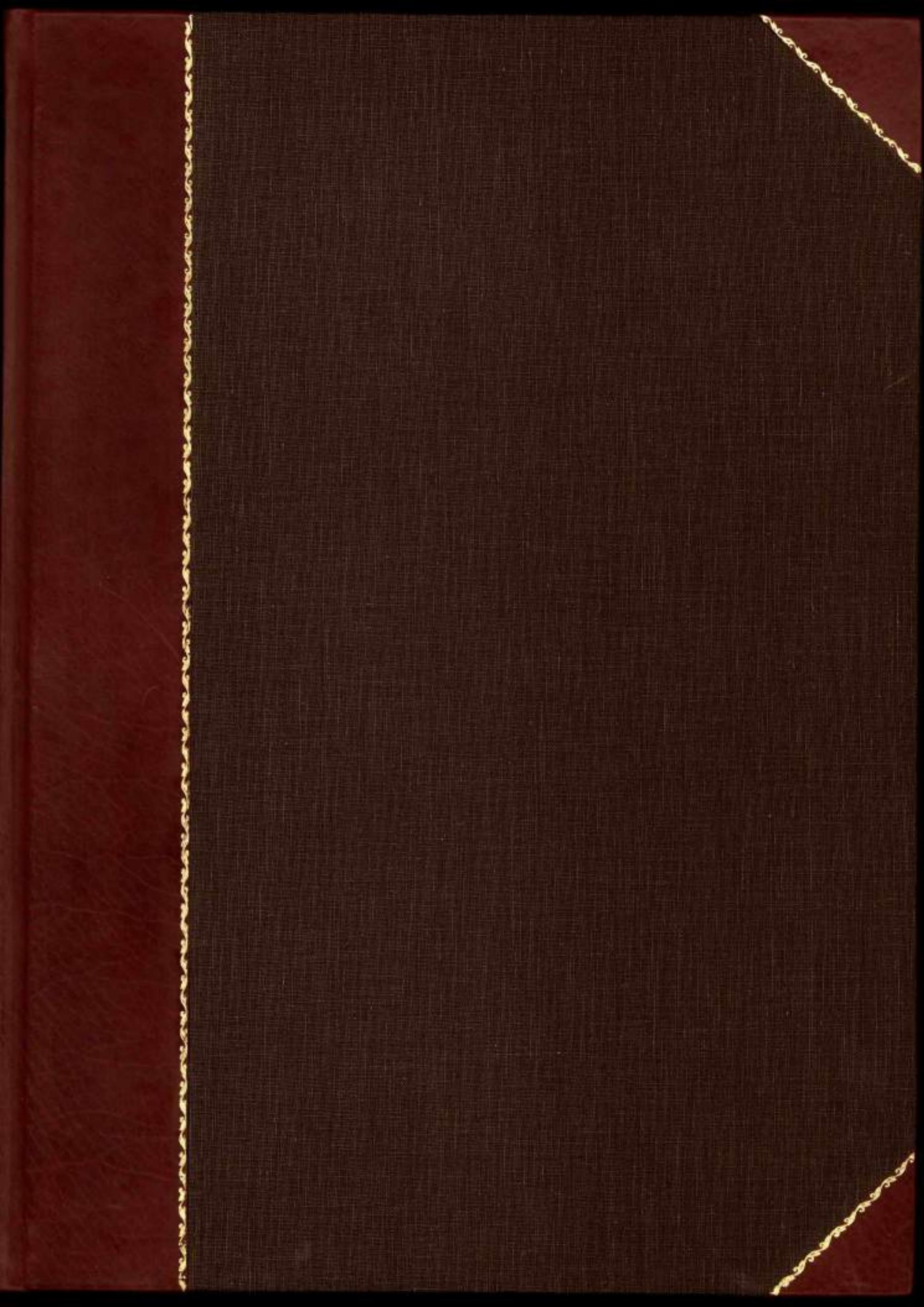


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A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1944.

1/44. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-
Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin,
Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallen, Cooper, Greene,
Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McMenamin,
McRory, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney.

2/44. ENGAGEMENT OF COUNCILLOR C. GALLAGHER, DONEGAL.

Councillor Myles proposed that the felicitations of the Council
be extended to Councillor Christopher Gallagher on his engagement.
Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed
unanimously.

3/44. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Forbes, Stranorlar, thanking the
Council for their kind sympathy on the death of her husband, the
late Mr. Henry Forbes.

A letter was read from Councillor Craig thanking the Council
for their kind sympathy on the death of his child.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Ward thanking the Council
for their resolution of sympathy on the death of his brother,
Mr. John Ward.

A letter was read from Mr. F. X. Cannon, Ardara, thanking the
Council for their kind sympathy on the death of his brother, Mr.
P. J. Cannon, a former Official of the Council.

4/44. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday,
30th November, 1943, were confirmed unanimously.

5/44. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR GENERAL
PURPOSES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1944.

The County Manager stated that Overdraft Accommodation not
exceeding £80,000 would be required for General Purposes for the
month of February, 1944.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor
Brady, it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft
accommodation not exceeding £80,000 for the month of February, 1944.

6/44. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF
ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1944.

The County Manager stated that Overdraft Accommodation not
exceeding £85,000 would be required for the Turf Account for the
month of February, 1944.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor
Brady, it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft
accommodation not exceeding £85,000 for the month of February, 1944.

7/44. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 5867. LETTING OF COTTAGE NO. 96,
CLOGHORE, BALLYSHANNON.

Councillor Brady read a memorial from residents of the Cloghore,
Ballyshannon District, which he had received, protesting against
the action of the County Manager in letting Cottage No. 96 to
William McGowan, a resident of the town of Ballyshannon, and who
was employed at Belleek.

The County Manager explained to the Council in detail the
circumstances of the different applicants for the Cottage. He had
before him reports from the Rent Collector, and the Medical Officer
of Health. He brought the file with him to Ballyshannon on his
monthly visit there, and he had made inquiries from some people
in that town in whom he had the utmost confidence.

McGowan was a young married man with a wife and two children,
the youngest of whom was five months. His weekly earnings were
29/- per week.

After hearing the County Manager, the Council considered that he
had let the Cottage to the most deserving applicant.

8/44. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 5868 - ALTERATION IN MONIES ALLOWED IN ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

Councillor Scott referred to County Manager's Order No. 5868 authorising the transfer of monies allowed in the Road Works Scheme for Aileach and Letterkenny Areas to Main and County Roads in the Lifford Area. He stated that the County Surveyor had no right to recommend the County Manager to make these transfers. The money was voted by the Council for the Aileach area, and should not have been transferred.

The County Surveyor stated he would look into the matter, and inform Councillor Scott of the position.

9/44. ARDARA WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That the present supply of water to Ardara Village is such as could not be tolerated by any civilised community. Immediate augmentation was demanded. A deputation will attend the Meeting in connection with this matter."

A deputation headed by Very Rev. J. Canon Byrne, P.P., Ardara, attended before the Council.

Very Rev. Canon Byrne stated that the present supply was given to the town over thirty years ago. He thought if the pipes were seen to and a minor extension carried out it would meet the needs of the town. The only alternative was a costly scheme, which could not be easily undertaken at the present time. The bringing in of the stream to which he referred would not cost a great deal of money.

Mr. P. J. McHugh also addressed the Council, and stated that, to his mind, the bringing in of the stream referred to by Canon Byrne would meet the needs of the people.

The County Manager read a report which he had received in the matter from Mr. W. J. Doherty, M.R.I.A.I., Derry, which stated that as a result of gaugings taken he could not recommend the auxiliary supply suggested. In view of that report, he could not undertake responsibility for expenditure incurred in linking up with the auxiliary supply.

The County Surveyor stated that he had opened the mains, and found them badly encrusted, and full of soft mud. He had very poor equipment for cleaning the pipes, but he had some equipment on order. The cleaning of the pipes would do a lot of good and should be proceeded with.

After further discussion, the Council authorised the County Surveyor to proceed with the cleaning of the mains, and to take up with Mr. Doherty the possibility of augmenting the supply.

10/44. TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS, 1934 AND 1939.

The County Manager stated that the question of making nine Planning Districts in the County was on the Agenda for discussion.

There was no time limit within which the Planning Schemes would have to be prepared, but immediately the Council passed the resolutions deciding to make the Planning Schemes they put themselves in control of all constructive and other works in the areas. Once the Council passed the resolutions deciding to make the Schemes, they entered into what was known as "the interim period." There was always the danger that at some future date the Government could say that there had been too many of these resolutions passed in the country, and too few Planning Schemes prepared.

He had been in correspondence with a number of Planning experts, and he might as well inform the Council that their fees were pretty high.

Councillor Myles stated that he would be against bringing in Planning experts, whilst they had the County Engineer and his Staff.

Councillor Scott stated that the unfortunate thing was that the County Engineer told them he had not the time.

The County Manager informed the Council that once they passed the resolutions deciding to make the Planning Schemes, the resolutions could not be rescinded. The resolutions stood for all time.

The Council proceeded to pass the resolutions deciding to make the different Planning Schemes.

11/44. BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor McMenamin proposed, Councillor Hannigan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Ballybofey. (Electoral Division of Stranorlar.)
 Drumboe Lower. (Electoral Division of Stranorlar.)
 Glebe. (Electoral Division of Stranorlar.)
 Mullandrait. (Electoral Division of Stranorlar); and
 Stranorlar (Electoral Division of Stranorlar);

in the said County of Donegal, to be styled and known as the "BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR PLANNING DISTRICT."

12/44. CARRIGART AND DOWNINGS PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Blaney seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Ballyoghagan (Electoral Division of Carrickart);
 Carrickart (Electoral Division of Carrickart);
 Crocknamurleog (Electoral Division of Rossguill);
 Downies (Electoral Division of Rossguill);
 Larganreagh (Electoral Division of Rossguill);
 Magherabeg (Electoral Division of Rossguill);
 Rosepenna (Electoral Division of Rossguill);
 Umlagh (Electoral Division of Rossguill);

in the said County of Donegal, to be styled and known as the "CARRIGART AND DOWNINGS PLANNING DISTRICT."

13/44. KILLYBEGS PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Brady proposed, Councillor Michael Og McFadden seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Corporation (Electoral Division of Killybegs);
 Glebe. (Electoral Division of Killybegs);
 Killybegs. (Electoral Division of Killybegs);

in the said County of Donegal, to be styled and known as the "KILLYBEGS PLANNING DISTRICT."

14/44.

FAHAN PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor McIvor seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District comprising the townlands of:-

Ballyderowen (Electoral Division of Birdstown);
 Bunnakayne (Electoral Division of Burt);
 Carnashannagh (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Carrontlieve (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Carrowmullin (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Carrowreagh (Electoral Division of Burt);
 Castlequarter (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Elagh Beg (Electoral Division of Birdstown);
 Figary (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Glebe (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Glebe Large (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Lisfannan (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Luddan (Electoral Division of Buncrana Rural);
 Magherabeg (Electoral Division of Fahan);
 Tievebane (Electoral Division of Fahan);

in the said County of Donegal, to be styled and known as the "FAHAN PLANNING DISTRICT."

15/44.

LIFFORD PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Gallen seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Carricknaelate. (Electoral Division of Clonleigh South);
 Coneyburrow (Electoral Division of Clonleigh South);
 Curraghelane (Electoral Division of Clonleigh South);
 Drumboy. (Electoral Division of Clonleigh South);
 Lifford. (Electoral Division of Clonleigh South);
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 Wood Island. (Electoral Division of Clonleigh South);

in the said County of Donegal, to be styled and known as the "LIFFORD PLANNING DISTRICT."

16/44.

MOVILLE PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Sweeney proposed, Councillor Harkin proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Ballybrack (Electoral Division of Moville.)
 Ballynally (Electoral Division of Moville.)
 Carnagarve. (Electoral Division of Moville.)
 Carrownaff. (Electoral Division of Castleary.)
 Carrowhugh. (Electoral Division of Greencastle.)
 Carrowtrasna. (Electoral Division of Greencastle.)
 Drumaweer (Electoral Division of Moville.)
 Eleven Ballyboes. (Electoral Division of Greencastle);
 Glencrow. (Electoral Division of Castleary); and
 Stroove. (Electoral Division of Greencastle);

in the said County of Donegal, to be styled and known as the "MOVILLE PLANNING DISTRICT."

17/44. PORTNABLAGH PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Edward Friel seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Clonmass. (Electoral Division of Ards).
 Dunfanaghy. (Electoral Division of Dunfanaghy.)
 Faugher. (Electoral Division of Ards).
 Figart. (Electoral Division of Dunfanaghy.)
 Kill. (Electoral Division of Dunfanaghy.)
 Marblehill. (Electoral Division of Ards.)
 Rinnaraw. (Electoral Division of Ards.)
 Rockhill. (Electoral Division of Ards.)
 Sandhill. (Electoral Division of Ards.)
 Woodhill. (Electoral Division of Ards);

in the said County of Donegal, to be styled and known as the "PORTNABLAGH PLANNING DISTRICT."

18/44. PORTNOO PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Brady proposed, Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Glebe. (Electoral Division of Maas.)
 Lackagh. (Electoral Division of Dawros.)
 Naran. (Electoral Division of Dawros); in the said County of

Donegal, to be styled and known as the "PORTNOO PLANNING DISTRICT."

19/44. ROSSNOWLAGH PLANNING DISTRICT.

Councillor Myles proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal (being the District Planning Authority for the Planning District of the County Health District of Donegal) hereby decides to make a Planning Scheme under Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, (No. 22 of 1934), for that portion of the said County Health District, comprising the townlands of:-

Ardeelan Lower. (Electoral Division of Ballintra.)
 Cool More. (Electoral Division of Ballyshannon Rural);
 Rossnowlagh Lower. (Electoral Division of Ballintra); and
 Rossnowlagh Upper or Crockahany. (Electoral Division of Ballintra.)

in the said County of Donegal; to be styled and known as the "ROSSNOWLAGH PLANNING DISTRICT."

20/44. EXTENSION OF SEWER AT LETTERKENNY OUTSIDE THE URBAN BOUNDARY.

The County Manager applied for permission to expend a sum of £255 in extending the sewer at Letterkenny outside the Urban Boundary. This application was to enable him to provide sewage facilities for people living outside the Urban Area.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the application be granted.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

21/44. DONEGAL OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Donegal Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, asking to have Mr. Michael Meehan, Tower, Pettigo, appointed a member of the Sub-Committee, in place of Mr. Gerald McMensin.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Meehan on the Donegal Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

22/44. RESIGNATION OF REV. J. McINTYRE, P.P., KILMACRENAN, FROM
MENTAL HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE AND MILFORD O.A.P.
SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Rev. J. McIntyre, P.P., Kilmacrenan, tendering his resignation as a member of the Mental Hospital Visiting Committee, and of the Milford O.A.P. Sub-Committee, in consequence of the treatment extended to him in connection with the water supply of Kilmacrenan village.

Councillor Edward Friel proposed that Father McIntyre be asked to re-consider his decision.

Councillor Blaney seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

23/44. CARRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Bryoe, Secretary, Carrick Parish Council, stating that the area covered by the Council comprised the following townlands:-

Meenacharvey, Meenanearry, Straleel North, Straleel South, Carrick Upper, Carrick Lower, Meenaveen, Greenveen, Meenawaghan, and all Teelin District.

It was decided to approve of Carrick Parish Council in connection with Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1941, on the following conditions:-

1. That the Parish Council be elected at a public Meeting of the inhabitants of the area.
2. That the Parish Council co-operate in carrying out purely local matters in their district.
3. That they give an annual report of their work to the County Council.

24/44. QUEEN'S PORT PIER, GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works, Ref. No: S.W.1/3/104, relative to the proposed construction of a protection wall at Queen's Port Pier, Greencastle, and stating that the plan, specification, and estimate furnished with Mr. MacMahon's letter of the 28th September, 1943, had now been examined by the Office of Public Works' Engineer who reported that the work contemplated would form a desirable improvement and could be executed for approximately £230. The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote of 75% of the cost of the proposal, subject to the agreement of the Council:-

- (i) to arrange to have the work carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor;
- (ii) to contribute the balance of the cost; and
- (iii) to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the wall when completed.

This offer of a 75% grant was made on the understanding that, in addition to the work of constructing the proposed protection wall, the Council would arrange for the carrying out of dredging at Greencastle Harbour, as soon as possible. With regard to the second paragraph of the County Surveyor's letter of the 4th October, 1943, relative to the proposed dredging of the Harbour at Greencastle, an extract was enclosed from the report of their Engineer dated 20th September, 1943, which requested that the local Assistant County Surveyor arrange to take levels not only on the bar but also at several points within the Harbour for the purpose of discovering what changes, if any, had taken place since the survey of 1939. They wished to know whether the levels referred to had since been taken, and, if so, whether they had been helpful in arriving at an agreed scheme for the dredging of the Harbour.

On the motion of Councillor Sweeney seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, it was unanimously decided to accept the grant on the conditions mentioned in the letter from the Office of Public Works.

It was also decided to ask them to contribute a grant of 75% of the cost of the dredging work at Greencastle Harbour.

25/44. PROPOSED REPAIR OF PIER AT CHAPEL STRAND, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, Ref. No. S.W.1/3/100, relative to the proposed repair of the Pier at Chapel Strand, Arranmore, and to the inspection of the site made by the Office of Public Works' Engineer on the 12th November, 1942. The report of the inspection indicated that the following scheme of repairs to the Pier could be recommended:-

- (a) Take up loose or damaged paving of outer 100' of landing-place;
- (b) underpin undermined portion of outer wall; completely re-construct outer 15' of wall, steps, etc.
- (c) re-deck outer 100' with stone paving set in cement mortar;
- (d) re-set or re-point remainder of paving, where required.

The cost of the work was estimated, tentatively, at £250. The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote of 75% of the estimated cost of the proposal, subject to the agreement of the Council:-

- (i) to contribute 25% of the estimated cost; and
- (ii) to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the Pier, when repaired.

In connection with the letter from the County Surveyor dated 11th February, 1943, the Office of Public Works' Engineer stated that while the proposed expenditure of £20 on the Pier, mentioned by Mr. MacMahon, would be immediately useful if devoted to the filling of large holes and repairs to the deck surface (thus making the passage of carts possible) the general deterioration of the structure was now so far advanced that any work less than that indicated on the enclosed plan would be unlikely to delay its ultimate complete destruction.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Sweeney it was unanimously decided to agree to contribute 25% of the cost, and to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the Pier, when repaired.

26/44. CUTTING OF TURF IN PLACES WHICH WILL NECESSITATE MAKING NEW ROADS.

In the absence of Councillor John Friel, the Council proceeded to consider the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda:-

"That this Council wishes to know why the County Surveyor is cutting turf in places which will necessitate making new roads, whilst plenty of bog is available where new roads were already made two years ago."

The County Surveyor stated that on one particular bog the Council cut some turf, which was found to be of a very inferior quality. Private individuals were still cutting turf on this bog, and possibly that was what Councillor Friel was referring to. The turf was too inferior for transport.

27/44. PORTALEEN PIER.

In the absence of Councillor John Friel, the Council proceeded to consider the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda:-

"That this Council ask the County Surveyor to report on the result of the promised joint inspection regarding Portaleen Pier."

The County Surveyor stated that the Office of Public Works' Inspector and he inspected this Pier, but as the works necessary would be of such a costly nature there was no use in proceeding further with the project at the present time.

28/44. COMMISSION OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing copy of letter dated 7th October, 1943, relative to the Commission for Youth Unemployment, which was received by him from the Department of Industry and Commerce, and which his Committee decided to refer to the County Council.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Committee of Agriculture.

29/44. BOG ROADS IN TOWNLAND OF TULLYCLEAVE, ARDARA.

Councillor Craig amended a Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name to read as follows:-

"That the Council request the Office of Public Works to give a grant sufficient to put into repair the Tullycleave Nos. 1 and 2 Bog Roads. 90% of the entire fuel for the Parish of Ardara has to be conveyed over these roads, which at the moment are a menace to men and beast."

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works.

30/44. PREVALENCE OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That this Council request the Government to declare total war on Bovine Tuberculosis, as lack of vigilance in the matter is considered grave."

Councillor Craig stated that there should be an annual testing of cows' milk.

The motion was passed unanimously.

31/44. CASHEL BOG ROAD, ARDARA AREA.

Councillor Craig proposed, Councillor McRory seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council recommend the Board of Works to carry out immediately improvements to Cashel Bog Road."

32/44. PETROL FOR CONVEYANCE OF PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL.

Councillor Craig proposed, Councillor McRory seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council request the Government to allocate a petrol allowance to each village to be used for the conveyance of patients to Hospital, as basic allowance of hackney owners is entirely inadequate; the said allowance to be strictly under the supervision of the local Garda Sergeant."

33/44. BUNATROOHAN FIER, BALLYSHANNON.

Councillor Brady proposed:- "That this Council requests the County Surveyor to have the necessary repairs carried out to Bunatroohan Fier, Ballyshannon."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

34/44. COMPLAINT RE DISTANCE MEN HAVE TO WALK TO WORK.

Councillor Patrick Campbell proposed:- "Will the County Surveyor state the distance required of men to walk to and from their work morning and evening on Minor Relief Schemes and County Council work."

Councillor Campbell stated that in his area men were often asked to walk five and six miles to work, and back again in the evening.

The County Surveyor stated that he would investigate the complaint.

35/44. PROTEST AGAINST COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEEDING WITH LIME PRODUCTION SCHEME.

Councillor Manus Herkin proposed:- "That it is the general opinion of the farmers in Inishowen that ground limestone is of little use to the soil. Why should this Council put an extra burden on the ratepayers of £15,000 or £20,000 for putting up a plant which will only benefit a few? If enough burned lime cannot be got, then let the Scheme be scrapped. My experience is that shore sand is better than ground lime, and there is no machinery required."

The County Manager stated that when the report of the analysis of the samples of lime came, Councillor Herkin could then raise the matter.

36/44.

WAGES OF COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD WORKERS.

The Council proceeded to consider the following Notices of Motion on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Hugh Callaghan:- (Adjourned from October Meeting):- "That this Council take a sympathetic view of the terrible hardships of the workers, and to meet the increased and increasing cost-of-living, and in accordance with the principles laid down in the Papal Encyclicals, the wages of all the County Council workers (labourers, gangers, carters, and machinery workers) be increased by not less than 5/- per week; and representations made to the proper authorities to have the wages of workers on Land Commission and Minor Relief Schemes increased accordingly."

"That the wages of all County Council road workers be increased to £2 : 2 : 0 per week; and that the wages of carters be increased to 15/- per day, so that the labourers may be able to meet the increased and increasing cost-of-living, and provide the essentials of life for themselves and their families in accordance with the principles laid down in the Papal Encyclicals."

Councillor Brady stated that the wages of the agricultural labourers had recently been increased to £2 : 0 : 0 per week. The maximum wage for road workers which the Government would sanction would have to be 1/- less than the wages of the agricultural labourers, i.e. 39/- per week.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the road workers' wages be increased by an amount corresponding to the increase given to the agricultural labourers, i.e. 4/- per week, making their wages 39/- per week, as from 1st April, 1944.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the County Surveyor be asked when making out his road estimates for 1944/45 to provide for the increases which were likely to take place in road workers' and carters' wages.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor show in his road estimates the cost or approximate cost of the increases being recommended.

37/44.

WAGES OF CARTERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the names of Councillors Breslin and Campbell was proposed by Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Campbell:-

"That this Council ask the County Manager to make an Order increasing the present rate of wages paid to carters in view of the increased cost of maintaining horse, cart, etc."

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel C. O'Boyle, Secretary, Dungloe Labour Branch, stating that at a Meeting of Rosses carters held at Dungloe on the 20th December, a resolution was passed asking for an increase to 14/- per day of wage rates on Grant Schemes, etc., conducted under the County Council. It was pointed out that the present rate of 10s/6d per day was quite inadequate in view of the increased cost of maintaining a horse in working condition. It was suggested that a set of shoes now costs upwards of £1 : 0 : 0; that a stone of corn which is reckoned the minimum to feed a horse for a day, costs some 3/-, and that allowing for the man's wage of 5s/10d, the balance was very poor and an unprofitable return for the use of the horse and cart.

It was unanimously decided, after some discussion, to recommend to the County Manager that carters' wages be increased to 12s/6d per day as from 1st April, 1944; the rate of wages for pony and cart, and donkey and cart to be increased accordingly.

38/44.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF 1941 TURF ACCOUNT.

The County Surveyor submitted to the Council the following detailed statement of the 1941 Turf Account:-

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NOTES.

DETAILS OF RECEIPTS FROM MESSRS. FUEL IMPORTERS, LTD.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----------|-----|----|
| Total receipts for 79936 tons delivered from July 1941, to 31st July, 1943 | 179,842. | 16. | 6 |
| Less cost of estimated 942 tons of 1943 turf @ 45/- included in deliveries for above period | 2,119. | 10. | 0. |
| | £177,723. | 6. | 6. |
| Less cost of loading and transport of 78,994 tons @ 20/- | 78,994. | 0. | 0. |
| Net receipts in respect of 78,994 tons @ 25/- | 98,729. | 6. | 6. |
| Total charges for 78,994 tons @ 25/- | 98,742. | 10. | 0. |
| Balance due by Fuel Importers for 1941 Turf | £13. | 3. | 6. |

RECOVERABLE FROM COUNTY COUNCIL FOR LOSS ON SALES.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---------|-----|-----|
| Machinery | 679. | 0. | 2.✓ |
| Mental Hospital | 1,235. | 14. | 9.✓ |
| Letterkenny Courthouse | 8. | 18. | 6.✓ |
| Co. Council Offices and Lifford Courthouse ... | 56. | 2. | 3.✓ |
| Donegal Courthouse | 2. | 7. | 3.✓ |
| Buncrana Courthouse | 1. | 8. | 0.✓ |
| Carndonagh Courthouse | 3. | 5. | 2.✓ |
| Lifford Hospital | 70. | 2. | 10. |
| Letterkenny Hospital | 50. | 3. | 5. |
| Donegal Hospital | 48. | 7. | 4. |
| Carndonagh Hospital | 95. | 9. | 2. |
| County Home | 225. | 4. | 6. |
| Dispensaries | 3. | 10. | 5. |
| Technical Schools | 7. | 11. | 6. |
| | £2,487. | 5. | 3. |

1941 TURF ACCOUNT - STATEMENT TO 24th JULY, 1943.

PRODUCTION.

| <u>RECEIPTS.</u> | £ | s. | d. | <u>EXPENDITURE.</u> | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| From Messrs. Fuel Importers, Ltd., in respect of 78,994 tons @ 25/- | 96,729. | 6. | 6. | Wages, etc..... | 156,840. | 19. | 8. |
| Outstanding in respect of share from Fuel Importers, Ltd | 13. | 3. | 6. | Babbling | 688. | 18. | 0. |
| Recoverable from County Council - Loss on Sales | 2,487. | 5. | 3. | Telephones and Postage | 850. | 0. | 0. |
| Outstanding from Private Purchases, Co. Council and others | 909. | 1. | 7. | Printing and Stationery | 166. | 9. | 8. |
| Sales to Carbonisation Account | 137. | 10. | 0. | Salaries | 2,113. | 2. | 6. |
| Sale of 6,380 tons to 1943 Account, @ 25/- | 7,975. | 0. | 0. | Travelling Expenses | 650. | 14. | 4. |
| Receipts from all other sources (includes sales to County Council and private purchases | 21,631. | 15. | 5. | Clerical Assistance | 1,930. | 0. | 0. |
| Balance being deficit on 1941 share transferred to Stabilisation | 41,874. | 8. | 11. | Bog Roads (Turf) | 2,566. | 8. | 6. |
| | <u>£173,757.</u> | <u>11.</u> | <u>2.</u> | Interest | 7,950. | 18. | 6. |
| | | | | | <u>£173,757.</u> | <u>11.</u> | <u>2.</u> |

LOADING AND TRANSPORT ACCOUNT TO 24.7.43.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Receipts from Messrs. Fuel Importers, (Eire), Ltd., for 78,994 tons @ 20/- | £ | s. | d. |
| | | 78,994. | 0. 0. |
| Received from other Purchasers | | 5,028. | 9. 8. |
| Balance being loss on L. and T. V/c. | | 617. | 9. 4. |
| | | <u>£84,639.</u> | <u>19. 0.</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Cost of loading and transport to railhead of 78,994 tons for Messrs. Fuel Importers, (Eire), Ltd. | £ | s. | d. |
| | | 78,994. | 0. 0. |
| Cost of loading and transport on all other deliveries | | 5,028. | 9. 8. |
| | | <u>£84,639.</u> | <u>19. 0.</u> |

EXPERIMENTAL CUTTING, 1941.

| | | | |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|
| Recoupment by Department of full expenditure | £ | s. | d. |
| | | 221. | 0. 0. |
| | | <u>£221.</u> | <u>0. 0.</u> |

EXPERIMENTAL CUTTING, 1941.

| | | | |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|
| Total cost of Experimental cutting | £ | s. | d. |
| | | 221. | 0. 0. |
| | | <u>£221.</u> | <u>0. 0.</u> |

ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTION.1941 CROP.

| | <u>TONS.</u> |
|---|-----------------|
| Sold to Messrs. Fuel Importers (Eire), Ltd..... | 78,994. |
| " " Local Authorities | 11,480. |
| " " Private Purchasers | 9,518. |
| " " 1943 Account | 6,380. |
| Uneconomic Turf on hands | 5,380. |
| <u>Total 1941 Production</u> | <u>111,659.</u> |

This figure is arrived at by taking tonnages acknowledged by Messrs. Fuel Importers, Ltd., to 31st July, 1943, viz. 79,191 tons, to which is added 745 tons carried by sea, making total deliveries 79,936 tons. Deducting 942 tons (estimated) 1943 turf included in this figure, a net tonnage of 78,994 tons of 1941 turf is found.

1943 CROP.POSITION AT 2/10/1943.

| | <u>TONS.</u> |
|---|---------------------|
| Sold to Messrs. Fuel Importers, (Eire), Ltd | 16,530. (estimated) |
| " " Local Authorities | 1,910. |
| " " Private Purchasers | 145. |
| Total Sales to 2/10/43 | 18,585. |
| On hands estimated | 20,353. |
| <u>Total 1943 Production</u> | <u>38,938.</u> |

This figure includes:-

| | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|------|-----------|------|----------|--------------|
| | 6,380 | Tons | purchased | from | 1941 | A/c. |
| " " " | 165 | " | " | " | " | Contractors. |
| " " " | 32,593 | " | estimated | 1943 | cutting. | |

38/44. DETAILED STATEMENT OF 1941 TURF ACCOUNT (CONTINUED).

Councillor Scott criticised the statement in detail, and referred particularly to the heading "Recoverable from County Council for loss on Sales." He stated he was strongly opposed to this item of £2,487 : 5 : 3 being set out as a credit, whereas, in his estimation, it was a liability, to be met by the ratepayers.

Councillor Baxter supported Councillor Scott.

The County Surveyor stated that he wished to repeat what he had already stated on many occasions that the ratepayers of the County would suffer no loss as a result of the Turf Scheme.

39/44. ROAD LEADING FROM CULDAFF TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Manus Harkin proposed:- "That I will raise the matter of the dangerous road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh again at the next County Council Meeting, as this road is a veritable death-trap, and has been brought to the notice of this Council several times, but for some reason which I cannot understand nothing has been done to make the road safe for traffic."

The County Surveyor stated that he estimated it would take a sum of at least £3,000 to put this road into proper repair. If the Council provided the money he would carry out the work. There were hundreds of miles of roads throughout the County just as dangerous, if not more so, than the road referred to by Councillor Harkin.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor provide a sum of £500 in the Estimates for the lowering of the road.

The County Surveyor stated that £500 would be useless.

Councillor Campbell proposed that a sum of £1,000 be provided in the Estimates for the necessary work.

Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

40/44. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS STATE OF ROADS IN INISHOWEN.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will call attention to the deplorable state of the bye-roads in Inishowen, especially in the Carndonagh, Malin, and Culdaff Areas. As a matter of fact, nothing had been done on some of these roads for the past few years, with the result that they had become almost impassable, while at the same time thousands of pounds were being spent on two Main Roads, one from Carndonagh to Moville, and the other from Carndonagh to Malin Head."

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

41/44. ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF FAWNS, TERMON, LEADING OFF THE MAIN ROAD FROM LETTERKENNY TO DUNFANAGHY.

Councillor Edward Friel amended a Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name, and proposed the following:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make special provision in the Estimates for the repair of 240 perches of the road leading off the main road from Letterkenny to Dunfanaghy, in the townland of Fawns, Termon."

The motion was passed unanimously.

42/44. REQUEST TO HAVE ROADS TAKEN ON AS NEW ROADS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Friel was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention, when making out his Estimates for 1944/45:-

"That 245 perches of road leading from Helferty's contract at Kilconnell to McGettigan's contract at Cashleenan, in the townlands of Gortnaskeagh and Kilconnell, be added on to the mileage; also 75 perches of new road in the townland of Gortnaskeagh be added on."

43/44. REQUEST TO HAVE ROAD WORKERS PAID WEEKLY.

As the Council had already decided that to pay their road workers weekly would cost too much money, the following Notice of Motion was not considered:-

Notice of Motion by Councillor Hugh Callaghan:- Requesting that the County Council should pay its road workers weekly, instead of the present system."

44/44. NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HUGH CALLAGHAN.

The following Notices of Motion by Councillor Hugh Callaghan were noted:-

- (a) "Requesting the County Surveyor to give a statement to this Meeting of the County Council of repairs carried out to Labourers' Cottages in the County since September, 1943."
- (b) "Protesting at the manner in which Gangers are appointed under the County Council. As in some cases it would appear that the men are appointed on account of their political affiliations, as it is a well-known fact that several who are quite incompetent are appointed, while qualified men and those in need are left standing idle."
- (c) "Requesting the County Surveyor to give a full account of the County Council's Turf Scheme up to the 31st December, 1943; the quantity of turf disposed of to that date; the quantity in the bogs, or otherwise in possession at that date; the amount paid out for production up to that date; and returns received up to that date for quantity disposed of."
- (d) "That in the interests of the Killybegs and South-West Donegal fishermen, this Council takes immediate steps, if in a position to do so, or otherwise make representations to the proper authority to have stones and rubbish placed there removed from Kelly's Quay, which is the only mooring place for the local fishermen."

45/44. DISMISSAL OF WORKERS FROM MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Calling for an inquiry into the action of Ganger Joseph Meehan in dismissing Messrs. Peter Meehan, John McGinley, Charles Gillespie, and Joseph McGill, from a Minor Employment Scheme at Croaghlin, Killybegs."

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

46/44. RESOLUTION PROTESTING AGAINST POST-WAR RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSPORT.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That we, the Letterkenny Urban District Council, view with alarm the introduction of any legislation which may, in the post-War period, have the effect of restricting the use of privately-owned commercial motor vehicles, private motor-cars, or hackney vehicles, and that we demand an assurance from the Government that no such interference with the fundamental rights of the individual is contemplated."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

47/44. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 1943.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Chief Executive Officers' (Vocational Education) Association, Clonmel, enclosing two copies of a memorandum which has been prepared by direction of the Council Chief Executive Officers' Association relative to the Vocational Education (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1943. The Council of the Association would feel deeply grateful if the County Council would consider the matter, and should they approve of the views explained in the memorandum they should send a copy of the resolution immediately to the Minister for Education and to the Deputies for the area.

The matter was noted.

48/44. RESOLUTION RE INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th January, 1944, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution at their Meeting on the 30th November, 1943, on the subject of Old Age Pensions.

49/44. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE BUILDING OF A RAILWAY JOINING BALLYSHANNON AND SLIGO.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Bundoran Urban Council at its Meeting on the 1st November, 1943:-

"That we, the Bundoran Urban District Council, respectfully request our Government, when considering improvements in connection with the Great Southern Railway system, that the building of a railway joining Ballyshannon and Sligo be included in its scheme for the following reasons:-

1. A scheme for the building of this railway some years ago by a private company was almost completed, but though the necessary Bill was passed in the British House of Commons, the third reading was rejected by the House of Lords. The Bill fell through and the project could not be proceeded with.
 2. The construction of a railway between the towns mentioned would serve to link up the whole Irish Railway systems, especially those of Eire, and be the means of developing Goods and Tourist Traffic.
 3. The work of construction would give much-needed employment in the portions of Donegal, Leitrim, and Sligo, through which the line would run.
 4. The fishing interests of Donegal, Leitrim, and Sligo, as well as the woollen industry, and the Barytes industry, would be expanded and diverted through Eire, time occupied on the journey saved, and the inconvenience and delay of Customs examination avoided, congested Omnibus services be curtailed, and cost of maintenance of Public roads lessened.
 5. Under existing traffic conditions Donegal is practically cut off from the rest of Eire, and in the event of a collapse of transport facilities through Northern Ireland, the County would be completely isolated.
 6. A Hydro-Electric Scheme for the River Erne is now being drafted by the Electricity Supply Board. The scheme is almost of the magnitude of the Shannon Scheme, the estimated output being two million units. The existing single main road between Sligo and Ballyshannon, already congested with goods and passenger traffic, cannot be expected to take the additional immense heavy traffic of the Erne Scheme, and delays which will add considerably to the cost of the undertaking are almost certain to occur. The completion of the Erne Scheme within a time limit appears to depend on the provision of a railway between Sligo and the Erne. Dependence on rail services through Northern Ireland in a Scheme of National importance would be injudicious. The revenue from transport of materials, etc., for the Scheme would probably go a long way towards defraying the cost of constructing the line."
- On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Sweeney, it was unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

50/44. COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st January, 1944, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution in regard to the County Management Act, 1940.

51/44. CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That the regulations issued under the Cinematograph Act, under which the Council is called on to consider Cinema licences from time to time, are not in accordance with public needs, and should be amended."
 The resolution was noted.

52/44. RE-CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER ROAD AT LETTERCRAN, PETTIGO.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report re above:-

"The Council will remember that in November, 1942, I submitted a full report dealing with the necessity of and the work involved in the re-construction of above road.

The matter was then submitted to the Government Departments concerned with a view to securing a grant for the carrying out of this work.

I have since discussed this matter with Officials of the Departments concerned. As a result of these discussions, I am led to believe that a free grant of £1,600 under the Rural Improvement Scheme might be forthcoming if the Council undertook to take over, with a view to maintenance, the roads in question. A further inspection of these roads was recently carried out with a view to seeing how far the £1,600 would carry in putting this road in reasonably good order for the traffic which would be expected to operate on it. The total length of road involved is three hundred and seventy-three (373) perches. In my report of November, 1942, I divided this length into three sections - (a), (b), and (c).

On section (a), a new bridge covering a span of forty feet and a width of fourteen feet would be required, and the cost of this bridge, including its approaches, will be in the neighbourhood of £1,200. This leaves a balance of £400 to widen, strengthen, and surface the whole length of road. In my opinion, a satisfactory job could not be carried out for this money even if we contemplated constructing a road of only nine or ten feet in width.

While the Council may not care to refuse a free grant of £1,600, I must point out that if the road is taken over without being properly constructed, we will certainly take on ourselves a considerable liability for the future improvement and maintenance work which is bound to arise. If the hardships and inconvenience, to which the people of this locality are put by the absence of adequate road facilities, are genuine, and the information which I have confirms this view, then it appears to me that the onus for a proper provision of money to carry out a reasonable and substantial work of road improvement lies with the State, and should not fall on the heavy burden of this County."

Mr. F. P. Britton, Solicitor, Donegal, appeared before the Council on behalf of the people of the district. He stated that the only alternative road the people of the area had was via Cullion Lane, which was in a shocking state. This was the only way the people could bring across cattle.

The County Surveyor stated that the Grant was not at all sufficient to carry out the work necessary.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the matter be referred back, and that the Department be asked to give a larger Grant for the carrying out of the work.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

It was also decided that a deputation consisting of the County Surveyor and the three Deputies for West Donegal approach the Department in the matter.

53/44. CONTRIBUTION OF SWEETS TO THE MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The County Manager stated that he wished to take this opportunity of publicly thanking Messrs. McKinney & Co., Letterkenny, for their generosity at Christmas in sending to the Mental Hospital 800 bags of sweets, separately packed, one for each member of the Staff and for each patient.

The Council expressed their appreciation of the generosity and thoughtfulness of Messrs. McKinney & Co.

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Confirmed.
Michael O'Flaherty
 Chairman
 29th February 1944.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1944, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.

54/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Gallen, Cooper, Greens, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, McRory, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney.

55/44.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor Hugh Callaghan.

56/44.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman moved that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Frank Bouchier, Arlands, Burtonport, who had been acting as Temporary Assistant in the County Library.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

The Chairman also proposed that the sincere sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Charles D. O'Donoghue, Assistant Surveyor, Dunfanaghy, on the death of his wife.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

Both resolutions were passed in silence; all the members standing.

The County Manager associated himself with the expressions of sympathy on behalf of the Staff and on his own behalf.

57/44.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 25th January, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

58/44.

R E P O R T O F S H E E P D I P P I N G A N D W A R B L E F L Y C O M M I T T E E.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, the Report of the Meeting of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee held on the 25th January, 1944, was adopted unanimously.

59/44.

O V E R D R A F T A C C O M M O D A T I O N F O R T U R F P R O D U C T I O N A C C O U N T F O R T H E M O N T H S O F M A R C H A N D A P R I L, 1 9 4 4.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation for the Turf Production Account for the months of March and April, 1944, not exceeding £90,000.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the application was granted unanimously.

60/44.

O V E R D R A F T A C C O M M O D A T I O N F O R R E V E N U E A C C O U N T F O R T H E M O N T H S O F M A R C H A N D A P R I L, 1 9 4 4.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation for the Revenue Account for the months of March and April, 1944, not exceeding £70,000.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the application was granted unanimously.

61/44.

C O U N T Y M A N A G E M E N T A C T, 1 9 4 0.

A Circular Letter No. 10/44 dated 27th January, 1944, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister had received during the past year representations and suggestions from local bodies in regard to the operation of the County Management Act, 1940. The letter went on to deal with the following matters at length:-

Circulation of Manager's Orders; Committees; Estimate of Expenses; Irrecoverable Rates; and relations between local bodies and Managers.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the letter be adjourned.

Councillor Scott proposed that the letter be regarded as read, as summaries of it had appeared in the Press during the past few weeks.

Councillor Scott's proposal was carried.

62/44. SALARIES OF NURSES EMPLOYED BY THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter dated 18th February, 1944, was read from the Local Government Department, referring to the County Manager's Order No. 5837 of the 6th January, on the subject of the salaries of Nurses employed by the County Council, and stating that the scales proceeding to a maximum of £130 per annum and £140 per annum proposed therein would not be as favourable to the Nurses concerned as the improved scale, with rations and other emoluments, to which the Minister had recently accorded sanction in other areas.

On the basis of the latter scale, the Minister would be prepared to sanction the following revised rates of remuneration:-

- (1) Staff Nurses in District Institutions:-
£75 per annum, rising by £5 annually, to £90 per annum, plus £5 per annum, uniform allowance, in addition to rations, apartments, fuel, and light. Nurses possessing C.M.B. and Fever Certificates to receive £5 per annum for each certificate; immediate increments to be granted to the present staff, corresponding to their length of service.
- (2) Matron, County Hospital, and Head Nurses, District Hospitals:-
£95 per annum, increasing by £5 annually to £115 per annum, in addition to existing allowances and emoluments; credit to be given for length of service.

The salaries of the Charge Nurses, Donegal and Letterkenny Fever Hospitals, would be in accordance with Paragraph (1) above. The Minister would not be prepared to approve any increase in the salaries of the Matron of the County Home or of the Dispensary Midwives. It should be noted that the salaries of the Dispensary Midwives compared favourably with the higher salaries for these Offices paid in other Public Assistance Districts.

A further communication would follow on the subject of the salaries of the Radiographer, District Hospital, Letterkenny, and the three Public Health Nurses.

Councillor McIvor stated that he considered that the Minister was treating the Dispensary Midwives most unfairly. In County Donegal these Nurses did not enjoy large private practices as they probably did in other Counties. There was a danger that the Council were going to lose the services of many of their Nurses who would be attracted by the much higher salaries being paid in England and Northern Ireland.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Department be asked to re-consider their decision and approve of the salaries proposed in the County Manager's Order No. 5837.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

63/44. DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER MILFORD WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th January, 1944, P.20433/43, Dun na nGall., referring to previous correspondence, and stating that there appeared to be no objection to the demolition of the main portion of Milford Workhouse buildings. It was observed that it was proposed to store the salvaged materials for use later in connection with a Housing Scheme to be undertaken by the County Council. Should this Scheme materialise, the cost thereof would presumably be chargeable to the County Health District. In that event, the valuation of the salvaged materials should be credited to the Public Assistance District, and the County Health District debited accordingly.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting; the County Manager to make further inquiries in the meantime as to the obtaining of a site for building Cottages.

- 64/44. EXECUTION OF DEED OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RAISING OF A LOAN OF £410 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HOUSE AND LANDS AT LACKENAGH, BURTONPORT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE LABOURERS' ACTS.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Deed of Charge in connection with the raising of a loan of £410 for the purchase of a house and lands at Lackenagh, Burtonport, for the purposes of the Labourers' Acts.

- 65/44. BUNATROOHAN PIER, BALLYSHANNON.

As requested by the Council in Minute No. 33/44 C.C., the County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"On examination of Bunastroohan Pier, I find that some small repairs and improvements are required. The repairs consist of pointing and plastering of existing Protection Wall, and the improvements consist of construction of a short length of Protection Wall at the land end of the Pier. The total cost, I estimate, would be £20. I request approval for this expenditure."

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the expenditure.

- 66/44. MOTION REGARDING EXPENDITURE ON ROADS FOR 1944/45.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Edward Friel was noted:-

"That two-thirds of the money estimated and passed for road maintenance be expended on third and fourth-class roads for the Financial Year 1944/45."

- 67/44. PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF REV. J. McINTYRE, P.P., KILMACRENAN, FROM CERTAIN COMMITTEES.

A letter was read from Rev. John McIntyre, P.P., Kilmacrenan, agreeing, at the request of Councillor Edward Friel, to withdraw his resignation from the Mental Hospital Committee and the Milford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The letter was noted.

- 68/44. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 312) ORDER, 1944.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1944, stating that the Government had made an Order entitled the Emergency Powers (No. 312) Order, 1944, which provided that the superannuation allowance payable to a pensionable officer of a local authority whose remuneration was comprised of basic salary, cost-of-living bonus, and emergency bonus, should be by way of a fixed allowance, based on the basic salary, plus emergency bonus, together with a cost-of-living bonus on that portion of the superannuation allowance that was calculated by reference to the basic salary.

The letter was noted.

- 69/44. TEACHING OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Office of National Education, dated 26th January, 1944, referring to the copy recently furnished to that Department of extracts from the Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Donegal County Council held on the 30th November, 1943, in which the suggestion was made that the teaching of Agriculture be included in the Programme for both Primary and Secondary Schools, and stating that Agricultural Science had now been included as an optional subject in Secondary Schools. A suitable laboratory and a well-stocked garden were essential requirements for the study of the various courses in the subject, and a farm on which mixed farming was practised efficiently was also essential for the more advanced classes. In the case of Primary Schools, it was considered that the conditions obtaining in such Schools would not favour the introduction of Agriculture as a subject of instruction.

The letter was noted.

70/44. RESOLUTION RE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF RAILWAY FROM BALLYSHANNON TO SLIGO.

An acknowledgment was received from the Department of Industry and Commerce of the Council's resolution re extension of Railway from Ballyshannon to Sligo.

71/44. LIFFORD OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Lowry, Argrey, Ballindrait, stating that he considered that the time had come when his place on the Lifford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee should be taken by some person, either younger, or with better opportunities for attending the Meetings, so he asked the Committee to accept his resignation. It was well over thirty years since he became a member, and he always found the work interesting. If he might be allowed to suggest a name to fill the vacancy, he thought that either Mr. Doalty Gallagher, ex-N.T., Raphoe, or Mr. John Marron, ex-N.T., Cloughfin, Ballindrait, would be suitable. He would be very pleased if it were possible to appoint both these gentlemen on the Committee.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

72/44. ESTIMATES 1943/44 - APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO EXPEND AMOUNTS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED IN THE ESTIMATES.

The County Manager applied for permission to expend the following amounts in excess of the amounts allowed in the 1943/44 Estimates:-

| <u>Name of Charge.</u> | <u>Amount in Estimates, 1943/44.</u> | <u>Extra amount required.</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Moville Recreation Ground. | £115. | £50. |
| Moville Bathing and Life-Saving Appliances. | Nil. | £16:10:0. |
| Donegal Dumping-Ground. | £9. | £14: 0:0. |
| Ballybofey Dumping-Ground. | £6. | £2: 0:0. |
| Milford Dumping-Ground. | Nil. | £8: 0:0. |
| Tuberculosis Acts. | £9,299. | £546: 0:0. |
| Roads - Engineering Equipment. | Nil. | £300: 0:0. |
| Public Assistance..... | £64,974. | £2,480:0:0. |
| Surveyors' Travelling Expenses. | £2,600. | £300: 0:0. |

The Council unanimously decided to grant the County Manager the extra amounts required.

73/44. ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.

The County Manager submitted the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945, which he had prepared on the prescribed form showing the amounts which, in his opinion, would be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council during the year.

The Council proceeded to consider the items seriatim under the different headings.

ROAD CHARGES.

At the outset, Councillor Scott referred to the County Manager's Order No. 6230 approving of the transfer of sums of money from certain roads to roads Nos. 441 and 442.

Councillor Scott stated that Roads Nos. 441 and 442 were third-class roads, and the amounts allocated to these roads were so small that there were no tenders for them. He thought that the contract system was being "killed" by the Survey Staff not putting sufficient money on the roads for tender.

Councillor McIvor stated that the Council were not getting value for the work being done by Direct Labour.

Councillor McRory stated that the Council were neither getting value for the money being spent nor serviceable roads. He referred particularly to the slippery condition of the roads.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.
(CONTINUED).

ROAD CHARGES (CONTINUED).

Councillor McNulty stated that he had been intensely interested in the question of the upkeep of roads, and he had discussed the matter with many ratepayers. They did not mind spending money, and they would be prepared to increase the amount allocated, but they were not satisfied that value was being got for the money being spent. The County Surveyor had made a major error in not paying sufficient attention to the contract system.

Councillor Hannigan stated that to his mind there would be no increase in the number of road contractors whilst the Emergency lasted, as men could earn much more working for farmers.

The County Surveyor stated that he was in favour of the contract system despite the remarks passed by the different Councillors. The present-day Contractors were not doing the work they had to do. He had found many cases of fraud amongst Contractors.

Councillor C. Gallagher proposed that a sum of £100,000 be allowed for road expenditure, as against £89,194 in 1943/44.

Councillor Campbell seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that the Council allow the same amount as last year, and that as much money as possible be spent on labour.

Councillor Harkin seconded.

Councillor McNulty proposed, as a further amendment, that the Council allow a sum of £96,000, and stated that he wished to emphasise that this extra money be devoted to third and fourth-class roads.

Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the sum of £1,000 included in the road estimate for the Culdaff-Malin Road be deleted therefrom.

Councillor Scott seconded.

The County Surveyor stated that Councillor Harkin, at whose request this amount was included, had agreed to its deletion.

After further discussion, Councillor McNulty agreed to withdraw his amendment, and Councillor Gallagher amended his motion to read as follows:-

"That a sum of £100,000 be allowed for Road Charges; £35,500 to be expended on Main Roads, including Main Roads in Urban Districts; the balance to be expended on County Roads and to include re-payment of Loans and Contingencies."

Councillor Scott seconded the amended motion, which was accepted by Councillor McNulty.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, Councillor Gallagher's proposal was carried by fifteen votes for to seven against.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

Councillor Breslin suggested that each Councillor should be furnished with a list of Home Assistance recipients in his area.

The Council also commented on the amount asked for to cover Medical Officers' sick leave.

Councillor Brady stated that it would be very interesting to compare the amount of sick leave granted to Medical Officers, with that granted to other Officers.

The Council noted that the increase under the heading of Home Assistance amounted to £1,261.

In view of the coming into operation of the Childrens' Allowances Act, the Council decided to reduce the amount estimated for Home Assistance by a sum of £500, making the total increase under that heading £761.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.

(CONTINUED).

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES (CONTINUED).

Under the heading of "Assistance in District Institutions", the Council discussed the letter from the Department on Nurses' Salaries, and they made the decision recorded in Minute No. 62/44.

It was decided to reduce the increase of £1,536 on the heading "Salaries and Wages" by a sum of £236, making the total increase £1,300.

A discussion also took place on the provision in the Estimates of a sum of £700 for an X-Ray Plant for the District Hospital, Donegal.

Councillor Myles proposed that the amount be deleted from the Estimates and that the Hospitals Commission be asked for a grant for the provision of the Plant.

New County Hospital at Letterkenny.

The County Manager stated that there was a sum of approximately £900 spent by the former Board of Health on the preparation of plans for the new County Hospital at Letterkenny. The Architects were claiming an additional sum of £500.

The sum of £900 had been recouped in full by the Hospitals Commission.

Food Voucher Scheme.

The County Manager stated that credit could be taken for a sum of £5,000 in respect of a Grant under the Food Voucher Scheme. This was inadvertently omitted from the Receipts under Public Assistance Charges.

MENTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES.

Councillor Scott protested against a sum of £1,235 being included under Mental Hospital Expenditure in respect of recoupment to the County Council on foot of loss on turf supplied to the Institution.

Councillor Mahony queried the decrease of £395 on the sales of farm and garden produce.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the landsteward be asked to supply a statement to the members of the Visiting Committee of all the produce of the farm and the stores held.

The County Manager stated that the question of the Mental Hospital farm was engaging his attention.

HEALTH CHARGES.

The Council commented on the increase under the heading of the Tuberculosis Acts.

The County Manager explained that the number of patients seeking treatment was increasing, and also that the maintenance charges in extern institutions had increased.

HOUSING CHARGES.

No comment was made on the amounts entered under "Housing Charges."

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.

Councillor Scott proposed that the amount to be allowed to the Irish Tourist Association be reduced by a sum of £250.

Councillor Myles seconded.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that a sum of £500 be allowed, the same as last year.

Councillor Breslin seconded Councillor O'Boyle's amendment, which was put to the Meeting and carried by twelve votes for to six against.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.
(CONTINUED).

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES (CONTINUED).

Neutrality (War Damage to Property) Act, 1941.

The Council commented on the item of £1,410 included in the expenditure under "General Purposes Charge."

The County Manager explained that this was a statutory charge, about which the Council could do nothing.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT CHARGES.

The Council decided to delete from the Estimates sums of £200 for maintenance charges in respect of Portsalon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme, and £60 in respect of the Carrowcannon Drainage Scheme (maintenance charges.)

The County Manager explained that the loan re-payments charges must be raised.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT.

The Council decided to make no provision in the estimates for any payments to members of fire-fighting crews, other than the crews attached to the five Trailer pumps.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND.

The Council unanimously decided to transfer a sum of £4,000 from the Workmen's Compensation Fund towards the reduction of the rates.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

The County Manager submitted particulars of the Separate Charges on the prescribed forms, Tables A. and D., and the amounts estimated by the Manager were adopted in each case.

The Acting Secretary stated that the amendments in the Estimates would leave the total General Rate 223.4768 pence in the £.

The Estimates as prepared by the County Manager having been so amended, Councillor Scott proposed that the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A., B., C., D., and E., be adopted, and that in accordance with the said Estimate the rates set forth in Column 13 of Tables C. and D. be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1945.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor McRory proposed, as an amendment, that the Estimates be adjourned for one month.

Councillor Gallen seconded.

The County Manager explained that that was the very last day on which the Council could legally consider the Estimates.

The Chairman ruled that Councillor McRory's amendment was ultra vires.

Councillor Baxter then proposed, as an amendment, that Estimates providing for a total General Rate of 204 pence in the £. be adopted.

Councillor Manus Harkin seconded.

The County Manager read Section 24 of the County Management Act, 1940, and he informed the Council that the figures showed that a rate of 204 pence in the £. was not sufficient to enable the public services of the County to be carried on.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.
(CONTINUED).

After further discussion it was decided to put Councillor Baxter's amendment to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment.

Councillors Baxter, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Cooper, Harkin, and McRory. Total 6.

Against the amendment.

Councillors Campbell, Greene, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McNulty, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 9.

Councillor Gallen refused to vote, as he stated he was opposed to the striking of any rate on agricultural land.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and it was unanimously decided to declare the motion carried by the same voting.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was also decided to seal and sign a demand in Form E, 8, on the Urban Districts for the following amounts:-

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| BUNCRANA..... | £3,274. |
| BUNDORAN..... | £2,675. |
| LETTERKENNY..... | £3,256. |

County Manager's statement.

The following statement from the County Manager was circulated to the Councillors at the commencement of the Estimates Meeting:-

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the prescribed form the annual expenditure of the Council is divided into six main or general County Heads, i.e.

Roads.
Public Assistance.
Mental Hospital.
Health.
Housing; and
General Purposes;

and two local heads, i.e.

Drainage Charges; and
Separate Charges.

The last two items are purely charges on local areas, and do not affect the main heads or charges as they are called.

The Estimates submitted show a substantial increase under all the general charges. In the main, these are caused by the general increase in the cost-of-living, and the disappearance of credit balances of which we had the benefit in other years, and which last year amounted to almost £12,000.

The increases are as follows:-

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Roads..... | 10.96 pence. |
| Public Assistance | 9.5 pence. |
| Mental Hospital.. | 3.5 pence. |
| Health..... | 4.9 pence. |
| Housing..... | .9 pence. |
| General Purposes. | .7 pence. |

ROAD CHARGES.

For Roads the amount allowed to the County Surveyor has been the same since 1939, although there was an increase in wages in 1942 by way of Emergency Bonus which cost the Council £4,000. A further increase in 1943 amounted to £5,000, and the increase proposed this year will amount to £7,000. This figure is higher than the others because of the substantial increase by way of bonus being granted to carters. The road workers' wages will now amount to 39/- per week, as against 26/- in 1939.

All road implements and materials necessary for work on roads have also substantially increased in cost.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

In Public Assistance it is estimated that we will, at the end of the current financial year, have exceeded the amount allowed to us by £2,480, and I seek the authority of the Council to expend this amount.

It will be recalled that the estimate for Public Assistance was reduced last year by a sum of £3,137, in expectation that the demand on the Council for Public Assistance would be considerably reduced as a result of the coming into force on the 1st October, 1943, of the Childrens' Allowance Act. This Act will only come into force on the 1st August, 1944, and even then I do not anticipate that it will effect any appreciable saving on our funds, if at all. Many of the people to whom Home Assistance is paid cannot benefit by the Act as they are single or widowed, or their children are over 16 years of age.

In the Receipts under this heading, the grant for Food Vouchers amounting to approximately £5,000, should be entered.

MENTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES.

Mental Hospital Charges are increased mainly by the higher cost of provisions and clothing; an increase in the Emergency Bonus; and the extension of the Childrens' Allowances to all children of Mental Hospital Attendants under 16 years of age, instead of to those only in those families where there were three or more children in number. These will not benefit by the new State Allowances.

HEALTH CHARGES.

Substantial increases in Health Charges are contained under the headings of Tuberculosis, and Sewers and Water.

It is regrettable that our expenditure in fighting Tuberculosis is increasing, but the more people who seek treatment, the greater the cost, and the sooner the disease will be stamped out.

Charges for Sewers and Water will continue increasing with every new additional Water and Sewage Scheme, and we must face this fact if we are to bring the towns and villages in the County into line with modern conditions.

In this connection, the County Surveyor has advised, and I must accept his advice, that if we are to give proper control, supervision, and maintenance to the increasing number of water and sewage schemes in the County, the appointment of a competent Engineer for this work can no longer be delayed.

I have included a sum of £400 in the Estimates for this purpose, divided equally between Waterworks, Sewerage, and Housing.

HOUSING CHARGES.

Under Housing Charges, the cost of repairs due, of course, to the high cost of materials, has increased by a sum of £250, and it is regrettable to notice that substantial sums have to be spent on repairs to Cottages of comparatively recent erection.

DRAINAGE CHARGES.

Under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, two Drainage Schemes were carried out in this County, one at Carrowcannon, Falcarragh, and the other at Portsalon and Duntinny.

Last year, the County Surveyor estimated that sums of £160 and £170 respectively, would be necessary for the maintenance of these Schemes, and these sums were duly levied on the Drainage Districts in addition to the sums necessary to meet the loan re-payments.

When the Council workmen were a few days working on the Portsalon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme, the owners of the land refused to allow them to continue, and they also decided to withhold all Drainage Rates levied. At the request of the local Councillors, the County Surveyor and I met the parties concerned in Croaghross School, and it was agreed that the maintenance works be discontinued, and that the amount of the annuity would be collected only, along with the cost of the work actually done.

DRAINAGE CHARGES (CONTINUED).

The rate made last year must stand; and if the Council approves of our action; no further rates can be made until last year's Drainage Warrant is discharged by annual sums equivalent to the amount of the annuity. This procedure may have to be revised on the passing of the new Drainage Bill, but; in the meantime; it has prevented the development of a difficult situation:

On the Carrowcannon Scheme, a sum of £58 11 1 2 was expended on repairs. The beneficiaries of this Scheme are also resisting paying anything more than the annuity charges; and in the last few days they have written asking the Deputy County Surveyor to meet them.

MACHINERY EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

Owing to the shortage of oil and other supplies the charge for the work being done by the Council's Machinery is barely sufficient to meet running expenses. For some years; the hireage charges did not allow for loan re-payments, and under the new Public Bodies Order, the balance is required, either credit or debit; to be transferred to the General Purposes Charges Account. At the end of last financial year the Account stood in debit to the extent of £5,675.

PIERS AND HARBOURS.

In the current financial year we expended a sum of £1,444 in respect of Piers, Harbours, and Marine works. This was made up, in the main, of local contributions to various works carried out by the Board of Works. Our Estimate only provided for the sum of £600.

FIRE BRIGADE ACT.

No provision is made for the payment of Brigades, other than the crews of the five Trailer Pumps situated at Carndonagh, Dungloe, Dunfanaghy, Donegal, and Killybegs. If it is proposed to allow, say, £2 per head per annum to each member of the other local Brigades, a sum of £180 should be added to the amount given.

GROUND LIMESTONE SCHEME.

No provision is made for any expenditure on this Scheme as the analytical reports on the samples taken have not yet been received. Should it be considered advisable to proceed further with this Scheme financial provision can be made by way of loan, but as progress must necessarily be slow, I do not anticipate that we will have to meet any of the loan charges within the coming financial year.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND.

Since its inception, this Fund has shown a profit of £11,500. Last year and the previous year, the Council applied from it sums of £2,000 and £2,000 in reduction of the rates. During the year ended 31st December, 1943, the Fund again showed a profit of £1,900. A saving in Workmen's Compensation Insurance can be effected by using the Fund to cover all our Workmen's Compensation risks, including Board of Health and Mental Hospital, and I propose doing this. It would be unwise to deplete this Fund beyond a reasonable safety margin, or the purpose of the Fund might easily be defeated.

The Estimates now submitted are, I believe, the highest ever submitted to the Council or the former Subsidiary Bodies, but the times are abnormal, and I feel sure that every ratepayer, from his own personal experience, will appreciate that the substantially increased cost-of-living to-day must be reflected, however much we deplore the fact, in the increased cost of maintaining the essential Public Services."

74/44.

FOOTBRIDGE AT MULROY.

A proposal by Councillor Blaney that the County Surveyor be asked for a report on the question of the provision of a footbridge at Mulroy was passed unanimously.

75/44.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The Chairmen declared the Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, 25th April, 1944.

Confirmed.

Michael O'Ma Fadden

Chairman of County Council.
25th April, 1944.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 1944, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE RATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.

76/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallen, Cooper, Hannigan, Harkin, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, McRory, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney.

77/44.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor Loughrey.

78/44.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. F. McShane, V.S., Donegal, for many years a valued Official of the Council.

Councillor Brady seconded the resolution which was passed in silence; all the members standing.

79/44.

MOST REV. DR. EUGENE O'DOHERTY, BISHOP-ELECT OF DROMORE.

The Chairman proposed that the felicitations of the Council be extended to Most Rev. Dr. Eugene O'Doherty, a member of the Scholarships Committee, on his elevation to the Bishopric of Dromore, and that they wish him many years to rule the ancient See of Dromore.

Councillor Sweeney seconded the resolution, with which Councillor Scott also associated himself, and which was passed unanimously.

80/44.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 29th day of February, 1944, were submitted for confirmation.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Minutes be confirmed.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Gallen referred to Minute No. 73/44 regarding the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945, and he stated that the final vote deciding to adopt the Estimates was not put to the Meeting, as the Chairman refused to accept a motion. He stated that when the final motion was put for the adoption of the Estimates, he challenged a division, and the Chairman, on the advice of the County Manager, did not put the motion. He wanted to know in what position was the Council in consequence of the Chairman's ruling.

The County Manager stated that Councillor Gallen's attitude was that the Council should not adopt any Estimates providing for a rate on agricultural land. He consulted the Public Bodies Order, and drew the attention of the Chairman to the fact that under the Order the principal duty of the Council at the Estimates Meeting was to adopt the Estimate of Expenses with or without amendment. Any motion refusing to adopt the Estimates was ultra vires, and that was what the Chairman ruled.

Councillor Scott stated that the Minutes of the last Meeting were perfectly accurate.

After further discussion, the Minutes were adopted; Councillor Gallen dissenting.

81/44. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST COUNCIL ROAD WORKERS.

Arising out of the Minutes of last Meeting, the County Surveyor stated that at last Meeting, Councillor C. Gallagher stated that he saw a Genger working on a job with one man. He immediately investigated this allegation, and he found that there were 15 men working in the gang, and Councillor Gallagher afterwards admitted in a letter that there were 15 men there.

82/44. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 6867. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL BEDS FOR EARLY CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS AT THE ROCK HOSPITAL, BALLYSHANNON.

Councillor Myles referred to County Manager's Order No. 6867 in which he requested that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health consider the question of utilising the District (Rock) Hospital at Ballyshannon entirely for tuberculous patients.

He objected to the use of the word "entirely". He stated that the District (Rock) Hospital justified its existence. It was the only Hospital for maternity cases in that district. The other Hospital in Ballyshannon (the Shell) would not accept either maternity cases or infectious cases.

The County Manager stated that when Dr. Bastible first reported to him on the position he looked into the position and visited the Rock Hospital. On the day of his visit he found that there were 15 patients and 11 of a staff. There was a great dearth of beds for tuberculous patients, and he thought that the Rock Hospital could be put to very good use by using it for tuberculosis work. Dr. Bastible's idea was that part of the Hospital should be used for incipient cases of tuberculosis, which were non-infectious.

If the Council considered that it should be kept for other purposes, he would gladly accept that view, and would submit it to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his consideration.

83/44. LIME PRODUCTION SCHEME.

The County Surveyor submitted a report which he had received from International Combustion, Ltd. on the analysis of six samples of lime which had been forwarded to them.

Councillor McIvor stated that samples should have been taken from a quarry near Raphoe.

Councillor Scott suggested that the matter be adjourned, and that further samples of lime from the Raphoe and Inch Areas be forwarded for analysis.

Councillor Brady supported Councillor Scott, and it was, therefore, decided to adjourn the matter until the report on the further samples had been received.

84/44. WAGES OF CARTERS, ETC.

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Daniel C. O'Boyle, Secretary, Dungloe Labour Organisation, regarding the wages of carters, and regarding a statement by Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle on Home Assistance.

As the letter had not been received in time for inclusion in the Agenda, it was decided to adjourn consideration of it until next Meeting.

85/44. DEED OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN OF £410 FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOUSE AND LANDS AT LACKENAGH, BURTONPORT, UNDER THE LABOURERS' ACTS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Deed of Charge in connection with the raising of a loan of £410 from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of acquiring a house and lands at Lackenagh, Burtonport, under the Labourers' Acts.

86/44. RAIL FACILITIES FOR TURF WORKERS IN THE STRANORLAR AREA.

Councillor McMenemy referred to the inadequate rail facilities for turf workers in the Stranorlar Area. Most of the residents of the towns of Ballybofey and Stranorlar cut their turf in Crohonagh Bogs, and last year there had been a suitable rail service for them. This year the service had been restricted, and there was no rail 'bus in the evenings to suit the workers returning home. During the month of July, 1943, 949 passengers were carried in connection with turf-cutting.

The Manager of the Railway Company had, he understood, approached the Department of Industry and Commerce for an increased allowance of oil, and he (Councillor McMenemy) asked the Council also to take up the matter with the Department.

The County Manager stated he would attend to the matter, and do all he could to assist the turf workers.

87/44. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MARCH, 1944.

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the Report of the Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on the 14th March, 1944.

Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor Brady inquired why Councillors Scott and Mahony took on themselves the responsibility of rescinding, in effect, a resolution of the County Council deciding that in future Scholarships be availed of at either Galway or Cork Universities instead of at University College, Dublin.

Councillor Scott stated that the reasons for the decision of the Committee were set out in the Minute.

The Report of the Scholarships Committee was adopted unanimously.

88/1944. MAKING OF RATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

The Acting Secretary having certified on the forms prescribed that the rate, in so far as the hereditaments therein assessed were concerned, was in conformity with the valuations in force, the Council unanimously decided to adopt such rates as already determined, and as set out in "Notice of Deposit of Poor Rate Books for Inspection" (Form R.A.4.), and it was proposed by Councillor Mahony and seconded by Councillor Scott, and unanimously resolved under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of Acts incorporated therewith, and of subsequent Statutes, to allow and make the same in two moieties, as assessed in the Rate Books, for the service of the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1945.

A statement of such allowance having been entered at the foot, each Rate Book was signed by the Chairman and two of the members present, attested by the Seal of the Council, and duly countersigned by the Acting Secretary.

89/44. SIGNING OF RATE COLLECTORS' WARRANTS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to sign and seal the Rate Collectors' warrants authorising the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, (Form R.A.6.), and the Warrants were thereupon duly signed by the County Manager, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

90/44. MAKING OF DRAINAGE RATE (BALLYBALLAGH (RAY RIVER)) FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

The Acting Secretary having certified that the Drainage Rates were assessed on the Drainage District of Ballysallagh in the proportion in which these lands were certified by the County Council to be liable to contribute, the Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Sweeney seconded by Councillor Breslin, to adopt such rates as assessed in the Drainage District Rate Book, and to allow and make the same in two moieties for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st day of March, 1945.

91/44. SIGNING OF RATE COLLECTOR'S DRAINAGE RATE WARRANT.

On the motion of Councillor Sweeney seconded by Councillor Breslin, it was unanimously decided to sign and seal the Rate Collector's Warrant authorising the collection of the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Drainage Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, and the Warrant was thereupon duly signed by the County Manager, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

92/44. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (OFFICERS' REGULATIONS), 1944.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Circular No. 9/44, transmitting copy of the Local Government (Officers' Regulations), which came into force on the 1st February, 1944. The Manager for every Local Authority by which any Officers were appointed was required by Article 4 of the Regulations to prepare and submit to the Minister in triplicate an Officers' Scheme in which particulars in relation to all Offices under the Local Authority would be set out. The Scheme would not come into force until confirmed by the Minister. It would not always be necessary to specify exactly the number of Offices of a particular kind; it would suffice to indicate the limits within which the numbers could vary.

The County Manager stated that he would prepare the Officers' Scheme.

93/44. APPOINTMENT OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR THE DONEGAL COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

The County Manager reported the death on 2nd March, 1944, of Mr. F. McShane, V.S., and he inquired the views of the Council as to the filling of the vacancy.

In this connection he read a letter from Mr. P. O'Brien, ex-Co.C., Ballyshannon, suggesting that the Council revert to the former arrangement of having a Veterinary Inspector in Donegal, and one in Ballyshannon.

Councillors Brady and Callaghan suggested that a Veterinary Inspector be appointed, with residence at Killybegs.

The County Manager stated he would look into the matter, and he took it that the feeling of the Council was that two Veterinary Inspectors be appointed, and that one should reside at Ballyshannon, and the other at Killybegs; the salary of each to be £100 per annum.

94/44. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE, 1944.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft Accommodation for the Revenue Account as follows:-

May, 1944.....£25,000.
June, 1944.....£50,000.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Mahony, the application was granted unanimously.

95/44. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF ACCOUNT FOR MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE, 1944.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft Accommodation for the Turf Account as follows:-

May, 1944.....£110,000.
June, 1944.....£135,000.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Mahony, the application was granted unanimously.

96/44. PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES TO OLD AGE AND BLIND PENSIONERS, RECIPIENTS OF DISABLEMENT BENEFIT, ETC.

A letter dated 16th March, 1944, Circ. No. 57/44, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Government had decided that provision was to be made through Public Assistance Authorities to award Emergency Supplementary Allowances to persons of the following classes who were in necessitous circumstances and resident in areas to which the Food Voucher Scheme administered by the Department of Industry and Commerce did not extend:-

| <u>Eligible Classes.</u> | <u>Maximum allowance payable to individuals of each class.</u> |
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| Old Age Pensioners. | 2s/6d per week. |
| Blind Pensioners. | 2s/6d per week. |
| Dependent children of Blind Pensioners. | 1s/6d per week. |
| Recipients of Disablement Benefit. | 2s/6d per week. |
| Dependent children of recipients of Disablement Benefit. | 1s/6d per week. |

The Scheme would take effect as from the 1st April, 1944, and the Public Assistance Authority would be recouped by the Exchequer to the extent of 75% of the expenditure incurred. The total recoupment to the Public Assistance Authority in the financial year ending 31st March, 1945, would not exceed £18,226.

The Local Authority may await the submission by pensioners or persons in receipt of disablement benefit resident in the rural portion of their district of applications for supplementary allowances. It would be found that in many cases the necessity for a supplementary allowance did not exist because of the general economic circumstances of the household to which the pensioner or the person in receipt of disablement benefit belonged. The cases in which supplementary allowances might be required, and the actual amount of such allowance in each case should, therefore, be determined after an investigation which would take into consideration not only the circumstances of the applicant, but of the household in which he resides. The allowances granted were to be made on a weekly basis, and would not exceed the rates specified above. In any cases where an old age pensioner, blind pensioner, or person in receipt of disablement benefit was already in receipt of assistance from the Public Assistance Authority, and thereby participating in the Government Scheme for the supply of assistance in kind to recipients of Home Assistance, the supplementary allowance referred to in this circular should not normally be granted. Any supplementary allowance given must not be in substitution for any Home Assistance which might ordinarily be given by the Public Assistance Authority in cases coming within the categories mentioned.

Persons resident in Institutions maintained by the Public Assistance Authority were not eligible for the Emergency Supplementary Allowances.

Persons coming within more than one of the eligible classes might participate in the Scheme only in respect of one such class.

Claims from pensioners may be checked by reference to the local Investigation Officers who will verify, on written application, that the applicants are, in fact, in receipt of pensions and the amounts thereof. Particulars of the means of a pensioner as recorded for Old Age Pensions will also be furnished on application, provided the written consent of the pensioner accompanies the application.

In the case of recipients of disablement benefit who are members of the National Health Insurance Society, or of the Military Forces (International Arrangements) Fund, their claims may be checked by submission of an index card to the appropriate Office. The card, when checked, will be returned duly stamped.

Arising out of the foregoing letter, the County Manager applied to the Council for authority to expend a sum of £24,301 on Emergency Supplementary Allowances in the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1945, of which 75% would be recouped by the Government. He stated that he hoped it would not be necessary to expend the total amount asked for.

PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES TO OLD AGE AND BLIND PENSIONERS, RECIPIENTS OF DISABLEMENT BENEFIT, ETC. (CONTINUED).

Councillor McIvor stated that he wished to protest in the strongest terms against the Government's action in this matter.

Councillor McNulty stated that he wished to support Councillor McIvor. The principle involved in this matter was a very important one. It was an attempt by the Government to pass on to the Council's shoulders the unpleasant duty of collecting the money, whilst they would take credit for it. Old Age and Blind Pensions should be National charges. He submitted that the Council should not contribute any money towards the Scheme.

Councillor Callaghan also supported Councillor McIvor, and stated that it was a mean attitude on the part of the Government to throw this burden on to the ratepayers.

Councillor Scott stated that the expenditure might not be so large as anticipated.

Councillor Brady stated that the idea was to give supplementary allowances to people who were in need. There were many cases of persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions who were not so badly off, and who would not come within the Scheme at all.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the Council inform the Department that they were not satisfied with the principle involved in this case, and that they refuse to make any contribution.

Councillor Baxter seconded.

Councillor Breslin suggested that the Government be asked to pay the administrative expenses.

Councillor Scott suggested that the Government be asked to throw the work on the Investigation Officers instead of on the Home Assistance Officers.

Councillor O'Boyle suggested that the Home Assistance Officers be authorised to issue the payments by means of Postal Orders, the costs of the Postal Orders to be defrayed by the Government.

As an amendment to Councillor McIvor's motion, Councillor Brady proposed that the Council make the contribution required.

Councillor Breslin seconded the amendment.

Councillor Brady's amendment was put to the Meeting, and the following voted for it:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Doherty, Hannigan, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 9.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Gallen, Cooper, Harkin, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, Total 8.

Councillors Callaghan, Friel (Edward), and McRory did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and the motion of Councillor McIvor lost.

Councillor Brady's amendment then became the motion, and was again put to the Meeting, the voting resulting as follows:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Breslin, Blaney, Brady, Hannigan, Mahony, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 9.

Against the motion:-

Councillors Baxter, Doherty, Gallen, Cooper, Harkin, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, Total 8.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously decided to ask the Government to bear the administrative expenses of the Scheme.

97/44. SALARIES OF NURSES IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th March, 1944, M.1870/2/44, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 62/44 of the County Council on the subject of salaries of the Council's Nurses. In this connection, attention was drawn to the first paragraph of the Department's letter of the 18th February, and they inquired whether it was the Council's wish that rations and other emoluments should no longer be included in the Nurses' remuneration.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the scale of salaries referred to by the Department in their letter of the 18th February, 1944.

PORTALEEN PIER.

98/44.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, 3, Kildare Place, Dublin, dated 2nd March, 1944, W.14/47/35, stating that for some time past representations had been received as to the necessity for providing safe anchorage for fishing boats at Portaleen, Glengad. It was understood that this matter was the subject of discussion in May, 1943, between the Donegal County Surveyor and one of the Office of Public Works' Engineers, and that later a joint survey was made. As the Pier and other facilities at Portaleen were in the charge of the Donegal County Council it was considered that any scheme for improvement there should appropriately originate with the Council. The considered views of the Council and of the County Surveyor on the matter were, accordingly, invited. A firm estimate of the cost of any proposals put forward would be required, together with an indication that a substantial proportion of the expenditure involved would be forthcoming from local sources. It might be mentioned that it appeared to be the opinion of the Office of Public Works' Engineering Staff that the only feasible Scheme of improvement for Portaleen would be the widening of the boatslip and the extension of the boatyard accommodation.

The County Engineer stated that he was visiting Portaleen Pier the day after the Meeting, and he would submit a report to the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture after his inspection.

He was also visiting Greencastle Pier.

CHAPEL STRAND PIER, ARRANMORE.

99/44.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 22nd March, 1944, C.87.182/1/42, referring to the repairs which it was proposed to carry out at Chapel Strand Pier, Arranmore, and enclosing a Receivable Order to enable the Council's contribution of £62 :10 : 0 or 25% of the estimated cost to be lodged. They proposed to have the works executed shortly in conjunction with the work at Arranmore Beacons and Eighter Island. They enclosed two copies of the agreement, plan, specification, and estimate for acceptance by the Council by means of a formal resolution.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Sweeney it was unanimously decided to lodge the Council's contribution of £62 :10 : 0, and to accept formally the agreement, plan, specification, and estimate.

PIER ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF INISHBOFIN ISLAND.

100/44. A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 25th March, 1944, S.W.1/3/80, stating that it had been represented that it was necessary, in the interests of the local fishing industry, to arrange for the repair and improvement of the Pier situated on the south side of Inishbofin Island. The site had been examined by their engineering adviser who reported that the existing structure consisted of a Pier with a low level extension about 21 feet in length. This extension had deteriorated considerably and had now a huge breach, with a dangerous hole at the foot of an iron ladder leading down from the end of the Pier proper. The tide, it was stated, stranded out for approximately 40 feet from the end of the Pier at L.W. Springs, so that all landings have to be made at the extension, and thence via the iron ladder up approximately 8 feet to the Pier deck level. The report recommended the execution of the following works at a total estimated cost of £400:-

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| (i) Re-construction of breached extension, with shelter wall and steps..... | £300. |
| (ii) Hand dredging of an area (shown on plan) alongside the pier extension..... | £100. |
| | <u>£400.</u> |

The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote of 75% of the estimated cost of the proposal, subject to agreement of the Council:-

- (a) to contribute 25% of the estimated total cost of the works;
- (b) to accept responsibility for (i) the future maintenance of the Pier, and (ii) the future dredging of the area alongside the Pier extension, which it was now proposed to dredge.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting for a report from the County Surveyor.

101/44. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT LUG-NA-DRUAN,
GLENCOLOMBKILLE.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, dated 14th April, 1944, S.W.1/3/21, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 1st July, 1941, enclosing an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Donegal County Council held on the 24th June, 1941, (629/41 C.C.), notifying the agreement of the Council to contribute £53 towards the cost, estimated at £370, of providing improved landing facilities at Lug-na-Druan, Glencolumbkille, and to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the existing landing-place and slipway, and also of the improvement works when completed.

Owing to the commitments of their engineering advisers on other emergency work it had not been found possible up to the present to have the proposed works put in hands. There was, however, a reasonable prospect of the scheme being started this year, but owing to increases in wages and the cost of materials since the estimate was originally made, the work was now estimated to cost £560, i.e., £190 more than the original estimate.

The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a supplemental Grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1944/45, of 75% of the extra cost of £190, i.e. £143, subject to the agreement of the Council to contribute the balance of 25%, i.e. £47. In the event of the Council's agreement, the proposed total amount of State Grant towards the estimated cost of the Scheme would be £420, and the proposed total contribution by the Council would be £140. The proposal would, of course, be carried out subject to the undertaking already given by the Council to take over for maintenance the existing landing-place and slip, and also the proposed improvement works, when completed.

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the Council's contribution be increased to £140, and that they give an undertaking to take over for maintenance the existing landing-place and slip, and also the proposed improvement works, when completed.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

102/44. CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE DISTRICT NURSING
ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from Miss E. R. Hart, Carrablagh, Portsalon, Hon. Secretary, Fanad Health Club, referring to the recent increases in salaries recommended for the Jubilee Nurses employed in County Donegal. She admitted that the increases were only fair, but they were going to impose a severe hardship on the different Health Clubs in the County. These Health Clubs were just barely able to carry on at the moment, and at a meeting of the Fanad Health Club it was decided to ask the County Council if there would be any possibility of a higher grant from them.

A letter was also read from the Hon. Secretary, Ramelton District Nursing Association, asking for an increase in the amount of their grant.

The County Manager stated that the former Board of Health gave a grant of £45 per annum to each of the Nursing Associations in the County, of which there were 35 in the County.

Councillor Scott proposed that an extra grant of £10 be made to each Nursing Association, which would amount to an extra £350.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

103/44. STRANORLAR O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Meehan, Clerk, Stranorlar O.A.P. Committee, stating that his Committee wished to have Rev. J. Harkin, C.C., Sessiaghoneill, appointed a member in place of Rev. J. Carlin, C.C., Crossroads, who had been transferred from the district.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Harkin on the Committee.

104/44. GLENTIES NO. 1 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McNelis, Clerk, Glenties No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that his Committee wished to have Rev. John Cunningham, P.P., Glenties, appointed a member in place of the late Canon Forker.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Cunningham.

105/44. LIFFORD O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Lowry, Argery, Ballindrait, stating that he considered that the time had come when his place on the Lifford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee should be taken by some person, either younger, or with better opportunities for attending the Meetings, so he asked the Committee to accept his resignation. It was well over thirty years since he became a member, and he always found the work interesting. If he might be allowed to suggest a name to fill the vacancy, he thought that either Mr. Doalty Gallagher, ex-N.T., Raphoe, or Mr. John Marron, ex-N.T., Cloughfin, Ballindrait, would be suitable. He would be very pleased if it were possible to appoint both these gentlemen on the Committee.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Doalty Gallagher, ex-N.T., Foster House, Raphoe, a member of the Committee, and on the motion of Councillor Scott it was decided to place on record their appreciation of the great services to Local Government rendered by Mr. Andrew Lowry.

106/44. MILFORD WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th January, 1944, P.20433/43, Dun na nGall., referring to previous correspondence, and stating that there appeared to be no objection to the demolition of the main portion of Milford Workhouse buildings. It was observed that it was proposed to store the salvaged materials for use later in connection with a Housing Scheme to be undertaken by the County Council. Should this Scheme materialise, the cost thereof would presumably be chargeable to the County Health District. In that event, the valuation of the salvaged materials should be credited to the Public Assistance District, and the County Health District debited accordingly.

Councillor Baxter stated that his idea was to leave the Workhouse as it was until houses were being built. If it were demolished and the material stored, there would be a grave danger of the material being stolen.

After further discussion it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the County Manager; he to consult Councillor Baxter in the matter.

107/44. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD FROM CULDAFF TO CARNDONAGH AND MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus Harkin, Co.C., P.C., Culdaff, stating that he wished to give notice that he would ask the Council that the sum of £3,000, which was the County Surveyor's estimate of the amount he would require for making a good job of the road from Culdaff to Carndonagh and Malin, be granted. His reason for not accepting the amount of £1,000 which appeared on the Estimates at last Council Meeting was because that sum was inadequate, and would be of little use. This road was a veritable death-trap at present.

Letters were also read from Rev. W. Hegarty, P.P., Culdaff, the Culdaff Farmers' Association, and the Culdaff Parish Council, in support of Councillor Harkin's request.

Councillor Harkin proposed that a sum of £3,000 be made available for the improvement of this road.

Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to ask the Department for a grant of 75% of the cost.

108/44. REMUNERATION OF HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICERS.

At the request of Councillor Callaghan, the following Notice of Motion on the Agenda in his name was adjourned:-

"That this Council recommends that the Home Assistance Officers of the County be paid for the extra work recently thrown upon them by the inquiries they are required to make in connection with the means of patients in the District Hospitals."

109/44. DISMISSAL OF WORKERS ENGAGED ON A MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor give a report to this Meeting of an inquiry, if held, or of any steps taken to deal with Minute No. 45/44 regarding the action of Ganger Joseph Meehan in dismissing Messrs. Peter Meehan, John McGinley, Charles Gillespie, and Joseph McGill, from a Minor Employment Scheme at Croaghlin, Killybegs."

The County Engineer stated that these workers were engaged on a Minor Employment Scheme, which was financed by the Board of Works. The workers were laid off at the time because there were not sufficient carters available. Later on when more carters became available they were taken back.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he had raised this case as an example to Gangers. The men referred to were laid off for the sole purpose of extending the work for the Ganger himself and a few others, and they were in dire need of the work.

The County Engineer stated that he would look into the matter further.

110/44. COUNTY COUNCIL'S TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:-

"Requesting the County Engineer to give a full account of the County Council's Turf Scheme up to the 31st March, 1944, stating the quantity of turf disposed of to that date; the quantity in the bogs or otherwise in possession at that date; the amount paid out for production up to that date; and returns received up to that date for quantity disposed of."

Councillor Scott proposed that the matter be adjourned for a few months, and Councillor Callaghan agreed to raise the matter again after a few months.

111/44. THANKS FOR USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Farren, Carndonagh, expressing thanks, on behalf of the Donegal Hurling Board, for the use of the Council Chamber for a Meeting on the 11th March, 1944.

112/44. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the next Meeting of the General Council would take place on a date during the week commencing 1st May.

113/44. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., enclosing Form of Appointment for a Nominee to attend the Seventeenth General Meeting of the Company.

The Council unanimously decided to nominate Councillor Blaney, T.D., to attend the Meeting.

114/44. RESOLUTION REGARDING DUTIES UNDER DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

On the motion of Councillor Melvor seconded by Councillor Scott, the following resolution from Waterford County Council was adopted unanimously:-

"That we hereby request the Minister for Agriculture, and the Minister for Local Government, to have legislation effected so that the duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts formerly discharged by the County Councils be delegated to the Committee of Agriculture, as in our opinion these duties can be better discharged by men engaged in agriculture, and who are in daily touch with all conditions concerning cattle, sheep, etc., which have to be dealt with under these Acts."

115/44.

MULROY FERRY.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Doherty, Secretary, Carrigart Parish Council, stating that his Parish Council wished to have the following motion placed on the Agenda:-

"That the Ferry Services between Carrigart and Fanad are utterly inadequate for the transport requirements of the communities on both sides of Mulroy Bay, and that the County Council take immediate steps to arrange for improved ferry services between Mulroy and Leat."

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

Mulroy Ferry is a private concern owned by Mr. Robert McElhinney of Mulroy. He owns one row-boat. There is no fixed schedule of runs. 1/- return per person is charged for the journey, except on stormy days, when the charge is raised to 2/-. The distance is approximately half a mile.

Sheep are sometimes brought in this boat, which holds about 14 persons. The average number of runs per day is about six, but two runs must be made for carrying the mails.

There is a slip-way at Mulroy, which was built many years ago by the late Lord Leitrim. The slip-way at Leat is not in good repair, and I do not know when, or by whom, this was built.

Regarding the proposal for a foot-bridge across Mulroy Bay, the length of this footbridge would be from 300 to 350 lineal yards, across tidal waters when the depth of the channel at Mulroy is 15 feet. It is possible that difficulty will be experienced in making suitable foundations, and the cost of foundations would be very high. I understand the Office of Public Works were considering this matter some time ago. It is difficult to estimate the cost of this footbridge, owing to not having sufficient information concerning foundations. I estimate that the cost would be at least from £4,000 to £5,000, and possibly very much higher."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting; the County Manager, in the meantime, to make inquiries and look up the files in the Public Health Office, Stranorlar, in regard to the ferry services.

116/44.

CUL-DE-SAC ROADS.

On the motion of Councillor Callaghan seconded by Councillor Harkin, the following resolution from Roscommon County Council was adopted unanimously:-

"That in view of the fact that under present legislation the Council is debarred from making cul-de-sac roads, we request the Government to amend the existing laws and give the County Councils the necessary powers to enable them to make and repair such roads where the Council are satisfied that they are roads of public utility."

117/44.

RESOLUTION RE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL HELP ON FARMS.

On the motion of Councillor Melvor seconded by Councillor Harkin, the following resolution from Waterford County Council was adopted unanimously:-

"That we demand of the Government that immediate arrangements be made to provide additional help on farms for weeding of crops, haysaving, harvesting, and threshing. We strongly protest against the neglect of providing help on the farms for the increased tillage."

118/44.

RESOLUTION RE WORKING ON CHURCH HOLY-DAYS.

The following resolution from Offaly County Council was "noted":-

"That the Offaly County Council considers that the practice in this country of working on Church Holy-Days is contrary to Christian principles, and we call on our Government to abrogate all Bank Holidays, and declare all Church Holy-Days National Holidays."

119/44.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association enclosing local contribution Agreement, in duplicate, for completion by the Council.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Agreement under Seal.

120/44. RESOLUTION FROM THE CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Carlow County Council, appending copy of the following resolution from his Council:-
 "That in view of the fact that the land (i.e. the farmers of this County) has been mortgaged to the Banks by the County Council to the extent of almost half a million pounds, and that the cost of post-emergency schemes proposed by the County Manager will increase this debt by a further quarter of a million pounds, which, in addition to our share of the National debt and the personal debts of the people, makes a total indebtedness on the people of this small County of approximately twelve million pounds, representing at 4 per cent. an annual usury payment of £480,000; and bearing in mind:-

(1) The immortal Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII (1891) in which he stated that "a very small number of very rich men have placed upon the shoulders of the teeming masses of the poor a yoke little better than slavery itself."

(2) That the Carlow County Council should be the close custodians of the spiritual and material interests of the suffering people of our native County, and not, as in fact they are, spontaneous volunteers for the bankers to enable them to impose their nefarious debt system in the name of democracy upon a debt-ridden people.

(3) That Pope Pius XII, in his 1943 message broadcast to the world, in his call to action said:- "To action then! To work, beloved children. Close your ranks, let not your courage fail you, do not remain inactive in the midst of ruins. Come into the open to build a new Social Order for Christ."

It is hereby resolved:- "That the Carlow County Council call upon the Government to take over immediately control of the creation and issuance of credit."

The resolution was marked "Read."

121/44. TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Quigley, Secretary, Public Health Committee, Carndonagh, stating that he had been instructed by the Health Committee in Carndonagh to inquire why Carndonagh had been omitted from the Town and Regional Planning Acts. At a Meeting held in Carndonagh on Wednesday, 22nd March, great dissatisfaction was expressed that in spite of the fact that every other cross-roads in the County had been catered for, Carndonagh, now a town of over one thousand inhabitants, had been left unprovided for in this respect.

The County Manager stated that Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant County Engineer, had recently done a course in Town Planning. He had been discussing the matter with Mr. O'Reilly, and in view of the many places in the County which thought they should have been provided for in the Planning Resolutions, he thought it might be worth while having one Planning Resolution for the entire County.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter in the meantime.

122/44. RESOLUTION FROM AILTIRE NA h-AISEIRGHE.

A long letter was read from Ailtire na h-Aiseirghe, 13, Sraid Fhearchair, Baile Atha Cliath, asking the County Council to request and assist a National Plebiscite of the Thirty-Two Counties in regard to Partition in order that the people might be able to affirm their acceptance of the Proclamation of the Provisional Government of the Republic, 1916, and the Declaration of Independence by Dail Eireann in 1919, as the expression of our national and indefensible rights, and to urge the immediate cessation of the continuous oppression of our fellow-Irishmen in East Ulster, still occupied by the foreigner, and to demonstrate the will of our people verily and irrefragably defined in the General Election for all Ireland in 1918.

Councillor Callaghan proposed the adoption of the resolution, and Councillor Harkin seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the resolution be marked "noted", and Councillor Baxter seconded.

On a show of hands, four members voted for the amendment, and five against, and the Chairman declared Councillor Callaghan's motion carried.

123/44. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH TURF PRODUCTION.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum of £600 for clerical work in connection with Turf Production.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the application was granted unanimously.

The Acting Secretary stated that the application was in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1944.

124/44. ADMINISTRATION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES TO OLD AGE PENSIONERS, BLIND PENSIONERS, ETC.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Government be asked to bear the entire costs of the administration of the Scheme for Emergency Supplementary Allowances to Old Age Pensioners, Blind Pensioners, etc.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Breslin stated that in one Home Assistance Officer's district there were 950 Old Age Pensioners, and that it would be impossible for him to visit them all weekly.

It was also decided to ask the Department to allow the payments to be issued by way of free postal orders which would be posted.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that the late Board of Health had allowed Home Assistance to be paid in the Islands off the coast by means of Postal Orders, and this, to his mind, would be the only practicable system in this Scheme also.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Department.

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Confined.

Karl Blundell

Chairman of Co. Council.

5th June, 1944.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 1944, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE SEANAD ELECTORATE.

125/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Craig, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Gallen, Cooper, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, McRory, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney.

126/44.

SEANAD ELECTION, 1944.

In accordance with Section 37 of the Seanad Electorate (Panel Members) Act, 1937, the Council proceeded to elect seven persons to the electorate for the Seanad Election, 1944.

127/44.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor Baxter.

128/44.

C O N D O L E N C E.

On the motion of the Chairman, the Council decided to extend their sympathy to Councillor Charles Doherty, Trenbane, Carndonagh, on the death of his wife.

The motion was passed in silence; all the members standing!

The County Manager associated himself with the resolution on behalf of the staff.

129/44.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S T O C O U N C I L L O R G A L L A G H E R.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Council extended their heartiest congratulations to Councillor Christopher Gallagher on his recent marriage, and wished him and Mrs. Gallagher many happy years.

Councillor Gallagher suitably acknowledged.

130/44.

R E T U R N O F F I V E M E M B E R S O F T H E C O U N C I L T O T H E N E W D A I L.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to their five members, Councillors Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Friel (John), and McFadden, on their return to the Twelfth Dail.

Councillor Scott seconded the resolution.

Councillor McFadden returned thanks on behalf of his colleagues and himself.

131/44.

A P P O I N T M E N T O F V E T E R I N A R Y I N S P E C T O R F O R T H E D O N E G A L C O U N T Y E L E C T O R A L A R E A.

Arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council, Councillor Gallagher queried Minute No. 93/44 wherein it was recommended that the Donegal County Electoral Area be divided into two Veterinary Inspectors' Districts, one of the Veterinary Inspectors to reside at Ballyshannon and the other at Killybegs.

He stated that he wished to protest in the strongest manner against the Council's recommendation in this matter, and also at the County Manager's decisions as recorded in Orders Nos. 7166 and 7297. A Veterinary Inspector had been resident in Donegal for more than 50 years, and there was the strongest indignation at the present proposal.

Councillor McRory supported Councillor Gallagher.

Councillor Gallagher stated that Killybegs was not a cattle-raising area. In addition to the Veterinary Inspector residing at Donegal, he suggested that the second Inspector reside at either Ardara, Glenties, or Downstream.

Eventually, it was decided to leave the matter over until the next Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, 27th June, and to insert an item on the Agenda for that Meeting so that all Councillors interested could be present.

(Minute No. 93/44, and Orders Nos. 7166 and 7297.)

132/44.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on the 25th April, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

133/44.

COTTAGE NO. 193, NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM, AILEACH DISTRICT;
TENANTED BY SAMUEL WALKER.

Councillor Scott referred to County Manager's Order No. 7127 re above, and he asked the County Manager to re-consider his decision in this case.

Councillor Scott stated that this man had been in occupation of the Cottage since 1913, and his mother had been the tenant prior to him. A boy whom they had reared from infancy slept in the Cottage at night. Walker was employed in Derry at the moment "fire-watching," and once the War was over he would be unemployed, and would have no home to return to. He was over 60 years of age.

The County Manager stated that for all practical purposes the Cottage was unoccupied. He had a duty to perform towards all the other people in that area, many of whom with large families, who were living under very bad conditions. Walker was a single man, and even he were unemployed, his case would not be nearly so bad as many others in that area. He should have availed of the Cottage Purchase Scheme.

134/44. COTTAGE AT COOLADAWSON, KILLYGORDON, FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY
WILLIAM CALLAGHAN.

Councillor Hennigan inquired if the County Manager had no authority in connection with the letting of this Cottage.

The County Manager stated that this Cottage was vested in William Callaghan under the terms of the Cottage Purchase Scheme, and he had no authority in the matter, once certain conditions were observed.

135/44.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft Accommodation, as follows, for the Revenue Account:-

July, 1944.....£60,000.

August, 1944.....£70,000.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady the application was granted unanimously.

136/44.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF ACCOUNT.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft Accommodation, as follows, for the Turf Production Account:-

July, 1944.....£90,000.

August, 1944.....£106,000.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, the application was granted unanimously.

137/44.

LATE MR. F. McSHANE, V.S., DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas McShane, Dunkineely, thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of his brother, the late Mr. F. McShane, V.S., Donegal.

138/44.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY ENGINEERS FOR PREPARATION OF
POST-WAR EMERGENCY ROAD PLANS.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £1,000 to cover the cost of preparing Post-war Emergency Road Plans and the design for a new bridge at Gweebarra. He stated that it would be necessary to employ six Temporary Engineers for a period of at least three months, and also an Engineer to prepare the design for the new bridge at Gweebarra, and the plan and specification.

In reply to inquiries, the County Manager stated that no definite decision had yet been arrived at in connection with the financing of these Schemes. The Schemes would be financed in the main by the Central Authority, and in whatever way the Schemes would be financed, in the same way the cost of the Engineers would be borne.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the County Manager be granted the sum of £1,000 for which he asked.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

139/44. EXECUTION OF LEASE PROVIDING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE GATE LODGE BUILDINGS AT MILFORD WORKHOUSE, AND THE ERECTION ON THE SITE THEREOF OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The County Manager stated that he took the opportunity when in Milford recently of calling on Councillor Baxter and discussing with him the question of demolishing the Gate Lodge buildings at Milford Workhouse, and proceeding with the proposal of the late County Board of Health to erect thereon eight Labourers' Cottages.

Councillor Baxter had now agreed to withdraw all opposition to the Scheme.

If the Council went ahead with this Scheme they could afterwards consider the question of demolishing the body of the house.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Lease with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health providing for the demolition of the Gate Lodge be executed.

Councillor Breslin seconded the resolution, and the Lease was unanimously executed under Seal.

140/44. MULROY FERRY SERVICES.

The County Manager stated that he had not yet had an opportunity of going into this matter, and it was decided to adjourn it until next Meeting. (115/44 G.C.)

141/44. RESOLUTION RE REMUNERATION OF HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICERS.

The Council proceeded to consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Callaghan:-

"That this Council recommends that the Home Assistance Officers of the County be paid for the extra work recently thrown upon them by the inquiries they are required to make in connection with the means of patients in the District Hospitals."

The County Manager stated that the number of inquiries which the Home Assistance Officers were required to make in this connection was very small, and it was always part of their duties. This work had not recently been thrown upon them. They had to make these inquiries in the time of the late Board of Health.

A good deal of work would be thrown upon Home Assistance Officers in connection with the Emergency Supplementary Allowances, but this matter could be considered later.

The Council unanimously decided to mark Councillor Callaghan's motion "read."

142/44. DONEGAL COUNTY NURSING ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from Miss E. R. Hart, Carrowblagh, Portsalon, thanking the members of the County Council very sincerely on behalf of the Donegal County Nursing Association for their increased grant of £10 per annum.

143/44. GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD FROM CULDAFF TO CARNDONAGH AND MALIN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd May, 1944, RU/221/7, regarding the question of the improvement of the road from Culdaff to Carndonagh and Malin, and stating that the Minister had no funds at his disposal from which a grant could be made towards the work. Possibly the work could be considered under the allocation from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1944/45.

Councillor Harkin proposed that the Council borrow the money necessary for this work.

Councillor Campbell seconded the proposal.

The County Surveyor stated that he reported on this road on several occasions. If the Council had £3,000 to spend he could spend it in a lot more useful ways, one of which would be the installation of a water and sewerage scheme for the village of Culdaff.

The Chairman ruled Councillor Harkin's motion out of order.

Councillor Harkin stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion for next Meeting.

144/44.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

Councillor McIvor proposed:- "That the Government be called upon to pay Emergency Supplementary Allowances for Old Age Pensioners and Blind Pensioners to all persons of these classes."

Councillor McIvor stated, in support of his motion, that he hoped the Council would pass a unanimous resolution calling on the Government to pay an extra 2s/6d per week to every person at present in receipt of a Blind Pension or an Old Age Pension.

Councillor Manus Herkin seconded Councillor McIvor's motion.

The County Manager stated that the Government had decided to allow this increase only to persons in necessitous circumstances.

Councillors Gallagher, Craig, and McRory criticised the decision of the Government to have the investigations in connection with the granting of the Emergency Supplementary Allowances made by the Home Assistance Officers. They stated that this tended to reduce the applicants to a state of "pauperism," and they contended that all investigations should be made by the Investigation Officers. The County Manager stated that the allowances were not to be paid to persons in receipt of Home Assistance, and the Home Assistance Officers would be the only persons in receipt of lists of recipients of Home Assistance.

After further discussion, Councillor McIvor's motion was passed unanimously.

145/44. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

A letter dated 30th May, 1944, was read from the Local Government Department, P.9598/44, Dun na nGall., regarding the scheme for payment of Emergency Supplementary Allowances to Old Age Pensioners, Blind Pensioners, etc., resident in rural areas, and stating that the administrative expenses, including the cost of disbursement of the allowances, would be a charge on the funds of the Local Authority.

The letter was noted.

146/44.

ARDARA PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Councillor D. F. Craig enclosing Balance Sheet of Ardara Parish Council.

The County Manager stated that he wished to take the opportunity of paying a tribute to the work of Ardara Parish Council. They entered wholeheartedly into the spinning and carding business, and as a result of their splendid efforts they had a substantial credit balance.

Councillor Craig thanked the County Manager for his tribute.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was decided to approve of Ardara Parish Council in accordance with Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1941, on the following conditions:-

1. That the Parish Council be elected at a public Meeting of the inhabitants of the area.
2. That the Parish Council co-operate in carrying out purely local matters in their district.
3. That they give an annual report of their work to the County Council.

147/44.

GLENCOLUMBKILLE PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Glencolumbkille Parish Council, asking to be recognised as an "Approved Local Council."

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to approve of Glencolumbkille Parish Council on the following conditions:-

1. That the Parish Council be elected at a public Meeting of the inhabitants of the area.
2. That the Parish Council co-operate in carrying out purely local matters in their district.
3. That they give an annual report of their work to the County Council.

148/44. AREA OF CHARGE FOR SPECIAL EXPENSES OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING A SEWER CONNECTION FROM THE LETTERKENNY URBAN BOUNDARY IN THE TOWNLAND OF BALLYBOE-GLENCAR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department asking to be furnished with a certified copy of the Council's resolution regarding the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a sewer extension from the Letterkenny Urban Boundary in the townland of Ballyboe-Glencar.

The County Manager stated that the area of charge for all other Sewers was the County Health District.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to fix the County Health District as the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a sewer connection from the Letterkenny Urban Boundary in the townland of Ballyboe-Glencar.

149/44. RESOLUTIONS FROM DUNGLOE LABOUR ORGANISATION.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel C. O'Boyle, Dungloe, dated 22nd April, 1944, enclosing copy of the following resolutions from the Dungloe Labour Organisation:-

1. We understood, from the reports in the Press and otherwise, that when the Council granted an increase of 2/- per day to carters it was meant to apply equally to ALL classes of carters. We now find that it is not being so applied. For example, those originally in receipt of 8s/3d per day have been granted an increase of 1s/3d only, likewise for donkey carts. If we have interpreted the decision of the Council correctly, and we fail to understand why there should be any other decision meant in view of the equally-increased cost of living and running expenses, we desire to know on whose authority and by what right the 2/- increase was denied to the class of carter mentioned.

2. Judging from Press reports and otherwise, we understand that at last Meeting of the Council, on the estimates discussion, Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle, Kincasslagh, made comment to the effect that there was over-generosity in the issue of Food Vouchers to recipients of Home Assistance. As we can find no justification for this statement, which has met with general disapproval in West Donegal, we now call on Councillor O'Boyle to either prove or withdraw his statement at the forthcoming Council Meeting. As the statement stands, and if allowed to so stand, it is at once a downright reflection on the officials in charge and creates a danger of re-action against the needy recipients. It also creates an unfair reflection on the Donegal County Council in so much as it may appear that the members, due to this isolated statement, sought to economise at the expense of the poor and needy, although we much appreciate that other members did not support the statement in question, and that the County Manager gave an effective reply to same. Recognising, as we do, that Councillor O'Boyle is a very capable representative, with more than ordinary knowledge of the application of Home Assistance and Food Vouchers, we take it he will have no difficulty in giving full facts and figures to the Council to justify his statement, or, failing this, that he will be sufficiently gentlemanly to withdraw his allegation. We may add that it is our experience and opinion that the present provision for the all too many poor is all too little.

3. We desire to know what provision existed, exists, or is in mind for the erection of outstanding and extra Labourers' Cottages at Dungloe, with particular reference to sites. There is a crying and increasing need for such housing in the Dungloe Area, and we take it the Council will at least act meantime to the extent of reserving or procuring suitable sites so that the actual building of the cottages may be thereby facilitated and expedited when the opportune time arrives."

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to mark the letter read.

150/44. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., enclosing for the information of the Council copy of their report for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

151/44. REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF PIER ON SOUTH SIDE OF INISHBOFIN ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 25th March, 1944, S.W.1/3/80, stating that it had been represented that it was necessary, in the interests of the local fishing industry, to arrange for the repair and improvement of the Pier situated on the south side of Inishbofin Island. The site had been examined by their engineering adviser who reported that the existing structure consisted of a Pier with a low level extension about 21 feet in length. This extension had deteriorated considerably and had now a huge breach, with a dangerous hole at the foot of an iron ladder leading down from the end of the Pier proper. The tide, it was stated, stranded out for approximately 40 feet from the end of the Pier at L.W. Springs, so that all landings had to be made at the extension, and thence via the iron ladder up approximately 8 feet to the Pier deck level. The report recommended the execution of the following works at a total estimated cost of £400:-

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| (i) Re-construction of breached extension, with shelter wall and steps..... | £300. |
| (ii) Hand dredging of an area (shown on Plan) alongside the Pier extension..... | £100. |
| | <u>£400.</u> |

The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote of 75% of the estimated cost of the proposal, subject to agreement of the Council:-

- (a) to contribute 25% of the estimated total cost of the works;
- (b) to accept responsibility for (i) the future maintenance of the Pier, and (ii) the future dredging of the area alongside the Pier extension, which it was now proposed to dredge.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the Council agree to contribute 25% of the total cost of the works, estimated at £400, and that they accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the Pier, and the future dredging of the area alongside the Pier extension which it was now proposed to dredge.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

152/44. RESOLUTION FROM KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Kilkenny County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:- "That we, the Kilkenny County Council, being the only authority on the matter, do view with apprehension the Report of the County Medical Officer of Health with regard to the various cases of malnutrition, deformities, anaemia, Eye, Ear, and Throat defects, rickets, ringworm, skin diseases, scabies, and septic fingers, and we hereby recommend that the Council initiate a Free Meal Scheme in schools in the County immediately, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to take the necessary action to put a School Meals Scheme in operation in the rural portion of the country."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

153/44. ALLOWANCES PAID UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT ACTS.

A letter was read from the Acting Secretary, Leigoighs County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That this Council call upon the Government to increase by at least 50% all allowances payable under the Unemployment Acts, and to further increase by 50% allowances paid to Army dependents."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

154/44. LIFFORD O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Lowry, Argerly, Ballindrait, thanking the Council for their resolution relative to his resignation from the Lifford O.A.P. Sub-Committee, and stating that he trusts they will find it possible to appoint Mr. Marron some time in the near future.

The letter was noted.

155/44. POLLING SCHEME FOR DAIL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

The County Manager stated that prior to the Dail Election held on the 30th ultimo, he had received a number of complainats from various districts about the Polling Scheme.

The Council decided that any complaints which Councillors or others had to make should be forwarded to the County Manager.

Confined.

Neil Blaney

Chairman of County Council.

27th June, 1944.

156/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (John), Greene, Gallagher, Gallen, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McNulty, McRory, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney.

157/44.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors McFadden, Baxter, Bredy, Breslin, and Edward Friel.

158/44.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony stated that for the twenty-first time he had pleasure in proposing the election of Councillor Michael Og McFadden as Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Harkin seconded.

Councillors Scott, Gallen, and Callaghan associated themselves with the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Blaney declared Councillor McFadden elected, and thanked the Council on Councillor McFadden's behalf.

159/44.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony proposed the election of Councillor Blaney as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Scott seconded the resolution which was passed unanimsously.

Councillor Blaney thanked the Council for his re-election.

160/44.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony proposed the re-election of Councillor McIvor as Deputy Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Loughrey seconded the resolution, which was supported by Councillor Scott, and passed unanimously.

Councillor McIvor thanked the Council for his re-election.

161/44. REGULATION OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON EACH STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council unanimously decided to continue the same number of members on each Standing Committee of the Council.

162/44.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

The County Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee, consisting of all the members of the Council, was unanimously re-elected.

163/44.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

Councillors Mahony and Scott were unanimously re-elected as the Council's delegates to the County Councils' General Council.

164/44.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle was unanimously re-elected as the Council's representative on the Irish Tourist Association.

Councillor Blaney inquired if the Council were not entitled to two representatives on the Irish Tourist Association.

The County Manager stated that he would make inquiries and the matter could be raised again at next Meeting.

165/44.

ELECTION OF BARONIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIRECTORATE OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

Councillors Breslin and McIvor were re-elected as the Council's representatives on the Directorate of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co.

- 166/44: ELECTION OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.
The Council unanimously decided to re-elect the General Purposes Committee, consisting of the following members of the Council:-
Councillors Gallen, Myles, McFadden, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Friel (John), Mahony, McIvor, O'Boyle, Scott, and Gallagher.
- 167/44: ELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.
The Council unanimously decided to re-elect the Scholarships Committee.
- 168/44: ELECTION OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE.
The Council unanimously decided to re-elect the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.
At a later stage of the Meeting, it was decided that the County Manager and the local Councillors attend at Burnfoot on Thursday, 13th July, 1944, for the purpose of selecting a Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector for the Burnfoot District, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. John Hegarty.
- 169/44: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.
On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 5th June, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.
- 170/44. REPORT OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.
On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 25th April, 1944, was adopted unanimously.
- 171/44. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 7319 - ENCROACHMENT ON VESTED BOG AT MEENBUNONE, CREESLOUGH, BY MR. JOSEPH CROSSAN.
The County Manager read a letter which he had received from Councillor Baxter referring to the County Manager's Order No. 7319 instructing the Council's Solicitor to institute proceedings against Mr. Joseph Crossan, Letterkenny, for encroachment on vested bog at Meenbunone, Creeslough, in the Parish of Gartan.
Councillor Baxter in his letter stated that when the Council, under the Emergency Powers Order, transferred their powers in connection with turf to the County Surveyor, he promised to interfere as little as possible with private interests and enterprise. He had not seen or heard from Crossan in any way, but he knew something of the circumstances, and he had no hesitation in saying that Crossan should be encouraged rather than otherwise.
The County Manager stated that an interim Injunction had been obtained against Mr. Crossan, but since then a Conference, consisting of Mr. Crossan and his legal adviser, and the County Manager, County Surveyor, and Council's Solicitor had been held, and a settlement had been arrived at which was agreeable to both parties. The terms of the settlement would be incorporated in his next issue of Manager's Orders.
- 172/44. MULROY FERRY SERVICES.
The County Manager stated that he had been looking into the files in the Offices of the former Board of Health in regard to Ferry Services. He found that the Board of Health had drawn up a splendid system of bye-laws regulating the boats plying for hire, but these did not deal with the present problem.
The Council decided to adjourn the matter until the County Manager would have an opportunity of meeting some local people.
- 173/44. GLENTIES NO. 1 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.
A letter was read from the Clerk, Glenties No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, recommending the appointment as Chairman of his Committee of Rev. John Cunningham, P.P., Glenties.
It was decided to inform the Clerk that the appointment of a Chairman was a matter for the Sub-Committee themselves.

174/44. QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT OF A VETERINARY SURGEON OR SURGEONS FOR THE DONEGAL COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA IN PLACE OF THE LATE MR. F. McSHANE, V.S., DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Cunningham, Hon. Secretary, Glencolumbkille Parish Council, stating that his Parish Council had directed him to point out that they were very much interested in the appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon for Donegal County Electoral Area, because time and again since the establishment of the Parish Council they had made representations to the Department of Agriculture seeking the appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon who would be stationed in Killybegs for the extensive area west thereof. Whenever animals become sick the farmers of the district had to depend entirely on local cow doctors. Scarcely a Meeting of the Parish Council had passed for over four years but losses of cattle were reported for, needless to say, want of Veterinary treatment due to the long distance from Glencolumbkille to Donegal where the Vet. resided, and the fact that the majority of farmers found it impossible to bear the heavy expenses which the bringing of such services would entail. The Parish Council considered that Killybegs would be the most suitable centre for this Veterinary Surgeon to be stationed, because it would be central for Carrick, Kilcar, Dunkineely, Ardara, Downstrands, and other districts. In recommending Killybegs it could not be said that the Glencolumbkille Parish Council had by any means taken a selfish view of the matter, because of all the districts mentioned, Glencolumbkille was the longest distance from Killybegs.

The County Manager stated that the County Council at their Meeting on the 25th April recommended that two Veterinary Inspectors be appointed for the Donegal County Electoral Area, one to reside at Ballyshannon and the other at Killybegs. (93/44 C.C.) At the Meeting of the Council on the 5th June, 1944, Councillors Gallagher and McRory protested against the Council's recommendation in this matter, and also at the County Manager's decisions as recorded in Orders Nos. 7166 and 7297. They suggested that in addition to a Veterinary Inspector residing in Donegal town, the second Inspector should reside in Ardara, Glenties, or Downstrands.

A letter was read from Councillor Brian M. Brady, T.D., supporting the resolution of Glencolumbkille Parish Council asking to have a Veterinary Inspector resident in Killybegs.

Councillor Callaghan spoke at length in support of the proposal, and pointed out the great hardships which the people of Glencolumbkille had to endure for want of Veterinary service, when there was no Inspector nearer than Donegal town.

Councillor Gallagher stated that it would be nonsensical not to have a Veterinary Inspector residing in Donegal town, and he suggested that the second Inspector reside in Ardara.

Councillor McRory seconded Councillor Gallagher.

Councillor Myles supported the proposal to have one of the Inspectors residing in Ballyshannon, and stated that the district around Ballyshannon had a greater cattle population than any other part of the area.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the whole matter be referred to the local Councillors to discuss during the luncheon interval with the County Manager.

Councillor Gallen seconded.

This proposal was not carried as it was felt that no agreement would be reached.

Eventually it was decided to leave the whole matter in the hands of the County Manager.

175/44. PAINING OF PUMPS.

Councillor McRory proposed that the County Surveyor arrange to have the pumps throughout the County painted white.

The matter was left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

176/44. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 23 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

A letter dated 15th June, 1944, was read from Mr. Michael Deery, Rate Collector, Ballagh, Malin, tendering his resignation on grounds of ill-health as Rate Collector for No. 23 District, and enclosing Certificate from Dr. F. C. Friel, Carndonagh.

The County Manager stated that he had accepted Mr. Deery's resignation and the Council could confirm his decision that day. He wished to take the opportunity of paying a tribute to the excellent manner in which Mr. Deery had carried out his duties.

Councillor Scott proposed that the resignation of Mr. Deery be accepted with regret.

Councillor Callaghan seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that on receipt of Mr. Deery's resignation he advertised the vacancy and asked the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to declare the qualifications necessary for the post.

The Minister's letter had not been received until Monday, 26th June, 1944, and one of the qualifications fixed for the position read as follows:-

"Each candidate must possess a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable him/her to perform the duties of the Office through the medium of the same language."

The question of Irish had not been mentioned in the advertisement issued in the first instance as none of the Electoral Divisions in District 23 was included in the Gaeltacht, and he suggested that the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council and a new advertisement issued.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting.

Councillor Loughrey seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Friel raised the question of the expenses of the candidates who attended the Meeting that day, and he proposed that the Department be asked to sanction payment of their expenses.

It was pointed out that the proposal was ultra vires.

177/44. PROPOSED CLEANING OF CHANNEL THROUGH ROCKS, AND ERECTION OF BEACON AT TRYBANE, LOUGHROS POINT.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, Dublin, dated 17th June, 1944, S.W.1/3/18, referring to the improvement works, consisting of the clearing of a channel through rocks, and the erection of a beacon, recently carried out by the County Surveyor at Trybane, Loughros Point, and to the inspection of the works made on the 25th May, 1944. The Engineer reported that the work had been carried out satisfactorily, but that he considered a sum of from £15 to £20, over and above the expenditure already incurred at the site, should be expended in removing some rock spurs which projected somewhat above the general level of the channel floor, and that the scheme was incomplete until these spurs had been removed. The Engineer stated that the County Surveyor agreed that the small work now suggested was desirable. In view of the Engineer's report, the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the sanction of a supplemental grant of 75% of the cost, estimated at £15 - £20, of the work of removing the rock spurs, and on the assumption that the Council were agreeable to contribute the balance of 25%, arrangements might be made to have the work put in hands by the County Surveyor. According to returns furnished by the County Surveyor, the improvement works already carried out at the site cost £150 (approximately) towards which the Council, on the 29th October, 1940, agreed to contribute the sum of £38.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was unanimously decided to contribute 25% of the additional cost involved in removing the rock spurs.

178/44. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT LUG-NA-DRUAN,
DOONALT, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 10th June, 1944, C.104:22/1/41, referring to the proposed improvement of the landing facilities at Lug-na-Druan, Doonalt, Glencolumbkille, and stating that they had been informed by the Special Employment Schemes Office that the Council had agreed to contribute 25% of the revised estimated total cost of £560, and also to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the landing-place, and of the proposed works when completed. In accordance with their usual practice when undertaking works of this nature, they enclosed, in duplicate, a form of agreement, plan, specification, and estimate for the works for acceptance by the Council. One copy of the agreement should be signed and returned to them together with one copy each of the plan, specification, and estimate signed by the County Surveyor. They enclosed a Receivable Order for £140 to enable the Council's contribution towards the cost of the works to be lodged.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to approve of the Agreement, plan, specification, and estimate, and to lodge their contribution of £140.

179/44. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MARKET HOUSE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. James G. M. Harvey & Sons, Northern Bank Buildings, Derry, stating that the Trustees of Captain McClintock's Estate would be prepared to sell the Market House, together with the Market Rights and Tolls collected at it, for the sum of £1,000, as distinct from the Cow Park and Tolls collected there.

The County Manager stated that he had inquired from the Agents the lowest sum for which they would be prepared to sell the Cow Park and Tolls there also, as the Council might prefer to purchase the entire Market Rights, but he had not had a reply from them.

It was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

180/44. RE-ERECTION OF ROAD SIGNS TO FACILITATE TOURISTS.

Councillor McIvor proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have road signs re-erected to facilitate tourists during the summer months."

Councillor Scott seconded the resolution and proposed that the old milestones be re-erected also.

Councillor Friel suggested that the signs be in Irish, but it was pointed out to him that the signs were all bilingual.

The County Surveyor stated that the Army Authorities still objected to the re-erection of the road signs.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the Deputies for the County take the matter up with the Minister for Defence, and the proposal was agreed to.

181/44. INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR ROADS.

Councillor Edward Friel proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor at the Meeting on 27th June, 1944, by what percentage per mile did he increase the contract price for second and third-class roads coming under or estimated for contract, 1st April, 1944."

The County Surveyor stated that in Councillor Friel's district the increase was from £9.92 to £12.75 per mile.

182/44. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM AUGHACLAY CHAPEL TO
UMGALL BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Councillor Manus Harkin stating that he would ask the County Surveyor to have repairs carried out on the Aughaclay Road leading from Aughaclay Chapel to Umgall Bridge, as it would require more attention than it had been receiving lately.

The County Surveyor stated that last year there was £45 allowed for this road, but that actually £60 : 13 : 3 had been expended on it. A greater share of work was done on this road than on most other roads throughout the County.

183/44. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF MAIN ROAD LEADING FROM CULDAFF TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Manus Harkin proposed:- "That in view of the dangerous state of the main road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh, I will take this matter up again at the next County Council Meeting. Surely the lives of those who have to travel on this road should be taken into consideration. I will ask the County Council to have the work of cutting this road down to the level of the land started without delay before some serious accident happens. If this road were in any other part of the County it would have been made safe long ago. The ratepayers in the Culdaff area demand and are entitled to have a safe road, but, in the circumstances, they have to pass over this road at the risk of their lives. If this Council is not prepared to carry out the work the only alternative is to close it to traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that on the 26th June, which was Market day in Carndonagh, he had a census taken of the traffic passing over this road. From 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., there passed over the road:-

Four motor vehicles.
Twelve horse carts.
Twenty-five bicycles.
Ten pedestrians.
Three animals.

Councillor Friel stated that if the road was really dangerous, a fence should be built alongside it.

Councillor Scott proposed that the work be considered under the next allocation from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, and this was agreed to.

184/44. DONEGAL PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. T. P. Kelly, Hon. Secretary, Donegal Parish Council, asking to have the Parish Council recognised as an "Approved Parish Council."

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher, it was unanimously decided to approve of Donegal Parish Council under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1941, on the following conditions:-

1. That the Parish Council be elected at a public Meeting of the inhabitants of the area.
2. That the Parish Council co-operate in carrying out purely local matters in their district.
3. That they give an annual report of their work to the County Council.

185/44. DONEGAL PARISH COUNCIL - BANK WALK AND FAIR GREEN, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. T. P. Kelly, Hon. Secretary, Donegal Parish Council, stating that the Parish Council wished the County Council to take over the Bank Walk and Fair Green, and they also wished steps taken to have a public lavatory erected at the Diamond, Donegal.

The County Manager stated that he had written to the Agents for this property, and inquired their attitude in the matter.

It was decided to adjourn the matter pending receipt of a reply from the Agents.

186/44. PRODUCTION OF LIME.

Councillor Scott inquired the position in connection with the analysis of samples of lime.

The County Surveyor stated that he had given instructions to have some further samples taken and sent for analysis.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor submit a full report on the position to the next Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture, and the proposal was passed.

187/44.

RESOLUTIONS RE ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the following resolutions re Electricity Charges were adopted:-
Resolution from Westmeath County Council.

"That, where Electricity is being paid for on a Valuation basis, the cost should be reduced in proportion to the curtailment of supply during the emergency, and that, where no electricity is consumed, no charge should be made on a valuation basis."

Resolution from Bray Urban District Council.

"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, view with great concern and alarm the state of affairs which imposes on all householders in Eire the necessity of reducing their electric light consumption by four-fifths, and we call upon the Electricity Supply Board to reduce the fixed charge in the same proportion,"

Confirmed.

Michael O'Neil

Chairman of Co. Council.

25th July, 1944.

188/44.

ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Friel (John), Gallagher, Cooper, Hannigan, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney.

189/44.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies for inability to be present at the Meeting were received from Councillors Breslin and O'Boyle.

190/44.

CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Manus Harkin on the death of his wife whose funeral was taking place that day, and he suggested that a telegram be sent to Councillor Harkin.

He also proposed that sympathy be extended to the wife and children of the late Dr. C. J. Coll, Creeslough, the relatives of the late Dr. J. J. McNelis, Glenties, and the relatives of the late Mr. Edward Doherty, ex-Co.C., who died recently in Dublin.

The motions were seconded, and passed in silence; all the members standing.

191/44.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th June, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting, Councillor Callaghan stated that he wished to take the opportunity of protesting against a remark passed by Councillor Scott at that Meeting, which remark was passed in an effort to degrade him. The remark was not incorporated in the Minutes of the last Meeting, but he wished to protest publicly.

192/44.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

The County Manager asked to have adjourned until next Meeting an application of his to approve of a scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease in the County of Donegal.

193/44.

MULROY FERRY SERVICES.

The County Manager asked to have adjourned until next Meeting a report by him on the Mulroy Ferry Services, as he had not had time since last Meeting to visit the district. (179/44 C.C.)

194/44.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association stating that the rule concerning representation on the Irish Tourist Association was that each Local Authority contributing in any year a sum of £100 or more to the funds of the Association shall be entitled to nominate one Director who shall hold Office only during the year in respect of which the said contribution has been made.

County Donegal was, in fact, represented by two Directors, one nominated by the County Council, and Mr. M. MacGreadie who was an "ordinary" Director. (164/44 C.C.)

195/44.

MARKET HOUSE, CARNDONAGH, AND COW PARK, AND TOLLS.

A letter was read from Messrs. James G. M. Harvey & Son, Northern Bank Buildings, Derry, stating that the Trustees of Captain McClintock's Estate would be prepared to sell the Market House, together with the Market Rights and Tolls collected at it, for the sum of £1,000. They would be prepared to sell the Cow Park and Tolls for £550.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the local Public Health Committee for their views. (179/44 C.C.)

196/44. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 23 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The Acting Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement the following applications were received for the position of Rate Collector in No. 23 Collection District, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Ardmalin, Malin, Carthage, and Culdaff:-

John Patrick Coyle, Gortnacorr, Portsalon.
 John F. Deery, Ballagh, Malin.
 Miss Mary Brigid Deery, Ballagh, Malin.
 James L. Doherty, Lower Braghoy, Malin.
 Patrick Alphonsus Gallagher, Derryhassen, Downings.
 Mrs. Marie Rose Grennan, Garda Station, Raphoe.
 George Joseph Magee, Glebe, Culdaff.
 Joseph McCallion, Lowertown, Malin.
 Dominic Gerard McGonegal, Fallanease, Kindrum.
 Michael McLaughlin, Drimavohey, Malin Head.
 Philip McLaughlin, Dristernan, Glencely.
 James O'Connor, Tulnaree, Carndonagh.

The Acting Secretary stated that one of the qualifications for the post prescribed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was that each candidate must possess a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable him/her to perform the duties of the Office through the medium of the same language.

The candidates had been examined in Irish that morning, and the following was the report of the examiner:-
 "I certify that the following applicants for position as Rate Collector possess a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable them to perform the duties of the Office through the medium of the same language:-

Patrick Alphonsus Gallagher, Derryhassen, Downings.
 George Joseph Magee, Glebe, Culdaff.
 Dominic Gerard McGonegal, Kindrum.
 James O'Connor, Tulnaree, Carndonagh.

I further certify that the other candidates examined to-day do not possess such a knowledge."

Councillor Edward Friel proposed the appointment of Mr. Patrick Alphonsus Gallagher, and Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor John Friel proposed the appointment of Mr. George Joseph Magee, and Councillor Charles Doherty seconded.

Councillor Loughrey proposed the appointment of Mr. Dominic Gerard McGonegal, and Councillor Baxter seconded.

Councillor Craig proposed the appointment of Mr. James O'Connor, and Councillor Blaney seconded.

The Council proceeded to vote, and it was explained to them that in the first vote each Councillor could vote for three of the four candidates.

The first vote resulted as follows:-

Patrick A. Gallagher.
 Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Callaghan, Edward Friel, Gallagher, Cooper, Hannigan, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, and O'Donnell. Total 15.

George Joseph Magee.
 Councillors Brady, Doherty, Friel (John), Gallagher, Cooper, Hannigan, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 16.

Dominic Gerard McGonegal.
 Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, and McNulty. Total 10.

James O'Connor.
 Councillors Blaney, Brady, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (John), Hannigan, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 13.

As a result of the first vote, Mr. Dominic Gerard McGonegal was eliminated.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 23 COLLECTION DISTRICT
(CONTINUED.)

On the second vote each Councillor voted for two candidates, and this vote resulted as follows:-

Patrick A. Gallagher.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, McNulty, and O'Donnell. Total 12.

George Joseph Magee.

Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel (John), Gallagher, Cooper, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, and McNulty. Total 13.

James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (John), Hannigan, McMenamin, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 12.

As the voting as a result of the second vote was equal in the cases of Gallagher and O'Connor, it was decided to have a vote to determine which of them should enter the final vote;—and this vote resulted as follows:-

Patrick A. Gallagher.

Councillors Baxter, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, McNulty, and O'Donnell. Total 11.

James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (John), Hannigan, McMenamin, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 11.

As the result of this vote was again equal in the cases of Gallagher and O'Connor, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Gallagher, and declared O'Connor eliminated.

The final vote was then taken between Patrick A. Gallagher and George Joseph Magee, and resulted as follows:-

Patrick A. Gallagher.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McNulty, and O'Donnell. Total 11.

George Joseph Magee.

Councillors Brady, Callaghan, Campbell, Doherty, Friel (John), Hannigan, McIvor, McMenamin, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 10.

The Chairman declared Patrick Alphonsus Gallagher, Derryhassen, Downings, appointed, and the Council unanimously decided to accept as his personal sureties in a Bond for £200, Mr. Joseph McNutt, Merchant, Downings, and Mrs. Julia McFadden, Derryhassen, Downings, satisfactory Bankers' references having been submitted.

197/44. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation as follows for the Revenue Account:-

September, 1944.....£70,000.
October, 1944.....£70,000.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

198/44. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation as follows for the Turf Production Account:-

September, 1944..... £120,000.
October, 1944..... £130,000.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

199/44. DONEGAL PARISH COUNCIL - BANK WALK AND FAIR GREEN, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. T. P. Kelly, Hon. Secretary, Donegal Parish Council, stating that the Parish Council wished the County Council to take over the Bank Walk and Fair Green, and they also wished steps taken to have a public lavatory erected at The Diamond, Donegal.

The County Manager stated that he was still awaiting a reply from the Agent to the Earl of Arran, Mr. Hugh A. C. Maude. He had written to him on the 22nd June last, but so far had no reply.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter. (185/44 C.C.)

200/44. SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1944.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 11th July, 1944, L.1328/44, returning draft Sheep Dipping Regulations, and stating that they may be regarded as approved, subject to the slight amendment as indicated thereon in Clause 2. No objection is offered to the re-appointment of nineteen of the Dipping Inspectors who so acted last year, nor to the payment to the Inspectors of remuneration at the rate of £2 per week. A further communication in regard to the rates of Emergency Bonus proposed to be paid will be forwarded.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt under Seal the regulations as drawn up, with the amendment indicated by the Department.

201/44. APPOINTMENT OF A SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTOR FOR BURT AREA.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council discuss with the County Manager the recent appointment of a Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector in the Buncrana Area."

In proposing his resolution, Councillor Friel stated that he wished to protest against the manner in which this appointment was made. A Meeting was held in a public-house in Burnfoot belonging to a County Councillor. That County Councillor, and another County Councillor, and the County Manager interviewed the candidates. These two Councillors were the only Councillors invited to assist the County Manager in making the appointment. The Courthouse at Burnfoot was available for the Meeting.

When his daughter telephoned the County Council Office, she was informed by an Official there that the Meeting was being held at Quigley's Point. He was not invited to the Meeting until the eleventh hour.

He wanted to ensure that in future a Veterinary Inspector be appointed by the County Council to examine the applicants, and that the County Manager make the appointment on merit alone; and also that if County Councillors were being invited that all the County Councillors of the area be invited.

The County Manager expressed his regret to Councillor Friel for his having been misinformed as to the time and place of the Meeting, and he stated that the appointment in this case had been made strictly on merit.

The matter was referred to the County Manager.

202/44. EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th June, 1944, P.9598/2/44, referring to the Council's resolution at their Meeting on the 5th June in connection with the Scheme of Emergency Cash Supplementary Allowances to Old Age Pensioners, Blind Pensioners, etc., and stating that it was not intended to make any variation in the terms of the Circular Letter of the 16th March last, 57/44, dealing with the matter.

The letter was noted.

203/44. DUNFANAGHY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Dunfanaghy Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, asking to have Very Rev. P. Canon Kerr, P.P., Gortshork, appointed on the Committee, in place of Rev. John Cunningham, P.P., transferred from the district.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Canon Kerr a member of the Committee.

204/44. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM THE BISHOP OF DROMORE OF COUNCIL'S CONGRATULATIONS.

A letter was read from Most Rev. Dr. Eugene O'Doherty, Bishop of Dromore, asking to have conveyed to the members of the Council his appreciation of their kind message on his appointment as Bishop, and thanking them for their good wishes.

205/44. COMPLAINT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN FRIEL RE ALLOCATION OF WORK IN THE PARISH OF DESERTEGNEY.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council wishes to know from the County Surveyor why three Gangers were appointed out of one family in the Parish of Desertegney some time ago; also, why two brothers, with two horses and carts, were employed belonging to the same family."

The County Surveyor submitted a report on the matter from his Assistant Surveyor.

Councillor Friel stated that he wished to protest against the manner in which Gangers were employed. He stated that the Council had passed a resolution that preference be given to the members of the Defence Forces, but this was not being done. Men should be appointed on merit alone, not on the number of days they were spending in doing up the Assistant County Surveyor's garden.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he wished to support Councillor Friel. Men who were good workers were turned down because they were not members of the Defence Forces.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the Council accept the explanation of the Assistant County Surveyor.

Councillor Craig stated that it was obvious that there was something out of the ordinary wrong in this case.

Councillor Friel stated that special preference was given to workers from one family, and he proposed that the County Surveyor investigate the matter thoroughly.

206/44. APPLICATION BY THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEERS TO HAVE THEIR SALARY SCALE INCREASED.

A letter was read from the Assistant County Engineers employed by the Council applying to have their salary scale increased to a sum of £350 by annual increments of £20 to £450 per annum. They asked the Council to take into consideration the fact that the volume of their work and the responsibility involved therein had increased substantially in recent years. In addition to the work involved in the maintenance of roads, water supplies, sewerage systems, and housing, many new duties had been imposed on them, such as the inspection of dance halls and cinemas for licensing, organisation of fire-fighting services, maintenance of piers and harbours, administration of the Town Planning Acts, surveys of derelict sites, estimates and surveys for Malicious Injury and accident claims. In fact, every innovation involving engineering work placed further duties upon them. They pointed out that, of late, in addition to professional qualifications, considerable practical experience was required for appointment as permanent Assistant County Engineer. Other Counties, even Counties similarly circumstanced, such as Mayo, had a much higher salary scale.

The County Manager stated that in the Estimates for the present year the Council had merely granted him a sum sufficient to cover the Surveyors' salaries at the present rate. If the Council granted the increase now applied for, it would mean an immediate increase of £630, which he would have to ask the Council to grant him.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Manager be granted a sum of £630 to meet the increased salary scales asked for by the Assistant Surveyors.

Councillor Blaney seconded,

Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be adjourned until the Estimates Meeting next year.

Councillor John Friel seconded the amendment.

Councillor Baxter later withdrew his amendment, and proposed instead that the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting, and that the Secretary submit to that Meeting a return showing the salaries of the members of the Survey Staff, and emoluments, for the past three years.

Councillor Friel seconded the amendment. The matter was put to the Meeting, and, on a vote, twelve members voted for the amendment, and ten members against the amendment.

The Chairman declared the matter adjourned until next Meeting.

207/44.

ANNUAL RATE WORK, 1944.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum of £76 to meet additional expenditure incurred in connection with the Annual Rate Work, 1944. He said that a sum of £1,000 had been granted, but it was estimated that a sum of £1,076 would be required.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

208/44.

ARDARA WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor re extension of Ardara Water Supply. He stated that he had inspected the proposed additional source, and he had also examined the gaugings. He was satisfied that a very considerable improvement to the quantity of water reaching Ardara could be effected by tapping the stream which formed the proposed new source of supply, and connecting it by pipe to the stream which formed the existing source. The cost of the work would be about £150, and he recommended that it be carried out. It would be advisable later on to increase the storage capacity of the tank from the 3" water main runs to Ardara, but owing to the scarcity of steel reinforcement he suggested postponing this until supplies of the material became available.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to the expenditure of the sum of £150 estimated by the County Surveyor on the work referred to in his report.

209/44.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the next Meeting of the General Council would be held during the week commencing 25th September, 1944.

The matter was referred to the Council's representatives on the General Council.

210/44.

SHEEP DIPPING TANK AT MEENCARGAGH, BALLYBOFEY.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Lease in connection with the erection of a Sheep Dipping tank at Meencargagh, Ballybofey, on lands, the property of the Minister for Lands.

211/44.

PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS.

A letter was read from the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds asking the Council to apply to the Minister for Justice for an Order that would give increased protection to a number of rare birds that were being in danger of being shot or taken in trap. The Order should ask that the close time of these birds run from 1st March to 1st December of each year, and the birds concerned were:-

Golden Eagle; Sea Eagle; Buzzard; Peregrine Falcon; Kestrel; Owl (all kinds); Chough; Goldfinch; Chaffinch; Linnet; Redpoll; Sky Lark; Wagtail (all kinds); Bittern; Diver (all kinds); Grebe (all kinds); and Tern (all kinds.)

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Minister for Justice to make an Order as suggested by the Irish Society for the Protection of Wild Birds.

212/44.

SALES OF TURF TO COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

Councillor Scott referred to Manager's Order No. 7773 dated 5th July, 1944, regarding additional charges being made in respect of turf supplied to Institutions and Dispensaries from the 9th August, 1941, to 25th July, 1942. He inquired if these were the same charges as were referred to in the Report submitted to the Council by the County Surveyor on the 25th January, 1944, Minute No. 38/44.

The County Surveyor informed Councillor Scott that the charges were the same as those referred to in Minute No. 38/44. As from October, 1942, charges for turf were at the rate of 25/- per ton to all Institutions, and no additional charge was necessary. No turf was supplied to Institutions during the period from 25/7/1942 until the new charges came into operation.

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Neil Blaney

Chairman of County Council.

26th September, 1944.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY,
THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1944.

213/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Friel (John), Gallagher, Cooper, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, O'Boyle, McIvor, McMensin, McNulty, Scott, and Sweeney.

214/44.

A P O L O G I E S.

The Acting Secretary read apologies for inability to be present from Councillors Brady, Breslin, McFadden, and Myles.

The Council expressed the hope that Councillors Gallen and Myles would soon be fully restored to health.

215/44.

A B S E N C E O F T H E C O U N T Y M A N A G E R.

The Acting Secretary apologised for the absence from the Meeting of the County Manager who was indisposed.

The Council expressed the hope that Mr. MacLaughlin would soon be fully restored to health.

216/44.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 25th July, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

217/44.

R E P O R T O F S C H O L A R S H I P S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G , A N D A D O P T I O N O F S C H E M E F O R S C H O L A R S H I P S I N S E C O N D A R Y A N D V O C A T I O N A L S C H O O L S.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the Report of the Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on Friday, 28th July, 1944, and to submit for approval to the Minister for Education the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools under the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, which the Committee had recommended them to adopt.

218/44.

S U P P L I E S O F S E R U M.

Councillor Sweeney referred to Manager's Order No. 8295 dated 7th September, 1944, in connection with supplies of Serum.

He referred to the statement made by Dr. McGinley that it had been supplied for over a year to the Dublin Hospitals, and he stated that he considered it most unfair that any discrimination should be made in connection with the distribution of Serum. Country Hospitals were as well entitled to supplies as the Dublin Hospitals.

He proposed that the Council pass a resolution supporting the complaint of Dr. McGinley.

Councillor Mahony seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

219/44.

L O A N O F £ 7 , 0 0 0 I N C O N N E C T I O N W I T H V O C A T I O N A L S C H O O L S A T B U N C R A N A A N D L E T T E R K E N N Y.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works, Law Department, enclosing for approval by the Council draft Deed of Mortgage in connection with loan of £7,000 for the erection of Vocational Schools at Bunrana and Letterkenny. They also enclosed Form of Undertaking for completion by the Council and Receivable Order for lodgment of £11 : 9 : 6 expenses.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the Council unanimously decided to approve of the draft Deed of Mortgage, to pay the legal expenses, and to pass the following resolution:-

"The Donegal County Council hereby undertake that the Instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed, as well as of any existing Loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November, in each year."

220/44. SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

In the absence of the County Manager, the Council adjourned an application of his to approve of a Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease in the County of Donegal. (192/44 C.C.)

221/44. MULROY FERRY SERVICES.

A letter dated 9th August, 1944, was read from the Hon. Secretary, Carrigart Parish Council, forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by them:-

"That as there are boats lying idle in Fanny's Bay, the County Council be respectfully urged to apply to the Sea Fisheries Association for the purchasing of one of these Boats for ferry purposes at Mulroy."

A further letter dated 14th August, 1944, was read from the Carrigart Parish Council regarding Ferry Services for Mulroy. The letter stated that the Chairman of the Parish Council in proposing that the County Council make an effort to get one of the boats lying idle in Fanny's Bay from the Sea Fisheries Association, stated that he considered the ferry a sort of continuation of the public highway, and if this view was correct, the County Council should bear the cost in the same way as they provided for the cost of a new road.

The Acting Secretary read the following letter from Mr. McIvor, Assistant Co. Engineer:-

"The Ferry Service operates between Mulroy, near Carrigart, and Leat, "Between-the-Waters". The distance is about half a mile. The service consists of one row boat, capacity about 12, privately-owned by Mr. Robert McElhinney, Mulroy. The County Road connects with either end of the ferry. Mulroy boat slip is in fair order. The boat slip at Leat is not in good repair. The Mulroy slip is probably owned by Lord Leitrim. There is also a Pier which is sometimes used and is supposed to be owned by a Granite-Quarrying Company, now out of existence. I have no information as to the ownership of the Leat slip. There is no fixed times of service. The boat is got by calling at Mulroy end or by signalling from the Leat end. Two runs are made each day with the post, and on the average about four other runs. Up to twenty runs might be made on fair days. The boat carries passengers and little merchandise. The fare is 1/- return when calm, and 2/- when rough. There is a strong current."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting for a report from the County Manager. (179/44 C.C.)

222/44. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from the widow and children of the late Dr. C. J. Coll thanking the Council for their kind expression of sympathy with them.

A letter was read from Mrs. Doherty, Kinnage Grove, Terenure, thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of her husband.

A letter was read from Councillor Harkin thanking the Council for their kind message of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement.

223/44. MARKET HOUSE, CARNDONAGH, AND COW PARK AND TOLLS.

A letter was read from Messrs. James G. A. Harvey & Son, Northern Bank Buildings, Derry, stating that the Trustees were prepared to sell the Market House, Carndonagh, with the Tolls collected there, and the Cow Park and Tolls for £1,550. The Sale would be subject to Conditions of Sale, as prepared by the Vendors' Solicitors.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the local Public Health Committee for their views on this matter.

The Acting Secretary stated that the local Committee had been written to on the 12th August, but that no reply had been received.

224/44. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1944.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £70,000 for the quarter ending 31st December, 1944, for the Revenue Account.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the application was granted unanimously.

225/44. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1944:

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £130,000 for the quarter ending 31st December, 1944; for the Turf Account.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the application was granted unanimously.

Councillor Scott also proposed that the County Engineer submit to the next Meeting of the Council a complete report on the Turf Production Schemes, on the same lines as the report which he submitted in July, 1943, and the proposal was passed unanimously;

Councillor John Friel suggested that the County Engineer include in the report particulars of stocks of turf on hands.

226/44. BANK WALK AND FAIR GREEN, DONEGAL TOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. T. P. Kolly, Hon. Secretary, Donegal Parish Council, stating that the Parish Council wished the County Council to take over the Bank Walk and Fair Green, and they also wished steps taken to have a public lavatory erected at The Diamond, Donegal.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, stating that they had been instructed by Mr. Maude, Agent for the Viscount Sudley Estate, to state that the Estate was quite willing that the Bank Walk and Fair Green, Donegal, be handed over to the Donegal County Council free of charge, the Donegal County Council to pay the Landlords' Solicitors their costs in reference to the transfer. In the event of the transfer being accepted they wished to know to whom they would furnish Title.

In connection with the lavatory accommodation, the County Engineer stated that the matter was having his attention. He would prefer to have lavatory accommodation in the Market Yard instead of in The Diamond.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the Council accept the transfer of the Bank Walk and Fair Green on the terms set out in the letter from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney; and that Messrs. Reid & Sweeney be asked to convey the best thanks of the Council to Mr. Maude, Agent for the Estate, for the generous public spirit which he had shown.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

227/44. APPLICATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ENGINEERING STAFF FOR SALARY INCREASES.

The Council decided to adjourn until their next Meeting an application from the Assistant County Engineers to have their salary scale increased to a sum of £350, rising by annual increments of £20, to £450 per annum. (206/44 C.C.)

228/44. RE-ERECTION OF ROAD SIGNS.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence stating that there was now no objection to the re-erection of road signs in all areas.

229/44. PROTEST AGAINST AWARD OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

At the request of Councillor D. Craig, the Council adjourned until next meeting a Notice of Motion in his name protesting against the awarding of Scholarships at University College, Dublin, in view of a recommendation of the County Council last year that they be awarded at Galway University.

230/44. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 23 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick A. Gallagher, Derryhassen, Downings, dated 18th September, 1944, withdrawing from the position of Rate Collector for No. 23 District, to which he had been appointed by the Council at their last Meeting, owing to the difficulty of obtaining Sureties.

The Acting Secretary stated that on receipt of Mr. Gallagher's withdrawal, advertisements were issued inviting applications for the position, and the following were received:-

Kathleen Boyle, Churchill.
 Mary Brigid Deery, Ballagh, Malin.
 John F. Deery, Ballagh, Malin.
 George Joseph Magee, Glebe, Culdaff.
 Dominic Gerard McGonegal, Fallanense, Kindrum.
 James O'Connor, Tulnaree, Carndonagh.

The first-named applicant had not submitted any Bankers' references with her application form, and her application was, therefore, not in order.

Of the remaining five applicants, the Irish Examiner reported at the last meeting on the 25th July, 1944, that Messrs. George Joseph Magee, Dominic Gerard McGonegal, and James O'Connor possessed a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable them to perform the duties of the Office through the medium of that language, and they had not been asked to re-submit themselves for examination in Irish.

The other two applicants, Miss Mary Brigid Deery, and Mr. John F. Deery, had been examined in Irish that morning, and the Examiner reported that Miss Mary Brigid Deery had a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable her to perform the duties of the Office through the medium of that language. Mr. John F. Deery did not possess such a knowledge.

Councillor John Friel inquired if the same Irish Examiner had been engaged that day as on the 25th July.

The Acting Secretary replied in the negative, and stated that the gentleman who had been engaged as Irish Examiner on the 25th July had been on holidays in Fortnoo, where he contracted a cold, and had intimated that he did not wish to travel to Lifford for the purpose of conducting the Examination.

Councillor Scott proposed the appointment of Miss Mary Brigid Deery, and Councillor McIvor seconded.

Councillor John Friel proposed the appointment of Mr. George Joseph Magee, and Councillor Charles Doherty seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed the appointment of Mr. Dominic Gerard McGonegal, and Councillor Loughrey seconded.

Councillor Sweeney proposed the appointment of Mr. James O'Connor and Councillor Campbell seconded.

The Council proceeded to vote, and it was explained to them that in the first vote each Councillor could vote for three of the four candidates.

For Miss Deery.

Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 17.

For George Joseph Magee.

Councillors Callaghan, Doherty, Friel (John), Gallagher, Cooper, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 16.

For Dominic Gerard McGonegal.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Craig, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, and McNulty. Total 10.

For James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Friel (Edward), Friel (John), Greene, Hannigan, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 12.

As a result of the first vote, Dominic Gerard McGonegal was eliminated.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 23 COLLECTION DISTRICT.
(CONTINUED.)

The second vote resulted as follows:-

For Miss Deery.

Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 15.

For George Joseph Magee.

Councillors Doherty, Friel (John), Gallagher, Cooper, Greene, Harkin, Loughrey, McIvor, McNulty, and O'Boyle. Total 10.

For James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Campbell, Craig, Friel (John), Greene, Hannigan, Mahony, McMennamin, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 10.

As the vote between Magee and O'Connor was equal, it was decided to have a vote to decide which of them should enter the final vote, and this resulted as follows:-

For James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Campbell, Craig, Greene, Hannigan, Mahony, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 10.

For George Joseph Magee.

Councillors Doherty, Friel (Edward), Friel (John), Gallagher, Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, McIvor, and McNulty. Total 9.

As a result of this vote, George Joseph Magee was eliminated, and a final vote, resulting as follows, was taken between Miss Deery and James O'Connor.

For Miss Deery.

Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 14.

For James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Campbell, Craig, Friel (John), Greene, Hannigan, and McMennamin. Total 7.

The Chairman declared Miss Mary Brigid Deery appointed, and the Council unanimously decided to accept as her Personal Sureties in a Bond for £200, Messrs. John McLaughlin (Charles), Carrowmore, Malin, and James McLaughlin, Camata, Balleighan Upper, Malin, in respect of whom satisfactory Bankers' references had been submitted.

231/44. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department enclosing the following report by the Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Mental Hospital Committee for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1942, and for the period ended 25th August, 1942:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Donegal District Mental Hospital Committee for the two half-years ended March 31st, 1942, and for the period ended August 25th, 1942.

I have disallowed a sum of £6, being a payment in respect of Travelling Expenses, which was not sufficiently vouched.

The net average cost per patient for the completed year audited was £49 : 11 : 1, as compared with £49 : 10 : 1 for the previous year.

Insurance premiums have been paid up to date, and Officers' Fidelity Bonds are in order.

Certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts for each period audited are forwarded herewith."

The Council noted the report.

232/44. PROVISION OF A SEWER ON THE HIGH ROAD, LETTERKENNY, OUTSIDE THE URBAN BOUNDARY.

An application was submitted from the County Manager for authority to expend a sum of £525 in providing a sewer on the High Road, Letterkenny, outside the Urban Boundary. A sum of £255 was previously authorised, but the lowest tender received was £511.

The County Engineer stated that only one tender had been received, and, in his opinion, the price was altogether too high, and he recommended that the work be deferred until the Emergency had passed, or until further tenders were received.

The Council unanimously decided to adjourn the matter for six months.

233/44. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE FORMER
DONEGAL BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the former Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance for the half-year ended 31st March, 1942, and for the period ended 25th August, 1942.

The report was as follows:-

1. "I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the former Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance for the half-year ended March 31st, 1942, and for the period ended August 25th, 1942.
2. I have made surcharges amounting in the aggregate to £156 : 3 : 8. The amounts disallowed are as follows:-

- (i) £100 : 7 : 0 in respect of travelling expenses not supported by vouchers.
- (ii) £25 : 16 : 8 in respect of arrears of salary to an Assistance Officer not sanctioned by the Minister, and
- (iii) £30 : 0 : 0 in respect of cost of maintenance in a Dublin Hospital of a patient whose treatment had been undertaken without the knowledge or consent of the Board.

3. Public Health.

For the year ended March 31st, 1942, the total expenditure in respect of public health services was £59,145 : 4 : 4 as compared with £58,806 : 1 : 10 for the previous year.

In the General Charges Account, the cost of the School Meals (Gaeltacht) Scheme decreased from £3,076 : 1 : 9 to £2,867 : 15 : 0, and the cost of the Free Milk Scheme shows an increase from £2,744 : 9 : 0 to £3,695 : 6 : 9 during the same two years. Expenses under the Labourers' Acts were £23,032 : 15 : 5 as compared with £23,556 : 11 : 3.

4. In the Joint District Charges Account, expenditure under the Tuberculosis Acts increased to £8,532 : 16 : 8 for the year ended March 31st, 1942, as compared with £8,145 : 14 : 3 for the previous year, whilst the cost of the School Medical Services Scheme decreased from £3,946 : 18 : 3 to £3,675 : 12 : 10.

5. The Separate Charges Account shows expenditure on water schemes as £6,842 : 17 : 2, a decrease of £294 : 10 : 11 on the expenditure for the previous year. Receipts from private consumers and other sources increased from £1,249 : 9 : 11 to £1,554 : 3 : 2.

6. Arrears of cottage rents amounted to £1,281 : 10 : 10 at March 31st, 1942, being £274 : 6 : 11 less than the figure at the end of the last audited period.

7. Capital expenditure during the year ended March 31st, 1942, amounted to £15,509 : 7 : 6 of which £4,970 : 8 : 10 was expended on the provision of water and sewerage systems and £10,538 : 18 : 8 on the building of cottages under the Labourers' Acts, 20 new cottages being completed during the period audited.

8. Public Assistance.

The total revenue expenditure in respect of Public Assistance during the year ended March 31st, 1942, was £75,288 : 5 : 8 as compared with £76,951 : 16 : 3. (The figure for the year ended March 31st, 1942, does not include a sum of £2,361 in respect of the Food Voucher Scheme, which was financed by a State Grant and which was not in operation in 1941.)

9. The expenditure on Public Assistance Institutions during the year ended March 31st, 1942, was £29,758 : 3 : 0, being a decrease of £1,227 : 7 : 1 on the expenditure during the previous year. The cost of Home Assistance also shows a decrease from £16,691 : 4 : 6 to £15,173 : 0 : 9 during the same period.

10. Insurance premiums have been paid up to date, and Officers' Fidelity Bonds are in order.

11. Certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts are forwarded herewith."

The Council noted the report.

234/44. RESTRICTIONS ON ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO CINEMATOGRAPH PERFORMANCES.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council enclosing copies of correspondence between the General Council and the Department of Justice relative to the admission of children to Cinematograph performances, and asking for the Council's considered opinion in the matter.

Councillor Sweeney expressed the opinion that the present censorship of films was not at all satisfactory.

Councillor McMenamin stated that many teachers were of the opinion that children under 14 years should not be admitted to films at all, and he suggested that the Council make a recommendation to that effect.

Councillor McIvor stated that he could not agree with Councillor McMenamin's view. Films were both educational and recreational.

Councillor McNulty proposed that the Council recommend that children be not admitted to night performances unless accompanied by an adult, and that they should not be admitted to films which were passed for adult exhibition only.

The Council unanimously decided to accept Councillor McNulty's proposal.

235/44. REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF SLIP ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF INISHBOFIN ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th July, 1944, referring to the proposal to repair and improve the Pier on the South side of Inishbofin Island, and stating that they had been advised by the Special Employment Schemes Office that the Council had agreed to contribute 25% of the cost, estimated at £400, of the works, and to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the Pier and the future dredging of the area alongside the Pier extension which it was proposed to dredge. They enclosed for acceptance by the Council a form of agreement, plan, specification, and estimate, and a Receivable Order for £100 to enable the Council's contribution to be lodged.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the agreement, plan, specification, and estimate, and to lodge their contribution of £100.

236/44. REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COAST ROAD FROM RATHMULLAN TO FANAD.

A letter was read from Councillor Blaney enclosing resolution passed by Glenvar Parish Council in connection with the connecting of Rathmullan, Glenvar, Whitehill Road, with Coast Road. This road would shorten the journey from Fanad to Rathmullan by many miles, and it would make a splendid tourist road through magnificent scenery.

A resolution was also submitted from a representative Meeting of Rathmullan, Glenvar, and Fanad urging that a stretch of coast road linking Rathmullan to Fanad be listed in the scheme of Post-War works. The benefits which would accrue from the construction of this road were manifold.

A deputation from the district attended before the Meeting. Miss Deeney acted as spokesman, and she apologised for the absence of Rev. H. Boyle, P.P. and Rev. Mr. Doyle. Miss Deeney stated that the two obstacles which hindered the construction of this road could be removed. Rathmullan was a good tourist resort, and if this road were constructed tourists could continue their journey along the coast from Rathmullan to Fanad.

Councillor Blaney stated that Miss Deeney had covered the ground very well. He stated that the construction of this road would supply a long-felt want in the district.

The County Engineer stated that he inspected the proposed new road, and he agreed that if it were made it would be one of the most magnificent roads that he had ever seen from a scenic point of view. Part of the road over which he walked was quite good, but the other part of it would be very costly to construct. He was having a survey made of the road, and when this was completed he would prepare an estimate, and the matter could then be referred to the Department for inclusion in the Post-War Road Schemes.

The Council noted the position.

237/44.

ROAD FROM LEFFIN TO BANAFAST, NEAR MOUNTJOY:

Councillor Campbell referred to the condition of the road from Leffin to Banafast, near Mountjoy, and he proposed that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

238/44. RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY CLOUGHANEELY PARISH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Cloughaneely Parish Development Association enclosing copies of the following resolutions passed by the Association:-

(1) "That the County Manager be asked to have arrangements made for Old Age Pensioners who were granted the additional 2s/6d in the Cloughaneely Parish, as the distance from Derryreel and neighbouring townlands was 18 miles to Gweedore to where the Home Assistance Officer resided, and moreover to pay the 'Bus fare was 4s/3d return; and most of the Old Age Pensioners were not able to travel; and that the County Manager should arrange a centre in Falcarreagh every fortnight at a set hour to pay the Old Age Pensioners."

(2) "That attention be drawn to the condition of the Cow Market. People still cart rubbish and dump same almost on the street. The rubbish should be carted to some dump as the Association had already suggested."

(3) "That the roads already reported from the Association be temporarily repaired for turf haulage."

Councillor Greene stated that the grievance referred to in No. 1 had since been satisfactorily remedied, as payments were now being made at three centres, Gortshork, Falcarreagh, and Meenlaragh.

The complaints referred to in Nos. 2 and 3 were referred to the County Engineer for his attention.

239/44. PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES IN THE DUNKINEELY DISTRICT.

Councillor Callaghan asked that arrangements be made by the County Manager to facilitate the recipients of Emergency Supplementary Allowances in the Dunkineely District, similar to those which he had made in the Falcarreagh District.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Manager,

240/44. FLOODING CAUSED BY RIVER FLOWING THROUGH THE TOWN OF DUNGLOE.

A letter dated 9th September, 1944, was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, enclosing a petition signed by ratepayers in the Dungloe Area, that the river flowing through the town of Dungloe be cleaned, and that major stone obstructions therein be blasted. This river caused serious damage during periods of flooding.

The County Engineer stated that this question arose following the recent heavy floods. The river required to be deepened and the matter was not one for the County Council.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the Office of Public Works be asked for a grant to carry out the necessary work.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

241/44.

ROADS DAMAGED BY FLOODS.

Councillor Baxter asked the Co. Engineer to have some repairs done to the roads which were recently damaged by floods, and which were being used for turf traffic.

The County Engineer stated that the matter was having his attention.

242/44. MIDDLETOWN HALL ROAD, AND CARRICKATASKIN ROAD, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Councillor Breslin requesting that the attention of the Co. Engineer be drawn to the poor condition of

- (a) Middletown Hall Road, Derrybeg.
- (b) Carrickataskin Road, Derrybeg.

The matter was referred to the Co. Engineer for his attention.

243/44. DUNGLOE WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from Councillor Campbell intimating that due to the insufficient supply of water in Dungloe, it was necessary that a new water scheme be put into effect so as to provide the people of Dungloe with a better Water Supply.

The County Engineer stated that a new Scheme had been prepared for Dungloe, and it would be one of the first Post-War Water Supply Schemes to be carried out.

244/44. HOUSING SHORTAGE IN THE DUNGLOE AREA.

A letter was read from Councillor Campbell intimating that due to the shortage of houses in Dungloe Area, the Council should purchase a site and construct as many Cottages as would relieve this congestion.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until such time as supplies of building material became available.

245/44. ADJOURNMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR HUGH CALLAGHAN.

The following Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor Hugh Callaghan were adjourned until next meeting:-

(1) "That the County Manager take steps to speed up investigations into claims for Emergency Supplementary Allowances to Old Age Pensioners."

(2) "That the Council devise a Scheme whereby Gangers will be appointed on merit, i.e. according to their experience and means, and that in recruiting labour, preference will be given to married men and those with little means."

(3) "That the Co. Manager be requested to appoint a sufficient number of men, on a full-time basis, to carry out a campaign for the destruction of foxes which are causing very grave destruction to poultry."

(4) "Protesting at the dictatorial attitude of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in abolishing Roscommon County Council, and requesting that the Minister restore their powers to the elected representatives of that body in accordance with democratic principles."

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245/44. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ST. JOHN'S POINT MAIN ROAD.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That the Co. Engineer be requested to have the St. John's Point Main Road, which is in the heart of one of the most highly-rated districts in the County, put in proper repair. It is in a deplorable condition at present."

The County Surveyor stated that the allocation for this road was increased from £126 to £230. A proposal to spend £700 on it in a Post-Emergency Scheme had been turned down by the Department.

Councillor Callaghan stated that the road carried a lot of traffic and was very useful for the local fishermen.

The County Surveyor stated that the next time he was in the district he would inspect the road himself.

247/44. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS, 1945/46.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum of £30 to cover clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors and Jurors' Lists for 1944/45.

The application was granted unanimously.

248/44. ROAD CONTRACTS.

Councillor Campbell inquired if it was proposed to make any provision for increasing the amounts payable to Road Contractors, in cases where Contracts had been entered into for two or three years. He stated that it was only fair that something extra should be given to them.

Councillor Friel supported Councillor Campbell, and stated that Contractors were entitled to a reduction of tonnage, the same as had been allowed to Contracts commencing on the 1st April, 1944.

The County Engineer stated that Councillor Campbell should have the matter put on the Agenda for next Meeting for discussion:

249/44. EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

The Acting Secretary submitted the following report on the granting of Emergency Supplementary Allowances:-

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| 1. No. of Pensioners in County on 30/6/1944..... | |
| Old Age Pensioners..... | 9,200. |
| Blind Pensioners..... | 400. |
| 2. No. who applied for Emergency Supplementary Allowances up to and including 23/9/1944..... | <u>6,139.</u> |
| 3. No. granted Emergency Supplementary Allowances..... | 5,039. |
| No. refused..... | <u>1,100.</u> |
| | <u>6,139.</u> |
| 4. Estimated Expenditure for full year at present rate (5,039 cases for 52 weeks at £6 : 10 : 0 each)..... | £32,753. |
| 5. Actual expenditure to 26/8/1944..... | £11,364. |
| Estimated expenditure for Sept. 1944... .. | <u>£4,648.</u> |
| | Total....£16,012. |

6. Maximum recoupment from Department (75% of expenditure.)..... £18,226.

7. Approximate balance left for half-year commencing 1st October, 1944..... £8,000.

The Assistance Officers had recommended that 1,384 cases be discontinued as from 30th September, 1944, which would effect a saving of £4,498.

There were 343 doubtful cases which if cut off would effect a further saving of £1,115, making a total saving of £5,613.

The expenditure would require to be cut at least a further £3,000 to keep within limits, or, in other words, 800 further cases would need to be discontinued at 30th September, 1944.

Councillor C. Gallagher complained that persons who applied for allowances were not notified whether they had been granted or not, and he stated that it was most unfair that they should be treated in this manner.

After further discussion the Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and they instructed the Acting Secretary to put the item early on the Agenda.

250/44. LIME PRODUCTION SCHEME.

A letter dated 1st September, 1944, was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee held on the 22nd August re Lime Subsidy Scheme, 1944/45. The Committee expressed their dissatisfaction at not having the County Surveyor's report before them, and requested him to press the Analyst for a return at once, and submit a report for the next Meeting of the Committee on the 16th October, 1944.

The Council decided to ask the County Engineer to submit a report to the Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture on the 16th October, 1944.

251/44. CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH NARIN/PORTNOO WATERWORKS.

A letter dated 11th September, 1944, was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, enclosing for sealing by the Council Contract with Messrs, McCarten Bros. in connection with Narin/Portnoo Waterworks.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the contract under Seal.

252/44. RAPHOE SANITARY CONVENIENCE.

A letter was read from the Chief Clerk, County Council Offices, Stranorlar, Ballybofey, requesting that an additional sum of £12 be allowed for completion of the work on Raphoe Sanitary Convenience.

Councillor McNulty stated that originally a sum of £80 had been passed for this work, and levied on the local area. Had the work been carried out then when materials were cheaper the sum of £80 would have been quite sufficient. He was not satisfied that the additional expenditure should be a local charge in view of the delay in having the convenience erected which was due to negligence on the part of some of the Council's Officials.

The amount was granted.

253/44. LAMPS FOR CURRANSFORT AND MAGHERAROARTY PIERS.

A letter was read from Councillor Cormac Breslin intimating that the local fishermen in the Bunbeg area have asked him to apply on their behalf for lamps to be erected at Curransfort and Magheraroarty, as there were dangerous approaches to both places.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

254/44. EXTENSION OF BONUS ON UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The County Manager applied for an additional sum of £180 to cover expenditure in respect of extension of bonus on University Scholarships.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the amount.

255/44. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH TURF WORK FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1945.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum of £450 for temporary clerical assistance in connection with Turf work in respect of the half-year ending 31st March, 1945.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

256/44. EXPENDITURE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO BALLYSHANNON DUMPING-GROUND.

The County Manager applied for authority to expend a sum of £14 : 10 : 0 on cleaning and levelling the entrance to Ballyshannon Dumping-Ground.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

257/44. MOUNTCHARLES STREET LIGHTING.

A letter was read from Councillor Brian McHenry asking that arrangements be made for the street lighting of Mountcharles during the coming winter.

The matter was left in the hands of the County Manager.

Confirmed.

Mike O'Leary J. J. J. J. J.

Chairman of Co. Council.

28th November, 1944.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1944.

258/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Cooper, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney.

259/44.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor John Friel, who was ill.

The Council decided to extend their sympathy to Councillor Friel in his illness.

260/44.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S T O C O U N C I L L O R O ' B O Y L E.

The Chairman proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle on the high honour conferred on him by the Irish Tourist Association by having elected him as its President. They were all glad to see his work and worth recognised by that important Body.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Councillor O'Boyle suitably acknowledged.

261/44.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Brian Brady on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Conwell, Killybegs.

The motion was passed in silence; all the members standing.

Councillor Brady suitably acknowledged.

262/44.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S O F L A S T M E E T I N G.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th September, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

263/44.

B U R I A L G R O U N D A T K I N C A S S L A G H. C O U N T Y M A N A G E R ' S O R D E R N O. 9150 D A T E D 13 T H N O V E M B E R, 1944.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle referred to the County Manager's Order No. 9150 dated 13th November in connection with the Burial Ground at Kincasslagh, and in which the County Manager had called for a report from the County Engineer and the County Medical Officer of Health on a suitable site for a new Burial Ground.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that a deputation consisting of the Chairman (Councillor McFadden), Councillors Brady, Breslin, and himself, approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in the matter.

The motion was passed unanimously.

264/44.

O V E R D R A F T A C C O M M O D A T I O N F O R R E V E N U E A C C O U N T F O R J A N U A R Y, 1945.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £85,000 for the month of January, 1945.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

265/44.

O V E R D R A F T A C C O M M O D A T I O N F O R T U R F P R O D U C T I O N A C C O U N T F O R J A N U A R Y, 1945.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £130,000 for the month of January, 1945.

The Council unanimous. decided to grant the application.

266/44.

C O U N T Y C O U N C I L S ' G E N E R A L C O U N C I L.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the next Meeting of the General Council would take place early in December.

The matter was referred to the Council's representatives on the General Council.

267/44. LOAN OF £7,000 FOR COMPLETION OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT LETTERKENNY, AND PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT BUNCRANA.

A letter dated 17th October, 1944, was read from the Law Department of the Office of Public Works on the subject of a loan of £7,000 for the completion of Vocational School at Letterkenny, and the provision of Vocational School at Bunrana, and enclosing for execution by the Council engrossed Deed of Mortgage, together with forms of Resolution "A" and "B" for acceptance by the Council.

It was moved by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Sweeney, and unanimously resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the re-payment of the sum of Seven Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Acts, 1930 to 1936."

This resolution having been passed, the Seal of the Council was affixed to the Deed of Mortgage, which was signed by the Presiding Chairman (Councillor McIvor), and by Councillors Mahony and Brady.

It was then moved by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Sweeney, and unanimously resolved:-

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee for County Donegal for time being, countersigned by the Secretary of the Donegal County Council, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to the credit of the Donegal County Council to its account in the Letterkenny Branch of the Hibernian Bank, Ltd."

268/44. AWARD OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. ETHNA V. O'LEARY (NEE O'DOHERTY), A FORMER COMMERCIAL TEACHER UNDER THE COUNTY DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee, stating that his Committee at its Meeting on the 17th October decided to grant a Marriage Gratuity of £201 : 5 : 10 to Mrs. Ethna V. O'Leary (nee O'Doherty), a former Commercial Teacher in Carndonagh Technical School, who resigned after eight years' completed service to get married.

The County Manager stated that he was prepared to make an Order granting the Gratuity if the Council would grant him the necessary money.

The Council unanimously resolved to grant the County Manager sufficient money to pay a Marriage Gratuity of £201 : 5 : 10 to Mrs. O'Leary.

269/44. AWARD OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. MARY B. McDAID (NEE O'ROURKE), A FORMER INSTRUCTRESS UNDER THE COUNTY DONEGAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer, County Donegal Committee of Agriculture, stating that his Committee had recommended the grant of a Marriage Gratuity of £98 : 1 : 5 to Mrs. McDaid, formerly Miss O'Rourke, an Instructress in the employment of the Committee, who resigned after five years' completed service to get married.

The County Manager stated that he was prepared to make an Order granting the Gratuity if the Council would grant him the necessary money.

The Council unanimously resolved to grant the County Manager sufficient money to pay a Marriage Gratuity of £98 : 1 : 5 to Mrs. McDaid.

270/44. SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1945.

A letter dated 18th November, 1944, O.I.L. (2)66417, was read from the Department of Education, Primary Branch, Marlborough Street, Dublin, referring to the copy of the draft Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1945, forwarded, and making certain observations thereon in regard to Clauses 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 11(e), 14, and 20.

A number of suggested amendments in the Form of Application were also suggested.

In regard to Clause 11, the Department's letter stated:-
 "It is noted that the limits of income and valuation prescribed here have been considerably increased over the limits laid down in last year's Scheme. The proposed limits are unduly favourable, e.g., the condition that the only child of parents with an income of £350 qualifies is too lenient, and I am to ask the Council to be so good as to revise the amounts of income and valuation prescribed in this clause."

A long discussion took place on the suggestions of the Department, and it was unanimously decided to amend Clause 11 (a) to read as follows:-

"11 (a). No child shall be considered as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the GROSS income of whose parents or guardians exceeds, where there is one dependent child in the family, £270; £310 where there are two dependent children in the family; £350 where there are three dependent children in the family; £390 where there are four dependent children in the family; £430 where there are five dependent children in the family; £470 where there are six dependent children in the family; and so on, allowing a sum of £40 for each additional dependent child."

It was also unanimously decided to incorporate in the published Scheme the other amendments suggested by the Department, and to determine that the Scheme, as so amended, shall be carried into execution.

271/44. EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

The Council proceeded to consider the report of the County Manager on the Emergency Supplementary Allowances which had been submitted to the last Meeting of the Council and incorporated in the Minutes thereof. (Minute No. 249/44.)

The County Manager stated that in order to bring the expenditure within the limits allowed he proposed making a further cut of 6d. in each case allowed.

Councillor Brady appealed to the County Manager not to cut allowances down to 2/- indiscriminately. He asked him to give special consideration to the cases of aged women living alone.

Councillor Hennigan complained that persons in receipt of National Health Insurance Disablement Benefit were also in receipt of the Emergency Supplementary Allowances, and that they had not so far been disallowed.

The County Manager stated that these people must have been in insurable employment, and the 7s/6d disablement benefit was much too low.

Councillor Andrew O'Donnell read a resolution on the subject passed by the Dunglea Labour Organisation. He stated that there was great dissatisfaction throughout his entire district. Some people were getting the allowance who should not be getting it, whilst others much more deserving had been disallowed.

The County Manager stated that if any Councillor gave him the names of persons who were getting this allowance who were not entitled to it, he would take the appropriate action in the matter.

272/44. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 23 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Arising out of a discussion as to the date of the next Meeting of the County Council, the County Manager stated that it might be necessary to have a Meeting during December for the purpose of appointing a Rate Collector for No. 23 District.

The Local Government Department had asked to have Miss Mary B. Deery, who was appointed to this position by the Council on the 26th September, re-examined in Irish by the first Examiner (A. O'Boaighill). Mr. O'Boaighill had submitted a certificate stating that he did not consider that she possessed a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable her to discharge the duties of Rate Collector through the medium of that language.

Councillor Harkin protested against the Department's attitude in connection with this appointment. He submitted certificates showing that Miss Deery had passed in Irish in the Primary School Leaving Certificate Examination, 1933, the Northern Ireland Junior Certificate Examination, 1937, and the Northern Ireland Senior Certificate Examination, 1939.

Councillor Scott stated that Mr. Doalty Gallagher, who conducted the Examination on the 26th September, was an ex-National Teacher and a native Irish speaker, and was always considered a competent Examiner.

Councillor Hannigan inquired why Mr. O'Boaighill was not asked to conduct the Examination on the 26th September.

The County Manager explained that he had to make the appointment of a Dispensary Medical Officer for Glenties District by Wednesday, 27th September, and he had arranged to have the Doctors who applied for the position examined in Irish at Stranorlar on the 26th and 27th September by Mr. O'Boaighill. As Doctors might find it impossible to present themselves at Stranorlar at a definite time he had asked Mr. O'Boaighill to be in readiness to examine them at any time on the 26th or 27th at which they attended, and it was, therefore, not possible to ask him to conduct an Examination in Lifford on the 26th.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Department be informed that the delay in making this appointment was holding up the Rate Collection in the District, and that they be informed of the qualifications of Mr. Doalty Gallagher who conducted the September Examination, and that their attention be drawn to the certificates held by Miss Deery, which had been submitted by Councillor Harkin.

Councillor Harkin seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

273/44. APPLICATION BY HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICERS FOR INCREASED REMUNERATION OWING TO THE OPERATION OF THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

The County Manager stated that he had received an application from the Home Assistance Officers for increased remuneration owing to the operation of the Emergency Supplementary Allowances. He stated that other County Councils would be receiving similar applications, and he thought that the application should be referred, in the first instance, to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their views.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Local Government Department for their views.

274/44. COMPLAINT RE FAILURE OF DIRECT LABOUR SYSTEM ON ROADS.

Councillor Blaney proposed:- "That in view of the bad condition of very many of our County Roads, the partial failure of the Direct Labour system, and the low return of work done for the amount of money expended yearly, this Council consider the question of having all road maintenance work in future carried out by contract."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Blaney stated that this whole question would require to be gone into.

It was unanimously decided to appoint a special Committee to deal with the matter consisting of Councillors McFadden, Baxter, Blaney, Breslin, Hannigan, Mahony, McNulty, O'Donnell; the Committee to meet on the 12th December, 1944, at twelve noon.

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275/44. SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The County Manager asked the Council to approve of a Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease in the County of Donegal, and he suggested a Scheme on the following lines:-

- (1) Treatment to be provided at Carndonagh, Donegal, Glenties, and Lifford Hospitals, under the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health, through his Assistants, on days and at hours to be arranged, and when considered advisable, at Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin.
- (2) Medical Officers of the different Institutions to be allowed a sum of £25 per annum for this work.
- (3) Equipment, estimated to cost £150 in the case of each Hospital, to be purchased in accordance with the directions of the County Medical Officer of Health.
- (4) Recoupment at 75% of approved cost to be obtained from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The County Manager further stated that the position at the moment was that the Council had to send cases to Dublin for treatment, and without a Scheme the Council had to bear the full cost of treatment.

Councillor McNulty stated that he approved of the proposed Scheme except in so far as the proposed remuneration to the Medical Officers was concerned. He thought this work should be part of their work under the Infectious Diseases Acts, and he proposed that no remuneration be allowed to them.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion of Councillor McNulty.

The County Manager stated that he would make inquiries as to whether this work was covered by the Infectious Diseases Acts.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That in pursuance of Section 1 of the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland) Act, 1917, as amended by Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1927, and as modified by the County Management Act, 1940, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby consent to execute and enforce any regulations made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the powers conferred by Section 148 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, with regard to the prevention and treatment of Venereal Disease."

276/44. REMUNERATION OF THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEERS.

An application was submitted from the Assistant County Engineers to have their salary scale increased to £350 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20, to £450 per annum.

The Acting Secretary submitted a return of the salaries and emoluments of the members of the Survey Staff for the past three years.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Manager be granted a sum of £630, which it was estimated would be necessary to grant the increase applied for.

Councillor McNulty seconded Councillor Scott's motion, on condition that the increase do not apply in any year in which a Surveyor will receive over £450 from basic salary and emoluments.

Councillor Scott amended his motion accordingly.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the application be adjourned sine die, and Councillor Harkin seconded.

The amendment was put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Doherty, Cooper, Harkin, and McKenamin. Total 6.

Against the amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Craig, Hannigan, Mahony, McFadden, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 13.

The amendment was declared defeated, and the Chairman declared the motion carried by the same voting.

277/44.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Councillor Craig proposed a Notice of Motion standing in his name protesting against the awarding of Scholarships at University College, Dublin, in view of a recommendation of the County Council last year that they be awarded at Galway University.

Councillor Craig stated that once a resolution was passed it should be respected and he considered the action of the Scholarships Committee very high-handed.

The County Manager stated that the Scholarships Committee felt that serious inconvenience would be caused to students from the County if they were all forced to go to Galway. There were some Courses not given at Galway University at all.

278/44.

CARNDONAGH MARKET HOUSE AND COW PARK.

A letter was read from Messrs. James G. M. Harvey & Son, Northern Bank Buildings, Derry, stating that the Trustees were prepared to sell the Market House, Carndonagh, with the Tolls collected there, and the Cow Park and Tolls for £1,550. The sale would be subject to conditions of sale, as prepared by the Vendors' Solicitors.

A letter dated 17th October, 1944, was read from the Secretary, Carndonagh Public Health Committee, stating that his Committee considered that £1,000 would be a reasonable price for both the Carndonagh Market House and Fair Green, and the Tolls of both places.

In reply to an inquiry, the County Manager stated that if the Council decided to purchase the Market House and Cow Park, the cost would probably be levied as a Charge on the former Rural District of Inishowen. This had already happened in the Donegal Area, where the cost of the Donegal Markets was being levied as a Separate Charge on the former Rural District of Donegal.

Councillor Harkin proposed that the matter be adjourned sine die.

Councillor Sweeney seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

279/44.

REQUEST TO HAVE FISHERY LAMPS ERECTED AT CURRANSPOINT AND MAGHERAROARTY.

A letter was read from Councillor Cormac Breslin intimating that the local fishermen in the Bunbeg Area had asked him to apply on their behalf for lamps to be erected at Curranspoint and Magheraroarty, as there were dangerous approaches to both places.

A letter was read from Mr. Joe McGee, Secretary, F. F. Cumainn, Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh, asking the Council to erect a lamp for fishermen at Curranspoint.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor O'Boyle it was decided to refer the matter to the Special Employment Schemes Office for their sympathetic consideration.

280/44.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Manager take steps to speed up investigations into claims for Emergency Supplementary Allowances to Old Age Pensioners."

The Council considered that this matter had already been dealt with in their discussion earlier at the Meeting. (271/44.)

281/44.

SYSTEM OF APPOINTMENT OF GANGERS.

Councillor Callaghan asked to have the following Notice of Motion further adjourned:-

"That this Council devise a Scheme whereby Gangers will be appointed on merit, i.e. according to their experience and means, and that in recruiting labour, preference will be given to married men and those with little means."

282/44. DESTRUCTION BEING CAUSED BY FOXES.

The following Notice of Motion stood on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Callaghan:-

"That this Council request the County Manager to appoint a sufficient number of men on a full-time basis, to carry out a campaign for the destruction of foxes, which are causing grave destruction to poultry, resulting in very serious losses to poultry-owners throughout the County."

Councillor Callaghan stated that this matter was now being dealt with by a local Committee.

283/44. ABOLITION OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Callaghan was further adjourned:-

"Protesting at the dictatorial attitude of the Minister for Local Government in abolishing Roscommon County Council, and requesting that the Minister restore their powers to the elected representatives of that body in accordance with democratic principles."

284/44. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

The Council unanimously decided to affix their Seal to the following documents:-

Ardara Water Scheme.

Original Agreements with Bridget Gallagher, Edward Boyle, and John Hanlon. (M.O.9257.)

Mental Hospital Houses.

Eleven Agreements with the Head Attendant and Ten Attendants in connection with the letting of houses at Knocknamona, Letterkenny. (M.O.9257.)

285/44. FEVER HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

Councillor J. P. Melvor proposed:- "To ask the County Manager why a patient sent from Quigley's Point to Donegal Hospital, on the 21st October, was refused admission, and if this patient was examined by a Doctor while in Donegal, and certified as fit to make the return journey."

The following report was read from Sister M. Columba, Matron, Donegal Hospital:- "The patient referred to by Councillor Melvor arrived at the Hospital by ambulance on the 21st October at 8.45 p.m. without any previous arrangements having been made for his admission. It was impossible to admit him as two wards were taken up with Typhoid cases and the other two with Diphtheria cases. As he was a Scarlet case he could not, under any circumstances, be put in either wards."

Dr. Gallagher's locum, Dr. McManus, informed me earlier in the night that he was going out on a case and would not be back until about 11.30 that night. I, therefore, got Nurse Diver to take the patient's temperature and pulse and to examine his throat, and she reported that he was well fit to make the return journey. He also had refreshments.

The Doctor who sent in the patient was 'phoned to and informed of the predicament we were in, and he said the only thing we could do was to return the patient to his own home. Four Scarlet cases had been previously refused admission owing to lack of accommodation, and since then we have had to refuse another Scarlet case for the same reason."

The County Manager stated that since the date of Sister Columba's letter it had been found necessary to admit only Typhoid cases to Donegal Hospital, and it had also been found necessary to re-open Carradonegh Fever Hospital, which had been closed pending the carrying out of improvements there.

Councillor Melvor proposed that the County Manager be instructed to take all possible steps in order to have Hospital accommodation provided for Fever patients in the County.

Councillor Hannigan seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

286/44. TRANSFER OF TOWNLANDS FROM ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF BINBANE AND LOUGH EASK TO ELECTORAL DIVISION OF GRAFFY.

The County Manager made an application to the Council to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to alter the Electoral Divisions of Binbane and Lough Eask by transferring from them to the Electoral Division of Graffy, the townlands of:-

Croaghanarget (Binbane D. E. D.)
Cronacarkfree (Binbane D. E. D.), and
Doochrow (Lough Eask D.E.D.).

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to add to the Electoral Division of Graffy the townlands of Croaghanarget, Cronacarkfree, and Doochrow: (Section 81, Local Government Act, 1941.)

287/44. REVISION OF POLLING SCHEMES FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS:

A letter dated 23rd November, 1944, was read from the Local Government Department referring to the revision of Polling Schemes for Dail Elections, and asking the Council to consider the question of framing schemes under the Local Elections Act, 1927, giving equivalent facilities for the next elections to Local Authorities. At Local Elections there was a separate poll for each County Electoral Area. If a Polling District comprised portions of two or more County Electoral Areas, it would be difficult to avoid confusion at the polling places as separate ballot papers, ballot boxes, and notices would be required. They requested to be furnished separately with details of any proposed Polling District which would comprise portions of two or more County Electoral Areas, so that the question of adjusting the boundary of the County Electoral Area might be considered at an early date.

The County Manager stated that at the moment there were seven Polling Districts in the County each comprising portions of two County Electoral Areas. If his request to the Council to alter the Electoral Division of Graffy by adding to it three townlands from the County Electoral Area of Donegal was approved of by the Department, this would leave only six Polling Districts comprising portions of two County Electoral Areas. The seven Polling Districts were as set out below:-

1. Polling District of Belleighan, Polling Place - Belleighan.
Townlands of Castleblagh, Drumbarnett Lower, Drumbarnett Middle, Drumbarnett Upper, Dunduffisfort, Hungersmother, Maylin, Moneymore, Sallybrook, and Sharon Glebe, in the Electoral Division of Newtowncunningham, County Electoral Area of Buncrana.
Polling District of Belleighan, Letterkenny Area. - P.P., Belleighan.
Townlands of Ardnacillian, Belleighan, Ballybegley Little, Ballylawn, Ballylevin, Moneyhaughley, Tirshron, and Veagh, in the Electoral Division of Menorcunningham, County Electoral Area of Letterkenny.
2. Polling District of Letterleague, Letterkenny Area.
Townlands of Letterleague, Listack, and Rareagh, in the Electoral Division of Corrovaddy, Co. Electoral Area of Letterkenny; and townlands of Boman, Brownhall, and Rockhill, in the Electoral Division of Ballymacool, Co. Electoral Area of Letterkenny.
Polling Place - Letterleague.
Polling District of Letterleague, Milford Area.
Townlands of Kirkneedy, Lenalea, and Roughan, in the Electoral Division of Killymasney, County Electoral Area of Milford. - Polling Place, Letterleague.
3. Polling District of Ramelton - Polling Place, Ramelton, Letterkenny County Electoral Area.
Townlands of Aghnagaddy, Ards Big, Ards Little, Ballyboe, Bayhill, Black's Glen, Booragh, Breeghy, Bridge End or Drumoneghan, Cairn Hill, Carnisk, Glenleary, Meenatole, The Tank Bree, and Rough Park.
Townlands of Aghanull, Ballybokeel, Ballyvelly, Cairn High, Cairn Low, Carrowcashel, Garrygault, Clooney, Glen Lower, Glen Upper, Killycreech, Killydonnell, Preb. n., and Town of Ramelton (Ramelton), Back Lane, and Bridge Street, in Ramelton Electoral Division.
Town of Ramelton:- Castle Street, Church Street, The Mall, Meetinghouse Lane, Kilm Lane, Little Bridge Street, Pound Street, and Shore Road, and the townlands of New Mills, Rossreagh, and Roughan, in Ramelton Electoral Division, County Electoral Area of Letterkenny.
Polling District of Ramelton - Polling Place, Ramelton, Letterkenny County Electoral Area.
Townlands of Ardmore, Brownknowe, and Tiroddy, in the Electoral Division of Glenalea, County Electoral Area of Milford:

REVISION OF POLLING SCHEMES FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS (CONTINUED).

4. Polling District of Ardara - Polling Place, Ardara, County Electoral Area of Glenties.
Townlands of Ardvalley, Magunna, Moy, and Mullinacloy, in the Electoral Division of Mulmossog; and the townland of Drumaghy in the Electoral Division of Glengesh; in the County Electoral Area of Donegal.
Polling District of Ardara - Polling Place, Ardara, County Electoral Area of Glenties.
Townlands of Ardara (Back Street, Front Street, and Hillhead), Ardara, Drumbarron (Main Street), Monargan Glebe, Stormhill, and Woodhill, in the Electoral Division of Ardara; in the County Electoral Area of Glenties.
5. Polling District of Croaghs - Polling Place, Meenasrone South, County Electoral Area of Glenties.
Townlands of Croaghanarget and Cronacarkfree in the Electoral Division of Bineane, and townland of Doochrow in the Electoral Division of Lough Eask; all in the County Electoral Area of Donegal.
Polling District of Croaghs - Polling Place, Meenasrone South, County Electoral Area of Glenties.
Townlands of Clogher East, Croaghubbrid, Croveenananta, Lacroagh, and Meenasrone South, in the Electoral Division of Graffy; all in the County Electoral Area of Glenties.
6. Polling District of Meenacahan - Polling Place, Meenacahan, County Electoral Area of Donegal.
Townlands of Cronaslieve, Loughnabrogue, Meenacahan, and Tieveflugh (Part of Sallows), and Tullinlough, in the Electoral Division of Bineane; the townland of Meenacurrin in the Electoral Division of Inver; and the townlands of Meenabraden, Meentanakill, and Temur, in the Electoral Division of Bonnyglen; all in the County Electoral Area of Donegal.
Polling District of Meenacahan - Polling Place, Meenacahan, County Electoral Area of Donegal.
Townlands of Doobin in the Electoral Division of Glenties; County Electoral Area of Glenties.
7. Polling District of Meentanadea - Polling Place, Meentanadea, County Electoral Area of Donegal.
Townlands of Altnageapple, Ardlougher, Casheldoherty, Cronkeerin, Crucknageapple, Meentanadea, and Mulmossog, in the Electoral Division of Mulmossog; all in the County Electoral Area of Donegal.
Polling District of Meentanadea - Polling Place, Meentanadea, County Electoral Area of Glenties.
Townland of Carrickatlieve Glebe in the Electoral Division of Ardara, County Electoral Area of Glenties.
The Council decided to furnish the required information to the Department.

288/44.

CARNDONAGH FEVER HOSPITAL.

Councillor Sweeney proposed:- "That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the unreasonable delay in having the contemplated improvements to Carndonagh Fever Hospital carried out, and to the urgency of taking immediate steps to have this Hospital made available for the reception of patients from the districts which it formerly served, portions of which are at present from 50 to 70 miles distant from the nearest existing Fever Hospitals."

The County Manager read to the Council details of the steps taken in connection with the improvements to this Hospital, with the relevant dates. He stated that there was no delay on the part of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

289/44. VESTING OF COTTAGE AT DRUMWEIR, GREENCASTLE.

At the request of Councillor Sweeney, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council:-

"That I intend to inquire as to the cause of the delay in having vested in the tenant Cottage No. 54, in the townland of Drumweir, application for the purchase of which was made in February, 1939."

290/44. MULROY FERRY SERVICES.

The County Manager stated that he had not yet had time to visit Mulroy, and report on the Ferry Services operating there.

The matter was further adjourned until next Meeting.
(179/44 and 221/44 C.C.)

291/44. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD SERVING THE TOWNLANDS OF KILLYCOLMAN, LEHARDAN, AND ANNY.

A letter was read from Councillor Blaney stating that he had with him a deputation of ratepayers from the townlands of Killycolman, Lehardan, and Anny, complaining of the shocking condition of the road serving these districts. The road in question led off the Kerrykeel-Rathmullan Main Road between James Gallagher's house, Killycolman, and Pat Lynch's house, Anny. It would require a special grant to put this road into any kind of repair. He wished to have the County Surveyor's report on the road for the next Meeting of the Council, with an indication of what it was proposed to do about the matter.

The County Engineer stated that the length of this road was less than two miles. It was difficult to drain. This year there had been spent on it a sum of £45, and, in his opinion, the road was in better condition now than it had been for some years.

292/44. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM ROSSNAKILL TO THE SEA AT MAGHERAWARDEN.

A letter was read from Councillor Blaney stating that he wished to raise at the next Meeting of the Council the question of the shocking condition of the road leading from Rossnakill to the sea at Magherawarden, between the Crossroads at Thompson's Smiddy and the sea at Magherawarden.

The County Engineer stated that this road was badly damaged by flooding. There was a contract on the road; He would not be able to have it repaired out of Contingencies as there was only a sum of £200 left in the Contingency Fund, and there were still four months of very bad weather to go.

293/44. PURCHASE OF "PRIESTFIELD QUARRY", NEAR MALIN TOWN.

A letter was read from the County Engineer stating that there was a Quarry with excellent stone called "Priestfield Quarry" near Malin Town which he had been anxious to purchase for a considerable time. An agreement had been reached with the owner, Mrs. Starrett, for the purchase of this Quarry at a cost of £110. The area of the quarry was 1a. 2r. 36p. He asked the County Manager's approval to the purchase.

The County Manager applied to the Council for a sum of £110 for the purchase of this Quarry.

The County Manager was unanimously granted the money required for the purchase of the Quarry.

294/44. DISMISSAL OF JOHN DOHERTY, CRAGHEYBOYLE, DUNGLOE.

Councillor Campbell asked to have the following Notice of Motion standing in his name adjourned until next Meeting:-

"That a Sworn Inquiry be held into the case of John Doherty, Cragheyboyle, Dungloe."

295/44. ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Councillor Campbell proposed:- "That consideration be given to Road Contractors due to the fact that these roads were not for tender in 1944."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Special Committee Meeting to be held on the 12th December, 1944.

296/44. VETERINARY SERVICES IN THE DONEGAL AND GLENTIES AREAS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd October, 1944, L.593/44, referring to previous correspondence regarding the vacancy for a Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Donegal District, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

The County Manager submitted the following report on this matter:-

"Having examined the position of the Veterinary Services in the South-western part of the County, and statistics from the Department of Agriculture, I recommend that the area be divided into three districts with headquarters for the different Inspectors at BALLYSHANNON, DONEGAL, and ARDARA.

To the BALLYSHANNON District, I suggest that the following Electoral Divisions be allocated:-

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| Ballintra (Ballyshannon Rural District). | Bundoran Urban. |
| Ballyshannon Rural. | Carrickboy. |
| Ballyshannon Urban. | Cavengarden. |
| Bundoran Rural. | Cliff. |

To the DONEGAL District, I recommend the allocation of the following Electoral Divisions:-

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| Ballintra (Donegal Rural District). | Dunkineely. |
| Grousehall. | Eanymore. |
| Laghey. | Haugh. |
| Pettigo. | Inver. |
| Templecarn. | Lough Eske. |
| Binbane. | Mountcharles. |
| Bonnyglen. | Tawnawully. |
| Clogher. | Tullynaught. |
| Donegal. | |

To the new District at ARDARA, I suggest that the following Electoral Divisions be allocated:-

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| Corkermore. | Largymore. |
| Crowkeeragh. | Malinbeg. |
| Crownerad. | Mulmossog. |
| Glencolumbkille. | Tieveskeelta. |
| Glengesh. | Ardara. |
| Inniskeel. | Dawros. |
| Kilcar. | Glenties. |
| Kilgoley. | Graffy. |
| Killybegs. | Maas. |

Five of these Electoral Divisions at the moment are in Mr. McClintock's area, but I feel that with their large cattle population they would be better served from Ardara.

In selecting Ardara as the headquarters in preference to Killybegs, I have, from Official Statistics, computed the number of cattle in the Electoral Divisions of:- Crowkeeragh, Crownerad, Glencolumbkille, Kilgoley, Killybegs, Largymore, Malinbeg, and Tieveskeelta, which would be better served by Killybegs, and which have a cattle population of 4,768, as compared with the Electoral Divisions of Ardara, Dawros, Glenties, Graffy, Maas, Glengesh, Inniskeel, and Mulmossog, which are more convenient to Ardara, and which have a cattle population of 8,354.

At the moment, a salary of £150 is assigned to the position of Veterinary Inspector for the Donegal Area. The new Area will include the existing Area, and portion of Glenties County Electoral Area, for which a salary of £200 is allocated. During the period that the Area was previously served by two Veterinary Inspectors a salary of £100 was paid to each of them.

VETERINARY SERVICES IN THE DONEGAL AND GLENTIES AREAS (CONTINUED).

I would recommend that a salary of £100 be paid to each of the Donegal and Ardara Inspectors, with 17 and 18 Electoral Divisions respectively, and that a salary of £50 be paid to the Ballyshannon Inspector, with 8 Electoral Divisions. The Ballyshannon Inspector will also hold an appointment under the Bundoran Urban Council, and with the large cattle population in his district, and the possibilities of extending his private practice into Leitrim, Sligo, and, possibly, Fermanagh, his residency in Ballyshannon should be worth while.

As Mr. McClintock's area is being reduced, I suggest that, if possible, his salary be also reduced by £25 per annum. This will mean that the Council will have to make up £25, one-half of which will be recouped from Government sources.

I suggest that this arrangement be tentative for twelve months to gain experience in its working, at the end of which time it be re-considered and revised, if considered necessary."

Councillor Callaghan stated that he wished to congratulate the County Manager on the excellent Scheme which he had drawn up, and he proposed that the suggested Scheme be adopted.

Councillor Craig seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

297/44.

GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

A letter was read from the County Engineer stating that serious concern had been felt for a very considerable time as to the condition of Gweebarra Bridge, and for the safety of traffic passing over the bridge. The bridge was a steel structure on cast-iron columns. The steel section of the bridge had deteriorated very considerably due to the action of the salt spray and atmosphere. The bridge at the moment was not fit for heavy vehicular traffic, and notices had been erected for a considerable time at both approaches prohibiting the passage of vehicles above three tons laden weight. The reconstruction of this bridge had been included as a Post-Emergency Scheme, and a Consulting Engineer had already been approached to prepare the design for a new bridge. He had now received a preliminary report from the Consulting Engineer, and it would be noted from this report, that before the final design was drawn up, certain necessary investigations had to be made, and the Engineer estimated that a sum of approximately £600-£700 would be required for carrying them out.

The County Manager applied to the Council for a sum of £700 for the carrying out of the necessary investigations in connection with the preparation of design for the proposed new Gweebarra Bridge, as recommended by the County Engineer.

The Council unanimously decided to grant a sum of £700.

298/44. PURCHASE OF ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEERING STAFF.

A letter was read from the County Engineer dated 1st November, 1944, applying for a sum of £200 for the purchase of the following Engineering equipment:-

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| One Wild Double Centre Theodolite T.1. in case, complete with following Tripod..... | £150. |
| One Wild No. 1 level, with horizontal circles, complete with case and Tripod..... | £42. |
| Levelling Staff and Chain..... | £8. |

The Theodolite was absolutely necessary in the making of surveys and particularly for such difficult survey work as was often met with in County Donegal, as, for example, the Rathmullan-Portsalon road survey, the Fintown Dungloe survey, etc. The additional Wild Level would, with the existing equipment, provide a Level for each Engineer's District.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the County Manager sufficient money to enable the required equipment to be purchased.

299/44. IMPROVEMENTS TO SLIP AT AN t-IOMAIRE BUIDHE, CRUIT ISLAND.

A letter dated 4th October, 1944, Ref. No. S.W.1/3/92, was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office stating that it had been represented to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance that it was necessary, in the interests of the local fishery and agricultural industries, to carry out improvements to the slipway at an t-Iomaire Buidhe, Cruit Island (Lower), Co. Donegal. The site had been examined by their engineering adviser who recommended the execution of the following improvement works at the slipway, at an estimated cost of £445:-

- (a) the reduction of the gradient of the slip;
- (b) the provision from the toe of the slip to beach level of a flight of steps the full width of the slip;
- (c) the facing-up of rock alongside the slip to form a small quay.

The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote of 75% (i.e. £334) of the estimated cost of the proposal subject to the agreement of the Donegal County Council to contribute the balance of 25% (i.e. £111) of the cost, and to accept responsibility for maintenance of the improved slipway on completion of the proposed works.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the Council agree to contribute 25% of the cost, i.e. £111, and to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works.

Councillor McNulty stated that he objected to the conditions being imposed as to future maintenance. This might mean very great expenditure in years to come, and he proposed that the Council make the necessary contribution but that they do not agree to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the proposed works.

Councillor Harkin seconded Councillor McNulty's motion which was passed.

300/44. COMPLAINT RE DISTANCE ROAD WORKERS HAVE TO GO TO WORK.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor is he aware that some Council road workers from Glengad have to travel to Glebe, Culdaff, a distance of over five miles, to work, while at the same time road workers from Glebe and Bocan have to go the same distance to Glengad to work. Would the County Surveyor have this remedied so that road workers may get work in their own area where possible."

The County Engineer stated that a man named Gallagher was concerned in this case, and he was sent to work some distance from where had been working, as, in his opinion, men did better work when working together.

Councillor McIvor stated that he did not agree with the County Engineer in regard to men working in gangs. In his opinion, men worked better individually.

Councillor Harkin expressed himself dissatisfied with the County Engineer's explanation.

The County Engineer stated that if the names of the men referred to by Councillor Harkin were supplied to him he would have the matter investigated.

301/44. FLOODING AT DUNKINEELY.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Engineer be instructed to carry out such work on Dunkineely Street as would prevent the flooding which was causing serious damage to business and dwelling-houses and yards."

The County Engineer stated that the Dunkineely Sewerage Scheme was one of the first Post-War Sewerage Schemes for which plans were being prepared at the moment.

302/44.

CULDAFF SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor the reason for the delay in attending to the Culdaff Sewerage, and would the County Surveyor have this work carried out without delay as the nuisance from the houses running along the public street may cause disease."

In this connection the County Manager read the following letter from the County Engineer:-

"By M.O. 7468 you approved of the expenditure of the sum of £60 for the construction of a sewer at Culdaff. It was found necessary to construct an additional length of sewer to deal with further nuisance in the town. The excavations for all these sewers were all in rock which made the work very expensive. I find that a further £50 will be necessary to cover the cost of the work already carried out, and I would ask your approval for this amount.

During the course of the work we excavated 39 tons of stone, which was sold at 3s/6d per ton, for which we received a sum of £6 16s 6d.

Further requests have now been made to us to extend the sewer another 18 yards. This request was made by Councillor Harkin, and also in a nuisance report by the M.O.H. (See M.O. 9156). I find that to deal with this problem the sewer would require to be extended 38 yards, and the cost would be £100, which includes the laying of the sewer and also connections to three houses. If, however, it is thought the County Council are not responsible for connections to the three houses, then the sum of money required would be about £70.

I presume the connections to the three houses would be the responsibility of the tenants or landlords, if the M.O.H. certifies that the present sewerage arrangements are not satisfactory. If you would approve of this further expenditure, it might be well to get the agreement of the owners of the three houses concerned to make their connections if the sewer is constructed. If the sewer is constructed and they fail to make the connections we could carry out the work and then charge them with the cost."

The Council unanimously decided to grant the County Manager a sum of £50 to cover the cost of the work already done, and a further sum of £70 for the purpose of extending the sewer a further 38 yards.

303/44.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT MEENAGRANOG, ARDAGHEY AREA.

A letter was read from Councillor Callaghan stating that at a Public Meeting held in Ardaghay Hall on the 21st October, Rev. Father Lynagh, C.C., Ardaghay, and Messrs. Patrick G. Dorrian and Joseph Gallagher were appointed to appear before the next Meeting of the Council in support of his motion asking for a grant for Meenagranog Road.

Councillor Callaghan proposed the following Notice of Motion:- "That this Council expend a grant of not less than £200 to repair the Meenagranog Road which is in a desperate condition, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work immediately, so as to enable the 200 residents of Inver Parish who use the road to bring home their supplies of turf before the winter sets in."

A letter was read from Rev. W. Lynagh, C.C., Ardaghay, regretting his inability to attend on the deputation in support of Councillor Callaghan's motion. He stated that the road was in a shocking state, and that, as a matter of fact, a phrase used by a well-known T.D. described it fittingly:- "It is not a road; it is a negation of civilisation."

Councillor Callaghan stated that part of the road was made by the Irish Land Commission, and part of it was kept in repair by the County Council. There was a small grant of £50 spent on the road last March, but the material used in carrying out the repairs was useless. It was a soft muddy type of stone whereas within a mile of the road there was a good Quarry.

The County Engineer stated that he would go down and inspect the road himself, and see what could be done in the matter. He agreed, at the request of the Council, to inform Councillor Callaghan of the date he would go.

304/44. BOATSLIP AT BALLYETHERLAND, ST. JOHN'S POINT.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council take steps to have the necessary repairs carried out to Ballyetherland Slip at St. John's Point, which is in a deplorable condition and entirely unsafe and unsuitable for the local fishermen."

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Special Employment Schemes Office.

305/44. ROAD AT BALLYETHERLAND, ST. JOHN'S POINT.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the Ballyetherland Road be put in proper repair for the convenience of local fishermen for the removal of fish, and the local farmers for the removal of sea-weed."

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Special Employment Schemes Office.

306/44. FLOODING OF HOUSE OF MR. WILLIAM LYONS, BALLYMADONNELL, DUNKINEELY.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have a drain made on the Ballymadonnell County Road to prevent the flooding outside the dwelling-house of Mr. William Lyons, Ballymadonnell, Dunkineely."

Councillor Callaghan stated that this house was being flooded as a result of a County Council drain flowing to the house.

The County Engineer stated that he had been informed that the matter was one for Mr. Lyons himself. However, he agreed that he would go into the matter fully with his Assistant, Mr. O'Gara, and write to Councillor Callaghan and inform him of the position.

307/44. SHORE ROAD, BALLYMAGOWAN, DUNKINEELY.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Council take steps to acquire portion of a plot of land, the property of Mr. Wesley Vance, so as to have such improvements carried out to the "Shore Road" at Ballymagowan, Dunkineely, as will enable farmers of the Dunkineely and Inver Districts to bring seaweed from the shore."

The matter was referred to the County Engineer.

308/44. WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES FOR DUNKINEELY VILLAGE.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the village of Dunkineely be provided with a Waterworks Scheme, a Sewerage Scheme, and Public Lighting."

The County Engineer stated that these matters would be attended to in the Post-Emergency Schemes.

309/44. DANGEROUS TURNS IN THE BRUCKLESS DISTRICT.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to have the dangerous turns at Ballymagroarty School, Bruckless Railway Bridge, and the end of St. John's Point Main Road removed."

The County Engineer stated that the removal of these corners would cost approximately £5,000.

310/44. AGRICULTURE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1944.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th October, 1944, E.2950/44, enclosing two printed copies of a circular letter addressed to the Secretary of each County Committee of Agriculture on the 16th June, 1944, in connection with the participation, under the provisions of Section 3 of the Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1944, of members of Committees and of County Councils in the schemes operated by the Committees.

The matter was noted.

311/44. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.
 A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee reporting that Mr. D. Hennigan, Co. Co., was disqualified from membership of the Committee through non-attendance.
 The Council unanimously decided to re-appoint Councillor Hennigan.

312/44. AREA OF CHARGE FOR BALLYLIFFIN SEWERAGE SCHEME.
 The County Manager asked the Council to recommend an Area of Charge for Ballyliffin Sewerage Scheme.
 The Council unanimously recommended that the County-at-large be the Area of Charge.

313/44. AREA OF CHARGE FOR CULDAFF SEWERAGE SCHEME.
 The County Manager asked the Council to recommend an Area of Charge for providing and maintaining sewers at Culdaff.
 The Council unanimously recommended that the County-at-large be the Area of Charge.

314/44. ROAD LEADING FROM MAGHERAROARTY SCHOOL TO MAGHERAROARTY PIER.
 A letter was read from Mr. Joe McGee, Secretary, F. F. Cumann, Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh, stating that he had been instructed to try and get a grant for a bye-road from Magheraroy School to Magheraroy Pier. This road was in a bad condition for sea-weed carts and also for the Islanders.
 The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Special Employment Schemes Office.

315/44. ROAD FROM GLASSERCHOO LOWER CROSS TO CURRANSPORT.
 A letter was read from Mr. Joe McGee, Secretary, F. F. Cumann, Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh, stating that he had been instructed to try and get a grant for the repair of the Main Road from Glasserchoo Lower Cross to Curransport, and also to do something to repair the bye-road running down to the sea.
 The County Engineer stated that it might be possible to expend some money on this road during the coming financial year.

316/44. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT TRUSK, BALLYBOFEY.
 A letter was read from Mr. James Griffin, Carricknageth, Ballybofeigh, dated 13th October, 1944, stating that a deputation would attend the next meeting of the Council in connection with the condition of Trusk County Road, which was no longer suitable for any traffic.
 Councillor Hennigan stated that this road was on contract. The Contractor put out the yearly quantity of stones, but as it was after the required date the Assistant Co. Engineer refused to take them.
 The matter was referred to the County Engineer for a personal report.

317/44. RAPHOE AND LETTERKENNY PARISH COUNCILS.
 Applications were submitted from Raphoe and Letterkenny Parish Councils to be treated as "Approved Local Councils" under the Local Government Act, 1941.
 It was unanimously decided to recognise Raphoe and Letterkenny Parish Councils as "Approved Local Councils" under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1941, on the following conditions:-
 1. That the Parish Council be elected at a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of the area.
 2. That the Parish Council co-operate in carrying out purely local matters in their district.
 3. That they give an annual report of their work to the County Council.

318/44. DUNFANAGHY O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.
 A letter was read from the Clerk, Dunfanaghy O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that it had been recommended that Rev. D. Molloy, C.C., be appointed as a member in place of Rev. J. McLaughlin, C.C., recently transferred.
 The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Molloy.

319/44. INISHOWEN NO. 2 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.
 A letter was read from the Clerk, Inishowen No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that the Committee had recommended that Rev. Mr. Young and Mr. Rodden be appointed members of the Committee in place of the late Canon Meredith and Mr. Rodden.
 Councillor Scott stated that the Committee had asked him to have Very Rev. Dr. McShane, the new P.P. of Buncrana, appointed on the Committee also.
 The Council unanimously decided to appoint on the Committee:-
 Very Rev. Dr. McShane, P.P.
 Rev. Mr. Young.
 Mr. Rodden.

320/44. REPAIR OF FLOODGATE AT KILLYGARVAN BRIDGE.
 A letter was read from the Director, Special Employment Schemes Office, dated 28th October, 1944, referring to the then Secretary's letter of the 1st July, 1941, with a copy of Minute No. 626/41 C.C., to General Bushe, Drumhalla, Rathmullan, in which it was suggested that the repair of a flood-gate at Killygarvan Bridge was a matter for the Land Commission. The Land Commission had now informed them that they had no liability for the maintenance of the flood-gate and they requested that the proposal be considered under Minor Employment Schemes. The proposal had already been examined but it was not considered eligible for a grant under Minor Employment Schemes. The type of work involved placed it outside the scope of this Scheme.
 The matter was adjourned sine die,

321/44. STAMPS ISSUED BY "AILTIRI NA h-AISEIRGHE."
 A letter was read from "Ailtiri na h-Aiseirghe" enclosing specimen of stamps which could be used on the back of Official letters (or private letters):- "Partition must go". These stamps could be supplied in books of 48 for 6d., and they trusted that the Council would see their way to purchase some of them.
 Councillor Callaghan proposed that the Council purchase some of the stamps, but the proposal was not seconded.

322/44. RESOLUTION RE TARRING OF ROADS.
 A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that they had considered the following resolution from the Bloodstock Breeders' and Horse-Owners' Association, which was unanimously adopted by the General Council:-
 "That the roads in many instances in Ireland are unsuitable for horse-drawn traffic or for riding, and the Association respectfully urges the County Councils to endeavour to have both sides or one side of the road sanded or put in such condition that horses may travel on same with perfect safety, and that hills and particularly the bottom of hills should be sanded."
 The matter was referred to the County Engineer who promised to do all he possibly could.

323/44. CAPITATION GRANT IN RESPECT OF MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS.
 On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the following resolution from the Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Committee of Management of Limerick District Mental Hospital was adopted unanimously:-
 "That having regard to the present very high cost of maintenance in Mental Hospitals the capitation grant of four shillings per patient is entirely inadequate, and was fixed at a time when the maintenance cost was approximately one-quarter of what it is to-day, the Committee consider that the capitation grant should be increased to accord with present-day maintenance costs."

324/44. RESOLUTION RE SCHOOL-LEAVING AGE, AND TEACHING THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF IRISH.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Westmeath County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That we call on the Government to raise the school-leaving age from 14 to 16 years of age. That, the first five years of school course be through the medium of Irish, thereby protecting the children from leaving the Schools without a sound education."

The Council decided to adopt the resolution, with the addition of the words "provided the children are not eligible for profitable employment" to the first sentence.

325/44. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BODIES.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer, County Kilkenny Committee of Agriculture, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Committee:-

"That members of all public bodies be allowed a travelling allowance of 6d. per mile each way from their homes to the centres at which Meetings are held, and that a subsistence allowance of 10/- per day be granted."

A letter was read from the Secretary, Kilkenny County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That members of all public bodies be allowed a minimum travelling allowance of 6d. per mile, each way, from their homes, to the centres at which meetings are held, and that a subsistence allowance of 10/- per day be granted, and that this resolution be taken as applying to travelling expenses of members attending Meetings of Visiting Committees."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt both resolutions.

326/44. BROTHER EDMOND IGNATIUS RICE MEMORIAL.

A letter was read from the City Manager and Town Clerk of Waterford enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Waterford City Council at its Quarterly Meeting:-

"That we, the members of the Waterford City Council, in Meeting assembled, protest on behalf of the citizens of Waterford, against the erection of the Brother Edmond Ignatius Rice Memorial in Dublin, as it is our opinion that the Memorial in his honour should be erected in Waterford where he erected the first Monastery and built the first School of his Order. Furthermore, the Memorial Fund was inaugurated here under the auspices of the Civic Authorities for the express purpose of erecting a fitting Memorial to him in Waterford City."

The motion was adopted unanimously.

327/44. IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION.

A letter was read from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union suggesting scales of salaries for application to:-

- (1) Assistant County Engineers.
- (2) Dispensary Medical Officers; and
- (3) Staffs of Mental Hospitals.

The letter was noted.

Conformed

E. Maloney

Maloney Chairman of Lp. Council

19th December, 1944.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1944.

328/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallen, Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McMensin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney.

329/44.

A P O L O G I E S.

An apology for inability to be present was received from the Chairman (Councillor McFadden).

330/44.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Acting Secretary submitted for confirmation the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on the 28th November, 1944.

Councillor Scott referred to Minute No. 274/44, and he stated that his name was omitted from the list of members appointed on the Special Roads Sub-Committee.

He also referred to Minute No. 324/44 C.C., and he stated that in the fifth line thereof the word "Irish" should be "English".

The necessary amendments having been made, the Minutes of the Meeting of the 28th November, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

331/44.

A P P O I N T M E N T O F R A T E C O L L E C T O R F O R N O . 2 3 C O L L E C T I O N D I S T R I C T.

A letter dated 7th December, 1944, G.11556/11/44, was read from the Local Government Department regarding the appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 23 Collection District, and referring to Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1941, and stating that the person appointed must possess the qualifications prescribed for the post.

The Acting Secretary stated that applications for the post had been received from the following in response to public advertisement:-

1. Mary Brigid Deery, Bellagh, Malin.
2. James L. Doherty, Lower Breghey, Malin Head.
3. Michael Doherty, Inch View Terrace, Buncrana.
4. George Joseph Magee, Glebe, Culdaff.
5. Sheila F. McLaughlin, Moss Park House, Carndonagh.
6. James O'Connor, Tulnaree, Carndonagh.

Candidate No. 5 (Sheila F. McLaughlin) did not present herself for examination in Irish.

The other candidates had been examined in Irish that morning by Rev. Brother Wilfrid Herlihy of the Presentation Brothers, Letterkenny, and he submitted the following certificate:-

"I certify that the following candidates for the position of Rate Collector possess a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable them to perform the duties of the Office through the medium of Irish:-

- No. 4 (George Joseph Magee.)
- No. 6 (James O'Connor).
- No. 3 (Michael Doherty).
- No. 1 (Mary B. Deery). "

Councillor Scott proposed the appointment of Miss Mary B. Deery, and he stated he hoped the Council would be unanimous in the matter.

Councillor Mahony seconded the appointment of Miss Deery.

Councillor Campbell proposed the appointment of Mr. James O'Connor, and Councillor Craig seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed the appointment of Mr. Michael Doherty.

Messrs. Michael Doherty and George Joseph Magee intimated that they wished to withdraw their applications, and the Council acceded to their request.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 23 DISTRICT (CONTINUED).

The matter was then put to a vote, resulting as follows:-
 For Miss Mary B. Deery.

Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel (Edward),
 Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, O'Boyle, Scott, and
 Sweeney. Total 12.

For Mr. James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Craig, Gallen,
 and McMenamin. Total 7.

The Chairman declared Miss Mary B. Deery appointed.

332/44. 'BUS SERVICE BETWEEN STRANORLAR AND LETTERKENNY.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and
 it was unanimously resolved to ask the Department of Industry
 and Commerce to provide a 'Bus service between Stranorlar
 and Letterkenny.

The Council decided to point out that this service would
 supply a long-felt want in the district.

Confused

Neil O'Shane

Chairman of Co. Council.

30th January 1945.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE
OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY
OF JANUARY, 1944.

A T T E N D A N C E.

1/44. The following were the members present:- Councillors McIvor
(presiding), Gallen, Hannigan, Harkin, and McFadden.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

2/44. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Sheep Dipping and Warble
Fly Committee held on the 14th July, 1942, were confirmed unanimously.

3/44. NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HUGH CALLAGHAN RE SHEEP
DIPPING SCHEME, AND RE CONDITION OF BATHS IN THE COUNTY.

The Committee proceeded to consider the following Notices of
Motion by Councillor Hugh Callaghan:-

"Protesting at the manner in which the Sheep Dipping Regulations
are carried out under the County Council, and calling on the
County Manager to summon a Meeting of the new Sheep Dipping and
Warble Fly Committee immediately, with a view to having the Dipping
operations carried out in a manner satisfactory to the owners,
and to the welfare of the sheep, so valuable and important at the
present time."

"Requesting that a survey be made of all Sheep Dipping Baths in the
County, and that the reports be submitted to a further Meeting of
this Committee to be held as early as possible."

"That strict steps be taken to ensure that the proper mixture and
proof of dip be used in dipping the sheep."

The County Manager explained that if a survey were called for
of all the Sheep Dipping Baths in the County it would be found
that they all required repairs, to a smaller or larger degree.
In view of the shortage of materials extensive repairs would be very
expensive.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the County Manager
continue carrying out repairs which are urgently required at a
cost not exceeding £3 : 0 : 0 per bath, in the meantime.

Councillor Gallen suggested that if timber were being used
in the repair of baths, it should be treated with "solignum" or
"anti-rot" to preserve the timber.

Councillor Hannigan complained that the Sheep Dipping Scheme
in Stranorlar District was not satisfactory.

The complaint was noted.

Adopted by Co. Council.

W. McFadden

Chairman of Co. Council.
29th February, 1944.

Confirmed.

Chairman of Sheep Dipping Committee.

SHEEP DIPPING

OWNERS' I.P.S.

GENERAL PURPOSES

SPECIAL ROADS
SUB-COMMITTEE

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 1944.

A T T E N D A N C E.

1/44. The following were the members present:- Very Rev. P. Canon Kerr (presiding, in the absence of the Very Rev. Chairman), Very Rev. Dr. Eugene O'Doherty, Messrs. E. Gallen, Co.C., E. Mahony, Co.C., John McGlinchey, N.T., A.M. Raffan, B.A., Charles Sweeney, and Captain John Scott, Co.C.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

2/44. The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on the 10th February, 1943, were confirmed unanimously.

G O L D E N J U B I L E E O F T H E V E R Y R E V. C H A I R M A N.

3/44. On the motion of Canon Kerr seconded by Captain Scott, the Committee unanimously decided to express sympathy with the Very Rev. Chairman on his illness, and their cordial congratulations to him on his recent celebration of his Golden Jubilee in the Priesthood.

M E A N S T E S T - S E C O N D A R Y S C H O L A R S H I P S S C H E M E.

4/44. The Committee considered, at length, the means test for applicants for Secondary Scholarships, and they recommended that as from the 1st March, 1944, the "Means" Clause in the Secondary Scholarships Scheme be altered to read as follows:-

- (a) No child shall be considered as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the GROSS income of whose parents or guardians exceeds, where there are three dependent children or fewer in the family, £350 per annum; £390 per annum where there are four dependent children in the family; £430 per annum where there are five dependent children in the family; £470 per annum where there are six dependent children in the family; and so on, allowing a sum of £40 for each additional dependent child.
- (b) Where the parent or guardian of the applicant for a Scholarship derives his income from farming, no child shall be considered as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the Poor Law Valuation on land of the holding of whose parents or guardians exceeds £60 where there are three dependent children or fewer in the family, with an addition of £6 Poor Law Valuation on land for each additional dependent child.
- (c) Where the income is derived partly from farming and partly from other sources, the amount to be taken as the income from farming shall be the Poor Law Valuation of the land multiplied by seven. This sum shall be added to the income derived from other sources, and the conditions at Paragraph (a) shall then apply.
- (d) Where a farmer wishes, he can submit a certified statement of gross income, which can be accepted instead of the Poor Law Valuation. In this case, the conditions set out in Paragraph (a) would apply.

E M E R G E N C Y I N C R E A S E I N V A L U E O F U N I V E R S I T Y S C H O L A R S H I P S.

5/44. The Committee recommended that the Emergency increase in the value of University Scholarships be raised from £15 to £25 per annum in case of all Scholarships.

The Committee recommended that no alteration be made in the value of the existing Secondary Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

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SUB-COMMITTEE.

6/44. MEANS TEST - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The Committee recommended that the "Means" Clause in the University Scholarships Scheme be altered to read as follows:-

- (a) No child shall be considered as eligible for the award of a University Scholarship, the GROSS income of whose parents or guardians exceeds, where there are three dependent children or fewer in the family, £400 per annum; £450 per annum where there are four dependent children in the family; £500 per annum where there are five dependent children in the family; and so on, allowing a sum of £50 for each additional dependent child.
- (b) Where the parent or guardian of the applicant for a University Scholarship derives his income from farming, no child shall be considered as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the Poor Law Valuation on land of the holding of whose parents or guardians exceeds £70 where there are three dependent children or fewer in the family, with an addition of £7 Poor Law Valuation on land for each additional dependent child.
- (c) Where the income is derived partly from farming and partly from other sources, the amount to be taken as the income from farming shall be the Poor Law Valuation of the land multiplied by seven. This sum shall be added to the income derived from other sources, and the conditions at Paragraph (a) shall then apply.
- (d) Where a farmer wishes, he can submit a certified statement of gross income, which can be accepted instead of the Poor Law Valuation. In this case, the conditions set out in Paragraph (a) would apply.

7/44. TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

On the motion of Mr. Mahony seconded by Captain Scott, the Committee recommended that the resolution of the County Council (Minute No. 108/43 of the 27th April, 1943), favouring the award of all University Scholarships in future in either Galway or Cork Universities, be not pursued, as they felt it would cause grave inconvenience and hardships to students from the County, and they recommended that the County Manager continue the system in operation heretofore.

8/44. TRAVELLING EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. E. Gallen, Co.C., it was unanimously recommended that the members of the Scholarships Committee be allowed Travelling Expenses in connection with their attendance at Meetings.

9/44. APPLICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1944.

Applications for permission to compete at the Examination for University Scholarships were received from the following:-

Brigid Teresa Carbery, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.
 Mary Kathleen Carr, Mountcharles.
 Patrick Joseph Conlon, Killult, Gortshork.
 Winifred Philomena Friel, Araheera, Ballylar.
 Patricia Josephine Gallagher, Port Road, Letterkenny.
 Edward Gallagher, Glencar, Letterkenny.
 John Hagan, Lurganbrack, Glenvar.
 Charles Boyd Lucas, Cavan Upper, Killygordon.
 Nora Teresa McCauley, Lergymore, Killoar.
 Daniel McFadden, Ballyyaghan, Carrigart.
 Patrick Joseph Muldoon, Doonan, Donegal.
 Christina O'Donnell, Frosses.
 Mary Anne O'Flaherty, Carrick, Castlefin.
 Nora Teresa Quinn, Greenans, Glenties.

It was recommended that the application of Brigid Teresa Carbery be refused as she did not comply with the "Means" Test laid down in the Scheme, and that subject to satisfactory replies to certain queries in two other cases, the remainder of the applications be accepted.

Adopted.

W. O. McFadden

Chairman of Co. Council.

25th April, 1944.

Confirmed.

J. M. Coffey

Chairman of Scholarships Committee.

28th July, 1944.

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A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1944.

10/44.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P. (presiding), Captain J. Scott, Co.C., and Messrs. E. Mahony, Co.C., E. Gallen, Co.C., C. Sweeney, Co.C., E. P. Gallagher, N.T., and A. M. Raffan.

11/44.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Miss Deeney, Mr. J. McGlinchey, N.T., and Rev. A. McLoone, President, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny.

12/44.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Scott proposed the re-election of Very Rev. John Canon McCafferty, P.P., as Chairman of the Committee. Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

13/44.

CONTINUANCE OF VERY REV. CANON KERR AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

The County Manager explained that Rev. Arthur McLoone automatically became a member of the Scholarships Committee on his appointment as President of St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, and, similarly, Very Rev. Dr. P. McDowell, the new President of St. Columb's College, also became a member of the Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to continue Very Rev. Canon Kerr, now P. P. of Gortahork, as a member of the Scholarships Committee.

14/44.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on the 14th March, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

15/44.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. EXAMINATION HELD DURING EASTER WEEK, 1944.

A letter dated 20th July, 1944, Trg. 2/63968, was read from the Office of National Education, Dublin, forwarding a statement, as set forth on the following pages, showing the result of the Examination held during Easter Week, 1944, for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools.

The statement gave full particulars as to:-

- (1) those who had passed the examination, placed in order of merit;
- (2) those who failed;
- (3) those who were absent.

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1944.

| No. in order of merit | Exam. No. | Name of Candidate. | Irish. | | English | History and Geography | Algebra. | Geometry. | Drawing. | Rural Science or Nature Study. | Needle-work. | TOTAL MARKS. |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | Oral. | Written | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | 4486. | Connell J. Cunningham, Carrick N.P. | 150 | 150 | 200 | 200 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 1100. |
| 2. | 4438. | Margaret Mary Gerwin, Ballyshannon Convent. | 141 | 126 | 152 | 210B | 65B | 79 | 773 | 101B | | 950. |
| 3. | 4436. | Peggy Celjre Boyle, Letterfad N.J. | 119 | 120 | 133 | 150 | 90B | 92B | 744 | 90 | | 912. |
| 4. | 4442. | Dorothy Mary Jooet, Ballyshannon Convent. | 137 | 105. | 148 | 154B | 78B | 79B | 701 | 57B | 80B | 838. |
| 5. | 4431. | Williea Teresa Jreath, Hugh Roe B.V.S. | 120 | 122 | 151 | 148 | 88B | 68B | 697 | 75 | | 836. |
| 6. | 4494. | Noel Patrick O'Joyce, Meenacledar N.J. | 121 | 97 | 152 | 135 | 69 | 86 | 660 | 68 | | 823. |
| 7. | 4441. | Mary F. D. Kilphy, St. Louis Convent, Balla. | 132 | 110 | 127 | 183B | 58B | 63B | 673 | 76B | | 806. |
| 8. | 4435. | Michael J. Wieran, St. Joseph's N.P. | 136 | 132 | 150 | 121B | 70B | 73B | 682 | 57B | | 803. |
| 8. | 4437. | Agnas Grace Breslin, Ballyshannon Convent. | 115 | 94 | 149 | 148 | 61 | 74 | 641 | 83 | | 789.) |
| 10. | 4448. | Brigid Johanna Tierney, Carndonagh Convent N.S. | 114 | 56 | 129 | 147 | 88B | 89B | 623 | 81 | | 789.) |
| 10. | 4475. | Timothy Pat. McBride, Loughanur N.J. | 120 | 116 | 160 | 135B | 75B | 54B | 660 | | 84B | 784.) |
| 12. | 4466. | Margaret O'yle, St. Columba's N.S. | 135 | 84. | 124. | 135B | 86B | 74B | 638 | 82B | | 784.) |
| 13. | 4459. | Patrick Leo Gallagher, John McGarret. | 118 | 108. | 150. | 146. | 69B | 72B | 663 | 32 | 80B | 775. |
| 14. | 4462. | Margaret Mary Boyle, Rita McFadden. | 114 | 97. | 132. | 140. | 57B | 74B | 614 | 73 | | 770. |
| 15. | 4465. | Margaret Mary Boyle, Rita McFadden. | 118 | 69. | 158. | 131. | 65B | 57B | 598 | 90 | | 764. |
| 16. | 4489. | Margaret Mary Boyle, Rita McFadden. | 116 | 103. | 146. | 120. | 79B | 78B | 642 | 52 | 69 | 763. |
| 17. | 4500. | Bridget Dolores Stewart, Mary Cunningham. | 130 | 106. | 121. | 127. | 60. | 67. | 611. | 44. | | 733. |
| 18. | 4443. | Mary Cunningham. | 128 | 86. | 112. | 147B. | 57B | 68B. | 598. | 50B | | 724. |
| 19. | 4488. | Patrick Edward Dawson. | 117 | 105. | 139. | 126. | 80B | 70B. | 637. | 52. | | 713. |
| 20. | 4458. | Patrick Edward Dawson. | 132 | 91. | 124. | 159B. | 39B | 45. | 590. | 32. | | 697. |
| | | | 110 | 47. | 139. | 138. | 67B | 68B. | 569. | 36. | | 688. |

16/44. AWARD OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS TO PUPILS WHO QUALIFIED AT THE 1944 EXAMINATION.

The Committee unanimously recommended that, as a result of the Examination held during Easter Week, 1944, full Scholarships of £42 per annum be awarded to the following candidates:-

| | 1944/45. | 1945/46. | 1946/47. | 1947/48. | 1948/49. |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. Connell J. Cunningham, Carrick. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| 2. Mary Margaret Garvin, Ballyshannon. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| 3. Peggy Celine Boyle, Letterfad, Letterbarrow. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| 4. Dorothy Mary Scott, Ballyshannon. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| 5. William Joseph Breslin, Abbey Hotel, Donegal. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| 6. Noel Patrick O'Boyce, Port Rd., Letterkenny. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |

17/44. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1940 FOR FIVE YEARS.

Satisfactory reports on their conduct, studies, and progress having been received, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Scholarships originally awarded in 1940 to the following be renewed:-

| Name of Candidate. | 1944/45. |
|---------------------|----------|
| Thomas M. L. Coyle. | £42. |
| Peter A. McMahon. | £42. |
| Nora Sweeney. | £42. |
| Margaret Doohan. | £42. |

18/44. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1941 FOR FIVE YEARS.

The County Manager stated that satisfactory reports as to the conduct, studies, and progress of the following candidates had been received.

The Committee unanimously recommended that, subject to their having passed with Honours the Department's Intermediate Examination, the Scholarships of the following candidates be renewed as follows:-

| Name of Candidate. | 1944/45. | 1945/46. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| John Ward. | £42. | £42. |
| Patrick J. McGlinchey. | £42. | £42. |

19/44. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1942 FOR FIVE YEARS.

Satisfactory reports as to their conduct, studies, and progress having been received, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Scholarships originally awarded in 1942 to the following be renewed:-

| Name of Candidate. | 1944/45. | 1945/46. | 1946/47. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Seamus E. Tiernan. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Margaret M. Gallagher. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Mary Ellen McNulty. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Patricia M. Fenelon. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| James C. McShane. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Mary C. Gallagher. | £42. | £42. | £42. |

20/44. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1943 FOR FIVE YEARS.

Satisfactory reports as to their conduct, studies, and progress having been received, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Scholarships originally awarded in 1943 to the following be renewed:-

| Name of Candidate. | 1944/45. | 1945/46. | 1946/47. | 1947/48. |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Michael O'Byrne. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Bernard A. McKiernan. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Charles J. McCann. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Thomas Curran. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |
| Conn O h-Ailpin. | £42. | £42. | £42. | £42. |

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21/44. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS) ACT, 1944.
PREPARATION OF NEW SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The County Manager submitted to the Committee a copy of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.

He also read a copy of a Memorandum prepared by the Office of National Education dealing with the Act.

This Memorandum stated that Section 17 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, which empowered Councils of Counties and County Boroughs to assist boys and girls, who were in need of assistance, by means of Scholarships or other payments, to attend at Secondary or Vocational Schools was repealed by the Local Government Act, 1941. The renewal of the power formerly conferred by Section 17 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, and the validation of any expenditure incurred by Councils on scholarships and other like payments in the meantime, under schemes approved by the Minister for Education, had now been provided by the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944.

As Council's Scholarships Schemes for 1945 and subsequent years would be governed by the terms of this Act, it would be necessary for Councils to make themselves familiar with its terms. This memorandum was intended to deal merely with a number of points which arose in connection with the Act itself, and with the procedure to be followed in the formulation of scholarships schemes.

All Scholarships Schemes must be submitted for the approval of the Minister for Education, and for the 1945 examination no scheme should be submitted later than the 30th September, 1944.

The preparation and submission of a Scholarships Scheme were reserved functions, but it was, of course, open to the Council, as heretofore, to appoint a Scholarships Committee to advise in the matter of the formulation of a scheme, but the Committee's resolutions must at all stages be approved by the Council before being submitted to the Minister, unless the Council had formally transferred its functions to the Scholarships Committee, in which case the Council should inform the Minister of the transfer.

When a scheme had been submitted and had received the approval of the Minister for Education, the Council was required to determine by formal resolution whether the scheme should be carried into execution, and such decision should be formally advised to the Minister for Education.

The Committee unanimously recommended the County Council to submit the following Scheme to the Minister for Education for his approval:-

SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

1. The Council shall offer for competition to eligible children of either sex SIX Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools. Subject to such reductions as may be necessary under the terms of Section 9 of this Scheme, the value of the Scholarships shall not be less than £15 per annum, nor more than £42 per annum, and they shall be tenable for five years. The amounts of the individual Scholarships shall be determined by the Council in accordance with the needs of the candidates and the funds available. All Scholars shall have the option of residing in a Boarding-School; where they elect to reside outside, the value of the Scholarship shall be £15 per annum.
2. Candidates must not be over 14 years of age on the 1st day of August of the year in which the examination is held.
3. Subject to these rules and to the regulations made by the Minister for Education on this matter, which shall be deemed to be incorporated therein, Scholarships shall be awarded in the order of merit determined by examination, as hereinafter provided.
4. Every candidate for a Scholarship, before being awarded a Scholarship, must produce a satisfactory reference from the Manager or Teacher of his or her School, and a recommendation from a Clergyman of his or her Parish as to character, a Medical Certificate of good health, and a Registrar's Birth Certificate.

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5. The Scholarships shall be restricted to pupils whose parents or guardians were bona fide resident in County Donegal on the 1st October of the year preceding the Examination.
6. The Scholarships shall be tenable only at a School approved by the Minister for Education for this purpose.
7. The continuance of a Scholarship shall be contingent on the yearly receipt by the Council of a statement from the Principal of the School certifying to the satisfactory conduct, application, and progress of the student, and a student who does not pass the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination with honours at or before the end of his or her third year shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of his or her Scholarship.
8. The Council reserve the right to withhold a Scholarship in its entirety, or to lessen the value of a Scholarship, or to grant only a partial Scholarship to a successful candidate who may obtain any other award from an Educational Authority, or to take such action in other circumstances as may seem necessary.
9. A candidate who has also been awarded a Diocesan or any other Scholarship shall, within ten days of having received notice of such, inform the Secretary of the County Council of this award, and the amount thereof, and the award made by the County Council to such candidate may be the amount of a Scholarship which would normally be awarded or continued by the Council, less the amount of such Diocesan or other Scholarship. Candidates who fail to comply with the requirements in this section are liable to the forfeiture of the right to the Council's Scholarship.
10. To be eligible to be awarded a Scholarship, a candidate must be the child of parents, or the dependent of persons, who, in the opinion of the Council, could not, without help, obtain for the child or dependents the benefits of a higher education.
11. The parents or guardians of a candidate must satisfy the County Council, through the Scholarships Committee, that they are unable, within their own means, to bear the expense of a higher education. They shall deliver, with application for Scholarship, to the Scholarships Committee, a statutory declaration to that effect, duly made before a Peace Commissioner or a Commissioner for Oaths, and such declaration shall set out the income of the parents or guardians, from all sources, and such other information as the County Council or the Scholarships Committee may require. The income submitted should be that for the year ending 31st Dec. prior to Examination unless such income has been substantially altered after this period, when the revised income should be given.
 - (a) No child shall be considered as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the GROSS income of whose parents or guardians exceeds, where there are three dependent children or fewer in the family, £350 per annum; £390 per annum where there are four dependent children in the family; £430 per annum where there are five dependent children in the family; £470 where there are six dependent children in the family; and so on, allowing a sum of £40 for each additional dependent child.
 - (b) Where the parent or guardian of the applicant for a Scholarship derives his income from farming, no child shall be considered as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the Poor Law Valuation on land of the holding of whose parents or guardians exceeds £60 where there are three dependent children or fewer in the family, with an addition of £6 Poor Law Valuation on land for each additional dependent child.
 - (c) Where the income is derived partly from farming, and partly from other sources, the amount to be taken as the income from farming shall be the Poor Law Valuation of the land multiplied by Seven. This sum shall be added to the income derived from other sources, and the conditions at Paragraph (a) shall then apply.

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11. (d) Where a farmer wishes, he may submit a certified statement of gross income, which may be accepted instead of the Poor Law Valuation. In this case the conditions set out in Paragraph (a) would apply.
 (e) Where the income of the parent or guardian exceeds the amount allowed in this Section, the amount of the Scholarship shall be reduced by one-half the amount of the excess up to a maximum of £20. Where the excess is more than £20, no Scholarship shall be awarded.
12. The Council may, in special circumstances, award the whole or part of a Scholarship to a candidate whose parent or guardian does not comply with the published means conditions.
13. The Council shall determine before the date fixed for the Examination the eligibility of candidates in regard to the means of their parents or guardians. Candidates admitted to the Examination shall not afterwards be rejected on the grounds of their parents' means, or other cause, save in exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Minister for Education.
14. Candidates must apply on the Official Form of Application, which must be completed in all respects, and which may be obtained on request from the Secretary, Donegal County Council, Lifford, with whom they must be lodged on or before the 1st day of February of the year of the Examination.
 Application Forms received after that date cannot be considered. Each candidate must indicate on the Application Form his selection of optional subjects. Any alteration he desires to make in his selection subsequent to forwarding the Application Form must be notified to the Secretary of the County Council before the 1st March, 19 . . . On the day of examination no candidate will be allowed to take a paper in an optional subject unless he has given notice not later than the 1st March, of the year of the Examination, of his intention to take such paper.
15. (a) The following shall be the subjects of Examination:-
 (a) Irish, (b) English, (c) Arithmetic, (d) History and Geography, (e) Algebra, (f) Geometry, (g) Drawing, (h) Rural Science or Nature Study, and (i) Needlework. All candidates must present themselves in (a), (b), (c), and (d) above. In addition, candidates may present themselves in one or two, but not more than two, of the remaining subjects.
 (b) Irish and English versions of the question papers will be set in each of the following subjects:- Arithmetic, History, Geography, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study, and Needlework, but only one version, either Irish or English, will be supplied to candidates.
 (c) Candidates who answer the questions wholly in Irish from the Irish version of the question paper will get a bonus of not more than 10 per cent. of the marks awarded except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, and Needlework, in which the bonus will be not more than 5 per cent. of the marks awarded. No bonus will be awarded to a candidate who answers in Irish from the English version of the paper.
16. To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship a candidate must pass the Examination.
 (a) In order to be regarded as having passed the Examination, a candidate must secure not less than 30 per cent. in each of the obligatory subjects and not less than 50 per cent. of the aggregate marks assigned to these subjects.
 (b) For the purpose of placing in order of merit those candidates who pass the Examination, the total marks obtained by each candidate in the four obligatory subjects will be reckoned, and, in addition, the total marks obtained in the optional subject or subjects in which at least 20 per cent. of the maximum marks assigned to that subject or subjects are secured.
17. The programme in each of the above subjects will be the sixth Standard Primary School Programme, with such modifications as are set forth in the appendix.

18. The Examination shall normally be held in the week immediately following Easter, shall be partly oral and partly written, and shall be conducted by Examiners appointed by the Minister.
19. The Council shall, after the receipt of the results from the Department of Education, consider the marks and award the Scholarships in accordance with the Regulations. All awards are subject to the approval of the Minister for Education.
20. Scholarships shall be payable in two moieties, one on the 1st November and one on the 1st May of each year, to the Principals of the Schools in which the Scholarships are being availed of.
21. Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of the Scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

Copies of the question papers set in previous years for this Examination may be obtained from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3/4, College Street, Dublin, at a price of One Shilling and Three Pence per copy.

County Council Office,
Lifford.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Confirmed.

J. W. O'Connell

Neil Stacey

Chairman of Co. Council.
26th September, 1944.

Chairman of Scholarships
Committee.
23rd January, 1945.

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A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH APRIL, 1944, AT THE HOUR OF THREE P.M.

CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony presided at the Meeting.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LETTERKENNY.

The County Manager informed the Committee that the Vocational Education Committee has transferred to the new Technical School in Letterkenny, and that the Lease on the Old Technical School ran until September, 1945.

He felt that the County Council should retain the premises, which could be used for the storage of Weights and Measures Equipment, as an Office for the Assistant County Surveyor, as a Tuberculosis Dispensary, and let Offices to the Urban District Council, and, possibly, for other purposes. He stated that he had made inquiries from the Solicitors for the Landlords about the renewal of the Lease, but they stated they would prefer to sell the premises, and were inviting offers.

The Committee agreed that the premises should be retained, and they recommended that the County Manager be authorised to negotiate with the Solicitors with a view to purchasing the premises.

It was decided to authorise the Manager to make an offer of £800, with power to advance up to £1,000, if necessary.

Adopted.

Confirmed.

Wick O'Connell

Chairman of Co. Council

Wick O'Connell

Chairman of General

Purposes Committee

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A MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1944, AT TWELVE NOON, OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE OPERATION OF THE ROAD CONTRACT SYSTEM, AND TO CONSIDER WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, SHOULD BE MADE IN THE SYSTEM AS AT PRESENT OPERATED.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Breslin, Hannigan, McFadden, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Scott.

C H A I R M A N.

Councillor McNulty was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE WORKING OF THE CONTRACT SYSTEM ON COUNTY ROADS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

The County Engineer submitted a statement showing the working of the contract system on County Roads during the last three years.

All the members took part in the discussion of this question and many suggestions were put forward.

Councillor Baxter disagreed with the present method of carrying out work on County Roads by the system of small gangs of men, and he advocated a return to the system of maintenance by individual surface-men who would be responsible for definite sections of roads. He also suggested a re-arrangement of the Surveyors' Districts.

Councillor Blaney stated that the amount of money allowed on Contracts was too small, and was not a sufficient inducement to Contractors to take their work seriously. He recommended that roads should be grouped so that substantial individual contracts could be offered, which might make it worth while to induce reliable contractors to devote their whole time to this work.

Councillor Hannigan referred to the very worn condition of many roads, and to the need for substantial strengthening.

Councillor O'Donnell suggested that the contract system be confined to the purchase of stone for the roads, and that spreading and other work should be carried out by Direct Labour.

Councillor McFadden stated that he thought the operation of the contract system under existing conditions would never be a success.

Councillor Breslin supported the letting of larger contracts.

The Chairman (Councillor McNulty) reviewed the whole question as raised at the Meeting, and laid stress on the necessity for special emphasis on drainage and cleaning of roads.

Councillor Scott stated that the contract system was the only proper method, but that more money should be allowed for contracts.

The County Engineer reviewed the various points raised during the discussion, and read reports from the Assistant Co. Engineers giving their views on the operation of the contract system.

The County Engineer stated that in his opinion where the amount of money allowed for roads was inadequate, the Contract system, if properly worked by conscientious contractors would, in the circumstances, be the best system.

On roads where a high standard of work would be required, such as tar-spraying or tar-patching, this work was not within the competency of the ordinary contractor, and would be better done by Direct Labour.

The County Manager stated that he felt that two problems existed:-

- (1) how to deal with the contract system during the present Emergency during which there were many factors operating against the system itself; and
- (2) the contract system in normal times.

He felt that the Committee should confine their deliberations to the operation of the contract system under present Emergency conditions.

The general view of the majority of the Councillors present was that the Contract system was breaking down, and that the reasons for this were probably many various factors arising out of the present Emergency.

After a full and lengthy discussion, it was decided that, in suitable districts in the County where there would be a likelihood of getting the right type of contractor, substantial contracts should be let at such a value as to make it worth while to a reliable man to devote his full energies to the proper execution of the works involved.

REVISION OF CONTRACTS TAKEN OUT IN EARLIER YEARS.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Campbell was referred to the County Engineer and the County Manager:-

"That consideration be given to road contractors due to the fact that those roads were not for tender in 1944."

BOG ORE TRAFFIC AND PRIVATE TURF TRAFFIC ON COUNTY ROADS.

A letter was read from the County Engineer stating that a serious position had arisen, particularly in the Strenorlar District, in connection with the operation of bog ore lorries over weak County Roads. The roads had very weak foundations and the lorries were very heavily laden, the total laden weight being anything from 8 to 10 tons. These lorries broke up the roads and rendered them impassable. It was quite impossible to maintain the roads in any sort of order without the expenditure of a very large amount of money which he had not got. There were three courses to adopt:-

- (1) To continue as at present in carrying out repairs which were immediately negatived by further traffic. There was a limit to which this could be done due to the amount of money available.
- (2) To cease carrying out any repairs on the road. This would be of very great inconvenience to other users of the road.
- (3) To prevent the bog ore lorries from travelling over roads which, in the opinion of the Engineering Staff, were not fit to carry this type of traffic. He did not know what powers the Council had to enable them to do this, but if the Council had any powers he recommended that they be put into force. The lorry-owners could employ carts to bring the bog ore out to the Main Roads.

The County Engineer stated that most of the complaints about the condition of roads arose from the damage being done to roads by bog ore traffic and private turf traffic. The lorries were smashing the roads to bits and they had no money to repair them.

Councillor Scott stated that many of the roads in his area were being damaged by National turf traffic.

Councillor Breslin suggested that there should be a system of collecting tolls from the persons using the roads.

The Chairman (Councillor McNulty) proposed that the matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the County Council, and that the Committee suggest to the Council that they apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the holding of a Sworn Inquiry into the matter, with a view to closing the roads to this type of traffic.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unenimously.

PURCHASE OF QUARRY AT FAUGHER, BALLYMORE.

The Committee approved of the purchase of a Quarry at Faugher, Ballymore, by the County Engineer for a sum of £50.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee decided to have their next Meeting on Tuesday, 16th January, 1945, at two p.m.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Mrs. O'Shea
Chairman of Co. Council.
30th January, 1945.

Confirmed

J. B. McNulty
Chairman of Roads Committee
16th January, 1945.

