she be allowed a gratuity of £387.1.9, Councillor Clarke seconded.

Councillor Keely (John) moved as an amendment that Miss Mc Dermott's gratuity be fixed at £423.18.9, Councillor Cole seconded.

— Voting —

For the Motion — Councillors Barry, Boyle, Clarke, Myles, Mc. Coal, Mc. Dermott, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J. F.) and O'Flaherty — 9.

Against — Councillors Cole, Kelly (John), and Langan — 3.

The Chairman declared motion Carried and amendment lost.

Letter to Burtonport Railway
a letter dated 15th October 1923 was read from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, relative to the Resolution of Tivendale County Council passed on 25th ultimo, requesting that the above Railway should be worked by the Board of Works, and appending the reasons why it would not be expedient for any Government Department to work the Line.

Question of approval of Wharves
 A letter, dated 13th October 1923, from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Dublin Castle, referring to the application by Dougal County Council for the approval of Piers for the landing and shipping of goods at certain places in the County and stating that the Commissioners have already approved of Hillford and Dunglea and that as regards the other places named before approval of a Sufferance wharf at any place is granted it must be shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that the volume of the shipping trade of the place is sufficient to justify the grant of Sufferance privileges, having been read, On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J. 7), it was decided to ask the Revenue Commissioners to approve of the Pier at Burtoupost on account of the fishing industry and to their being a Railway Terminus at Burtoupost.

It was also decided to request the Commissioners to approve of the Piers at Ballyshannon, Downing, & Moville,
re Claims to Old Age Pensions

a letter, dated 19th October 1923, No. 5468-P-1923, miscellaneous, from the Minister of Local Government - Old Age Pensions Branch - relative to the resolution of Lincodale County Council, passed at a meeting held on 25th Sept 1923, requesting the Ministry to take special steps to investigate claims to Old age Pensions in Dunfarraghy Pension Sub-Committee area, in view of the difficulty which exists in procuring definite documentary proof

proof of the age of Claimants, having been read, Councillors Myles and O'Donnell (J. F.) stated that it was the intention of the proposer and Secunder of the Resolution that the request therein contained:-

"That an impartial Referee be appointed by the Ministry of Local Government to investigate all such claims quarterly on the evidence furnished by Claimants and local residents" apply to the respective Pension Sub-Committee areas in Tircouaill, and not alone to Dunfanaghy Pension Sub-Committee area.

The Secretary was directed to write the Ministry of Local Government again on the matter—

Croley Bridge.

a letter from Mr Patrick Fallagher, General merchant, Croley Bridge, Letterkenny, requesting the County Council to make him a grant to recompense him for the expenses incurred in connection with repairs to Croley bridge; also a Memorial signed by certain ratepayers and residents of Meadeck and Croley strongly recommending the Co. Council to compensate Mr Fallagher, having been read, Councillor O'Donnell (J. F.) stated the bridge was on the margin between the northern and southern Divisions of the County he therefore proposed that Messrs Steadman and Cafferty, County Surveyors inspect Croley bridge with a view to ascertaining to what extent Mr Fallagher is out of pocket in carrying out the repairs; also that the County Surveyors make an Estimate for a new bridge in the event of a proposal being brought forward to have

have the road straightened at that particular place -

It was decided that Councillors Boyle, O'Donnell (J. F.), and Gallagher (Anthony), accompany the two County Surveyors when inspecting Crossly bridge, the date and hour of inspection to be notified to those Councillors by the Co. Surveyors

Road Kincasslagh Road Railway Station
to Kincasslagh

A letter signed Andrew Sharkey, Owen Bonnar, Poney Sweeney, & Manus O'Donnell, Kincasslagh, drawing attention to the dangerous state of the road leading from Kincasslagh Road Railway station to Kincasslagh & stating that being Motor Owners, &c., they will hold the County Council legally responsible for any accidents or injury to them after the 9th October, 1923. Having been read, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported as follows:

Gentlemen

This is one of the roads in the Distress Grant Scheme. As this has come frequently before the Council I have already given full particulars. Briefly, the cause of the state of the road is that the men employed on the work were giving so little value for the money expended that I had to stop work. The assistant Surveyor in making out Pay sheet decided to pay some of the men whom he thought did little work at a lower rate than others.

Since then no one will be allowed by the men to work on the road. The road Contractor himself has been intimidated, and though he has some hundreds of metal ready to repair the road he refuses

refuses to do so. There is no money at my disposal to pay these men for work they omitted to do owing to the Distress Grant funds being held up by the Ministry of Local Government. I offered to re-start the work with smaller gangs last February, but unless the money was paid which they state was deducted, the men refused to start work. Since then the road has been getting worse and the money has also been withdrawn.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), it was unanimously decided to direct Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor, to pay the respective sums deducted when the Distress Grant funds are available -

re Holding of Court in Donegal Town
 a letter from Mr O'Hara, District Justice, Donegal, stating that he would be glad to know what are the wishes of the County Council with regard to the holding of the Court in Donegal Town during the winter. Chapman's Hall has been used by him up to the present (29.10.23) but it is most unsuitable as a Courthouse, having been read, it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter for the present.

Sheep Dipping

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), it was decided to take into consideration at the next meeting of the County Council, the question of carrying out sheep dipping operations during the ensuing year and the making of the necessary arrangements in connection therewith.

Revision of Bonuses

A Circular letter dated 20th September 1923 Reference G 38981/1923. was read from the Ministry of Local Government, on the subject of the Revision of Bonuses granted by Local authorities to their Officers in Compensation for the increased Cost of living. It was decided to appoint a Committee to deal with the Salaries and Bonuses of all the Officers of the Council, and to consider the present Office administration, in so far as the Clerical Staff of the Council are concerned, - and make recommendations to the County Council -

Committee.

Councillors Banner, Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher (Anthony), Myles, Mr. Dermott, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), and O'Flaherty.

in conjunction with Mr Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector.

Date of Meeting - Tuesday 11th December, 1923,
Hour 11 A.M.

The Secretary was directed to convene the meeting, re Mr Michael Mueher, Bundoran.

a Sealed Order from the Ministry of Local Government, removing Mr Michael Mueher, Bundoran, from office as Rate Collector in Bundoran Rural Electoral Division, was submitted -

re appointment of Rate Collector

No applications were received by the Secretary for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District (Bundoran Rural E. D.)

State of the Collection.

a letter, dated 24th Sept, 1923, No 39320/1923, Finesquail County, from the Minister of Local Government, in reference to a report from his Inspector, Mr Sean O'Farrell, relating

relating to the State of the Rate Collection in the County, having been read, On the motion of the Chairman the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to the Collectors concerned.

re F. Mc. Glinchey - Rate Collector
 Collector Frank Mc Glinchey, Sandfield Woodcock appeared before the Council and stated that about two months previous he closed his collection for the period ended 31st March, 1922, but had not received the poundage fees on the amount collected and lodged with the County Treasurer.

The Secretary was directed to ascertain the cause of the delay and having a Paying order issued immediately.

re Manus J. O'Donnell, Knoeknaballan,
Termon

Collector Manus J. O'Donnell, Knoeknaballan, Termon, also appeared before the Council & stated he was prepared to close his collection, provided the Council would agree to refund to him any Rates he might not be able to collect. The Council decided they could only refund those Rates which were proved to be irrecoverable, in pursuance of article 92 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

Agreement - Tironeall County Council with Insurance Committee for Co. Tironeall
 Above agreement in Triplicate was submitted for execution by the Council. The Seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed thereto.

The Council agreed to give the use of one of their Steam Rollers to Captain Holmes to roll the Yards at Workhouse Letter Army

County Council of Tipperary.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of Half-Yearly Meeting held on the 18th December, 1923.

Attendance

The Members present were:-

Councillors Barry, Bramer, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Kelly (Henry J.), Langan, Myles, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gille, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh)

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector was also present.

Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair

Minutes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed

Co-Option

Copy Resolution passed by Lattinbeg Rural District Council recommending that Mr. Edwards Lynch of Rosabracken, Mandrummingham, be co-opted a member of the County Council in room of Mr. Neal Kelly who has emigrated, having been read, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Lynch signed Declaration of acceptance of Office on taking his seat as a County Councillor.

Proposals for Payment

The Proposals for Payment, as formulated by the various Rural District Councils in the County, in respect of half-Year ended 30th September, 1923, were considered and ordered to be paid. Total payment £27,012.7.9

Treasurer's Advice Notes

Treasurer's Advice Notes were submitted and duly signed.

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Road Administration

A Circular letter, R/35, dated 27th November, 1923, on above Subject, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department.

Economy in General Administration

A Circular letter, G 50875/1923, dated 4th Dec: 1923, on above subject was read from the Ministry of Local Government.

Trunk Roads Grant of £3960

A letter, R/S.G/7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government (Dated 4th Dec: 1923) forwarding two forms upon which Requisitions may be made for initial advances from the above-mentioned Grant, and stating that the Minister approves of the arrangements as to wages and the employment of demobilised men mentioned in the County Surveyors' letters which accompanied the letter of the 1st inst, from the Secretary Tipperary County Council.

Claim for Payment

A letter from Mr. Con Haulon, Cloughwally, Letternacaward, claiming payment for stones taken out of the Quarry at Cloughwally and placed on the roadside under Relief of Distress Scheme, having been read, the Secretary stated that a Paying Order had recently been issued for full amount (£54) of claim.

Re Appointment of County Analyst

A letter dated 30th Oct. 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government, relative to the administration of the Food and Drugs acts in Tipperary; also a letter, dated 20th Nov: 1923, from the Ministry enclosing copy of a circular letter of the 23rd January 1922, on the subject of the appointment of Public Analysts

analysts were read.

It was decided to appoint a County Analyst at the next meeting of County Council.

The work of all Public Bodies in the County to be done by the person appointed at the rate of 5/- per Sample

Rural Library Scheme in Tircouaille
 a letter from Mr. C. J. Maguire, Organising Librarian, County Repository, Diffsard, stating that in accordance with the promise made to Tircouaille County Council in June 1921, the Irish Advisory Committee has pleasure in giving to the Council, as from the 1st January 1924, the stock of books, furniture and fittings which have been used in the Rural Library Scheme in Tircouaille and enclosing Second Annual Report in connection with the working of the Rural Libraries in Tircouaille, from 4th April 1922 to 30th November 1923, having been read. The Chairman said it would cost the County £740. a Year.

Councillor Mr. Bennett said while it might provide books for a number of individuals it would not be worth two pence to the County at large. He was totally against it. Why cut down salaries and then spend this money?

On the motion of Councillor Bower, seconded by Councillor Mr. Goldrick, it was decided to take over the Library, Councillor Mr. Bennett protesting.

Holidays

Mr. Daniel Kelly, County Surveyors Clerk, applied for and was granted the usual Annual Holidays

re Miss Sarah Wallace

A letter dated 20th Nov. 1923, P 48894/1923, from the Ministry of Local Government in regard to

to the proposal to grant an allowance to Miss Sarah Wallace in consideration of her services as Matron of Letterkenny Fever Hospital and stating that the existing Law does not contain any provision for the Superannuation of Officers of County Fever Hospitals but a Bill has been drafted which it is intended to introduce on the first available opportunity providing for these cases, was read.

re Mr. John M. Gee

A letter dated 3rd December 1923, No. P 50557/1923 was read from the Ministry of Local Govt in regard to the question of granting compensation to Mr. John M. Gee, for loss of employment as Secretary to the Committee of Management of the Tinsdale County Infirmary, and stating there is no provision in the existing Law for the Superannuation of County Infirmary Officials but it is intended to bring forwards legislation as early as possible to deal with these cases.

Proposed District Court at Carrick

A letter dated 1st Dec. 1923, 54/208, was read from the Ministry of Home Affairs on the subject of the Resolution passed by Donegal County Council on the 13th Nov. last, relative to the establishment of a District Court at Carrick, and stating that a District Court will be set up in Carrick as soon as suitable accommodation is provided by Tinsdale County Council, and that the latter body would expedite matters by communicating with District Justice Haurahan, Donegal, on the subject.

The Secretary stated ~~to~~ he

wrote

wrote District Justice Hawabau, Dougal, on the 3.12.23 and received a reply to the effect that the latter is quite willing to leave the selection of a suitable building to Mr Wm J. Cunningham, P. O. Asst. Surveyor, of Carrick, and has instructed Mr O'Suffly, Clerk of the Court at Killybegs, to see Mr Cunningham and request him to make the necessary selection and send particulars immediately. Mr Hawabau hoped the matter would be in order so that he might hold the Court in Carrick next month.

Heating and Lighting of Court-houses
 a letter was read from Mr O'Hawabau, District Justice, Dougal, drawing the attention of the County Council to the fact that in certain premises in the County in which he conducts District Courts neither heating or lighting is provided and adding that he hoped the County Council would make the necessary arrangements in this respect.

Councillor Myles proposed that the Council agree to defray the cost of lighting and heating of any room or building used for District Court business in the County where no such provision has been made in agreements between the owners of those premises and the Co. Council.

County Court-houses Destroyed
 On the motion of Councillor Mc Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Myles, it was unanimously decided to make representations to the Ministry of Local Govt with a view to having the County Court-houses, which were destroyed, rebuilt.

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rebut so that Judges, Solicitors, and Litigants may be saved the inconvenience and expense incurred through having the legal business transacted outside their respective Districts -

re Drainage on a Road

a letter from the Irish Lights Office, Dublin, stating that instructions have been given to lay a heavy Cast-iron pipe across the entrance to the field at the Lightkeeper's dwellings, Glencolumbkille, with the object of ensuring that the drainage on the road to Farnmachride shall not be blocked in future, was read, and the matter referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

Weights & measures standards

a letter, dated 23rd November 1923, No. 2571 A, was read from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Power Section, 24 Kildare St. Dublin, enclosing copy of tender for local standards and local sub-standards for County Tipperary, and stating that it is considered desirable that the County Council should confirm the acceptance of the tender by letter to:-

Messrs De Grave, Shott and Coy. Ltd, Naylor Street, London, E. 8, 15. Amount of Tender £ 281. 19. 6.

The Secretary was directed to confirm the acceptance of Tender

Courthouse at Malin

a letter from the Minister of Local Government forwarding copy of a letter written by the District Court Clerk at Malin relative to the Courthouse accommodation in that town and suggesting that the former Courthouse, if restored, would be more suitable

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suitable than the present building (St. Patrick's
Parochial Hall) was marked "Read."

Foot and Mouth Disease

A Circular from the Minister of Agriculture,
headed "Foot and Mouth Disease. A Warning
and an appeal"; also copies of an Order
under the Diseases of Animals Act 1894
to 1914, entitled the Foot and Mouth Disease
(Imported Packing) Order of 1923, and dated
and coming into operation from the
7th December 1923. were read.

re Sister Mary A. Stephens

A letter dated 10th December 1923 P 50712/1923.
Tirone County, was read from the Ministry
of Local Government in regard to the Resolution
passed by the Tirone County Council
recommending a pension of £45. a Year
to Sister Mary A. Stephens in consideration
of her services as nurse in Ballyshannon
workhouse, and stating that, as already
intimated by the Minister of Local Govt.,
he considers that an allowance of £38-
a Year would be adequate in this case.

Mr. Michael Maguire, Del., Ballyshannon,
appeared on behalf of Sister Stephens.

After fully considering the matter it
was unanimously resolved on the motion
of Councillor Mr. Goldrick, seconded by
Councillor Clarke, to respectfully urge
the Minister of Local Government to
sanction the yearly allowance of £45-
as already recommended by the Council.

re Maternity Cases

A letter dated 9th Nov. 1923, No. H.C. 43368/23,
Donegal County, was read from the Ministry
of Local Government enclosing extracts from
the Reports - Form E. furnished by the Medical
Officers of the Churchill and Dunhill
Dispensary Districts for the half Year
ended

ended 31st March last, relative to unqualified women who attend maternity cases in those Districts. It was decided to take no action.

Wexfordbridge - Brunswick Pier.

The consideration of a request by Brunswick Urban District Council that a proper Wexfordbridge be erected on Brunswick Pier for the convenience of the general public was further adjourned until next meeting of the Co. Council.

Letterkenny Mental Hospital - Travelling Expenses of a Patient

a letter from the Clerk Dunfanaghy Rural District Council relative to a complaint made by Mr. James Gallagher, Magheracovey, who was compelled to pay the expenses of the committal of his sister to the Letterkenny mental Hospital, amounting to £3.14.6 in addition to the Doctor's fee of £1.1.0, also letter of explanation from the Resident Medical Superintendent of the mental Hospital, were read, and explanation considered satisfactory.

Road to Leabgarrow Pier.

A letter from the Harbour Master at Leabgarrow Pier relative to the complaint of Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Arammore Island, that the road to the Pier is blocked with boats and other obstacles, and stating there is no truth in Mr. O'Donnell's allegations, was read.

Permission to build a wall

an application by Mr. Thomas Cole, Lunnagh, Derrybeg, for permission to build a wall at that place marked thus x on sketch appended to application, having been considered, permission was granted subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor.

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Committee of two Boys to an Industrial School

a notice, dated 4.11.23, was read from Sgt. J. Healy, Civic Guard Barracks, Bundoran, re Committee of two boys, aged 14 years, to an Industrial School.

County Council Officials Salaries

Copy resolution passed by Louth Rural District Council requesting the Fingonall County Council to reduce the Salaries of its Officials in obedience to the economic conditions which necessitated the reduction of Teachers' Salaries and old age Pensions, having been read, the Secretary was directed to inform the District Council that the matter is receiving the County Council's attention

Letting of Fields by Auction

A letter, dated 27th Nov. 1923, from the acting Secretary Fingonall County Board of Health, stating that at a meeting of the Board held on 19th inst, she was directed to request permission from the County Council to have the fields at Ballyhamon & Letterenny District Hospitals let by auction for a period of 11 months, same as last year, having been read, permission was granted.

Limits of Road Expenditure

Applications by the undermentioned Rural District Councils in the County for extensions to the respective existing legal limits of Road Expenditure in respect of the ensuing Financial Year, were submitted and unanimously acceded to, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Road Government, Roads Department.

Rural District	Existing Legal Limit			Proposed extension to Legal Limit			Limit now proposed		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Ballybrannigan	2	0	15	1	5	5	3	6	0
Bougal	3	4	2 10	2	5	27 10	6	0	0
Bunfawaghy	1	6	48 15	2	1	51 5	3	8	0
Glenties	4	9	72	2	0	00	6	9	72
Dunshawen	10	7	63 15	8	2	36 5	1	9	000
Latterkenny	3	6	13 15	3	9	86 5	7	6	00
Millford	4	0	58 15	2	1	41 5	6	2	00

re Erection of Petrol Pumps

applications by the undermentioned persons for permission to erect Petrol Pumps outside their respective premises; also to make openings for putting in underground Tanks, were submitted.

Name	Address	Position of Pump
J. Doherty	Dungloe	On edge of footpath outside premises
W. J. McLaughlin	Port Rd. Latterkenny	On edge of footpath outside shop
Wm B. Davison	Rameston	at his Garage Back Lane, Rameston
Mr. Deaugh & Coy	Caradswagh	on edge of footpath opposite shop

Permission was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyors and to each applicant entering into an agreement with the County Council that said pumps and Tanks will be removed when required by the County Council, and paying to the latter body a nominal rent of 1/- per annum, the agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council, Cost of same to be paid by the

The respective applicants

Mental Hospital at Pettistown

On the motion of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Bourne, Councillors John Kelly, Glen, Cresslaugh, and John E. Fallagher, Messrs. Bunnell, Bunnell, were appointed members of the Committee of Management of the mental Hospital at Pettistown in place of Messrs. Thomas E. Ellimney and Charles Mc Fadden, respectively, who are not now members of the County Council.

Re Condition of a Road

A letter dated 1st December 1924 from Mr. Denis Doherty, Farmer, Clonsilla, Ballyliffin, relative to the condition of the "Pallan" road in Lishowen Rural District, having been read, the Secretary stated that he acknowledged receipt of this letter, and received a letter, dated 4th December, 1923 from a Mr. Denis Doherty, Clonsilla, Ballyliffin Clonsilla, stating that he did not write any letter re the "Pallan" or any other road.

No action was taken in the matter.

Notes

Collector Mc Kuey (No 32 (Collection District))

The Secretary submitted a letter from Collector Hugh Mc Kuey, Knocknafagher, Ballymore, tendering his resignation as Poor Rate Collector for No. 32 (Melford) Collection District. The Secretary mentioned that this Officer was appointed for this and No. 11 (Dunfanaghy) Collection District at the same time and that subsequently on No. 12 (Crossroads) District becoming vacant he was also appointed Collector for that area. The Secretary likewise stated that while Mr. Mc Kuey had closed his collections for Nos. 11 and 12 Districts to the 31st

March

march 1923, he had failed to do so in the case of No. 32 District. The amount outstanding for which to the date mentioned being £120.5.3.

The Council unanimously decided not to accept his resignation for No. 32 District and directed the Secretary to call on him to close his accounts for that area on or before the 24th December, 1923. His suspension from Office under the terms of the Public Bodies Order 1904 to immediately take effect, in the event of failure on his part to satisfy this requirement -

Personal Security - Collector Harvey
The Secretary informed the Council that Mr Thomas Harvey, manager, "Frosses, Dover", recently appointed Collector for No. 9 Collection District, had submitted the names of Messrs John R. Mohan, Tullycumber Frosses, P. O. Dover, and Anthony Harvey, Rotherhithe, Frosses & T. O. Dover, as solvent persons willing to join him in a bond to the Council, in the form officially prescribed, for the sum of £100-, and these men, the Council decided, to accept in this connection on the written assurance of Collector Patrick Barry, that they were satisfactory.

Lists of Uncollected Rates

The Secretary submitted Lists of Uncollected Rates furnished by the undermentioned Collectors for the periods specified.

It was decided to refund the amounts shown on the Lists, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Govt. these Collectors having closed their accounts for the respective periods specified.

Name of Collector	Period
John Gowigle	Half-Year ended 31.3.23
P. J. Dweeney	Two Years ended 31.3.23
Hugh Mc. Kuey } No. 11 District	Year ended 31.3.23
Same - No. 12 District	" " " " "
Patrick Moore	1/2 Years ended 31.3.23
Patrick J. Mc. Hugh	Year ended 30.9.22
Edward J. Roberts	Year ended 31.3.23
Michael Deery	Half-Year ended 29.9.23
Wm. Fallagher	" " " " "
Hugh Browne	Year ended 31.3.23
Wm. O'Donnell	" " " " "
James Friel	" " " " "
Denis O'Kane	" " " " "
Charles Mc. Ginty	" " " " "

Payment of Poundage Fees

The Secretary called the Council's attention to the fact that certain collectors who had not closed their accounts for various periods covering up to and including the half-year ended 29th Sept 1923, within dates previously fixed by the Council with the sanction of the Ministry of Road Govt, had since done so. It was unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry to sanction payment of ordinary poundage to these collectors with the exception of Collector Mc. Kuey who had closed his accounts to the 31st March 1923 for two Districts but had failed to do so for his third district as already set out in these Minutes -

allowance for Posting Notices - No. 16 District

The Secretary submitted claim for £2.10.0 from Mr Patrick Fallagher, C.B.O, acres, Berrypost,

Burksupport, for posting up notices, re payment of Rates in No. 16 District, in which the Direct Collection Scheme is in force, and it was decided to allow for this work the sum of £1.10.0. This district embraces a large area consisting of eight Electoral Divisions.

Collection District No. 2

The Secretary called attention to the fact that this district was still vacant, no applications having been received for the position when previously advertised, and it was again decided to re-advertise the vacancy with the view to making an appointment at next County Council meeting. Councillor Kelly, Bundoran, intimated that he believed there would then be applications for the post.

Additional Remuneration to Collectors

The Secretary submitted letters from the Ministry of Local Government of the 17th Oct, (G 42067/1923) and 30th Oct, (G 44751/1923) sanctioning the payment of an additional penny poundage to those collectors who had closed their accounts for the year ended the 31st March 1923, on or before the 25th Sept. August last, also letter from the same Department dated the 30th Oct, (G 44591/1923) refusing to sanction the distribution of a fixed sum as interest on warrant among these collectors for the same period on the ground that the latter had not complied with the prescribed conditions relating to the allowance, but intimating that the Ministry would, on a future occasion, if the circumstances warranted, be prepared to give the matter consideration.

The Council decided that the collectors concerned should be furnished with
Copies

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Copies of these Communications.

State of the Collection.

The Secretary submitted Returns showing the Condition of the Collection of the Rate in the County to the 17th Decr. 1923, from which it appeared that (excluding Sums Garnished) £5,691.4.7 remained uncollected for the two years ended the 31st March 1923, and £37,927.2.7 and £90,305.18.11 for the half-years ending the 30th Sept 1923, and 31st March 1924 respectively. He specially called attention to the Collectors whose accounts to the 31st March 1923, had not yet been closed, and whose books for the current year in consequence have not been issued, and after full consideration of a Communication on the subject from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 16th Novr. (G. 47098/1923) and the circumstances of each case, it was unanimously decided to extend the time for the completion of all Collections ended the 31st March 1923, in the Districts of Collectors, Callaghan, Breslin, Mc Glinchey, Mc Hugh, M. J. O'Donnell and Mc Apter to the 24th December 1923, their suspensions from office under the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, to immediately follow if the amounts outstanding be not lodged on or before that date. In the Case of Collector Mc Gowan, whose Warrant included £831.0.3 arrears uncollected by his predecessor, it was decided to extend the time for the completion of his Collection to the 31st January next. Mr Mc Gowan, who was in attendance, giving an assurance that he would make arrangements to close the accounts by that date —

Collection Districts Nos 9, 16, and 19

The Secretary submitted the following particulars

particulars regarding the Collection in the above Districts in which the direct Collection Scheme is in force:-

District	Rates to be Collected to			Dedged to			Outstanding		
	31	3	23	17	12	23	£	s	d
No. 9	1,752	17	8	1,001	12	6	751	5	2
" 16	2,882	7	9	1,857		10	1,025	6	11
" 19	1,990	5	11	1,212		10	778	5	1

He intimated that a Collector had now been appointed for No. 9 district, and that the existing Collector for No. 19 district, who was in attendance, had expressed his willingness to resume work now that conditions in the district were becoming normal.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the question of issuing the warrants for current year to these officers until next meeting when it was anticipated the amounts still due to the 31st March 1923, would be substantially reduced. In the case of No. 16 District, which was still vacant it was decided to issue the usual advertisements inviting applications with the view to making an appointment at next Council meeting.

Collector Dawson. No. 25 District

The Secretary submitted letter from Collector Dawson (No. 25 District) intimating that he found it impossible to collect rates for the two years ended the 31st March 1923, on lands and buildings at Foxhall, owned by Mr. John Goode although he had lodged the full amounts of his warrant for those periods. The buildings, he intimated, had at times been

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been occupied in succession by the I.R.A.,
Council Republican Court, and Brigades,
and in view of this fact he felt he could
not truthfully return the premises as
empty, but in the circumstances he
considered he ought to be refunded
the sums assessed thereon and amounting
to £ 25.0.8. The Council decided to defer
consideration of the matter until Mr. Dawson
made a claim in the prescribed form
under article 92 Public Bodies Order, 1904.

Proposals for Works

Ballyshannon P.D.

Nos 147 and 144 were rejected. Nos 135 and
137 were placed in charge of the County
Surveyor for 12 months. No. 134 was also
placed in charge of the County Surveyor.
Remaining Proposals on List were
approved.

Bonegal P.D.

Nos 17 and 34 were rejected. Nos 1, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16,
20, 23, and 29 were placed in charge of
the County Surveyor for 12 months. No. 46
was also placed in charge of the County
Surveyor. Remaining Proposals on List
were approved.

Dunfanaghy P.D.

Nos 536 and 537 were rejected. Remaining Proposals
on List were approved.

Glenties P.D.

Nos 387, 389, 403, 406, 410, 443, 493, 511, 512, were
rejected. Nos 452, 477, 479, were placed in
charge of the County Surveyor

Nos 503 and 504 were approved subject
to the sanction of the Ministry of Local
Government, Roads Department. No. 505
was

was approved subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, and to a Consent being lodged by Mr Vincent Mc Mullen, sdr., Ballybofey.

No. 506 was approved subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, and to a Consent being received from the Land Commission.

No. 509 and 510 Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) drew the special attention of the Local Government Inspector to these proposals as being very necessary works which the Council approved subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved
Duishoweru P.D.

No. 1357, 1359, were rejected. Nos. 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1252, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1290, 1343, 1347, 1349, 1350, 1352 and 1353, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months.

No. 1304, 1315 and 1358, were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 1317 was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, not to exceed £5. No. 1332 was approved, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.
Letterkenny P.D.

No. 143, 179, 180, 184, 213 and 245, were rejected, Nos. 57, 58, 59, 60, 68, 71, 73, 81, 84, 86, 162, 165, 185, 186, 187, 189, 192, 194, 196, 204, 220, 230, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Welford P. D.

Nos 92, 100, 124, 125, were rejected, Nos 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months. Nos 87 and 101 were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 106 was approved subject to map and consent being lodged, and to the sanction of the Local Government Department (Roads)

No. 107 was approved subject to consent being lodged. No. 114 was approved subject to sanction of Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Oransford P. D.

Nos 506, 519, 520, were rejected. Nos 510, 513, 516 & 517 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Sealing of Bonds

It was resolved that the seal of the County Council be affixed to all Bonds in connection with Proposals approved at this meeting.

Loan of £2000 - Redcastle - Hoville Road

An Engrossment of Deed of Charge in above was submitted, and the seal of the County Council ordered to be affixed thereto.

Government Grants

Telegrams and Copies of Resolutions received from the undermentioned were submitted and referred to the Special Committee appointed by the County Council for consideration

1. Request of Bundoran Urban District Council that a proportion of future Grants be allocated to that area
2. Telegram from Mr P J Ward J. D. requesting that Distress works St. John's Point be put in hand immediately.
- 2½ Letter from Mr J. C. Heron merchant, Ardara, re allocation of Grants
3. Copy resolution Donegal R. D. Council requesting that Road Improvement schemes be started in the Dunkineely District to relieve the poverty.
4. Telegram from Councillor O'Duffy stating acute distress in his district, and hoping County Council will allocate Grant fairly.
5. Memorial from the Ratepayers of Malinmore.
6. Letter signed by certain Rated occupiers of that area situated between Kiltcar and the Rosboro Globe Lands Railway Gates at Porthall Station Great-northern Railway

The Chairman stated that the Great-northern Railway Company had locked the Railway Gates at Porthall in consequence of which the public were greatly inconvenienced. He therefore proposed that the Secretary be directed to write the Company to have the locks removed. Councillor Barry seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

Drift-net Fishing - Licence Fee.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell (J. F.) - That it is rumored the Ministry of Fisheries have under their consideration a clause by which a Licence for Drift-net fishing in the sea is to be increased by 100% from the original sum of £3, to £6, for each Licence - That as the fishermen on the Coast of Lincoudill could not possibly pay

pay such an increased fee for the fishing season, which means about 16 nights, taking weather conditions and closed time into account. We, the members of Tipsonville County Council protest against such an increase which, if passed into Law, would mean the end of drift-net fishing in the sea, great loss to the fishermen and consequently loss of Revenue to the Board of Fisheries.

That we earnestly appeal to the Ministry to fix the Licence fee at £3, as originally charged, and that we request them to aid the Fishery Board's financially with the view of protecting the rivers and spawning beds where all the damage is done.

Councillor Bower seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

Main Roads. Money struck off, &c.
Copy resolution passed at a meeting of the Main Roads Contractors of Midford Rural District relative to the large sums of money struck off by the County Surveyor, and to the working of main roads in that District was read, and no action taken.

Re Criminal Injury Claims
A letter from Mr Wm J. Roberts, M.R., J.A., 12 Castle St., Jersey, enclosing a statement showing the time spent in the surveying and preparation of Estimates in connection with above which he carried out in accordance with the County Council's valued instructions, was read, and the matter referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. In the meantime Mr Roberts, who was present, was asked to have his account, amounting to £694.13.4 taxed.

Lifford Courthouse

Councillor Mc Dermott protested against the remarks of the County Court Judge regarding the heating and lighting of the Courthouse at Lifford. The Council did all they could to have things in order and if things were not right it was not the Council's fault.

re Quarry at Mullans, Carndonagh,
Mr Steadman, County Surveyor, reported that with reference to the direction given him by the County Council at meeting held on 19th June, 1923, re purchase of a quarry at Mullans, Carndonagh, for County purposes, he ascertained that the land could be purchased from the Owner - Bridget Kerrigan, Mullins, Carndonagh, for ~~County purposes~~ the sum of £40.

On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Bower, the matter was left in Mr Steadman's hands to complete the purchase, he to supply the necessary particulars to the solicitor County Council with a view to the preparation of the conveyance of the land to the County Council, the sum of £40 to be paid Bridget Kerrigan on completion of the latter document.

Note of Condolence

Councillor Clarke moved that we, the members of Tírconaille County Council desire to convey to Mr James Herson, accountant, our deepest sympathy in the loss he has sustained in the death of his wife.

Councillor Mc Dermott seconded the motion which was put to the meeting and passed in silence, the members standing.

James Mc Daid v County Council

Mr. Steadman referred to above case which had been settled for a sum of £10. exclusive of Plaintiff's solicitor's costs, and intimated that the £10 had not been paid to Mr. Daid, and that the latter was in great need of the money. The Secretary was directed to have a paying order made out in his favour.

Report of Committee

The Secretary read the Report of the Special Committee appointed by the County Council for the purpose of considering

- (1) the present salaries and bonuses of all the officials of the Council, and
- (2) the present office administration, in so far as the clerical staff of the Council is concerned, and making recommendations to the Council

The Chairman said, as Chairman of the Committee, he would like to state that they spent a considerable time in investigating the salaries and, with one exception, their findings were unanimous. The Ministry of Local Government and all the departments of the Government were determined to have drastic reductions all over the country.

The ratepayers could not afford to shoulder the heavy financial responsibilities placed upon them, and there must be something done to assist them. The Local Government Department had ordered the Council to go into the whole position and make what they considered fair reductions, considering the reduction in prices and the salaries their officials were receiving in pre-war times.

He moved that the recommendations of the

The ~~recommendations~~ of the Committee be adopted and it was for the Council to say whether they approved of them or otherwise.

Councillor Mr. Gedrick considered the Committee should be continued and should go into the question of all salaries paid to officials in the County, as well as expenditure on roads, &c. and make recommendations before the beginning of the ensuing financial year.

Councillor Myles said the Committee, at their meeting, expressed the desire that they should have a further meeting within a reasonable time to again consider the salaries question.

Mr. Michael Maguire, Debr., Ballyshannon, said he had been instructed by a number of the assistant Surveyors affected to oppose these recommendations. The cutting off of the Bonus of the assistants at the present time was very unfair. The cost of living had not gone down and the County Council were only paying their assistant Surveyors equivalent to that of the Driver of the Steam Roller.

These officials felt that they were not fairly treated.

Mr. Vincent McMullan, Solicitor, Ballybofey, appeared on behalf of Mr. Kearney, assistant Surveyor, and said that as he and the other officials got no intimation of the proposals, the consideration of the matter should be postponed so that they could place their side of the case before the Council.

It was unfair these reductions should be rushed. The assistant Surveyors were only paid labourers wages.

Mr. McMullan

Mr. McMullan also appeared on behalf of Mr. Felix Quinn, a member of the Office Staff.

Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, one of the assistant Surveyors said he was the Council's Senior Officer, with thirty five years service and he got the princely salary of £215. with £49.10.0 of a bonus, and the Council now sought to wipe that bonus out. He referred to the fact that two officials - one with about $\frac{2}{3}$ of his (Mr. O'Callaghan's) service, and one $\frac{1}{3}$ or less were placed at a much higher salary than he had. These unfair reductions would create great discontent in every department. His work had been increased threefold and he protested in the strongest manner against any reduction. He appealed to the Council's sense of justice to allow the bonus to remain, and if they did not he would appeal to the Ministry of Local Government.

Mr. J. E. Conaghan, Solicitor General, appeared for seven members of the Office Staff and asked that the Report be rejected on the merits and on point of Law. He considered the reductions were inevitable and unfair. These were not economic reductions. The reductions, so far as his clients were concerned, did not represent one-sixtieth of a penny in the £1. and taking the total reduction he did not think it represented a 1 in the £1. moreover three members of the Office Staff had not been reduced.

The reductions would create great discontent and the Council would consequently not get the best results, nor would things run as smoothly as would be the case if the staff was satisfied. The cost of living

living was up that day as compared with a month ago, and the standard of living would never revert to pre-war times.

By resolution the Council had turned the bonuses into permanent salaries and as these clerks were pensionable their salaries could not be reduced, nor could the Local Government Department make Orders which were illegal. He asked the Council to reject the recommendations, or adjourn their consideration pending new legislation.

The Local Government Inspector said the County Officials' status had been completely altered and under the new act of Parliament the Minister had the same powers in relation to County Officials as towards Union Officials.

The Chairman assured the Council it was no pleasure to the Committee to reduce salaries. The rates had to be reduced and the struggling farmer who paid them had to be considered.

Councillor Myles seconded the Chairman's motion and said as a member of the Committee he could assure them that it was with no feelings of pleasure they tackled the question. They however tackled it in response to what he considered was a very strong demand.

If the Committee had not done right it was entirely in the hands of the Council.

There was no amendment
Mr. Conaghan asked a division to be taken

The Chairman said when there was no amendment it was not necessary

Mr. Conaghan said it was

Councillor

Councillor Myles said it was not right for outsiders to tell the Council what they should do in the matter of a division or otherwise.

The motion was declared passed unanimously.

Councillor Bomer said as they were approaching the season of peace and harmony, he moved that the reductions do not come into operation till the 1st April next. The salaries had been budgeted for and a postponement of the reduction for three months would make little difference.

Councillor Barry seconded.

Councillor Mr. Goodrich moved as an amendment that the reductions operate as from 1st January 1924, as he held the exigencies of the time, and the state of their finances demanded it.

Councillor Mr. Dermott seconded.

A vote was then taken

For the motion - Councillors Barry, Bomer, Browne, Kelly (H.J.), Lanigan, Mr. Gill, Mr. Shane, and O'Donnell (Hugh) - 8.

Against - Councillors Boyle, Clarke, Myles, Mr. Dermott, & Mr. Goodrich - 5.

Councillor Faalagher Anthony did not vote.

The motion was declared carried. In all other respects it was decided that the recommendations of the Committee come into operation on 1st January 1924.

Half-Day

It was decided that the hours of attendance on Saturdays be from 9.30 AM to 1 P.M.

Road Administration

Councillor Mr. Galdrick then dealt with the subject of Road Administration in Tirone. He said the disgraceful state of our roads caused him to go into the County position in this matter, and what did he find? He found that to the credit of the Unemployment Grant of 1921 available to the Council there is £6,400 unexpended, though schemes for its expenditure were duly approved by the Ministry at that time. He found further that from the Relief of Distress Grant of £20,000 of August 1922, only £7,000 had been expended up to the 31st March last, ~~and £3,000 has been drawn from the Bank~~ and that the balance of £13,000 now reverts to the Treasury and he discovered further that up to the 31st March last some £3,000 had been drawn from the Bank against the ratepayers and likely another £3,000 since then, all of which the ratepayers will have to recoup. Now, why is this the case, and who is to blame, why our Surveyors, purely and simply, certain conditions applied to the Grant

(1) Areas of County Surveyors were to be strictly defined. Since March 1st last when this £13,000 is lost, this is now being done, he understands.

(2) County Surveyors were to have each a clerk and an office in Rifford with properly-kept records, certificates and payments. One of these surveyors appointed a clerk, whose work on inspection after twelve months showed he had done none of the work for which he was provided. Yet

Yet he alleges he had done what he was instructed to do by the County Surveyor.

The other County Surveyor at Nov. 1923 had neither clerk, office, nor ledger written up. Within the past few days he had, he understands, installed a clerk. Each of these gentlemen have £50 per annum for clerks apart from the £3. per week paid these clerks for them. Other provisions of the Scheme were that reports as between County and District Surveyors should be submitted to the County Council from time to time. No such reports seem available.

The Chairman. I have seen them.
Councillor Mr. Suddicks - Orders for tools &c were to be issued on official forms by County Surveyors on the requisition of District Surveyors and the latter were each to have provided, at or near his headquarters, an office with all records properly filed, filed, and certified. Now County Surveyors were directly responsible to the Council and the Ministry for completely carrying out this Scheme, yet it is questionable whether they have at Lifford records of the work done, expenditure incurred, or reports as to how the District Surveyors have carried out their duties under the Scheme. Now, after persistent pressure for grants for roads, we are here with the greater portion of these grants which were given to relieve Distress last winter thrown away by these officials. We may appeal to the Gaik to have this £13,000 reverted to our County, but we are sure to be confronted with County Deputies who can rightfully contend that this money

money is forfeited under the circumstances, and that Counties whose officials discharged their duties to the ratepayers and complied with the requirements of efficient administration as contained in this Scheme are justly entitled to share in any such re- vote. Even now as we stand to-day it is doubtful if the necessary preliminary steps have been taken to open accounts for its expenditure. Then we are being kept taxed with a Printing Bill of some £500 on Proposal Books that should be made out in the County Surveyors office.

While we are the most over-loaded County in Ireland, with one-mile of road to every forty-four people, and every £84 valuation. This is an analysis of one Department of our business. Possibly similar conditions exist in others. I hope this Council will stand shoulder to shoulder and clear out Official undesirables at whatever cost. To retain them is unfair to those who are efficient and anxious to discharge their duties, and if drastic action be not taken to put County administration on a real business foundation, then any Council failing to do so will, should, and must be superseded.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said if the Council held an inquiry into these matters they would find that there would be a good answer to all the charges.

Take the question of the Grants - an order came down stating that there was to be no further expenditure after the 1st of May. Who had done more than he to ~~work~~ ^{work} try and provide an Office from the first moment it was hinted at. He placed

before

before the Council plans & specifications for the inviting of tenders and got tenders for it, but the thing was turned down. He had told them on different occasions that things in this respect were unsatisfactory. He had not a place he would risk putting things in. It was all very well to make a speech. It sounded very well for the ratepayers, but let there be a full inquiry into these things and the scales would soon be turned. He did not come there to learn his work. He came there as a professional man who knew his business, and there were attempts made to treat him as a third-class clerk. It was no use when they would not go by what he advised throwing the blame on him. He guaranteed that there was not an official who devoted more hours to their service or endeavoured to get better value for their money than he, and he had been with them twenty five years. If anyone was entitled to ask for, not a reduction of salary, but an increase, he considered it was he.

In reply to Councillor Anthony Gallagher Mr Steadman said the Clerk was appointed temporarily to carry out work in connection with the Distress and Unemployment Grants and he had been doing that work.

Mr Steadman added that he pointed out the unsatisfactory position of things in regards to the way he was met when he tried to provide officers not only for the County Surveyors but for the road clerks.

Councillor Mc Dermott, was the money granted for Relief work held up by the two County Surveyors.

Mr

Mr. Stedman stated it was absolutely untrue. To show it was untrue, he might say so well did we get on with the expenditure that we were overdrawn to the extent of nearly £5,000.

Councillor Mr. Dermott. Is there not £9,000 which, if not spent within the term of the financial year, we will lose?

Mr. Stedman. That is not so. On the 1st May there came an order that there was to be no further expenditure. Ask your secretary, he is in a position to-morrow if I send in accounts for £500 to pay them.

Councillor Mr. Dermott. Is there not £9,000 available for relief works, and it will be lost if not used within the financial year.

The Local Government Inspector stated that the County Council got an Unemployment Grant and the larger Relief of Distress Grant. Attached to the latter Grant were certain conditions which up to the present were not complied with. If these conditions were not complied with no further instalments would be sent. At present there was a further instalment of £5,000 earmarked and ready to be sent to the Council if before the 12th of this month the conditions had been complied with.

Mr. Stedman said the conditions were complied with as far as possible.

The Inspector said that might be the conditions, however, were not complied with. He did not say who was to blame, but someone was.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) Considered

it

it was most unfair that the County Surveyor should be saddled with this blame.

He thought there was a good many to blame, and the Local Govt Dept should bear their share of the blame. He brought forward schemes for the bog roads of poor parts of the County, and they were turned down.

There was so much red-tape that matters stood as they were to-day. If the Council, as representatives of the people, had got their way every penny of the money would have been expended.

Councillor Barry said the poor people of the County were starving owing to the distress prevailing.

Mr Steadman said he was extremely anxious and did a man's part to try and get everything completed with. He was constantly up to twelve and one o'clock trying to get his office work done.

The Chairman said Mr Steadman had saved the County Council thousands and thousands of pounds fighting the late Board of works in connection with grants. He considered it was not fair to bring a charge of this omnibus type without notice and he thought Mr Steadman had fairly well answered it.

He knew Mr Steadman had everything ready to get the office made. The Government sent down soldiers and took over their offices, and they had not been able to get the soldiers out.

Councillor McSwirth - why not billet the soldiers?

Councillor Myles said he had spoken to the Minister of Defence on this subject and he said if the Council stated what they wanted in the way

of accommodation he would give the matter earnest consideration.

Councillor Mr. Dermott moved that the Minister of Defence be requested to have the troops withdrawn from the building in Dufford known as the "County House", with a view to the County Council having certain alterations carried out ^{therein} so as to provide offices for the County Surveyors and the Councils Clerical Staff.

Councillor Banner seconded, and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Kelly said an effort should be made to get the money restored to the County.

The Local Government Inspector said it was a question of asking the Dail to revert it.

Mr. Steadman said if this money should have been expended before the 31st of March last why was it he or the Council never heard of it until the 31st of May last? The work was going on right up to May until he was told that the money should not have been expended.

Councillor Banner said it was not fair to attack certain officials as not doing their duty, seeing they were handicapped in many respects. He knew of his own personal knowledge that Mr. Steadman on his own initiative approached him with regard to the providing of accommodation, and he brought the matter before the Council at Mr. Steadman's request.

Mr. Steadman prepared plans and specifications with a view to providing accommodation

accommodation in Lifford for two County Surveyors. He now proposed that the Special Committee recently appointed by the County Council, with Councillors Barry and Mr. Goldrick as added members, go into the question of the Roads administration in conjunction with the two County Surveyors with the object of getting a re-vote of the grants which had reverted to the Treasury.

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

It was decided that the above Committee meet at the Courthouse Lifford, on Thursday 3rd January, 1924 at the hour of 11.30 a.m.

Croally Bridge

a letter from Mr. Patrick Farrell, General merchant, Croally Bridge, requesting the County Council to make him a grant to recompense him for the expenses incurred in connection with reports to Croally Bridge and report of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor having been read, it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter for the present on Mr. Steadman stating that it would be injudicious to pay any money for a structure of the kind until the Council were in a position to rebuild the bridge, because that in the event of an accident the County Council would be held responsible having taken over the temporary structure.



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