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THE ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1940.

1/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), McRory, Scott, and Walsh.

2/40.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors Lynch and Wagentreiber.

3/40. CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1941.

The Secretary submitted the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1941, the totals of which were as follows:-

<u>REPAIR.</u>	
Main Roads.....	£41,671 : 0 : 0.
County Roads.....	£48,302 : 15 : 0.
<u>IMPROVEMENT.</u>	
Main Roads.....	£150 : 0 : 0.
County Roads.....	£1,570 : 5 : 0.
Councillors' Motions, Main Roads.....	£830 : 0 : 0.
Councillors' Motions, County Roads.....	£1,246 : 0 : 0.
<u>URBAN AREAS.</u>	
Letterkenny.....	£340 : 0 : 0.
Buncrana.....	£200 : 0 : 0.
Bundoran.....	£232 : 0 : 0.
<u>CONTINGENCIES.</u>	
Main Roads.....	£500 : 0 : 0.
County Roads.....	£1,000 : 0 : 0.
<u>MAINTENANCE OF WARNING AND DIRECTION SIGNS.</u>	
	£100 : 0 : 0.
<u>OUTSTANDING LOANS.</u>	
Drumboe Bridge.....	£8 : 0 : 0.
Annagry-Ranafast Road.....	£163 : 0 : 0.
Relief of Unemployment Schemes (£18,000).....	£3,954 : 0 : 0.
Relief of Unemployment Schemes (£3,000).....	£667 : 0 : 0.
Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme.....	£1,350 : 0 : 0.
<u>TOTAL.....</u>	
	<u>£102,284 : 0 : 0.</u>

The Secretary stated that the total amount of the Estimate for last year was £97,956 : 10 : 0. An increase of £4,327 : 10 : 0 was shown in this year's Estimate as compared with last year's Estimate.

Last year the Council reduced the Estimate by a sum of £8,762, thus bringing the amount allowed down to a sum of £89,194 : 10 : 0.

Councillor Scott pointed out that the total increase in the Ailceach Area was only £3 : 18 : 0. There was more traffic on the roads in this Area than on the roads in any other part of the County. No Grants were allocated to this Area and the ratepayers paid more rates than in any other District in the County.

Councillor Scott stated that he also wished to protest against the allocation of a sum of £140 of Councillors' Motions to the making of footpaths in Letterkenny Urban Area.

Councillor Mahony stated that if the County Council were prepared to improve the footpaths in Letterkenny, he was prepared to allocate his £70 elsewhere.

Councillor Gallen stated that he had included a sum of £78 as Councillors' Motions, but £8 of this represented an unexpended balance of last year for a road in connection with which there had been a dispute.

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1941. (CONTINUED).

Councillor Mahony stated that owing to the rising prices of foodstuffs and clothing, the Mental Hospital Committee's Estimate was up by 2¹/₂d. in the £. It was very doubtful if the County Board of Health's Estimate would not be up more than double that amount. A reduction would have to be made in the Road Estimate.

Councillor Brady quoted figures in connection with Road Grants received since the year 1931/32. He stated that on an average between £80,000 and £90,000 per annum was being expended on roads in addition to the expenditure from County Funds. The Estimate for Main Roads would have to be reduced, even though it meant that by so doing the Main Road Upkeep Grant for 1940/41 would be proportionately reduced.

Councillor Baxter stated that for the future less tarring would have to be done on roads. It was a very expensive item, and the Council had reached their limit in regard to road expenditure.

Councillor Gallen stated that he did not think any appreciable reduction could be made from the farmers' point of view. There was only one remedy and that was de-rating of agricultural land.

The County Surveyor stated that whilst he had every sympathy with the motives which induced the Councillors to reduce the Road Estimate, he must point out that there had been very considerable increases in the cost of materials. Bitumen was up by 22%; steel from 50% to 100%; cement by 14%; coal about 33%; oils 24%; petrol 35%; timber 50%; and transport 12¹/₂%. Since 1st April, 1939, he understood that labour had been increased by about 20%, and it was likely that there might be further increases.

He also stated that the standard of roads had risen, and if a higher standard of roads was wanted it would have to be paid for. Unless the new roads made under recent Grants were re-surfaced, the money expended on them would be wasted. The roads of the County represented a tremendous capital expenditure, and they should not be allowed to go to ruin.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the amount to be allowed be reduced to the amount allowed last year, plus an additional sum of £5,000, bringing it down to a figure of £84,194.

Councillor Friel seconded the motion.

Councillor Mahony proposed, as an amendment, that the amount to be allowed be reduced to a sum of £79,194.

Councillor Brady seconded.

The County Surveyor stated that if the Estimate were reduced to £79,194, it would make things absolutely impossible. Roads could not be maintained, with rising costs, for less money.

Councillor Scott proposed, as a further amendment, that the Estimate be reduced to last year's figure, i.e. to £89,194.

Councillor Cole seconded this amendment, which was put to the Meeting and carried, on a show of hands, by 13 votes to 4. This amendment then became the motion.

Councillor Mahony's amendment for a reduction to £79,194 was put to the Meeting. On a show of hands 8 members voted for it, and 15 against it, and the Chairman declared it lost.

Councillor Baxter's original proposal, which had since become an amendment, was then put to the Meeting. On a show of hands 11 members voted for it, and 13 members against it. It also was declared lost.

Councillor Scott's motion was then put to the Meeting, and the following members voted for it:— Councillors Byrne, Cole, Hannigan, McClafferty, MacGreadie, McDaid, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), Scott, and Walsh. Total 15.

The following voted against it:— Councillors Baxter, Brady, Friel, Gallen, Houston, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McGrea, McShane, and McRory. Total 11. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Councillor Gallen stated that it was only right to point out that those who voted against Councillor Scott's motion did so because they thought that the reduction proposed was insufficient.

Councillor Brady proposed, as a further amendment, that the amount allowed last year be reduced by £4,000, i.e. to a sum of £85,194. On a show of hands this amendment was also lost. The Chairman declared the total figure allowed to be £89,194.

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR.
ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1941. (CONTINUED).

Councillor Scott suggested that the reduction which had been made should be divided proportionately over the different Areas.

Certain other amendments were made in the Official Copy of the Scheme, which was completed in accordance with the instructions, and unanimously confirmed.

4/40.

APPOINTMENT OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed as Tenders Committees for the different Areas:-

BUNGRANA COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Cole, Friel, Kavanagh, Lynch, McDaid, McIvor, O'Donnell (Michael), and Scott.

DONEGAL COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Brady, Gallagher, Kelly, Myles, McFadden, McRory, McShane, McShea, and O'Brien.

GLENTIES COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Byrne, Cannon, Houston, McClafferty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Brian), and Walsh.

LETTERKENNY COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Crerand, Hannigan, Gallen, Mahony, McCrea, McMenamin, and Wagentreiber.

MILFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Loughrey, MacCreadie, and McGrenra.

5/40.

DECISION OF MANNER AND CONDITIONS FOR MAKING TENDERS.

The Council decided that all Tenders be made on the forms issued.

6/40.

DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION OF TENDERS.

The Council decided that all Tenders be handed in immediately before the Meetings of the Tenders Committees, which will be held on the dates given below at the hour of eleven a.m.; the Clerks to the Meetings to be in attendance at least two hours before the commencement of the Meetings to receive Tenders:-

Ailleach.....	Thursday, 15th February, 1940.
Ballyshannon.....	Saturday, 10th February, 1940.
Donegal.....	Saturday, 17th February, 1940.
Dunfanaghy.....	Saturday, 17th February, 1940.
Dungloe.....	Saturday, 17th February, 1940.
Glenties.....	Wednesday, 14th February, 1940.
Inishowen.....	Monday, 12th February, 1940.
Kilcar.....	Friday, 16th February, 1940.
Letterkenny.....	Saturday, 17th February, 1940.
Lifford.....	Wednesday, 14th February, 1940.
Milford.....	Thursday, 15th February, 1940.
Stranorlar.....	Friday, 16th February, 1940.

7/40.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF TIMES FOR PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The Council proceeded to consider the question of altering the times for payments to Road Contractors.

Councillor McMenamin proposed:- "That payments to Road Contractors be made in three instalments as from the 1st April, 1940."

Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that no change be made.

Councillor McIvor seconded Councillor Baxter's amendment.

On a show of hands 17 members voted for the amendment, and 5 against it.

The amendment was declared carried, and, on being put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, was carried by the same voting. (1162/39 C.C.)

8/40. AMOUNT SPENT IN INISHOWEN AREA ON ROADS BY DIRECT LABOUR
AND BY CONTRACT.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Lynch, which had been adjourned from the November Meeting, appeared on the Agenda:-
"That we have for discussion a list of money spent in Inishowen Area by Direct Labour and by Contract, with the amount of stones put up under each system, in order that we may judge the worth of each before we embark on another year of squandermania."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until their ordinary Meeting on the 30th January, 1940. (1193/39 C.C.)

9/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF WHOLE-TIME MACHINERY FOREMAN.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor dated 3rd January, 1940, asking to have brought forward a proposal for the appointment of a whole-time Machinery Foreman, who would be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all Plant owned by the Council, such as Rollers, Breakers, Engines, Tar Boilers, and Quarry Plant, etc.

The County Surveyor stated that the Plant at present owned by the Council cost originally about £36,000, and, in his opinion, the services of one Machinery Foreman were essential if the Plant was to be properly looked after and maintained in an efficient state. He believed the appointment would result in considerable economies being effected. The salary would be paid out of the Machinery Expenses Account, and, therefore, would not involve any additional expense on the County.

Councillor Baxter stated that he did not think such an appointment would result in any saving to the Council, and he proposed that the matter be adjourned until the Annual Road Works Meeting in January, 1941.

Councillor McIvor, in seconding Councillor Baxter's motion, stated that the appointment would only be the beginning of a lot of additional expense.

The County Surveyor stated that a lot of money was being wasted through Plant being idle for periods, and it was to avoid this that he brought in his present proposal.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor's proposal be adopted provisionally for one year.

Councillor Gallen, in seconding this amendment, stated that the services of a number of "Supervising Gangers" should be dispensed with.

Councillor Baxter withdrew his original motion, and proposed that the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council on the 30th January, 1940, in order to enable the County Surveyor to submit a return showing the amount spent on Machinery Repairs for the last three years, and the names of the Contractors to whom the monies were paid; the amounts expended to be segregated as between labour and re-placements; the return also to show the amount of money lost through machinery being idle.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to this proposal; and the County Surveyor stated that he would endeavour to have the return ready for the Meeting on 30th January.

10/40. MATERIALS EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor dated 3rd January, 1940, asking to have brought forward a proposal to open a Materials Expenses Account. This Account would enable him to provide for the manufacture of stone, chippings, etc. in advance, and so facilitate the economical carrying out of road work. The Account would also facilitate the purchase of materials, such as tars, etc., in quantity.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to the proposal.

11/40. COMPLAINT RE TARRING OF SIDES OF ROADS LEADING TO MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. W. A. W. Sheldon, Secretary, Co. Donegal Pig Producers' Association, Ashfield House, Raphoe, stating that the following resolution was adopted at a Meeting of farmers held in Moville on the 21st December:- "That the County Council be requested to "roll" and not tar the sides of the road leading to Moville in order to facilitate farmers going to Moville with their horses."

A petition was also submitted from a number of extensive ratepayers and business people of Moville joining in the protest being made by the farmers of the district against the proposed tarring of the roads from ditch to ditch, leaving no margin for horse traffic, with the result that the farmers were unable to market their produce.

A deputation appeared before the Council in support of the protest.

Mr. Elkin, a member of the deputation, stated that if the roads were tarred at the sides he would be unable to deliver milk as he was doing at present.

Another member of the deputation, Mr. Carey, stated that the people of the locality were determined not to let the sides of the roads be tarred. At present farmers had to keep to the wrong side of the road in order to save their horses. They wanted a margin of four feet left untarred at each side.

Councillor Scott stated that he understood that a direction had recently been given to leave a margin untarred on the side of the Burt Road, and he thought this applied generally.

Councillor McIlvor stated that he also understood that direction to be a general one.

Councillor McDaid stated that in Moville jaunting-car excursions had been organised for tourist parties, but owing to the treacherous state in which the roads were owing to tarring these excursions had to be discontinued.

The County Surveyor stated that his job was to keep the roads in as good condition as possible with the least expenditure of money. The Council were perfectly right and entitled to ask him to make the roads as "non-skid" as skill and engineering could make them. They were not quite right in asking him to make roads in a way that was completely wrong. The side-filling which they were asking him to do would lead to deterioration of the roads, and, consequently, to additional heavy expenditure in the future. At the present time thousands of pounds were being spent in the County in trying to repair the damage caused by side-filling in the past.

After a long discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor with instructions to keep the views of the deputation in mind.

12/40. MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th December, 1939, R/SGT/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 8th November relative to works proposed to be carried out under the current Road Improvement Grant, and stating that the Minister could not approve of the proposal to alter the notification of the works to be carried out. The road from Milford to Ranelton was in a very bad condition and required re-construction. The road from Milford to Kerrykeel was re-constructed under the Road Improvement Grant for the year 1937/38, but was never surface dressed. The object the Council had in mind could be secured by making provision in the Road Works Scheme for 1940/41 for the necessary minor repairs and surface dressing to be carried out.

The Council noted the letter.

Confirmed A. C. O'Sullivan

W. J. Spada

Chairman of Local Council

29th January 1940

13/40. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SEA-WALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter dated 28th December, 1939, C.87.132/1/37, was read from the Office of Public Works referring to Minute No. 1089/39 of the 31st October, 1939, from which it was noted that a proposal regarding the contribution of a sum of £49 towards the cost of the proposed extension of the sea-wall at Inishkeeragh Island was passed unanimously, and that the Council were also prepared to undertake responsibility for the future maintenance of the wall. On the question of the execution of the works, however, their Engineer reported that he had recently had an opportunity of discussing the question with the County Surveyor and had explained to him the difficulties which stood in the way of their putting the work in hand, and they would be glad if, in the circumstances, the Council could see their way to re-open the consideration of this feature of the Scheme, and decide to have the work in this instance carried out by their Staff.

The following letter was submitted from the County Surveyor:-
"With reference to the letter dated 28th December from the Board of Works, asking us to supervise the carrying out of work on the seawall at Inishkeeragh, I discussed this matter some time ago with Mr. Mallin, Engineer of the Board of Works.

I think, without making any precedent, that this is a case where we should facilitate the Board of Works, without any great inconvenience to ourselves. I understand from Mr. Mallin that, owing to the circumstances, it would be very inconvenient for them to supervise this work. I think that if the Council agree to my supervision of the work, that the necessary expenses travelling to and from this Island, etc., should be reimbursed by the Board of Works, and that this should be made a condition of our co-operation."

The Council unanimously decided to agree to the supervision of the works, on condition that the Board of Works pay the expenses incurred in travelling to and from the Island. (1089/39 C.C.)

14/40. PROPOSED CONTINUANCE OF MESSRS. P. J. SWEENEY AND M. J. McDAID AS TEMPORARY ENGINEERS IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter dated 6th January, 1940, was read from the County Surveyor asking the Council to continue the employment of Messrs. P. J. Sweeney and M. J. McDaid as Temporary Engineers in connection with the supervision of Employment Schemes.

He stated that he estimated their services would be required until about the end of May, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to continue the services of Messrs. Sweeney and McDaid at remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week until the 31st May, 1940; the appointments to be terminable by a week's notice on either side.

15/40. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, 26th March, 1940.

Confirmed. Neil Blaney

W. J. Spada

Chairman of Co. Council.

30th January 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1940.

16/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

17/40.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle and Brian O'Donnell.

18/40.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
ON THE 27TH DECEMBER, 1939.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th December, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

19/40.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 9th January, 1940, Councillor Hannigan inquired why the County Surveyor had struck out of the Provisional Road Works Scheme two Councillors' Motions of his.

Councillor Hannigan stated that for one of these works, Councillor McMenamin had also allocated a sum of £25, and this amount was not struck out.

The County Surveyor stated that he was objecting to the making of new roads. The County was over-roaded, and there was not enough money allowed to maintain the roads already made in a proper condition.

Councillor Blaney stated that he was not in favour of Councillors' Motions, and had he been present at the Annual Road Works Meeting, he would have strongly objected to the inclusion in the Road Works Scheme of these Motions.

The Chairman ruled that this matter had been disposed of at the Annual Road Works Meeting, and could not now be re-opened.

It was decided to refer Councillor Hannigan's complaint to the County Surveyor for investigation, and to confirm the Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 9th January, 1940.

20/40.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th December, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

21/40.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th December, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

The Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 22nd January, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

22/40.

REPORT OF PIERS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Report of the Piers Committee Meeting held on the 9th January, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

23/40.

QUARTERLY LIST OF PAYMENTS.

The List of Payments for the quarter ended 31st December, 1939, was submitted, and payment ordered as recommended by the Finance Committee.

24/40.

AMOUNT OWING TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY THE COMMISSIONER
ADMINISTERING THE AFFAIRS OF THE FORMER BUNCRANA URBAN
COUNCIL.

Councillor Scott again called attention to the amount owing by the Commissioner administering the affairs of the former Buncrana Urban Council. Some time ago the Commissioner called at the County Council Offices, and promised to make a payment of £2,000, but that promise was not fulfilled. The total amount due at the end of the present financial year would be £8,216 : 4 : 9, whilst at the 31st December, 1939, there was owing a sum of £7,522 : 18 : 0.

He proposed that the Commissioner be written to giving him one week to pay at least one-half of the amount due, and that failing compliance with that request that the Council's Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps for the recovery of the debt.

Councillor Brady stated that Councillor Scott's motion was most unfair. Mr. MacLysaght was a very efficient administrator, and he should be given a chance to clear up the mess left in Buncrana by the former Urban Council.

Councillor Baxter stated that in view of the attitude taken in this matter by Commissioner MacLysaght he would second Councillor Scott's motion.

After further discussion, Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment to Councillor Scott's motion, that the Commissioner be asked to pay an instalment of £3,000 by the 31st March next.

Councillor Cole seconded the amendment.

The amendment was put to the Meeting and carried by a large majority.

25/40.

OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL SERVING WITH THE
REGULAR OR VOLUNTEER FORCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd December, 1939, Circular Letter No. 105/39, enclosing form for particulars of Officers and Employees of the Council serving with the Regular or Volunteer Forces. No objection would be raised to permanent Officers and Employees of Local Authorities called out on permanent service whose civil pay exceeded their army emoluments being paid the balance of their civil pay to bring their total emoluments, army and civil, to the level of their civil pay.

26/40.

AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE DONEGAL DISTRICT MENTAL
HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th December, 1939, A.32469/39, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Donegal District Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1939.

27/40.

GRANTS ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL OUT OF THE EMPLOYMENT
SCHEMES VOTES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 21st December, 1939, referring to the Grants allocated to the Council out of Employment Schemes Votes, and reminding the Council that a condition of the Grants required the completion of the works in time to permit of the final payments being made prior to 31st March next.

28/40.

PETROL RATIONING.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th December, 1939, asking to be furnished with a statement setting out particulars of the vehicles and machines for which petrol would be required during the forthcoming rationing period, and the minimum requirement for each vehicle.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies, Dublin, dated 17th January, 1940, Ref. P.44, stating that the next Petrol Rationing period would be for a period of three months commencing 1st February, 1940. Applications for additional petrol coupons would be considered from Officials who used their cars in the performance of essential public duties.

29/40. ADMINISTRATION OF THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th December, 1939, inquiring if the procedure outlined in the Minister's letter of the 16th October regarding the administration of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was being observed in the case of all applications for licences under the Act.

30/40. NAMES APPROVED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH MARGARINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st January, 1940, S.K.8/2/38, stating that during the year 1939 the Minister for Agriculture did not grant approval of any name for use in connection with margarine.

31/40. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd December, 1939, G.32952/39, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the re-issue of Paying Order No. 23499 for 11s/7d in favour of Richard McCrea, Ballinakillew, Laghey.

32/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Grants for works at Moyra and Dunmore; Straughtor; Cappry; Drumkeen-Artikelly; and Bunn, Glengad.

33/40. COST-OF-LIVING BONUS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th January, 1940, G.135/39, stating that the cost-of-living bonus for the period commencing 1st January and until further notice would be based on an average cost-of-living figure of 85.

34/40. CRANE AT PORTALEEN PIER, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from the Irish Sea Fisheries Association, Ltd., dated 5th January, 1940, stating that it was noted that the Council had decided to invite quotations for the supply of a new crane to be erected at Portaleen Pier for the purpose of hauling up fishing boats at that place.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Irish Sea Fisheries Association, Ltd., what contribution they were prepared to give towards the erection of a new crane at this Pier, as it was by one of their boats that the old crane was damaged.

35/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Councillor Byrne thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his brother.

A letter was read from Miss Quinn of the Council's Staff thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of her father.

36/40. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture asking to be furnished with the necessary forms in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis.

37/40. SALARY OF MISS E. McLAUGHLIN, SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th January, 1940, G.5284/4/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 28th December regarding the salary of Miss McLaughlin, Shorthand-Typist, and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to Miss McLaughlin being placed as from 1st January, 1939, on the point of the scale, £104-£2:12:0-£130, she would have reached had the scale been in operation from the time of her appointment.

38/40. MAINTENANCE OF LADDERS ERECTED AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 11th January, 1940, G.87.57/1/36, referring to their letter of the 2nd August, 1938, and stating that the provision of the three ladders at Downings Pier was completed in October, 1938. A joint Certificate of Completion in respect of the works was signed by the County Surveyor and their Engineer on the 8th January, 1940, as from which date the responsibility for maintenance of the ladders rested with the Council.

39/40. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde faoi dhata an lladh Eanáir, 1940, G.719/40, ag radh go gceadúighcann an t-Aire um Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleagthach suas go dtí 3ladh la de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mi na Feabhra, 1940.

Socrúighcheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 29adh Feabhra, 1940.

40/40. APPOINTMENT OF MR. GEORGE MCGILL TO THE PERMANENT STAFF OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th January, 1940, G.711/40, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 3rd January enclosing Medical Certificates in respect of the illness of Mr. George McGill, and stating that the satisfactory termination of the probationary period of Mr. McGill had been noted. The sanction of the Minister to his permanent appointment was not required.

41/40. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Síothchana, Donegal, stating that an application would be made at Donegal District Court on the 2nd February, 1940, to have Anthony Gorman, Mullinalamphry, Barnesmore, committed to an Industrial School.

42/40. SUPERANNUATION OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, FORMER ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th January, 1940, R/RS/7, regarding the superannuation of Mr. Patrick Dawson, former Assistant Surveyor, and stating that Mr. Dawson had appealed against the annual allowance fixed by the Council. Pending determination of the appeal, an allowance at the rate of £266 :13 : 4 per annum might be paid.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Dawson in which he stated that he claimed that emoluments under the Road Improvement Grant of £40 per annum, and emoluments of 1% on the Employment Schemes Grants, should have been taken into consideration when determining his Superannuation Allowance.

The Council decided that the matter was one for the Local Government Department to decide.

43/40. APPOINTMENT OF A JUNIOR CLERICAL OFFICER IN PLACE OF MR. P. J. CANNON, RESIGNED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th January, 1940, G.712/40, regarding the appointment in room of Mr. P. J. Cannon, who had resigned, of the candidate who secured fifth place at the examination for Junior Clerical Officers held by the Local Appointments Commissioners in January, 1939, and enclosing forms of query for completion and return to the Department.

44/40. PERSONAL SURETY BOND OF RATE COLLECTOR BERNARD V. KELLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th January, 1940, G.1146/40, returning Personal Surety Bond of Collector B. V. Kelly, No. 33 District, the form of which had been noted.

45/40. APPLICATION FROM MR. F. MCKAY, ACCOUNTANT, FOR REMUNERATION FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th January, 1940, G.710/40, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had sanctioned payment of a special allowance of £30 to Mr. F. McKay, County Accountant, in respect of extra duties performed by him in connection with the Employment Scheme Grants made available for the year 1938/39.

Councillor Brady proposed that this matter be referred back to the Department, with a request that they sanction the allowance of £50 originally granted by the Council. In another County where less Grants had been allocated a sum of £50 was sanctioned for the County Accountant.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

46/40. INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR SUPPLY OF ENVELOPES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th January, 1940, G.640/40, regarding a claim for an increase in the contract price for the supply of envelopes, and stating that any departure from existing contract prices should be justified by evidence that procurement of commodities in order to fulfil the contract had involved the contractor in additional expense in consequence of the war.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from Messrs. W. Doherty & Co., Printers, Buncrana, in support of their claim to an increase in the contract price.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Sub-Finance Committee.

47/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th January, 1940, stating that the claim of the contractors, Messrs. Boileau & Boyd, for increased prices for medicine and drugs was at present under consideration, but the investigation must necessarily take some time.

Forty letters were submitted from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department were of opinion that the evidence submitted in the forty cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (NO. 10) Order, 1939.

48/40. ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1940/41. TABLES A. AND B.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd January, 1940, RGM/201/40, asking to be furnished with a copy of the Road Works Scheme, 1940/41, with Tables A. and B. duly completed.

49/40. GREENCASTLE HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 22nd January, 1940, C.87.77/1/36, enclosing copy of Plan No. 152/45 showing the soundings taken in May and June, 1939, by their Engineer at Greencastle Harbour.

50/40. IMPROVEMENTS TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP, AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROACH ROAD THERETO.

In the absence of Councillor O'Boyle, Councillor Walsh proposed the following Notice of Motion on the Agenda:-

"That this Council agree to contribute a sum of £40 towards the cost of improvements at Poolawaddy Pier, and the construction of an approach road thereto."

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

51/40. RATE FOR TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

Councillor O'Brien proposed:- "That this Council refuse to strike a special rate for the financial year 1940/41 in aid of the Irish Tourist Development Association."

Councillor Myles seconded the resolution.

A letter dated 28th December, 1939, was read from the Irish Tourist Association asking the Council to include in their 1940/41 rate a rate for tourist advertising purposes.

A further letter dated 26th January, 1940, was read from the Irish Tourist Association making it clear that notwithstanding the legislation recently enacted the status and functions of the Association were unchanged, and the advertising of Irish Tourist resorts is still entirely a matter for the Association.

Mr. D. Barry, Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, addressed the Council in support of the request of the Association to have included in the Council's Estimates for 1940/41 a rate for tourist advertising purposes.

He pointed out the work being done by the Association in County Donegal, which had resulted in the tourist traffic having more than doubled itself in recent years.

Councillor Blaney proposed, as an amendment to Councillor O'Brien's motion, that a rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the £. be included in the Estimates for 1940/41 for tourist advertising purposes, i.e. the same figure as last year.

Councillor Wagentreiber seconded the amendment.

Councillors McDaid and McIvor supported the motion, and Councillors Lynch, Priel, and Houston spoke in favour of the amendment.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, 14 members voted for the amendment and 10 members voted against the amendment.

The amendment was declared carried, and, on being put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, was passed by the same voting.

Mr. Barry thanked the Council for their favourable decision.

52/40. APPOINTMENT OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS FOR 1940 SEASON.

Councillor O'Brien proposed:- "That this Council is of opinion that the appointments of Warble Fly Inspectors are unnecessary, and a waste of public money, and decide that no such appointments be made this year."

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 24th January, 1940, L.453/40, from the Department of Agriculture stating that the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders, 1936 and 1939, would again come into operation on the 1st March, 1940, and immediate action should be taken by the Council in regard to the appointment of Temporary Inspectors. As in previous years advertisements on the lines indicated in the Department's letter of the 18th December, 1936, should be issued forthwith. The names of the selected candidates should be furnished to the Department not later than the 20th February.

The Secretary stated that last year two of the Temporary Inspectors appointed had been suspended by the Department of Agriculture.

Councillor McIvor, Chairman of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee, proposed that only the two vacant Districts be advertised, as it would be only a waste of time and money to advertise all the positions, and the proposal was passed.

The Council decided to inquire from the other 11 Inspectors who acted last year if they would be prepared to act this year again.

Councillor O'Brien's motion was not seconded.

53/40. REQUEST TO HAVE NATIVES OF THE COUNTY APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY MANAGER AND SECRETARY.

Councillor O'Brien proposed:- "That this Council desires to represent to the Government the desirability of appointing natives of the County to the Office of Manager and Secretary, if, and when, the County Management Bill becomes law."

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

54/40. APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 20 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The Secretary stated that in response to the Council's advertisement, applications for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 20 Collection District, consisting of the Electoral Divisions of Ballyliffin, Dunaff, Carndonagh, Glentogher, Glenegannon, and Straid, had been received from the following:-

- Neil Boyle, Meenaniller, Derrybeg.
- Maelisa Gerard Doherty, Gaddyduff, Clonmany.
- Charles James Theodore McLaughlin, Diamond, Carndonagh.
- Patrick McLaughlin, Malin.
- James O'Connor, New Road, Carndonagh.

Mr. Neil Boyle, Meenaniller, Derrybeg, had not submitted Bankers' References, as required by the terms of the advertisement, and he had not attended for examination in Irish.

Mr. Patrick McLaughlin was not yet 19 years of age.

An Examination in Irish of the candidates had been conducted that morning by Mr. Andrias O'Baoighill, Stranorlar, who certified that Messrs. Patrick McLaughlin, Charles James Theodore McLaughlin, and James O'Connor possessed a competent knowledge of Irish as based on the oral standard current in the Gaeltacht Areas in Co. Donegal.

The Chairman ruled that Messrs. Neil Boyle, Maelisa Gerard Doherty, and Patrick McLaughlin, were not eligible for appointment.

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

Councillor Cole proposed the appointment of Mr. Charles James Theodore McLaughlin, and Councillor McIvor seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, resulting as follows:-

For Mr. James O'Connor:-

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Gallen, Houston, Kelly, Lynch, McShoa, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, and Walsh. Total 11.

For Mr. Charles James Theodore McLaughlin:-

Councillors Baxter, Byrne, Cole, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McGree, MacCreadie, McDaid, McFadden, McIvor, McShane, Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 17.

The Chairman declared Mr. McLaughlin appointed to the position, and the Council decided to accept as his Personal Sureties in a Bond for £223, Messrs. Philip J. Doherty, Draper, Carndonagh, and Neal Doherty, Ballyliffin, in respect of whom satisfactory Bankers' references were submitted.

55/40. APPOINTMENT OF HARBOUR CONSTABLE FOR BRUCKLESS.

The Secretary stated that in response to the Council's advertisement, applications for the position of Harbour Constable at Bruckless were received from the following:-

- Patrick Byrne, Ballyloughan, Bruckless.
- James McFadden, Knockastolar, Bunbeg.
- William McGinty, Mountcharles.
- Michael O'Byrne, Dunkineely.

Councillor McShane proposed the appointment of Mr. Patrick Byrne, and Councillor Kelly seconded.

Councillor McRory proposed the appointment of Mr. William McGinty, and Councillor O'Brien seconded.

On a show of hands, Byrne obtained 5 votes and McGinty, 4 votes.

The Chairman declared Mr. Patrick Byrne appointed to the position at remuneration of £4 per annum as from 1st February, 1940.

56/40. CLAIM OF MR. WILLIAM MCGINTY, HARBOUR CONSTABLE, MOUNTCHARLES, FOR REMUNERATION FOR ACTING AT BRUCKLESS HARBOUR.

Councillor McRory stated that Mr. William McGinty had been acting for some time past as Harbour Constable at Bruckless, and he claimed that he was entitled to be remunerated for this work.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Sub-Finance Committee.

57/40. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ENGINEERS IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th January, 1940, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the employment of Temporary Engineers in connection with the Employment Schemes up to 31st March, 1940, as follows:-

- (a) Retention of Mr. Dillon to take charge of the Employment Schemes in the Rosses Area at remuneration of £6 : 6 : 0 per week, from the date of completion of the Rosses Scheme.
- (b) Retention of Messrs. P. J. Sweeney and M. J. McDaid on the terms previously sanctioned.
- (c) Appointment of a fourth Engineer (subject to issue of an advertisement) at £5 : 5 : 0 per week and Travelling Expenses.

The Secretary stated that twenty applications for the position of fourth Temporary Engineer had been received from the following persons:-

Peter Joseph Carroll, Enniscrone, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
 Patrick Costello, Goodwins Gardens, Kells, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
 Daniel Patrick Coyle, 68, Waterloo Road, Dublin.
 Michael J. Cunningham, Ballindine, Co. Mayo.
 Michael Alphonsus Doherty, Ballintra, Co. Donegal.
 Edward Alexander Donovan, Thorndale, Temple Road, Dublin.
 Enda Francis Glynn, 7, William Street, Galway.
 Joseph Healy, Cloondara, Mount Talbot, Roscommon.
 James Higgins, c/o Mrs. Butler, St. Mary's Road, Galway.
 Thomas Ashe Malone, Coosan, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.
 Bartholomew Joseph Monaghan, Ardmore, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
 Seamus J. McAllister, 62, Lower Kimmage Road, Dublin.
 Lawrence McCann, Warren Villa, Lodge Road, Coleraine, Co. Derry.
 James Henry McKown, 12, Stratheden Street, Belfast.
 Thomas Joseph McNulty, Cloonmung, Foxford, Co. Mayo.
 Marcus Charles O'Hagan, Glenkeen, Garvagh, Co. Derry.
 Matthew Rafter, Laskey, Co. Sligo.
 Patrick J. Smyth, Newmarket Street, Kells, Co. Meath.
 Bernard Tansey, Cloonagashel, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.
 Art Colmcille Mac an Bhaird, "Dunkelo", Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.

Councillor Kelly proposed the appointment of Mr. Michael Alphonsus Doherty, Ballintra.

Councillor Myles seconded.

Councillor Lynch proposed the appointment of Mr. Lawrence McCann, Coleraine.

Councillor Gallen seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, resulting as follows:-

For Mr. Doherty:-

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Friel, Hannigan, Houston, Kelly, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McFadden, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Wagenteiber, and Walsh. Total 22.

For Mr. Cann:-

Councillors Cole, Gallen, Kavanagh, Lynch, McDaid, and Scott. Total 6.

The Chairman declared Mr. Doherty appointed; the rate of remuneration to be £5 : 5 : 0 per week, and the appointment to be terminable by a week's notice on either side.

58/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF WHOLE-TIME MACHINERY FOREMAN.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor dated 3rd January, 1940, asking the Council to appoint a whole-time Machinery Foreman, who would be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all plant owned by the Council, such as Rollers, Breakers, Engines, Tar Boilers, and Quarry Plant, etc.

The County Surveyor stated that he had a report prepared in connection with this item.

The Council unanimously decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting. (9/40 C.C.)

59/40. COUNTY MANAGEMENT BILL, 1939.

The Secretary submitted the following resolution from Leitrim County Council:- "That we call on the Government to withdraw the County Management Bill, 1939, owing to the revolutionary changes proposed, which are detrimental to the interests of democracy, and to the best interests of the liberty of the citizen, and that the matter be referred to a referendum of the people as to whether any drastic change should be made in Local Government."

Councillor Gallen proposed the adoption of the resolution, and opposed the Bill at length.

Councillors Scott, Mahony, and McIvor, also took part in the discussion.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that the resolution from Leitrim County Council be marked "read."

Councillor Houston seconded the amendment.

On the matter being put to a vote, the amendment was declared carried by six votes to five votes.

60/40. REQUEST FROM ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN TO BE PAID FOR AND GET CHURCH HOLIDAYS.

A letter was read from the Council's Engine-Drivers and Flagmen requesting that they be paid for and get all Church Holidays. On these Holidays they were compelled to remain at their posts to provide lights, and to ensure that fires were prepared for next day's work. They were formerly paid for such Holidays, and they felt that their request was not unreasonable.

Councillor Friel supported the request of the Engine-Drivers and Flagmen.

Councillor Brady proposed that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting, and the Council unanimously agreed to this proposal. (1340/39 C.C.)

61/40. LIGHTING OF COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES AND COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary stated that he had interviewed Messrs. A. Gallagher, Ltd., Lifford, in connection with the lighting of the County Council Offices and Courthouse. Capt. Wagentreiber accompanied him. Messrs. Gallagher had agreed to continue the lighting of these premises until the 31st March, 1940, at the present rate, i.e., £33 per annum.

62/40. DATES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1940.

The Council decided to arrange the following dates for the Committee Meetings during the month of February, 1940:-

Scholarships Committee.....	5th February, 1940.
Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.....	13th February, 1940.
Economy Committee.....	13th February, 1940.
Sub-Finance Committee.....	20th February, 1940.
Law Committee.....	20th February, 1940.
Piers Committee.....	27th February, 1940.

On the suggestion of Councillor Scott, it was decided to ask the Secretary of the County Board of Health and the Clerk of the Mental Hospital Committee to attend the Meeting of the Economy Committee.

63/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

The Secretary reported that the following amounts were due by borrowers under the Housing Acts:-

William McCrossan, Milford.....	£6	: 1	: 8.
William McCool, Millsessiagh, Ballindrait.....	£6	:19	:10.
Mary Doherty, Glenmakee, Collin, Carndonagh.....	£6	:16	: 3.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£17	:16	: 0.
William Boyle, Gortnasillagh, Glenties.....	£4	: 1	: 4.
Reps. Mrs. A. Bradley, Drumskeellan, Turo.....	£32	: 8	: 3.
John Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.....	£54	:15	: 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.....	£3	:12	: 7.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.....	£75	:19	: 0.
Daniel McElaney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.....	£5	: 6	: 6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£13	:14	: 3.
Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.....	£30	:19	: 0.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh.....	£9	:14	: 0.
James Barrett, Glenalla, Ray.....	£5	:10	: 2.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.....	£31	:17	:11.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.....	£31	: 7	: 3.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Council's Solicitor.

64/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary reported that the following amounts were due by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....	£69	: 2	: 1.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahooroy, Kilmacrenan.....	£1	: 0	: 1.

The Council decided to leave McGready's case in the hands of the Council's Solicitor.

65/40:

PROMONTORY FORT, MUCKROSS HEAD, KILCAR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th January, 1940, C.94.330/1/38, stating that pursuant to Section 8 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1930, the Minister for Finance had made an Order entrusting to them the preservation of the Promontory Fort, Muckross Head, Kilcar. The Order made it unlawful for any person to demolish, remove, disfigure, deface, or alter the Monument in any way. Should any interference with the Monument be observed at any time by any of the Council's Officers, they would be obliged if prompt notification to the effect were sent to them.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I would suggest that the Office of Public Works be asked to erect a Notice at the Fort, making it clear that it is illegal to interfere, in any way, with any part of the structure."

The Council decided to refer the County Surveyor's suggestion to the Office of Public Works.

66/40.

OCCUPATION OF STATE-OWNED FORESHORE AT INISHKEERAGH, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 3rd January, 1940, M.S.3990, referring to the construction of a slipway at Inishkeeragh, Burtonport, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned Foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

67/40. OCCUPATION OF STATE-OWNED FORESHORE AT POOLAWADDY, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 17th January, 1940, M.S.5233, referring to the construction of a landing-slip at Poolawaddy, Arranmore, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided for by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

68/40. OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT SLADDANNAVOOGHOG, BALLYHOORISKEY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 17th January, 1940, M.S.3607, referring to the construction of a concrete slipway at Sladdannavooghog, Ballyhooriskey, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided for by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

69/40. OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT PORTMACROSS, KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from the Dept. of Industry & Commerce dated 17th January, 1940, M.S.5188, referring to the construction of a slipway at Portnacross, Killybegs, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

70/40. OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT INISHIRRER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 26th January, 1940, M.S.3852, referring to improvements carried out at Inishirrer Island Pier, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided for by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

71/40.

OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT INISHMEANE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 26th January, 1940, M.S.3936, referring to the construction of a boatslip at Inishmeane Island, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

72/40.

OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT MALINMORE.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 26th January, 1940, M.S.5475, referring to the construction of landing-steps at Malinmore, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

73/40.

OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT BUNANINVER, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 26th January, 1940, M.S.5661, referring to the construction of a slipway at Bunaninver, Derrybeg, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided by the Foreshore Act, 1933.

On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

74/40.

OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT MUCKROSS, KILCAR.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 26th January, 1940, M.S.5648, referring to the construction of a breakwater and two causeways at Muckross, Kilcar, the maintenance of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided by the Foreshore Act, 1933.

On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

75/40.

MONEY SPENT ON ROADS IN INISHOWEN AREA BY DIRECT LABOUR
AND BY CONTRACT SYSTEM.

Councillor Lynch proposed the following Motion in his name which had been adjourned from the Annual Road Works Meeting:-
"That we have for discussion a list of money spent in Inishowen Area by Direct Labour and by Contract, with the amount of stones put up under each system, in order that we may judge the worth of each before we embark on another year of squandermania."

The County Surveyor stated that owing to the different types of maintenance on Contract and Direct Labour Roads, that any figures of expenditure and quantities of stones placed on the roads, would be misleading. The only fair way of comparing Direct Labour and the Contract system would be by inspection of the roads on the both systems, the money allocated, the traffic on the road, and the condition of the roads as maintained.

Councillor Lynch stated that the roads in Inishowen Area were going to ruin on account of the Direct Labour system. The "group system" was hopeless. He hoped that the County Surveyor would see that stones were put on the roads instead of sand.

Councillor Scott drew attention to a resolution of the Council directing the then Acting County Surveyors to revert to the Contract system as far as possible.

76/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE ILLIES AND
BALLYMAGAN DISTRICTS.

Councillor Friel proposed:- "That this Council request the County Surveyor to inspect the roads in the Illies and Ballymagan Districts, more especially the Fofenagh Road from The Rock to Kinnego Main Road, and see what can be done to make them fit for traffic."

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, reports that the roads referred to are only of moderate quality, but they are fit for traffic."

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

77/40.

COMPLAINTS RE THE MANNER IN WHICH GANGERS CARRY OUT
THEIR DUTIES.

Councillor Friel proposed:- "That this Council instruct their Surveyors to see that Gangers are not allowed to employ their own horses and carts, and their sons, who are sometimes under 18 years, excluding Gangers, whose sons are registered. Very often Gangers draw quite a lot of the Grants themselves."

Councillor Friel spoke at length in support of his motion.

Councillor Mahony stated that recently on a County Road he saw a man who was employed as a Ganger standing watching two other men working.

Councillor McCrea stated that it was a shame to see a man standing watching two men working.

Councillor Scott stated that he recently heard of a Ganger who had two farms of land and two horses.

The County Surveyor stated that he was in absolute agreement with the Council, and if the Councillors would give him particulars of their complaints he would deal with them right away.

78/40.

COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AND WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN,
BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, complaining that nothing had yet been done to remove the mearing fence on his lands to its original position.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, reports that Mr. James Boyle has promised to start the work of restoring the fences immediately. He is, therefore, of opinion that the matter may safely be left over until the next Meeting of the Council, when he will again report on the position."

The report was noted.

79/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN JUNCTION OF OLD
RAPHOE ROAD AND THE BRIDGE AT TULLYDONNELL.

A letter was read from Mr. James Douglas, Tullydonnell, Convoy, calling attention to the condition of the Raphoe-Convoy Road between the junction of the Old Raphoe Road and the Bridge at Tullydonnell. Part of the surface along the south side of the road was worn away, leaving it very dangerous for cyclists after dark.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he could not see anything wrong with the road referred to.

No action was taken in the matter.

80/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AT KEADUE
STRAND, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Paddy Ward, Keadue Strand, Burtonport, complaining of the manner in which the Council's workmen left his fences and a right-of-way to his house. Owing to the road being lowered when repairs were carried out it was now impossible to cart with safety. Unless the fences and road were repaired within fourteen days, the Council would be held responsible for any accidents that might occur.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon reports that Mr. Ward's fences and right-of-way were left in reasonably good order when work was carried out there a considerable time ago, and is of opinion that most of the damage was done by Mr. Ward himself. However, in the circumstances, the right-of-way and fences should be again repaired, and it made clear to Mr. Ward that he is responsible for the maintenance of these after that. The work will be carried out on receipt of instructions to do so."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

81/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AT KEADUE LOWER, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Barney McLeavy, Lower Keadue, Burtonport, stating that he intended to take legal action against the Council unless they repaired 100 yards of his fences which, he alleged, were left open by the Council's workmen when widening the road at Keadue.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon reports that the work referred to was carried out about two years ago, and it seems strange that Mr. McLeavy should lodge a complaint after he returned recently from work in Scotland, and found time to quarry a quantity of building stones in a quarry convenient to the unfenced portion of his land. Mr. McLeavy actually started to put up a barbed wire fence himself. I suggest that a stone fence be erected and Mr. McLeavy be requested to remove the barbed wire fence. The work will be carried out on receipt of instructions to do so."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

82/40. COMPLAINT RE BRIDGE ON THE CORVIN-DRUMMACARRY ROAD, LOUGH ESKE.

A letter was read from Rev. R. J. Ryan, The Rectory, Lough Eske, referring to the Acting County Surveyor's report regarding the wall adjoining the Bridge over the Eske River on the Corvin-Drummacarry Road, and stating that there was now a large hole in the wall due to stones falling out. He was convinced that superficial work would not now be of much use.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Cunninham:- "The Bridge referred to is an old one covered with ivy and growing shrubs. It has protection walls about 8 yards in length on either side of the approaches, and the masonry in these walls is badly cracked, due partly to settlement and partly to growing shrubs. Their condition has not become any worse during the past thirty years and the former County Surveyor was of opinion that pointing in of the cracks would be waste of money. Eventually, these approach walls will have to be re-built."

The report was noted.

83/40. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR DUMPING OF TREE STUMPS AND CLAY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Chrissie Harron, Drumaneal, Bridgetown, returning Paying Order for 10/- issued to her in respect of use of dump for tree stumps and clay taken from a turn. This was not enough for the ground taken up, and unless she received £5, the rubbish would have to be removed from her lands.

The County Surveyor reported that a Consent Form had been signed by Mrs. Chrissie Harron, Drumaneal, Bridgetown, in which she agreed to allow the Council the use of a dump on her land for tree stumps and clay taken from a turn, in consideration of a payment to her of 10/-. The Council had this Consent Form, and he recommended that no further payment be made to Mrs. Harron.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

84/40. QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF MR. J. G. McIVOR, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, FROM DUNFANAGHY AREA TO MILFORD AREA.

The Council decided to adjourn the question of the transfer of Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, from Dunfanaghy Area to Milford Area, pending the making of a permanent appointment as an Assistant County Surveyor on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

85/40. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE BY MR. JAMES V. TUNNEY AT DANGEROUS CORNER AT MAGHERACAR, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, referring to the Law Committee's Report of the 15th November regarding the construction of a house by Mr. James V. Tunney at a dangerous corner at Magheracar, Bundoran, and inquiring if it was the Council's intention to acquire portion of the land to widen this corner which, no doubt, was a dangerous one, and, if so, what compensation the Council would be prepared to give Mr. Tunney for portion of his land and site of his dwelling-house if he were agreeable to allow same to be demolished in order to widen this dangerous corner.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"As far as I know there is no intention to ease this corner for some time to come, and in asking the County Council to oppose the re-construction of Mr. Tunney's house on its present site, I was safeguarding their interests under the Local Government Act, 1925. The question of compensation will not arise until the corner is being removed."

The Council noted the report.

86/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF COTTAGE PLOT AT CLONDALLON, RATHMULLAN, OWING TO CONDITION OF COUNTY PIPE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Tom Kelly, Clondallon, Rathmullan, stating that the Cottage Plot which she occupied was being flooded owing to the County Road drain or pipe being above the flow. She wished to have the matter attended to.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Mr. Mulreany reports that the bottom of the pipe in question is 2 feet under the level of the land, and he cannot see how it can cause flooding. The pipe was flowing freely, and the flow of water was small when he inspected it."

No action was taken in the matter.

87/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD CONSTRUCTED BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION IN 1936 AT CRICKAMORE, MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus Bonar, Crickamore, Meenbanad, drawing attention to the necessity for having the road from Dungloe Road Station to the gate-lodge at Crickamore (No. 22) maintained by annual contract. The road was constructed by the Irish Land Commission in 1936, and there was a lot of traffic on it at present, especially by Lough Swilly Railway Lorries.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road, and it was decided to refer Mr. Bonar to the Office of Public Works.

88/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT PORTLEAN, KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Moses Patterson, Portlean, Kilmacrenan, inquiring if there was any hope of a new road being made between M. Patterson's of Portlean, and the Main Road leading from Kilmacrenan to Milford.

The Council decided to refer Mr. Patterson to the Board of Works.

89/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT GLENCOAGH, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Glencoagh, Mountcharles, complaining about the condition of a road in the Glencoagh Area, which was the only entrance to their lands. It was simply impossible to walk on this road at present.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road, and that the Council could do nothing about it.

90/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF PORCH AT DOOR OF SHOP IN TOWNLAND OF DROMORE, KILLYGORDON.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Bradley, Crossroads, Killygordon, applying for permission to erect a porch at the door of his shop in the townland of Dromore. He enclosed a sketch of the proposed porch.

A further letter was read from Mr. Bradley stating that he had since decided not to erect a porch.

The Council noted the letters.

91/40. COMPLAINT RE WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE TOWNLANDS OF MEENREAGH AND CASHLEENAN, KILMACRENAN, UNDER MINOR EMPLOYMENT GRANTS.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Murnaghan, Inspector, Irish Land Commission, Forquar, Milford, stating that he had noticed that some road works had started lately in the townlands of Meenreagh and Cashleenan, said to be under the Board of Works, and he wished to have the following facts placed before the Council:-

- (a) There was little or no co-ordination between Departments in this County concerning the expenditure of Public Money.
- (b) The lands referred to above were at present belonging to the Irish Land Commission.
- (c) He was not aware that any permission was granted to any Body/Department to enter on these lands.
- (d) In a Scheme recently submitted by him he included the making of a new road in immediate proximity to the road now being made, and it was most probable the two roads could have been made one, had he been notified of the matter.
- (e) Due to the present emergency, he was of opinion that a very great curtailment of Public Works would take place, and he considered that where the County Council was considering spending money on such works on this Estate that he should be notified beforehand, as thereby much money should be saved.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor, to take up the matter with Mr. Murnaghan with a view to prevent overlapping in future.

92/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT BRIDGE STREET, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Doherty, Painter, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, stating that all the surface water coming down Bridge Street, Carndonagh, flowed into his cellar. Before the Shirt Factory was burned there was a water trap at the end of the Factory Gable. Since the Factory was re-built the water trap was for no reason closed in. As he was paying high rates he considered that he was entitled to some consideration.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I will instruct Mr. O'Neill to look into this matter with a view to getting it put right."

The Council noted the report.

93/40. COMPLAINT RE INTERFERENCE WITH LAND AT ARDNADREAN, FALCARRAGH,
OWING TO CARRYING OUT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Margaret Smullen, Ardnadrean, Falcarragh, stating that owing to the carrying out of road improvements a pretty substantial piece was being cut out of her hill, which was valuable for rough grazing. This was the second cutting made in the hill, and she understood that a piece was to be cut from the opposite side of the road also, and, if so, in this case the cutting would be taking off arable land nearly all the way. She thought she was entitled to compensation for the land taken, and she expected that the place would be properly fenced and a proper wall built opposite the gate, where the cutting was made last year.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports:- A signed Consent and Map were obtained in this case, and compensation fixed which includes proper fencing wherever work is carried out on Mrs. Smullen's land."

The Council noted the report.

94/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1702, PARISH
OF KILLAGHTEE.

A letter was read from a large number of ratepayers of the Bruckless and Dunkineely Districts complaining of the condition of the road from the Meenacloy Road at Hugh McGuire's to the road leading from Croagh in the Parish of Killaghtee to the Ardara Road at Con Breslin's of Meenadreen. The road which was about two miles long was in a very reduced state of repair and was in danger of becoming totally impassable. There was extensive traffic on this road. About 50 families cut turf on either side of it, and lorries occasionally get stuck on it.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Lennon:-

"This is a third-class County Road No. 1702, 648 perches long, to which is allocated the annual amount of £27 for maintenance. The road was offered for contract at the Roads Meeting, but no tender was received. I later let it out on contract to a local farmer (John Molloy). He has put out for the money allocated 150 tons of 2" stones of the best to be found in the locality, and has maintained the road reasonably well during the year. Some of this year's material has yet to be spread on the end referred to - the Meenadreen end. There are no further County Funds available to effect the improvements required, but I think the idea behind the memorial is to have an Improvement Grant on the road from Employment Schemes Vote, or some similar source."

The Council noted the report.

95/40. COST OF ACCOMMODATION FOR CLERICAL EXAMINATION HELD IN
JANUARY, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commission, Dublin, enclosing account for £2 received from the Bursar, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, in respect of the accommodation provided at the College for the examination held in January, 1939, for posts as Junior Clerical Officer in the Offices of the Council and the Board of Health.

The Council decided to pay the account.

96/40. SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS FOR THE YEAR 1939.

The County Solicitor's Bill of Costs for the year 1939, which had been submitted for taxation, was forwarded.

The Council decided to pay the Bill, which amounted to
£829 : 2 : 6.

97/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SUPERVISING GANGER.

A letter was read from Rev. B. Duggan, C.C., Burtonport, recommending Mr. Michael J. Boyle, Arlands, Burtonport, for appointment as Supervising Ganger. Boyle is a good honest worker, and is a married man with three children.

The County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy for a Supervising Ganger, and the question of appointment did not arise.

98/40.

COMPLAINT RE NON-EMPLOYMENT OF CARTERS IN THE FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Campbell (William), Tievedeevan, Ballinamore, stating that he understood that a letter was read at the last Council Meeting purporting to be signed by him and others protesting against the views put forward by the deputation which attended that meeting in connection with carting in the Fintown District. He never signed his name to any such letter, nor gave permission to anybody to use his name for such a purpose.

The County Surveyor submitted a letter dated 29th January, 1940, signed by "Patrick Campbell", Tievedeevan, certifying that he never wrote the letter appearing on the Agenda for the Meeting on the 30th January, nor never gave permission to any other person to use his name for that purpose.

The Council noted the position.

99/40.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT ELECTRIC WIRE ACROSS THE COUNTY ROAD AT GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from Very Rev. Hugh Canon McDwyer, P.P., Gortahork, applying for permission to put a wire - electric lighting - across the County Road. Electric light was being installed in the Parochial House, and he wished it extended to the Church.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection, and the Council decided to give the required permission.

100/40.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR STONES DELIVERED TO THE COUNCIL IN 1937 AT MEENACLADDY, MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from Mrs. Hannah Doohan, Meenacladdy, Meenlaragh, stating that she delivered 20 tons of stones to the Council in 1937 when the Trunk Road was being made in Meenacladdy. The arrangement made with the Ganger, Mr. Brogan, at the time was that she was to be paid 6d. per ton.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that he questioned the Ganger about this. He (Mr. McIvor) is not satisfied that the claim is a genuine one, and he suggests that no action be taken."

The Council noted the report.

101/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT DUNMORE, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McClafferty, Dunmore, Falcarragh, stating that the road leading from Hugh Doohan's to Charles McClafferty's had not been repaired for some time. About 200 yards of it was in a terrible state.

The County Surveyor stated that he would instruct Mr. McIvor to inspect the road referred to.

102/40.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT SOD FENCE ALONG THE COUNTY ROAD FROM DOUGLAS'S SHOP TO THE ROAD AT CARNDONAGH ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip O'Donnell, Ballybag, Carndonagh, applying for permission to build a sod fence on his ground along the County Road from Douglas's shop to the road at Carndonagh Road, as a protection for cattle.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the erection of a fence provided it was built in accordance with the instructions of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and as set out by him.

103/40.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patsy Gillespie, Dromore, Mountcharles, applying for a position as flagman. He understood that there was a vacancy to be filled.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor.

104/40. COMPLAINT RE BARBED WIRE FENCE ERECTED ALONG COUNTY ROAD AT BALLYMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. W. M. McCausland, Shandon Guest House, Ballymore, inquiring if it was lawful to erect a barbed wire fence along a County Road. A paling of this description had recently been placed for some distance along the Marble Hill Road. This road led to a large number of guest houses, and some of the guests ran the risk of leaving a souvenir of their visit hanging on the barbed wire.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Barbed Wire Act, 1893, gives power to take action in this case. Under this Act, one to six months' notice to abate can be given."

The Council noted the report.

105/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Joe McCauley, Gortgara, Arranmore, complaining of the condition of the road from the Main Road right on to Chapel Strand. A lot of people were carting on this road and it was very dangerous.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that when he is next in Arranmore he will get full particulars of what complainant refers to."

The Council noted the report.

106/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE CLOGHAN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. William Ward, Ballybobaneen, Cloghan, complaining of the allocation of road work in that area. After working for the Council for six years he was paid off about a month ago. Three other men were kept on working. One of them was a single man. His mother was getting the pension and he paid a man to work his farm. Unless he (Ward) got work he would have to send his wife and five children to the County Home.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Callaghan:-

"This man was paid off along with others in this area when work was finished. The man referred to was an old Contractor taken on when his roads came under Direct Labour."

Mr. Ward appeared before the Council in support of his complaint.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for investigation.

107/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT WALL AT COLLIN, CARNDONAGH, ON ROAD FROM CARNDONAGH TO CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Doherty, Collin, Carndonagh, applying for permission to build a wall in front of his house at Collin on the Main Road from Carndonagh to Clonmany.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Permission should be refused as this is a very bad corner, and land may have to be acquired for widening purposes."

The Council decided to refuse permission.

108/40. PROPOSED CUTTING OF HILL IN TOWNLAND OF FOYFIN, CASTLEFIN, KNOWN AS "GAMBLE'S BRAE."

A letter was read from Mrs. Elizabeth L. Gamble, Foyfin, Castlefin, stating that she recently read a report of the Council Meeting where a complaint had been made that Gamble's Hill was dangerous. She strongly objected to the hill being cut as it would leave three of her fields that horses could not enter. The people who wanted to have this hill cut should get Drumdoit Hill cut.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a matter which can best be settled by negotiation with Mrs. Gamble." (1339/39 C.C.)

109/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD IN CARRICK
TO THE SHORE OPPOSITE INISHMEANE.

A letter was read from Mr. O. McFadden, N.T., Bunaninver, Derrybeg, complaining of the condition of the road from the Main Road in Carrick to the shore opposite Inishmeane. This road was in a deplorable condition. A grant should be allocated for its re-surfacing.

The County Surveyor stated that this should be referred to the Office of Public Works.

It was decided to refer Mr. McFadden to the Board of Works.

110/40. OFFICE-HOUSE ERECTED AT MILLBAY, INCH, WITHIN LEGAL DISTANCE
FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Duffy, Millbay, Inch, stating that he recently built an Office-house in his garden, 21 feet from the centre of the road. The Assistant Surveyor complained that it was too close to the road. It was built on the site of an old house, and was 4.8" longer than the old building, but the extra length was at the end further away from the road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

111/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS AT DRUMAWEIR, GREENCASTLE,
THROUGH RAISING OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mrs. J. F. Stevenson, Drumaweir Hotel, Greencastle, drawing attention to an adverse effect of the raising of the County Road surface passing through her farm at Drumaweir. She had two fields which adjoined the road between the road and the shore. The result of raising the road surface had been to render the existing lanes or causeways useless unless the surfaces were raised to the present road level.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor has arranged to do what is required in this case."

The Council noted the report.

112/40. COMPLAINT REGARDING FLOODING OF LANDS AND ROADWAY AT
MEENFORMAL, GLEN, KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, referring to Minute No. 1124/39 regarding the flooding of lands and roadway at Meenformal, Glen, Kilmacrenan. Their client, Hugh Shiels, told them that the work that had been done was entirely inadequate for the purpose of preventing flooding. The pipe was lowered about 18" at the outlet, but only 9" at the inlet, and would require to be further lowered right through. The flooding was injuring his lands so much that he would be quite willing to do the work himself at his own expense, and for this purpose he sought the consent of the Council.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulroany reports as follows:- Following a dispute between Hugh Shiels and a man named Rodden, District Justice Walsh asked their Solicitors to get the County Council to have this pipe lowered. I was directed to do so, and applied for £3 out of Contingency Fund. The pipe was lowered 18" at inlet and 3" at outlet, and in addition the pipe was made larger. The pipe could not be lowered any more unless the tail drain through Rodden's land was deepened."

The Council noted the report.

113/40. OPENING OF TRUNK ROAD, T.18, BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, stating that he had been directed by the Urban Council to inform the Co. Council that it was proposed to connect the drainage of Mrs. Mary Daly's premises, East End, Bundoran, with the public sewer, and for the purpose of the work it would be necessary to open part of the Trunk Road, No. T.18. The Urban Council agreed to take all responsibility connected with the work, and to reinstate the roadway to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

The letter was noted.

114/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT MEENADUFF, BUNBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. James Ferry, Meenaduff, Bunbeg, again complaining of the shocking condition of the Meenaduff Road. The road was getting worse day by day. He drove a lorry on this road, and he would hold the County Council responsible for any damage done to the lorry in the future.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Mr. McIvor reports:- I have already reported on this road, and I consider the principal damage is being done by lorry traffic as the road is not suitable for heavy lorries. This complaint raises a big question of the use of lorries on roads not built for them. I think it is a question of limiting traffic on these roads, or of the Council making special provision for repairs."

The Council noted the report.

115/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS AT STRAUGHTER AND KILRAINE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Kilraine, Glenties, stating that he had been asked to bring before the Council the condition of the following roads:-

- (1) Road known as the "Old Road" connecting Kilraine-Donegal Road with Kilraine-Ardara Road.
- (2) Straughter Road.

The County Surveyor stated that the roads were not County Roads, and it was decided to refer Mr. O'Donnell to the Board of Works.

116/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM ROSHINE TO TULLYILLION, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Meenagowna, Roshine, and Tullyillion, Burtonport, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Roshine to Tullyillion, which was now impassable. The road was formerly let by contract to Joe Boyle, Glenahilt, and was at present let to Neil Gallagher (James), Roshine. Neither of these contractors put one barrowful of metal on the section from Hugh Gallagher's, Roshine, to Manus Gallagher's, Tullyillion.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Kearney:-

"Ratepayers' complaint refers to the County Road No. 30, April 1938, Contractor Neil Gallagher, Roshine, Map No. 969. On the 22nd October, 1938, I measured the yearly quantity, 60 tons, for which he was paid two-thirds of the yearly amount, viz., £7 : 5 : 4. On 31st March, 1939, I again inspected the road, and found that the material was not spread, (£3 : 12 : 8 was struck off). The Contractor came to the Road Meeting held at Dungloe in November, 1939, and referred to the money which was deferred in the presence of Mr. Walsh, Co.C. He was told that he did not spread last year's metal, and he replied by stating that he did spread the metal, and as soon as he did so that he got up this year's metal as the road was in bad order, because Mr. Dillon opened quarries (Rosses Road Scheme), and lorried hundreds of tons. I said that I had to see the work completed myself. Regarding complaint as to no metal going on the branch road to Manus Gallagher's, Tullyillion, this branch was at all times in fair order, but the other branch road that leads to Roshine Pier would need all that is allowed for it, and when this question is settled I'll get the Contractor to leave ten tons for the Tullyillion Branch."

Councillor Walsh stated that there was not enough allowed to keep the road in proper repair.

The County Surveyor stated that he would look into the matter.

117/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS MASON OR CARPENTER ON WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. James T. McGee, Carrickboyle, Derrybeg, applying for a position as a mason or carpenter on any works being carried out by the Council. He was also prepared to take contracts in any part of the County.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor.

118/40.

COMPLAINT RE. CONDITION OF ROAD KNOWN AS THE SHORE ROAD,
MOUNTCHARLES.

A petition was submitted from a number of farmers of Mountcharles, Stonepark, Dromore, Salthill, and Dromanairy, complaining of the condition of the road known as the Shore Road from Mountcharles to the residence of Mr. Walter Jervis at Salthill, which was in urgent need of repair. The protecting-wall composed of large stones had been torn away by the sea at high tides for a distance of about 200 yards, and at this particular place erosion by the sea was proceeding to such an extent as to render traffic difficult. They wished the Council to have the protecting-wall re-placed and the road repaired.

Letters were read from Dr. M. McGettigan, and Rev. A. Munro, Inver, supporting the petition referred to in the foregoing item.

The County Surveyor stated that this was not a County Road, and it was decided to refer the petitioners to the Board of Works.

119/42.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IN CONSEQUENCE OF INJURIES SUSTAINED
THROUGH BEING TRIPPED BY NETTING-WIRE ON ROAD AT
RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. Joseph McGrory, Ray, Rathmullan, who informed him that on the 25th December he got seriously injured owing to being knocked down when he was tripped by netting-wire, lying negligently on the road at Rathmullan, where a road or footpath was being repaired. There were no lights or warning to the public.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Insurance Co.

120/40.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR STONES TAKEN
OFF LANDS AT STRATHS, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McCallion, Straths, Clonmany, stating that last March the Assistant Surveyor got his permission to take 1,000 tons of gravel off his lands. He claimed payment at the rate of 6d. per ton.

The County Surveyor reported that this matter was being attended to.

121/40.

COMPLAINT RE. CONDITION OF ROAD AT TOLLY, KNOCKBRACK.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Friel, Tolly, Knockbrack, complaining of the condition of the old road at Tolly, Knockbrack. Some of the contractors had put metal twice on the roads while others had not put on any at all.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The writer (unemployed labourer) wrote last year about some road (cul-de-sac), which was not then on contract. All the metal necessary has not yet been spread, and there will be considerable farm traffic on this road during the next couple of months."

The Council noted the report.

122/40.

CLAIM FOR £10 FOR LOSS OF BULLOCK ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
INJURED WHILST CROSSING A BRIDGE ON THE ROAD FROM
CAPPRY TO GOLAND.

A letter was read from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., 46-49, Dame Street, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of Minute No. 1318/39 regarding claim of Patrick Breslin, Cappry, Ballybofey, for damages for loss of bullock on wooden bridge between Cappry and Goland. Although they did not think there was any legal liability on the part of the Council, they were prepared to make an ex-gratia payment of £7 :10 : 0.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Breslin had accepted the sum of £7 :10 : 0.

123/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF WORK ON EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Demis Greene, Ballintra, Arranmore, stating that there was no ^{fall} play in connection with the allocation of work on Employment Schemes. A great number of people were protesting against wealthy men having interference in this class of work.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon reports that the allegations in this letter are absolutely unfounded, and that the various Schemes on Arranmore have been carried out according to instructions. He appointed Mr. Jack Boyle as Supervisor on the Island, because he had been found trustworthy and reliable. He further reports that the Gangers appointed on Arranmore this winter season were men who were previously employed, and, therefore, after gaining some experience should be re-employed as Gangers. Referring to the number of men employed, he (Mr. Dillon) reports that he actually, at considerable trouble, exceeded instructions by giving men more periods of employment than expected to give. With regard to the list of men submitted by Mr. Greene, a considerable number of these have been given employment. From Mr. Dillon's report the position is that about fifteen men want to be Gangers for every one Scheme sanctioned for Arranmore, and the idea of "wealthy" men employed as Gangers on the Island, is, in his opinion, ludicrous."

The Council noted the report.

124/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM CULDAFF TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus Harkin, P.C., Culdaff, again complaining of the condition of the road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh. He wished to point out the urgent necessity of having improvements carried out to this road, before some serious accident happened which might mean the loss of human life. As this road was a Main Road and a Tourist Road there was very heavy traffic on it, and he could not understand why the necessary money could not be found to make it safe. Thousands of pounds were being spent on making new roads where there was no traffic. Unless some improvements were carried out before the Spring he suggested that signs be erected at each end of the road pointing out that it was dangerous and unfit for motor traffic.

The County Surveyor reported that there was no money available for the work referred to.

125/40. COMPLAINT RE INTERFERENCE WITH PIPE AT DRUMATOLAND, ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McDermott, Drumatoland, St. Johnston, complaining that Mr. Joseph Thompson, Road Contractor, Castledooey, had interfered with a pipe alongside his land and with the entrance to one of his fields.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a matter for Mr. McDermott himself.

126/40. COMPLAINT RE TARRING OF GROAGH ROAD, CULKENNY, MALIN.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Ballysallagh, Culkenny, Malin, stating that it would be very dangerous to put tar on the Groagh Road as it was very hilly.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

127/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Sweeney, 48, Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin, asking to have Paying Order No. 29588 dated 10th March, 1939, in favour of Michael Quinn, re-issued.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGlynn, Letterbrick, Cloghan, asking to have Paying Order No. 13601 dated 7th July, 1939, which had been issued to him, re-issued.

The Council decided to apply for permission to have those Paying Orders re-issued.

128/40.

CINEMATOGRAF ACT, 1909.

Applications for licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were received from the following:-

Mr. Thady Campbell, Glenties.....Parochial Hall, Glenties.
Mr. W. B. Walker, Killybegs.....Forester's Hall, Killybegs.
Reps. R. S. Chapman, Donegal.....Chapman's Hall, Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to renew the licences already issued in respect of these premises.

129/40.

APPLICATION FOR REMUNERATION FOR TAKING CARE OF CRANE
ON MALIN HEAD PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas R. Doherty, Harbour Master, Slievebawn, Malin Head, applying for £3 as remuneration for the time and labour spent in oiling, greasing, and taking care of the crane on Malin Head Pier for the year 1939.

The Secretary stated that the erection of this crane was completed in June, 1933, and, at their Meeting on the 27th June, 1933, the Council unanimously decided that a charge of 3d. be made for each lowering or lifting of a boat by this crane. Since that time no monies had been received in respect of the use of the crane.

It was unanimously decided to inquire from the Harbour Master why he had not charged for the use of the crane as instructed.
(725/33.)

130/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CARRADOAN ROAD BETWEEN SALTPANS
AND OUGHTERLIN CHURCH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers complaining of the condition of the Carradoan Road between Saltpans and Oughterlin Church. For the past five years nothing had been done to this road. The water-tables were choked up and the road was overgrown with grass and briars. Up to 1934 the amount allowed annually for this road was £10 or £11, but in that year the amount was reduced to £5. No Contractor could possibly do the work required on such a long stretch of road for this money. The road would require to be re-filled.

A letter was read from Rev. James McLoughlin, C.C., Glenvar, supporting the complaint referred to in the foregoing item. The road had sunk so low that there was really danger of people being drowned on it during wet weather. He also complained of the condition of the road from Meentiagh to Bunnaton.

The County Surveyor reported that this matter was being attended to.

131/40.

QUESTION OF PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS NEAR DONEGAL TOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. J. A. O'Connell, Hon. Secretary, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Donegal, stating that he had been asked to communicate with the Council regarding the provision of allotments for unemployed near Donegal town. The Conference were prepared to undertake the management of an allotment scheme, if the County Council provided the land, or rented the land for this purpose.

The Secretary stated that the County Council had no power to provide allotments.

132/40.

DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENINGS.

A letter was read from Rev. A. Canon Ward, P.P., Carrick, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged in connection with road opening.

A letter was read from Messrs. Mullin & Martin, Contractors, Donegal, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by them in connection with road opening.

The County Surveyor stated that the deposits were being refunded in these cases.

133/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE PORTSALON DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Sweeney, Drum, Portsalon, asking the Council to order the Gangor, Mr. Brian Friel, to put his name back on the work list. Several squads of men should be working on this job, instead of giving all the work to the one squad.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Mulreany, Assistant Surveyor:-

"This man is one of 24 men paid off after at least five weeks' work to make room for a new gang. There is a big number of unemployed in this district, and the men will have to be rotated to give as many as possible a chance to get some work."

The Council noted the report.

134/40. RESOLUTION REGARDING INCREASE OF DOLE, UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, OLD AGE PENSIONS, ETC.

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

"That owing to the drastic hardships inflicted on the people of Eire due to the exorbitant prices of the necessities of life, and the undue taxation imposed on them, that the Dole and Unemployment Assistance, and the Old Age Pensions be increased by 50% until such times as things become normal."

The Council noted the resolution.

135/40. RESOLUTION REGARDING RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

A letter was read from the Irish Prisoners' National Aid Society, Belfast, drawing attention to the conditions prevailing in N.E. Ulster.

They called upon all Public Bodies to give their Society moral and financial support, and to pass resolutions protesting at the oppression of their fellow-countrymen, and demanding the unconditional release of all political prisoners."

The Council noted the resolution.

136/40. REQUEST TO BE SUPPLIED WITH SEED OATS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Gallagher, Tullyhoner, Breenagh, asking if the County Council could come to his assistance and supply him with 60 or 70 tons of seed oats as he was breaking in a considerable area of rough land.

The Council decided to refer Mr. Gallagher to the Department of Agriculture.

137/40. BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

The County Surveyor asked the Council to break the following Contracts:-

Map No. 207. Contractor Edward McElwaine, Ballylar.

Map No. 127. Contractor John Dorrian, Ballylar.

Map No. 751. Contractor Johnnie McBride, Roughan, Ramelton.

The Council decided to break the Contracts.

138/40. CONTINGENCY FUND.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor applying for a sum of £10 from the Contingency Fund for the repair of the Coole pipes, Map No. 515a.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

139/40. TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF MR. SEAN MULREANY AS ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th January, 1940, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention of Mr. Sean Mulreany as temporary Assistant County Surveyor pending the recommendation of a person for permanent employment by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

140/40.

ERECTION OF CORRUGATED IRON SHEDS WITHIN LEGAL DISTANCE
FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY AT DESERTEGNEY.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor W. J. Doherty reporting that Charles Hegarty, Linsfort, and John McGrory, Lackrow, Linsfort, had both built small corrugated iron sheds for shops opposite Desertogney Parochial Hall in Glebe, Linsfort, within the required distance from the centre of the public road.

The County Surveyor stated that public notice should be given pointing out to persons intending to build houses that they should obtain permission before commencing to build.

Councillor McShea stated that the structures concerned were only small huts, and could easily be removed if required.

The matter was left to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

141/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT FALTYBANES, BALLYHEERIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Carr, Faltybanes, Ballyheerin P.O., applying for a grant for the road leaving the Main Coatbeg-Kindrum Road commencing 100 yards north of John McConigley's and ending in Faltybanes. The road was at present in an impassable condition.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

142/40.

COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF WORK AT MURLOUGH, DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Carr, Murlough, Downings, inquiring why he or his brother got no work on roads. The system of dole was unfair, as the people who get the smaller dole get no work.

The County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor concerned was investigating this matter.

143/40.

PURCHASE OF SECOND-HAND STEAM TRACTION ENGINE.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I got an opportunity of purchasing at an auction of Machinery in St. Johnston Quarries, a Traction Engine suitable for driving Crushers, etc. I had this Engine inspected by a capable mechanic and his report showed that the Engine was in good order, and that some repairs at an estimated cost of £30 would be required.

An endeavour was made to get the permission of the Finance Meeting to purchase this Engine, but as no Finance Meeting was held, I took the responsibility, in the circumstances, of purchasing the Engine for the sum of £143 :10 : 0, including Auction Fees.

I consider that this was a very reasonable price for the Engine in question. I have two Crushers at the moment without any driving units, and this Engine will be a very useful addition to the Plant.

I trust, therefore, that sanction for this purchase will be forthcoming."

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the purchase of the Traction Engine by the County Surveyor.

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Confirmed.

Michael J. Fadden

Chairman of Co. Council.

24th February 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1940.

144/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacGreadie, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

145/40.

A P O L O G Y.

Councillor Baxter apologised for the absence of Councillor Loughrey.

146/40.

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 30th January, 1940, were unanimously confirmed.

147/40.

S U P E R A N N U A T I O N O F M R. P A T R I C K D A W S O N, F O R M E R A S S I S T A N T S U R V E Y O R.

Arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 30th January, 1940, Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council urge the Local Government Department to allow Mr. Patrick Dawson's emoluments to be taken into account when determining his Superannuation Allowance.

Councillor Baxter seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

148/40.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th January, 1940.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

149/40.

R E P O R T S O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th January, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 20th February, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

150/40.

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.

The Secretary submitted the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 5th February, 1940.

Councillor McShane proposed that the Report be adopted.

Councillor Scott seconded.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Teresa Doherty, Cornerville House, Buncrana, asking the Council to accept the application of her daughter, Kathleen Mary Philomena, which the Scholarships Committee had decided to refuse as it was not received until the 2nd February, 1940.

The Council decided not to alter the decision of the Scholarships Committee regarding late applications.

Councillor McIvor proposed that that portion of the Report of the Scholarships Committee dealing with applications for permission to compete at the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools be referred back to the Scholarships Committee.

Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Brady supported Councillor McIvor and stated that there were two persons on the list whose applications should not have been accepted.

Eventually, it was decided to refer Minute No. 8/40 back to the Scholarships Committee, and to adopt the remainder of the Report.

151/40. REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 13th February, 1940.

Arising out of the Report, the Secretary stated that Mr. Patrick Browne, Meenticat, Drumkeen, whose appointment as Warble Fly Inspector had been recommended on condition that he pay the costs of advertising incurred in connection with the position, had written stating that he considered it unfair that he should be called upon to pay the sum of £1 : 2 : 0 in respect of advertising.

The Secretary stated that owing to Mr. Browne's delay in answering his letter, it had become necessary to advertise the vacancy for a Warble Fly Inspector; and the sum of £1 : 2 : 0 was the portion of the cost of two advertisements relating to this District.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the appointment for Stranorlar No. 2 District be re-advertised.

Councillor Mahony proposed that Mr. Browne be again asked to pay the sum of £1 : 2 : 0, and that, in the event of his refusing, the Secretary to re-advertise the position.

Councillor Mahony's proposal was unanimously adopted, and the Report of the Committee Meeting held on the 13th February, 1940, was declared adopted.

152/40. REPORT OF ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the Report of the Economy Committee Meeting held on the 13th February, 1940.

153/40. REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Secretary submitted the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 20th February, 1940.

Councillor Brady queried the Committee's recommendation regarding Burtonport Pier, but he did not press the matter.

The Report of the Committee was declared adopted.

154/40. RATEPAYERS OF CARROWMORE, MALIN, v. COUNTY COUNCIL.
OBJECTION TO PAYMENT OF LIGHTING RATE.

Councillor Cole introduced a deputation from Carrowmore, Malin, consisting of Messrs. Colhoun and Boggs.

Mr. Colhoun addressed the Council and referred to the Court proceedings which had followed the objection of the ratepayers of Carrowmore to payment of lighting rate for the year 1937/38.

He stated that the ratepayers had lost the benefit of three half-year's Credit Notes, and that their legal expenses amounted to over £60.

They wished the Council to allow them the benefit of the Credit Notes and to pay the legal expenses incurred.

Councillor Lynch proposed that the Local Government Department be requested to allow these people the value of the Credit Notes which they had lost.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee for further consideration.

155/40. ANNUAL REPORTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PORTSALON AND
DUNTINNY, AND CARROWCANNON DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 29th January, 1940, asking for Annual Reports on the Portsalon and Duntinny, and Carrowcannon Drainage Schemes.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

156/40. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY OF
SULPHATE OF ALUMINA, AND TAR AND TAR BITUMEN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 30th January, 1940, C.P.43/40, stating that Messrs. Charles Tennant & Co., 1, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, have been appointed Official Contractors for the supply of sulphate of alumina to Local Authorities during the period, 1st February, 1940 - 31st December, 1940, at prices set out in attached schedule.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 3rd February, 1940, giving the names of certain Official Contractors who have been appointed for the supply of Tar and Tar Bitumen.

157/40. APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES WALSH AS JUNIOR CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th January, 1940, G.712/2/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the appointment on a permanent whole-time basis of Mr. James Walsh as Junior Clerk on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement inviting applications for the post.

158/40. SEEDS AND FERTILISERS (SUPPLY) ACT, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st February, 1940, Circ. No. 3/40, stating that in view of the necessity for promoting increased tillage every County Council should consider the adoption of a scheme for the supply on loan terms of seed potatoes, seed oats, barley seeds, and fertilisers to occupiers or cultivators of land who could not procure supplies out of their own resources.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Council take no action in the matter.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

159/40. OCCUPATION OF STATE-OWNED FORESHORE AT BINWEE,
MAGHERAGALLON.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 1st February, 1940, M.S.5786, referring to the construction of a concrete landing-slip at Binwee, Magheragallon, the construction of which had been transferred to the Council. In order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided for by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council decided to apply for permission to occupy the foreshore involved, and to forward the sum of 1/-.

160/40. CRANE AT PORTALEEN PIER, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from the Irish Sea Fisheries Association, Ltd., 45, Kildare Street, Dublin, dated 13th February, 1940, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter dated 7th February, 1940, inquiring what contribution they were prepared to give towards the erection of a new crane at Portaleen Pier. The matter was having attention, and a reply would be sent in due course. (34/40 C.C.)

161/40. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Milford, dated 7th February, 1940, stating that an application would be made at Milford District Court on the 13th February, 1940, for the committal to a Reformatory School of a boy named Patrick McBride, Kinnalargy, Carrigart, aged about 16 years.

162/40. LOAN OF £6,500 FOR THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT ANNAGRY AND STRANORLAR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th February, 1940, C.92.43/2/36, referring to the loan of £6,500, which had been issued to the Council to enable a grant to be made to the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee for the provision and equipment of Technical Schools at Annagry and Stranorlar, and asking to be furnished with a statement indicating the apportionment of the amount of the loan between the various types of expenditure, differentiating between the sums expended on each School and between the amounts paid in respect of Clerk of Works' salary, Architect's or Engineer's Fees, Legal Expenses, etc.

163/40. LOAN OF £5,000 SANCTIONED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th February, 1940, H.5477/40, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue to the Council a sum of £170, being the third instalment of the loan of £5,000 sanctioned for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

164/40. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 -- RECOUPMENT CLAIM.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 14th February, 1940, asking to be furnished with recoupment claim in respect of compensation paid for animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order for the quarter ended 30th December, 1939.

165/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Thirty letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the thirty cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939.

Councillor Scott stated that at the last Meeting forty letters similar to the thirty mentioned above had been submitted from the Department, and yet the Department had refused to sanction an increase of twopence per gallon in milk for the County Board of Health.

166/40. COUNTY MANAGEMENT BILL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th February, 1940, G.6577/40, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution re appointment of natives of the County to the Office of Manager and Secretary when the County Management Bill became law.

167/40. RECOGNITION OF SUMMERHILL COLLEGE, SLIGO, AS A SCHOOL FROM WHICH CANDIDATES MAY BE PRESENTED FOR THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS EXAMINATION.

Councillor Lyles proposed, Councillor McShea seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That Summerhill College, Sligo, be recognised as a Secondary School from which candidates are eligible to compete at the County Council's University Scholarship Examination."

168/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS THROUGH ISLE OF DOAGH.

A letter was read from Councillor Friel enclosing petition from the ratepayers of the Isle of Doagh, Glenties, complaining of the condition of the roads through the Isle, and stating that they would refuse to pay any more rates unless the roads were put in proper repair.

In the absence of Councillor Friel, consideration of the letter was adjourned until next Meeting.

169/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN.

The following Rescinding Notice of Motion appeared on the Agenda in the names of Councillors O'Brien, Lynch, McShea, McDaid, Friel, McRory, and Houston:-

"That Minute No. 1202/39 in connection with the application of Mr. Edward Vaughan, Portnason, Ballyshannon, for permission to erect a bungalow at the junction of the Ballyshannon and Dunmuckrum Roads, be, and is hereby, rescinded, and that the matter be now referred to the County Surveyor for investigation and report."

The Chairman pointed out to Councillor O'Brien that the consent of two-thirds of the members present would have to be obtained before the matter could be re-opened, in accordance with the Standing Orders.

On a show of hands only ten members voted for the re-opening of the matter, and the Chairman ruled that no further action be taken.

170/40. INTEREST ON LOANS PAID BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1940.

Councillor McRory proposed:- "That a statement be submitted showing the total interest charges paid or to be paid out of rates during the year ending 31st March, 1940, whether in respect of loans to Subsidiary Bodies, or loans to the Council, or in respect of Overdraft."

The Secretary submitted the following figures:-

Board of Health Loans.....	£12,634	:13	: 4.
Mental Hospital Loans.....	£745	:13	: 6.
County Council Loans.....	£7,700	: 0	: 0.
Overdraft..... (approximately).....	£1,850	: 0	: 0.

171/40. DEVELOPMENT OF THE COASTAL ROADS OF THE COUNTY.

Councillor McFadden, Chairman of the County Council, proposed:- "That this Council direct the County Surveyor to furnish a report on the development of the coastal roads from Killybegs-Malinbeg-Glencolumbkille-Ardara and Portnoo."

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor O'Boyle and Councillor Lynch suggested that the resolution apply to all the coastal roads of the County.

The Chairman agreed to this suggestion, and he also proposed that the Board of Works be requested to divert the Minor Employment Schemes towards the development of tourist roads.

Both resolutions were passed unanimously.

172/40. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1940/41. - LOCAL CONTRIBUTION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th February, 1940, RU/207/1, stating that the amount of the local contribution to be provided out of rates by the Donegal County Council in respect of schemes financed out of the Employment Schemes Vote, 1940/41, would be the same as that provided for the current year, i.e. £6,000.

A further letter dated 23rd February, 1940, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the amount of the State Grant towards Roads (Rural) Employment Schemes for 1940/41 could not be notified at present, but provision should be made in the Estimates for a local contribution of the same amount as for the current year.

Councillor Baxter proposed that adoption of the Estimates be adjourned until the amount of the Grant was made known.

Councillor Brady suggested that if the amount of the State Grant be the same as last year, the Council should make the same local contribution. If the Grant was cut, the amount of the local contribution should be cut accordingly.

The Council eventually decided to make provision in the Estimates for a local contribution of £6,000; the actual amount of the local contribution to be decided later when the amount of the State Grant has been notified.

173/40.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th February, 1940, R/RGM/7, referring to the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1940/41, and stating that the form of its presentation did not comply with the terms of Article 48 (2) of the Public Bodies Orders. Column 7, as indicated in Form 20, should show all abnormal forms of repair proposed, and it was, therefore, requested that the final scheme should be furnished in the prescribed manner. The amount allowed for surface dressing should be indicated in Column 7. The Department also referred to the Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 9th January, and particularly to the discussion regarding allocations in respect of Councillors' motions, and pointed out that monies should only be allocated to roads in accordance with the needs of such roads and the recommendations of the County Surveyor. The practice of setting aside a sum of money for Councillors' Motions should be discontinued in future.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor to keep in mind when preparing the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1941/42.

174/40.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1940, G.719/2/40, was read from the Local Government Department sanctioning Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £80,000 for the month of February, 1940.

The Secretary stated that between the 15th and 21st February, 1940, the Overdraft rose from £80,236 to £83,076.

Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £90,000 would be required for the month of March, 1940.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £90,000 for the month of March, 1940, and to the excess accommodation required during February.

175/40. REQUEST FROM ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN TO BE PAID FOR CHURCH HOLIDAYS.

A letter was read from the Council's Engine-Drivers and Flagmen requesting that they be paid for and get all Church Holidays. On these Holidays they were compelled to remain at their posts to provide lights, and to ensure that fires were prepared for next day's work. They were formerly paid for such Holidays, and they felt that their request was not unreasonable.

The Council again decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

176/40.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR W. J. McDAID FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

A letter dated 13th February, 1940, was read from Mr. W. J. McDaid, Moville, tendering his resignation as a member of the County Council.

Councillor Cole, in proposing that the resignation be accepted with regret, stated that Councillor McDaid was at all times a very painstaking member of the Council. Councillor Lynch seconded.

It was also decided to declare vacant the seat on the Council held by Councillor McDaid.

177/40. DEMAND OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE YEAR 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer stating that the Committee of Agriculture had decided to apply to the County Council for a rate of 2½d. in the £. for the year 1940/41, same as granted in 1939/40. Payment of certain Grants to the Committee would be conditional on due payment by the County Council of the full Agricultural Rate at the commencement of the financial year.

Councillor McIvor proposed and it was unanimously decided to pay to the Committee of Agriculture their full demand at the beginning of the financial year 1940/41.

178/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF A MACHINERY FOREMAN FOR THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor dated 3rd January, 1940, asking the Council to appoint a whole-time Machinery Foreman, who would be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all plant owned by the Council, such as Rollers, Breakers, Engines, Tar Boilers, and Quarry Plant, etc.

The County Surveyor stated that the Council had at present 18 Rollers, 9 Drivmg units, 10 Crushers, 1 Compressor, 1 Mixer, 1 Tractor, and 32 Tar Boilers.

This Plant had cost the County about £26,000; and there was nobody whose direct responsibility it was to keep it in first-class condition. In most other Counties there was a Machinery Foreman.

There was roughly about 30% lost time due to travelling and repairs to Plant.

For the last three years the cost of repairs to Plant was:-

1937.....	£536.
1938.....	£856.
1939.....	£678.
Total....	£2070.

Of this amount, the total cost of labour was £1,481. He considered that the appointment of a Machinery Foreman was very essential.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council approve of the appointment of a Machinery Foreman.

Councillor Myles seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Councillor McIvor suggested that the appointee should be a Donegal man and a married man, all other things being equal.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the appointment be temporary for one year.

Councillor Scott proposed that the appointment be temporary for two years, and the salary be £4 per week, rising by two annual increments of 10/- per week, to £5.

On a show of hands 14 members voted for the making of a temporary appointment for one year, and 3 members for the making of a temporary appointment for two years.

After a long discussion, it was eventually decided that the salary attached to the position be £4 : 10 : 0 per week.

Councillor Scott proposed that if, after advertisement, the County Surveyor found that there were several men equally qualified, he bring all the names of the equally-qualified men before the County Council.

Councillor McIvor seconded.

Councillor Cole proposed that the County Surveyor interview the applicants, and send forward three names to the County Council.

Councillor Lynch proposed that a Selection Committee be appointed to interview the applicants.

Councillor McShane seconded.

On a show of hands, Councillor Lynch's amendment was carried by eleven votes to six.

It was agreed that the Selection Committee meet on Wednesday, 20th March, 1940, at two p.m., and that they send forward one or more names to the County Council.

The following were appointed on the Selection Committee, in addition to the County Surveyor:-

Councillors Lynch, Cole, Walsh, and McMenamin.

179/40. ECONOMY IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

A lengthy circular dated 8th February, 1940, No. 11/40, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister deemed it appropriate for local bodies to give close attention to all branches of administration in which economy could be obtained. The most constructive efforts to this end would be in the conservation of existing resources and the elimination of waste.

The Council noted the letter.

180/40. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP, AND
CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD THERETO.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th February, 1940, S.V.1/3/47, referring to Minute No. 50/40, relative to the proposed improvement works at Poolawaddy Boatlip, and stating that it was noted that the Council had agreed to contribute the sum of £40 towards the cost of the works, including the construction of an approach road to the slip. They had received a notification from the County Surveyor that he was willing to meet their Engineer at the site for the purpose of agreeing on the type of protection required at the junction of the Pier and approach road, and before making the necessary arrangements they would be glad to learn that the Council agreed to the further condition, i.e. that they sign a formal undertaking to maintain the proposed works (including the approach road) as well as the Pier, which had already been formally transferred to the custody of the Council.

The Council unanimously decided to give an undertaking to take over this road on completion.

181/40. REMOVAL OF ROCKS AT LOUGHANURE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

A letter dated 21st February, 1940, was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee, stating that his Committee had under consideration a proposal for the removal of rocks in the garden plot attached to the Loughanure Vocational School.

A maximum sum of £30 was allocated for the purpose. As the work would entail the use of explosives he was instructed to ask the County Council to allow the work to be undertaken by the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor stated that there would be a certain risk involved in the carrying out of this work.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the County Council take the risk, and carry out the work.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

182/40. APPOINTMENT OF A CORONER FOR INISHOWEN AREA IN PLACE OF
DR. P. O'CALLAGHAN, DECEASED.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, reporting the death on 7th February, 1940, of Dr. P. O'Callaghan, Coroner for Inishowen Area, and stating that, pending further instructions, he was dealing with all matters under the Coroners' Acts.

Councillor Scott proposed that Mr. Michael D. White be appointed as Acting Coroner pending the making of a permanent appointment by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Mahony proposed the appointment of Dr. F. C. Friel, Carndonagh, as Acting Coroner pending the making of a permanent appointment by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

Councillor McIvor seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, eleven members voted for the appointment of Dr. Friel, and five for the appointment of Mr. White.

The Chairman declared Dr. F. C. Friel appointed as Acting Coroner at the same rate of remuneration as paid to the late Dr. O'Callaghan, i.e. £60 per annum.

The Council unanimously decided to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for the permanent appointment at a salary of £60 per annum.

183/40. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH RATE WORK, 1940.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £800 for temporary clerical assistance in connection with Rate Work, 1940 Season.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the Secretary's application, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

184/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, enclosing his Postage Account amounting to £3 :15 : 6¹/₂ for the half-year ended 30th September, 1939.

The Secretary stated that this account was out-of-date and could not now be paid without the sanction of the Local Government Department.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the payment of the account.

185/40. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS AND THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary submitted a list of arrears due by borrowers under the Housing Acts, and the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

He stated that these cases had already been referred to the Council's Solicitor.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until their next Meeting, and, in the meantime, to leave the cases in the hands of the Council's Solicitor for proceedings.

186/40. HOUSING LOAN. JOSEPH R. CAIRNS, CORCULLION, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Orr & Rountree, Solicitors, Omagh, enclosing cheque for £12 :14 : 8 to discharge the liability of Joseph R. Cairns, a borrower under the Housing Acts, to the County Council. They enclosed Deed of Receipt for discharge by the County Council under Seal.

The Council unanimously decided to affix their Seal to the Deed of Receipt.

187/40. HOUSING LOAN. WILLIAM MCCOOL, MILLSSESIAGH, BALLINDRAIT, DECEASED.

The Secretary stated that the amount due by the above-named deceased in respect of Housing Loan had been paid in full to the County Council.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing engrossment of Discharge for completion by the Council under Seal.

The Council unanimously decided to affix their Seal to the document.

188/40. BYE-LAWS MADE BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING BOATS PLYING FOR HIRE AND THE OWNERS AND BOATMEN THEREOF.

The Council noted a copy of Bye-Laws made by the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance in relation to boats plying for hire and the owners and boatmen thereof in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as adapted.

189/40. PREMISES FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, referring to a previous proposal of the Council to provide premises in Dunkineely for the verification of Weights and Measures, and stating that the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Killybegs, was of opinion that the Recreation Hall, Dunkineely, would be suitable for this purpose, if the Hall Committee carried out the following repairs:-

- (1) Provide a stove for the cloakroom.
- (2) Provide a press to hold equipment.
- (3) Provide a table and light for the cloakroom.
- (4) Provide a lock for the cloakroom door.

A rent of 10/- per day would be charged for the use of the Hall, and the Committee were prepared to carry out the repairs as soon as they received an intimation that the Council would pay the rent. The verification would last for about four days each year.

The Council unanimously decided to pay a rent of 10/- per day for each day on which the Hall would be used.

190/40. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR FOR CLOGHER,
CLOONEY, GLENTIES.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1940, was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síothchana, stating that it would be necessary to appoint a Food and Drugs Inspector for Clogher in place of Garda P. M. O'Neill, who had been transferred recently to Glenties. He suggested the appointment of Garda M. S. O'Maille.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda M. S. O'Maille.

191/40. STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH ROSSES
WATERWORKS SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 15th January in connection with the restrictions on explosives for the removal of rocks at the Rosses Waterworks. The Board requested the County Council to permit them to have the use of such magazines as the Council might construct in the County.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the Board of Health using the magazines in connection with the removal of rocks at the Rosses Waterworks, when these were constructed.

The Council noted the County Surveyor's report.

192/40. DATES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1940.

The Council decided to hold Committee Meetings as follows during the month of March, 1940:-

Scholarships Committee.....Tuesday, 5th March, at 2 p.m.
Sub-Finance Committee.....Wednesday, 20th March, at 3 p.m.
Law Committee.....Wednesday, 20th March, at 3.30 p.m.
Engineering Committee.....Friday, 22nd March, at 1.15 p.m.

193/40. EASTER HOLIDAYS, 1940.

The Council decided for 1940 and future years to substitute Easter Saturday as a Public Holiday instead of Good Friday, and to allow Easter Monday also.

194/40. APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWALS OF LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND
PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for renewals of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from the following:-

John Gillespie, Gweedore.
Andrew McGlinchey & Co., Buncrana.
C. McClure & Sons, Ballybofey.
Patrick Loughrey, Kerrykeel.
John Montgomery, Dunfanaghy.
Joseph F. Herron, Ardara.
William Magee & Sons, Ballybofey.
George E. McGrea, Pettigo.
R. McCausland, Milford.
Moville Co-operative Society, Ltd., Moville.
John Byrne, Kilear.
Joseph Friel, Cotteen, Derrybeg.
Patrick Gallen, Glonmany.
Templecrone Co-operative Society, Ltd., Dungloe.
McConnell & Co. (Donegal), Ltd., Bridgend.

The Council decided to renew the licences subject to satisfactory reports from the Garda Síothchana.

195/40. EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

A letter was read from the Templecrone Co-operative Society, Ltd., Dungloe, asking to have their premises registered for the keeping of explosives under the Explosives Act, 1875.

The Council decided to register the premises.

196/40.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909.

A letter was read from Mr. James McCaffrey, Creeslough, applying for a Cinematograph Licence for Creeslough Hall.

The Council decided to renew the licence for this Hall.

197/40.

COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AND WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, stating that Neil Boyle had now restored the fence to its original position, and he wished to have it inspected by the Resident Engineer.

The County Surveyor stated that the restoration of this fence had been completed to his satisfaction.

198/40.

COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF WORK AT GORTNATRAW, KINDRUM.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McGranaghan (H.), Gortnatraw, Kindrum, complaining that the men of that townland were getting no work. It was seven weeks since work started on the Tullynadall Road, and the same crowd had got all the work.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany reports that all the unemployed in Gortnatraw have been employed in the second panel of workers under the rotational system."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

199/40.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOG ROAD AT APHORT, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Jack Rodgers, Aphort, Arranmore, applying for a grant for the construction of a branch of a bog road leading from Aphort Mountain Road.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a suitable work for a Minor Employment Scheme and he recommended that it be referred to the Office of Public Works.

The Council adopted the County Surveyor's recommendation.

200/40.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN OR LORRY DRIVER.

A letter was read from Mr. John P. Friel, Dunlewey, Gweedore, applying for a job as a flagman or a lorry driver. He worked for a short period on the No. 27 stonebreaker.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Friel's application would be filed for consideration when a vacancy occurred.

201/40.

APPLICATION BY SURFACEMAN FOR AN INCREASE IN THEIR PRESENT RATE OF WAGES.

A letter signed by Messrs. J. Ferry and J. McFadden, on behalf of the surfacemen in the employment of the County Council, was submitted, in which they applied for an increase in their present rate of wages. Their present rate of pay, after deduction of contributions for Insurance Stamps, was 28s/7d. Owing to the increased cost of living they wished to have the present rate increased by 3/- weekly.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter until next Meeting.

202/40.

APPLICATION FOR REMUNERATION FOR TAKING CARE OF CRANE ON MALIN HEAD PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. John Quigley, Sen., Malin Head, referring to the application of Mr. Thomas R. Doherty, Harbour Master, Malin Head, for remuneration for looking after the crane on Malin Head Pier. When the Council's decision to charge 3d. for each lowering and lifting of a boat was made known to the Pier Committee in 1933, they considered the matter and agreed that it would be impossible to collect this charge. The reasons for this decision were:-

- (1) The objection of the fishermen to any such charges;
 - (2) To collect them, the Harbour Master would require protection, and would need to be in attendance night and day during the season.
- (129/40 C.C.)

203/40. SUSPENSION OF MR. ANTHONY DOOGAN FROM THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Doogan, Gortnasate, Kincasslagh, referring to his suspension from the position of Supervising Ganger, and asking for the following particulars:-

- (1) Has a Paying Order been issued to his address covering the period ending the 3rd July, 1937, at the rate of 10/- per day.
- (2) Has a Paying Order been issued covering the period ending 31st December, 1938, at the above rate.
- (3) Has a Paying Order been issued for storage of tools during his five years as Supervising Ganger.
- (4) Has any Paying Order been issued during his service covering his postage on correspondence, pay-sheets, etc., to the Assistant Surveyor, Labour Exchange, Gangers, etc.
- (5) Has the Acting County Surveyor for this area compared the cost of supervision since his suspension with that of his service, and is the Surveyor and Council aware that on his suspension his successor immediately employed a Supervisor on Arranmore Island to assist him.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This man was dismissed for grave irregularities, and I suggest that no notice be taken of his letter. If Mr. Doogan has any specific case to make, he should state it specifically."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

204/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FOREMAN ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Breslin, Magherahan, Quigley's Point, applying for a position as foreman on roads.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Breslin should apply to the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Doherty, who would consider his application.

205/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT FENCE ON ROAD BETWEEN GLENEELY AND GLACKMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Faulkner, Moneydarragh, Gleneely, Moville, applying for permission to build a fence on the road between Gleneely and Glackmore.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the building of this fence provided it was carried out according to the instructions of the Assistant County Surveyor, Mr. O'Neill.

206/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING ON THE LIFFORD-CASTLEFIN ROAD.

A letter was read from Rev. J. A. O'Doherty, C.C., Castlefin, complaining about the flooding of the road at a spot between Cloughfin and Ballybogan on the Castlefin-Lifford Road. He recently experienced trouble with his car owing to this flooding.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The portion of the road referred to was filled some time ago, but evidently sufficient filling was not put in, and to obviate flooding another foot of filling would be required. I will consider this matter in future."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

207/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM CONVOY TO TULLYDONNELL.

A letter was read from Mr. James Douglas, Tullydonnell, Convooy, referring to his previous complaint about the condition of the road from Convooy to Tullydonnell, and to Mr. Callaghan's statement that he did not see anything wrong with the road. He would be pleased to point out the defects to Mr. Callaghan at any time.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This matter was reported on previously, when it was stated by the Assistant Surveyor concerned that the road was in fair order."

The Council noted the report.

208/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM RAMELTON TO KILLYGREEN AND FORTSTEWART.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Killygreen, Letterkenny, complaining of the condition of the road from Ramelton to Killygreen and Fortstewart. The road was in a scandalous state. There were three or four surfacemen on it coming out at 9 or 9.30 in the morning and stopping at 4 p.m. Their names were given in the letter.

The Secretary stated that the letter was purported to be from Michael Doherty, Killygreen, who had since written stating that he had nothing whatever to do with the writing of it.

No action was taken in the matter.

209/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF MAIN STREET, BUNDORAN, BY SURFACE WATER.

A registered letter was submitted from residents and ratepayers of the town of Bundoran bringing to the notice of the Council the inconvenience caused to them by the surface water from the Main Street flooding the front of and flowing into and upon their houses and property owing to the failure of the Council to provide water channels and sewers for taking away this surface water.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham reports that there is sufficient provision on the streets for carrying away the surface water, and that the trouble in this case is due to the level of houses, and to the fact that very little provision has been made in the construction of the houses for roof water."

No action was taken in the matter.

210/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT ILLION, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Illion, Arranmore, applying for a grant for the making of a new road at Illion, Arranmore.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a suitable work for a Minor Employment Scheme, and he suggested that it be referred to the Office of Public Works.

The Council adopted the suggestion of the County Surveyor.

211/40. APPLICATION TO HAVE ROAD AT GOLIRK, PETTIGO, FENCED.

A letter was read from Mr. James Jervis, Golirk, Tievemore P.O., Pettigo, asking to have about 880 yards of Golirk Road properly fenced.

The County Surveyor stated that the Council were under no obligation to carry out such fencing.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

212/40. ACCOUNT FOR CAR HIRE INCURRED BY SUPERVISING GANGER, MR. JOHN DOHERTY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Breslin, Acres, Burtonport, enclosing an account for £5 :15 : 0 in respect of car hire due to him by Mr. John Doherty, Mullaghduff, Kincaasslagh, employed by the County Council as Supervising Ganger on the Rosses Road Scheme. When engaging the car Doherty told him he was allowed travelling expenses by the Council, but although the bill had been sent to him several times no payment had been made.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a private matter between Supervising Ganger Doherty and Mr. Breslin.

The Council decided to deny liability.

213/40.

HARBOUR CONSTABLE FOR BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Byrne, Ballyloughan, Bruckless, stating that he regretted he could not accept the position of Harbour Constable at Bruckless, as his present hours of employment would not permit him to be present at the Pier to collect dues. In the circumstances, he wished to tender his resignation.

The Council decided to re-advertise the position.

214/40.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF HOUSES IN MILL STREET, PETTIGO, OWING TO FAULTY DRAIN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Shaw Bros., Pettigo, complaining of a faulty drain that ran underneath the Council houses in Mill Street, Pettigo. Their premises were recently flooded owing to this drain.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham reports that there are some Cottages being built over this drain, and that the complaint should be referred to the Contractor or to the Board of Health."

The Council decided to refer Messrs. Shaw Bros. to the County Board of Health.

215/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM STRABOY TO MEENACROSS.

A letter was read from Mr. John Cunningham, Straboy, Meenacross, Glencolumbkille, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Straboy to Meenacross. He drew the attention of the Assistant Surveyor to this matter on several occasions.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Only £5 has been allowed by the Council for the repair of this road, and, therefore, much cannot be done to it. However, we are at present carrying out some repairs."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

216/40.

GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Boyle, Sandfield, Ardara, stating that he had been instructed by the Downstrands G.A.A. Club to inquire if the Council would allow a G.N.R. 'Bus to cross Gweebarra Bridge. The passengers would walk across the Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have refused permission for this 'Bus to cross Gweebarra Bridge as it has been reported to me that the unladen weight of the 'Bus is seven tons."

The Council noted the report.

217/40.

ERECTION OF SIGN AT LOUGHROS POINT, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. Boyle, Loughros Point, Ardara, inquiring if a public sign could be erected at Boyle's, Loughros Point, Ardara.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

218/40.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR DUMPING OF TREE STUMPS AND CLAY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Chrissie Harron, Drumaneal, Bridgetown P.O., acknowledging receipt of Minute No. 83/40 regarding a claim for compensation for dumping of tree stumps and clay. She must have more than 10/- compensation, or, if not, the Council could come and remove the tree stumps within five days, as the garden was very useful to her.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I previously reported that Mrs. Harron had already signed a Consent to allow the dumping of tree stumps, etc. in consideration of a payment of 10/-, and I recommend that no further action be taken in the matter."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

219/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF BOG ROAD AT UPPER KEELDRUM, GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Harkin, Middle Keeldrum, Gortahork, complaining of the condition of a bog road at Upper Keeldrum.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a work which might be suitable for a Minor Employment Scheme, and he recommended that it be referred to the Office of Public Works.

The Council decided to adopt the suggestion of the County Surveyor.

220/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT BUNN, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick John McDaid, Bunn, Coolkenney P.O., Malin, applying for a grant to complete a road at Bunn, which was left unfinished.

The Council decided to refer Mr. McDaid to the Board of Works.

221/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT TOLLY, KNOCKBRACK.

Three letters were submitted from Mr. Joseph Friel, Tolly, Knockbrack, complaining of the condition of the Tolly Road. He stated that Mr. Kelly never visited the road at all, and that he put in a false report about it every time. The road was in a worse condition now than ever it was.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This road is a cul-de-sac. At the closed end of the cul-de-sac there is a house occupied by Mr. Friel, and at the near end there are three houses. This end has got most of the repair, as it is the portion of the road most widely used. The three men living at the near end of the cul-de-sac have sent in a letter saying that the road is in good order."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

222/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF WORKSHOP OVER THE RIVER IN GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Molloy, Glenties, stating that he intended putting up a small workshop in Glenties over the river between John Quinn's and C. Ward's. It is only a small structure, 14' x 9', and neither of the parties had any objection. He wished to know if he could get permission from the Council to make a three feet doorway on the four feet wall on the Main Street.

A letter was also read from Mr. Charles Ward, Glenties, asking to have consideration of this matter deferred until he would have an opportunity of looking into the matter.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I recommend that this matter be referred to me, and my Chief Assistant, Mr. O'Reilly, will look into the matter on his next visit to the district in question."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

223/40. CLAIM FOR WORK ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DONE FOR THE COUNCIL IN JANUARY, 1936, RE-BUILDING A PIPE AND DEEPENING A STREAM.

A letter was read from Mr. James Malseed, Solicitor, Letterkenny, stating that he was acting for Mr. John McConnell, Glendowan, Churchill, who had shown him an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council about a claim of his for £9 : 8 : 0 for work done for the Council re-building a pipe and deepening a stream in January, 1936, for which he had received no payment.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This matter refers to work which was alleged to have been carried out in the late Mr. Dawson's time. As nothing is known of this matter at present, I suggest that no action be taken."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

224/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLEGED UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK IN THE CLONMANY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Dunaff, Clonmany, asking to have a stop put to the wire-pulling which was going on in that district by the Ganger and Surveyor. Some people were getting all the work. There was nothing but dirty work going on in the district.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, reports that the signatories of this letter state that they did not sign it, and I suggest that no action be taken."

No action was taken in the matter.

225/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF WORK AT GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Greenlaw, Clintycroe, Glencolumbkille, stating that he was working for five weeks for some time past, and he had now been paid off. He wished to know if he was entitled to any further work.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This man was employed for five weeks, and was laid off strictly according to regulations."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

226/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF WORK ON THE GLEN-CARRICK ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Gillespie, Gortaloon, Glencolumbkille, inquiring if he was entitled to employment under the County Council. There was work going on on the Glen-Carrick Road for some years, and not even one from the townland of Kinnakillew got employment, except a few weeks in 1939.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, reports that the townlands recruited for the Main Road Employment Schemes Vote all lie nearer the works than Kinnakillew, which is provided for by Minor Employment Schemes. This man was employed on a Minor Employment Scheme which finished on 6th January, 1940, and he is now again recruited to start work on M.E.S. No. 270."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

227/40. COMPLAINT FROM FIANNA FAIL CUMMANN REGARDING A GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Meenan, Secretary, Fianna Fail Cumann, Malinmore, Glencolumbkille, asking for information on the following points:-

- (1) Does the County Council compel workmen to nap two tons of stones per day, or what is the requirement?
- (2) Does the County Council allow a single man to boss a gang, and this man without any education, and one of the gang making up the Paysheets, etc.
- (3) Can a Ganger allow some of his gang to make time in advance to make up for the following week if there is any broken time, and refuse this favour to some others.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have investigated the matter, and I find that there is no foundation for either of the charges. The Ganger, in our opinion, is a good Ganger."

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

228/40. COMPLAINT RE PROPOSED CUTTING OF "GAMBLE'S BRAE", FOYFIN, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Elizabeth L. Gamble, Foyfin, Castlefin, regarding the proposed cutting of "Gamble's Brae", Foyfin, Castlefin. She said this matter was pure spite.

The Council noted the letter.

229/40. COMPLAINT RE PIPE ON ROAD AT ARDUNS, GWEEDORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Maurice Boyle, Arduns, Gweedore, complaining about a pipe on the road from Brian's Bridge to Dore School. It was about seven years since this pipe was tendered for, and it was never completed. He could not cultivate his land owing to the condition of this pipe.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that this refers to an 18" square flagged pipe under the Main Road at Arduns, Gweedore. He is of opinion that the pipe, which is in good condition, is too small to deal with flood water, and suggests that a new pipe, 2" square, would be required, costing £10. He states that the alleged flooding does not seriously affect the road."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

230/40. SETTING OF RING BOLTS ON PIER AT MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGonigle, Slievebawn, Malin Head, applying for permission to set four ring bolts on the Pier at Malin Head for the purpose of holding down his motor-boat. He would have the work carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

The Council decided to give permission to set four ring bolts on the Pier, provided the work was carried out according to the instructions of the Assistant Surveyor.

231/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AT TEELIN.

A letter was read from Mr. John F. Hegarty, Omeryvurnan, Teelin, Carrick, complaining of the condition of a right-of-way in that townland. He wished to have a grant allocated for its repair.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a work which might be suitable for a Minor Employment Scheme.

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

232/40. NATIONAL ECONOMY.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. Curran, Killybegs, enclosing cutting from the "Irish Press" re wealth in waste. She was wondering if posters could be issued to the general public impressing on them the need for national economy. Centres could be fixed throughout the County where lorries could collect the stuff, and bring it to a head centre.

The Council decided to refer the suggestion to the Department of Supplies.

233/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF SITE OF NEW HOUSE AT CARRICKMAGARVEY, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Coll, Lunniagh, Derrybeg, stating that he was going to build a house in Carrickmagarvey, Derrybeg. The site is too low and is flooded on account of the road being too high. A pipe passing under the road does not carry the water through. Unless some person came to attend to the matter he would have to cut the road to get the water off.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that he had an opportunity of investigating this matter, but it seems to him to be entirely a matter for Patrick Coll to bear the cost of lowering the pipe, but first of all he would require to get the Council's permission."

The Council noted the report.

234/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. James Gallagher (Denis), Cruckmore, Dungloe, applying for a position as surfaceman on the road between Dungloe and Burtonport.

The County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy at the moment in this district for a surfaceman.

235/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE CLOGHAN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. William Ward, Ballybobaneen, Cloghan, stating that since his appearance before the Council at last Meeting (Minute No. 106/40), he had got no word from the Surveyor. There was plenty of work for men with means and single men but none for him.

Mr. Ward again appeared before the Council.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have personally investigated the case of this man, and I find that as he is not at the moment registered at the Labour Exchange, due to the fact that he is still drawing Unemployment Benefit, he is not eligible for work under Grants. I regret that we are unable to find work for him on our Direct Labour Schemes."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

236/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO BOG AT ROWANTREEHILL, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, complaining of the condition of a road leading from McCormick's Bridge on the Main Belleek Road to a bog in the townland of Rowantreehill. The people living near this road had asked them to complain of its condition. The stones which had been put on it recently were too large, and it was difficult for horses to travel on it.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was being attended to.

237/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF 70 PERCHES OF NEW ROAD AT LACKLEA, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mrs. Susan Breslin, Lacklea, Glenties, applying for a grant to make about 70 perches of a road from her residence to the road which ran through Lacklea and Lugnagillew.

Councillor Houston stated that this was a very necessary work, and he urged the Council to make a strong recommendation to the Board of Works in the matter.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

238/40. REQUESTS FROM ROAD CONTRACTORS FOR INCREASES IN CONTRACT PRICES.

A letter was read from Road Contractors Edward Catterson, Belalt, Castlefin; Tom McMenamin, Listnamulligan; and Hugh Gallen, Belalt; stating that owing to the cost of living and the price of everything, they were unable to complete their contracts, and they wished the Council to allow them more money to complete their contracts.

A letter was also read from Mr. H. Porter on behalf of the Contractors of the Lifford Area referring to the contracts now in their last year which they had held for three years. They took these contracts at a low price, but since the war the cost-of-living had gone up, and now the cost of labour was going up, so they would like to get something extra.

The Council unanimously decided to give all Contractors whose three-year Contracts were not due to expire until 31st March, 1941, or 31st March, 1942, the option of having their contracts terminated on 31st March, 1940.

In the cases of other Contractors, no action was taken.

239/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT CREGNAHORNA, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Cregnahorna, Carndonagh, applying for a grant for the making of a new road from Cregnahorna past Daniel Doherty's house to the bog.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

240/40. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF LOSS OF A HORSE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED THROUGH A FALL ON THE ROAD AT THE HAW, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Messrs. James Boyle & Co., Solicitors, Stranorlar, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. ~~Arthur~~ Tinney, Inchinagh, Lifford, with reference to an accident which occurred to his horse in October last on the road from Lifford to Castlefin at The Haw, Lifford, when owing to the state of the road the horse slipped and fell, breaking his hind leg, and, in consequence, had to be destroyed. This horse was their client's sole means of livelihood, and it was valued at £15. Nothing perhaps could be legally done, and they thought that their client was entitled to some consideration in the matter of an ex-gratia payment.

Councillor Gallen stated that this was a very hard case, and he proposed that the Insurance Co. be asked to make an ex-gratia payment of £8.

The Council unanimously agreed to Councillor Gallen's proposal.

241/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL AT STRABRINNA BRIDGE, BAVIN, KILCAR.

A letter was read from Mr. William Gallagher, Bavin, Kilcar, drawing the attention of the County Surveyor to the need for a retaining wall at Strabrinna Bridge in the Bavin Area. The river was threatening to undermine the roadway.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"A Minor Employment Scheme was carried out on the River at Strabrinna Bridge (Sanction No. 64, 1939/40). In completion report application was made for an additional £20 to make a small diversion or straightening of river upstream. This would have the effect of removing the danger which is due to erosion at the bend in the river. If the amount in question had been sanctioned by the Office of Public Works the erosion which is taking place at this point would have been avoided. Consequently, I would ask the Office of Public Works to consider this Scheme when preparing grants for the Spring and Summer programme."

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

242/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO BUILD A FENCE ON ROAD FROM PRIESTOWN THREE ROADS AND CROSSROADS AT GLASHA.

A letter was read from Mr. John McCool, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh, applying for permission to build a fence on the road from Priestown Three Roads and Crossroads at Glasha.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the carrying out of this work, provided it was carried out in accordance with the directions of the Assistant Surveyor.

243/40. APPLICATION BY MR. PATRICK O'DONNELL, DRIVER NO. 30, FOR AN INCREASE IN WAGES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Driver, No. 30 Breaker, Townawilly, Barnesmore, stating that his wages were only £2 : 5 : 0 per week. He was the smallest paid driver in the County. He would like to get the same wages as the other drivers.

The County Surveyor stated that Driver O'Donnell was on the Council's scale, and that he would be entitled to his first increment on the 9th prox.

Councillor Scott stated that this man's home was in Carndonagh, and he was only able to get home about once a month, and it cost him almost £1 in Travelling Expenses. He proposed that this Driver be transferred to work nearer his home.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for sympathetic consideration.

244/40. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE TO CAR AT MALIN IN SEPTEMBER, 1939, ALLEGED TO BE DUE TO COLLISION WITH ROLLER NO. 5.

A letter was read from Mr. Leslie J. Johnston, 10, Donegall Square South, Belfast, Claims Assessor, stating that a motor-car, the property of Mr. A. H. Davison, Salisbury Avenue, was damaged as a result of an accident on 1st September, 1939, at Malin, when the Council's Steam-Roller No. 5 was involved.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

245/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK AT KINNAKILLEW.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGinley (Mary), Kinnakillew, Glencolumbkille, stating that the road work in that district was distributed unfairly. Some of the men had been working ten weeks and he had got no chance yet.

The County Surveyor stated that this man was working on a Kinnakillew Minor Employment Scheme, and was now recruited for a Minor Employment Scheme at Beefan.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

246/40. COMPLAINT RE PETROL SUPPLY IN THE BALLINTRA AREA.

A letter was read from Captain J. S. Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra, complaining that motor-owners in Ballintra had to go either to Ballyshannon or Donegal for their Petrol Supplies.

The Secretary stated that there was a Petrol Pump in Laghey, but through the objection of the Motor Traders' Association, no Petrol was being supplied to it, he was informed.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Department of Supplies for their attention.

247/40. COMPLAINT FROM MR. SEAN O'GALLAGHER, CLOUGHBEE, ARDARA, RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean O'Gallagher, Cloughbee, Ardara, again complaining of the unfair treatment meted out to him by the Council's Survey Staff. He had a wife and 8 children all under 12 years of age, and he was unable to provide them with the necessaries of life.

A further letter was read from Mr. O'Gallagher, enclosing a Certificate from Dr. Richard Hayes, Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, showing that two of Mr. O'Gallagher's children were in attendance at a T.B. Clinic.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I do not think we are under any obligation to provide permanent work for Mr. O'Gallagher. I may mention that he was recruited for work as a labourer on one of our Employment Schemes, but he did not report for duty."

Councillor Houston urged that something should be done in the matter.

The matter was left in the hands of the Survey Staff.

248/40. CONTINGENCY FUND - TRANSFER OF AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR RE-CONSTRUCTION OF CARROWMORE BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"A sum of £200 was allowed in the Estimates for the re-construction of Carrowmore Bridge. This amount is totally inadequate to carry out the work, and as I do not propose expending this amount on the bridge in question this year, I would ask the Council to transfer this money to the repair of County Roads in Mr. O'Neill's District. These roads have suffered very badly during this winter due to heavy frost, and at the moment we have very small balances on our Main and County Roads to carry us through to the end of the financial year."

The Council unanimously decided to agree to transfer the amount to the Contingency Fund.

249/40. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF STONEBREAKER AND TRACTOR.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"At the September Meeting of the County Council (Minute No. 988/39), a letter dated 15th September, 1939, R/IR/20, was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, approving of the purchase of a Stonebreaker and Tractor.

Tenders were asked for this Plant, and eleven Tenders were received for the supply of the Breaker, and two for the Driving Unit.

I have gone very carefully through these Tenders with my two Chief Assistants, and we have discussed the matter very thoroughly.

The machines quoted for by the various firms have all differed in certain respects, and having taken into account the type of our existing plant, keeping in view the advisability of standardising our plant, as far as possible, and having considered the outputs of the various machines offered, and the possible maintenance charges, I recommend that the tender of Messrs. Baxter, Leeds, for "Knapping Motion Stonebreaker", plus conversion parts, for a total sum of £600 be accepted. I may point out that this is the highest tender received, but I confidently recommend the Council to accept it.

Regarding the tenders for a driving unit for this machine, two Tenders have been received, one from Messrs. Marshall's, at £479 : 12 : 0, f.o.q. Derry, and one from Messrs. J. Olding & Co. at £757 : 9 : 6, ex works, Hatfield. The Council will understand that it is probable that 33-1/3rd% duty will have to be paid on this Plant. I recommend that Messrs. Marshall's tender of £479 : 12 : 0, plus duty amounting 33-1/3rd%, total £639 : 9 : 4, be accepted."

The Council unanimously decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Baxter, Leeds, for a stonebreaker at £600, and the tender of Messrs. Marshall for a Driving Unit at £479 : 12 : 0, plus duty.

The Council decided to instruct the County Surveyor to apply to the Revenue Commissioners to have the ~~claim~~ for duty on the Driving Unit waived.

It was also decided to apply for sanction to the borrowing of a loan of £1,200 from the Council's Treasurer, re-payable over a period of five years.

250/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. J. F. Quigley has been engaged in a temporary capacity in the County Surveyor's Office for over five years.

As the Council will understand the work in the County Surveyor's Office necessarily includes an amount of drawing work, which can only be carried out by a trained Draughtsman. This work includes Map tracing, enlargement of plans, sectional drawings, etc., all of which are necessary in relation both to the work of the Council and the Board of Health.

Mr. Quigley, due to his Engineering Training in Dublin and subsequent experience here, has proved during the past five years that he is fully capable of carrying out this work. Now, as I visualise that this end of Mr. Quigley's work is not only of a permanent nature, but will increase considerably in the future, and as at present Mr. Quigley's position is dependent on six-monthly sanctions, I respectfully ask the Council that this post of Technical Assistant be made permanent, and that Mr. Quigley's salary be revised accordingly.

I suggest that the salary scale be fixed at £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10, to a maximum of £190, and that in view of Mr. Quigley's service for five years, that he be given credit for two years' service, and placed on a commencing salary of £120. his present salary is £2 per week."

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the County Surveyor's report, and to request the Local Government Department to sanction the permanent appointment of Mr. J. F. Quigley as Technical Assistant in the County Surveyor's Office at the salary proposed.

251/40.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

Letterkenny Area.

To repair a pipe on Road, Map No. 1092.....£1 : 10 : 0.

To repair parapets of bridge, Map No. 1128.....£3 : 10 : 0.

Aileach Area.

To repair pipe on Map No. 1336.....£3 : 0 : 0.

To re-build pipe on Map No. 1335.....£4 : 0 : 0.

To repair breaches (side of Road No. 1416).....£2 : 0 : 0.

Lifford Area.

Repairing culvert on Road No. 1474.....£1 : 0 : 0.

Stranorlar Area.

Re-building 10 feet of 4 feet culvert on Road No. 1469.....£5 : 0 : 0.

Repairing five piers of Kiltteevogue footbridge.....£10 : 0 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

Councillor Scott stated that the Map Numbers quoted for Aileach Area were not in that area.

The County Surveyor stated that he would look into the matter.

252/40. COMPLAINT RE ERECTION OF HOUSE TOO CLOSE TO THE COUNTY ROAD AT THE ROOSE, FROSSES.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary Kelly, Roose, Frosses, stating that she recently built a new house on the site of an old one. The people adjoining were building a new house now about 3 or 4 feet nearer the road and cutting off her view of the County Road, and making the corner very dangerous. She had seven children, and it was very dangerous because they could not see a car coming until it was about 3 feet from them.

The County Surveyor stated that he or his Chief Assistant, Mr. O'Reilly, would make an inspection of this complaint.

The matter was left in the County Surveyor's hands.

253/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT KINNAGLUG, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Morrison, Kinnaglug, Carndonagh, drawing attention to the state of the water-course affecting his premises. The surface water had been turned down into his place owing to the pipe not being kept clean by the Council.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I understand there is a Court case pending concerning title, and I recommend that the matter be deferred pending decision of the Court."

Councillor Cole proposed that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for investigation, and this was unanimously agreed to.

254/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF FIELD AT LISACHOLLY, BALLYSHANNON, BY SURFACE WATER.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Customs and Excise, Belleek, asking the Council to have a drain their property cleaned, so as to take the surface water off his land at Lisacholly. This field was the best he had for tillage purposes, and it was impossible to put seed into it as it was water-logged.

The County Surveyor stated that he proposed having the drain referred to cleaned.

255/40. CONSIDERATION OF SECRETARY'S ESTIMATES AND GENERAL ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1941.

The Secretary submitted his Estimates and the General Estimate of Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, as adopted by the Finance Committee on the 30th January, 1940.

The Secretary explained that at their Meeting on the 13th February, 1940, the Economy Committee had recommended reductions in the Estimates as adopted by the Finance Committee totalling £5,200.

Since that date he had been notified that the valuation of the Great Northern Railway Hereditaments had been reduced to the minimum valuation as prescribed by Section 8 of the Railway (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931. The Great Northern Railway Co. would be claiming a refund of rates for the three years ending 31st March, 1940, and he estimated that it would take a sum of approximately £1,300 to cover the refund for the three years and the loss in rates for the coming year.

The total reduction, therefore, in the Estimates as adopted by the Finance Committee would be £3,900.

Councillor Baxter queried the sum of £2,000 which the Secretary had included in the Estimates to cover the cost of the Local Government Elections. He stated that it was possible no Election would be held, and he suggested that the amount be wiped out.

Eventually, it was decided to include the sum of £2,000 in the meantime, and to inquire from the Local Government Department if an Election would be held during the year 1940/41.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to adopt the Estimates as submitted, and to determine the rates in the £. to be levied by means of the Poor Rate in respect of General Charges to be 196.8285 pence, and the amount to be demanded from each Urban District to be:-

Buncrana.....	£2,891.
Bundoran.....	£2,565.
Letterkenny.....	£2,776.

256/40. DEMAND FROM THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Arising out of the consideration of the Estimates and the demand of the Committee of Agriculture for 1940/41, Councillor Brady called attention to the administration of the Lime Subsidy Scheme by the Committee of Agriculture.

He read an extract from the Auditor's Report dated 2nd October, 1939, on the administration of the Lime Scheme for the year 1938/39. In this Report certain irregularities which had occurred in the administration of the Scheme were pointed out, and no action had been taken by the Committee.

Councillors Baxter and McIvor, members of the Committee of Agriculture, explained what had occurred. They stated that the ratepayers of the County had not lost one shilling. The time for the supply of the lime by the kiln-owners had been extended, and this would obviate any further difficulties.

Councillor Brady, in accepting the explanation, stated that he wished to make it clear that by his remarks he meant no reflection whatever to be cast on the Chief Agricultural Officer.

Confirmed.

Neil Blane

Chairman of Co. Council.

26th March, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1940.

257/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

258/40.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from the Chairman, Councillor Michael Og McFadden.

259/40.

C H A I R M A N.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Blaney, Vice-Chairman, presided, and afterwards, Councillor McIvor, Deputy Vice-Chairman, presided.

260/40.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Blaney proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor MacCreadie on the death of his wife, and, in doing so, he paid a tribute to the many fine qualities of the late Mrs. MacCreadie.

Councillor Baxter seconded the resolution.

Councillors Loughrey and Scott, and the Secretary, on behalf of himself and the Staff, associated themselves with the resolution which was passed in silence.

261/40.

CO-OPTION OF A COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR THE COUNTY ELECTORAL
AREA OF BUNCRANA.

Councillor Friel proposed the co-option of Mr. James Kelly, Moneydarragh, Gleneely, Moville, as a member of the Council for the County Electoral Area of Buncrana, in place of Mr. W. J. McDaid, who had resigned from membership.

Councillor McIvor seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Kelly, who suitably acknowledged.

262/40.

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

Councillor Scott proposed the confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 27th February, 1940. He pointed out that in the second line of Minute No. 255/40 "1931" should be "1941."

Councillor McMenamin inquired why the Selection Committee appointed to meet on the 20th March in connection with the appointment of a Machinery Foreman had not been summoned.

The Secretary stated that the Local Government Department had not so far sanctioned the Council's proposal to appoint a Machinery Foreman, and there was no point in calling a Meeting.

Councillor Mahony seconded Councillor Scott's motion, and, the necessary amendment having been made in Minute No. 255/40, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council were unanimously confirmed.

263/40.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27TH
FEBRUARY, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th February, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

264/40. REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th February, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 20th March, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

265/40. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 5th March, 1940.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor McIvor stated that he considered it unfair that the Committee should have refused permission to Desmond Joseph Dunnion to compete at the University Scholarships Examination.

The Secretary pointed out that according to the Council's Scheme, the application of Master Dunnion could not have been accepted.

The Report was adopted unanimously.

266/40. REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Cole, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 20th March, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

267/40. COMPLAINT RE EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES ON ROAD WORK IN THE BARNESMORE DISTRICT, INSTEAD OF CARTS.

Mr. F. Gallagher, Solicitor, Donegal, appeared before the Council on behalf of a number of small farmers of the Barnesmore District to protest against the employment of lorries in the haulage of road metal instead of carts.

Mr. Gallagher stated that since the employment of a lorry the services of the carters had been dispensed with. The farmers had organised a strike and the labourers in the Quarry came out on strike also in sympathy with them. Some suggestions for a settlement of the dispute had been made by the County Surveyor, and one of them was that the hauling of the stones over portion of the road be given to the carters, but they were not satisfied with this arrangement as it would only entail a very small portion of the work. His clients were finding it very difficult to live in these hard times. They wanted to be protected against the advance of the motor, but they found they were to be ousted from this little bit of work on the grounds of cheapness. His clients questioned if the employment of a lorry was cheaper and they were prepared to submit to a test.

Mr. Gallagher also stated that he had been informed that there was a resolution on the books of the Council directing that carts be employed in preference to lorries within a distance of two miles.

Councillor McIvor stated, that whilst having every sympathy with the carters, it was often found that they did not give a fair day's work.

Councillor Brady stated that it was estimated that the cost of the stones when drawn by a cart was 3/- per ton, and when drawn by a lorry, 2s/8¹/₂d. per ton. There was very little difference in the cost.

The County Surveyor stated that this dispute concerned a small Grant of £370, which was provided purely and solely for the employment of certain types of men who were unemployed. A certain amount of work had to be done, and they had to get value for the money spent. He originally intended to carry out the work by lorry as it would be much cheaper. Eventually, he decided to give short-distance work to the carters. The carters refused to accept this arrangement. If all the haulage of metal was done by carts, there would be very little work for anybody else, and the people for whom the grant was intended would not benefit at all.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Co. Surveyor, and Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that the previous resolution of the Council directing that carts be employed, where the distance does not exceed two miles, be adhered to.

Councillor Friel seconded the amendment, which was carried by 15 votes to 12 votes on a show of hands.

268/40. REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, AND APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL ROAD-MAKING PLANT.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 22nd March, 1940.

Councillor Scott pointed out that the words "to the next Meeting of the Board of Health" in Minute No. 5/40 should read "to the next Meeting of the Engineering Services Committee."

The Secretary amended this Minute accordingly.

Councillor Baxter stated that if the adoption of the Report meant the incurring of extra expenditure he would oppose it very strongly.

Councillor Brady stated that he objected to the proposal to centralise quarries. It might lead to economy but it would not be the proper thing.

Councillor Scott pointed out that the Report was merely a preliminary survey of matters regarding engineering work as they stood at present.

Councillor Mahony stated that the Report should be referred back to the Committee to have it elaborated.

The County Surveyor proceeded to enlarge on the Report of the Committee. He explained that the methods of quarrying in the County were very old, and in the whole County there was only one small drilling plant. A lot of the tarring plant was out-of-date and not suitable for modern methods of tarring, with the result that the cost of the work was very expensive. To get real value for the money being expended additional plant would have to be purchased. At the moment the Council had a lot of plant on hire, and this was not the proper thing, except at peak periods. He suggested that a sum of £12,000 be made available for the purchase of new plant. It would not all be required at present, but some of it was urgently needed. As stated in the Report of the Committee, the money would only be expended by him after consultation with the Engineering Services Committee.

The Secretary explained that the money could be raised by way of loan, and charged to the Machinery Expenses Account, and in a short time it would pay for itself, as this account was financed by charging to the different Grants and to Direct Labour Work a sum sufficient to cover the use of the Plant engaged on the Schemes. At present, the Machinery Expenses Account stood £2,000 to credit.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Report of the Engineering Services Committee, and the application of the County Surveyor for permission to purchase additional plant be adjourned for a month.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor's application for permission to purchase additional plant be granted, and that the remainder of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee be adjourned.

Councillor Mahony stated that, having heard the County Surveyor's and the Secretary's explanations, he would second Councillor Scott's proposal.

After further discussion, it was eventually decided to adjourn the Report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 22nd March, and the County Surveyor's application for permission to purchase additional plant until the next Meeting of the Council on the 30th April, 1940.

269/40. LOUGH SALT WATER CONTRACT - APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR ERECTION OF MAGAZINE.

A letter was read from Messrs. White & Co., Contractors, Dunowen Gardens, Belfast, Contractors for the Lough Salt Water Scheme, applying for a licence for a magazine situated in Kilmaerenan.

It was 5'6" long by 4'0" wide by 5'0" high, inside dimensions. The floor was 6" thick with 18" walls and 9" reinforced roof all built of concrete with steel door. It had been approved by Commandant J. D. Flanagan, Explosives Inspector, and they required it to store explosives to be used for blasting rock in connection with and for the duration of the above contract.

The Council decided to grant a licence, subject to the approval of the Department of Justice.

270/40. POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP, AND CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD
THERETO.

A letter dated 21st March, 1940, was read from the Office of Public Works referring to the Secretary's letter of the 6th March enclosing copy of Minute No. 180/40 relative to the proposed improvements to Poolawaddy Boat slip, consisting of an approach road, and protection works at the junction of the Pier and approach road, and stating that it was noted that the Council had agreed to give an undertaking to take over the road on completion. They would be glad, however, if it would be confirmed that the Council had also agreed to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the proposed protection works at the junction of the Pier and approach road, as well as the Pier which had already been formally transferred to the Council. Arrangements were being made for their Engineer to meet the County Surveyor at the site, at an early date, for the purpose of agreeing on the type of protection required at the junction of the Pier and approach road.

The Council unanimously decided to give an undertaking to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the proposed protection works at the junction of the Pier and approach road, as well as the Pier. (180/40 C.C. S.W.1/3/47.)

271/40. RATES ON PROPERTY OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO. IN
COUNTY DONEGAL.

A letter dated 23rd March, 1940, was read from the Council's Solicitor referring to Minute No. 161/40 of the Sub-Finance Committee regarding rates on property of the Great Northern Railway Co. in County Donegal.

He had considered the matter in the light of the correspondence, as incorporated in the Minute, which was the only information at present available to him.

On this information, he was not in a position to express other than a hypothetical opinion, except as to the effect of the Court decision.

In his opinion, in view of the reduction of the valuation, the Railway Co. was entitled to a refund in respect of the overpayments made. If Judge Davitt's decision was given at a date antecedent to the 1st October, 1939, he thought the Statute had already run in favour of the Council, but, on the other hand, if the Judgment was delivered subsequent to the 30th September, 1939, then the Statute would not have run until the 30th June, 1940. The Minister, of course, had power to extend the time, under the provisions of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as amended by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, Section 4. Such an extension would enable the Council to apportion the liability between the rates for the years ended 31st March, 1941, and 31st March, 1942, if the Railway Co. would agree to accept payment in two instalments.

He would like to have an opportunity of dealing with all the issues fully when he had all information, and, in the meantime, he was of opinion that the Council should agree to apply to the Minister for the necessary extension of time.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Local Government Department for an extension of time to make the payments to the Railway Co.

272/40. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, stating that a Meeting of the County Councils' General Council would take place during Spring Show week, 7th - 11th May.

Notice of any matters which the Council might desire to have placed on the Agenda for the Meeting should be forwarded before the 25th April.

The matter was referred to Councillors Mahony and Scott, the Council's representatives on the General Council.

273/40. RATE OF INTEREST ON LOANS ADVANCED FROM THE LOCAL LOANS FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd February, 1940, L.16/40, stating that interest on every loan or loan instalment advanced out of the Local Loans Fund on and after the 8th February, 1940, and until further notice, had been fixed by the Minister for Finance at the rate of 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % per annum.

274/40. REQUISITIONS FOR FINAL PAYMENTS OF GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd February, 1940, RU/206/26, asking to have submitted immediately in respect of all works authorised prior to 30th September, 1939, requisitions (Forms No. 97 (RU)) for final payments, accompanied by Forms 16, 18, RU/206/E4 and RU/206/E7 or E8.

275/40. PURCHASE OF A SECOND-HAND TRACTION ENGINE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th February, 1940, R/IR/20, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the purchase of a second-hand traction engine as proposed to the County Council by the County Surveyor on the 30th January. (143/40 C.C.)

276/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th February, 1940, R/RM/7, stating that Paying Order No. 29588 issued on the 10th March, 1939, in favour of Michael Quinn, and Paying Order No. 13601 issued on 7th July, 1939, in favour of James McGlynn, might be re-dated.

277/40. REMUNERATION OF COUNTY AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS IN RESPECT OF WORK IN CONNECTION WITH ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 1st March, 1940, RU/204, relative to payment of remuneration to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of the special work entailed in the recruitment and rotation of labour in connection with the Roads (Rural) Schemes, and stating that it had been decided to continue the arrangement in respect of the schemes for 1939/40. Remuneration at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ % to the County Surveyor, and 1% to the Assistant County Surveyors might, therefore, be charged to the Schemes. The fees should be calculated on actual expenditure and not deducted from the total amount allowed for the scheme. In Counties where Temporary Engineers were employed to assist the Assistant County Surveyors the salaries of such Engineers should be excluded from the sum on which fees might be calculated.

278/40. PROVISION IN ESTIMATES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th March, 1940, F.8263/40, Donegal (C.), acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 29th February, and, in reply, stating that provision should be made in the Estimates for the holding of the election of members of the Donegal County Council which was due to be held in the year 1940.

279/40. ANNUAL RETURN OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS, ETC., ON 1ST APRIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th March, 1940, enclosing forms for the preparation of the Annual Return of Officers, Members, etc., as on 1st April, 1940.

280/40. RECOUPMENT OF COST OF PREPARATION OF SEVENTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 5th March, 1940, F.26/5/39, enclosing a Paying Order for £741 : 18 : 4, being the amount re-payable to the County Council in connection with the preparation of the Seventeenth Register of Electors under the Electoral Act, 1923, and the Juries Act, 1927.

281/40. DRAWS UPON THE GUARANTEE FUND UNDER THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS IN RESPECT OF ARREARS OF ANNUITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd March, 1940, stating that the draws upon the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts in respect of arrears of annuities in Donegal for the May/June, 1939, and November/December, 1939, gales exceeded the re-payment to the Guarantee Fund of arrears of annuities at previous gales by a sum of £223 : 9 : 11. There would, accordingly, be a deduction of this amount from the County Share (including Urban Districts) in the payment on account of Estate Duty Grant (£3,167 : 12 : 7) for the present financial year, and the balance would be paid at an early date.

282/40. OCCUPATION OF STATE-OWNED FORESHORE AT CERTAIN PLACES.

Ten letters were read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, referring to the Secretary's letters of the 9th February, and stating that the Minister granted the Council a licence under Section 3 (3) of the Foreshore Act, 1933, authorising the use of so much of the foreshore as was occupied by works at the following places, the position of which was indicated on an accompanying tracing:-

Inishirrer Island.
Inishmeane Island.
Inishkeeragh, Burtonport.
Portnacross, Killybogs.
Poolawaddy, Arranmore.
Bunaninver, Derrybeg.
Muckross, Kilcar.
Sladdannavooghog, Ballyhooriskey.
Binwee, Magheragallon.
Malinmore.

The licences were granted on condition that:-

- (a) they would remain in force for 99 years from the date of the letter but might be terminated by the Minister on giving six months' notice in writing, and that:-
- (b) the Council should keep the premises in good and proper condition to the satisfaction of the Minister.

283/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were submitted of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Toelin; Illion; Upper Kooldrum; Strabrinna; Gregnahorna; Aphort; and Lacklea, Glenties.

284/40. PRESERVATION ORDER IN RESPECT OF PROMONTORY FORT, MUCKROSS HEAD, KILCAR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 11th March, 1940, C.94.330/1/38, relative to the question of erecting a notice at the Promontory Fort, Muckross Head, to the effect that, pursuant to the Preservation Order recently made in respect of it, interference with the monument was illegal, and stating that warning notices were not erected at monuments in respect of which only a Preservation Order had been issued, the notifications sent by post to the various interested parties, including the Garda Authorities, being regarded as sufficient.

285/40. EMPLOYMENT OF MR. MICHAEL A. DOHERTY, B.E. AS TEMPORARY ENGINEER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th February, 1940, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the employment of Mr. Michael A. Doherty, B.E., as Temporary Engineer in connection with the Employment Schemes upon the terms set out in the Department's letter of the 15th January, provided that the County Surveyor was satisfied. It was pointed out, at the same time, that the normal course for the selection of a suitable person was not followed by the Council. In future the applications should be referred to the County Surveyor so that he might advise the Council as to the most suitable candidate or candidates.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he was satisfied with the appointment.

286/40. APPOINTMENT OF 13 WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS, AND TEMPORARY CLERK FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH WARBLE FLY ORDER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 27th February, 1940, L.573/40, sanctioning the appointments as Temporary Inspectors under the Warble Fly Order for the coming season of Messrs. Hugh Gillespie, Umiskin, Kilcar; Patrick O'Brien, Drumoghill, Manorcunningham; Jeremiah Quinn, Galdonagh, Manorcunningham; and William McDaid, Drumacadoo, Newmills, for the Glencolumbkille; Ramelton; Stranorlar No. 1; and Lettorkenny Districts, respectively, with remuneration in each case at the rate of £2 per week; and sanctioning the re-appointment on the same terms and conditions of the 9 Inspectors for the remaining Districts who acted in a similar capacity in those districts last year.

The Minister would also offer no objection to the proposal to employ a temporary clerk for work in connection with the Orders for a period of 20 weeks, with inclusive remuneration at the rate of £2 per week, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

287/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Twenty-six letters were submitted from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department were of opinion that the evidence submitted in the twenty-six cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939.

288/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHARLES JAMES THEODORE McLAUGHLIN AS RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 20 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd March, 1940, G.5212/3/40, regarding the appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 20 District, and drawing attention to the reply to Query No. 9, and inquiring what were the alternative arrangements in regard to residence Mr. McLaughlin proposed to make in the event of his appointment being sanctioned.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles James Theodore McLaughlin stating that if his appointment as Rate Collector for No. 20 District was sanctioned he proposed to reside in the private house of Mr. Dan McLaughlin, Church Road, Carndonagh, and he intended to apply to the Council for permission to use a room in the Courthouse, Carndonagh for the collection of rates.

The Secretary stated that a copy of Mr. McLaughlin's letter had been sent to the Department.

289/40. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR MARCH, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, dated 14th March, 1940, G.719/4/40, stating that it had been noted that the Overdraft required for March was £20,000 in excess of that required for March, 1939. This was contrary to the general trend of Overdraft in other Counties and required further explanation. It might also be shown in what manner it was expected the overdraft of £90,000 required would be covered by outstanding revenue appropriate to the year 1939/40.

The Secretary stated that he had replied to the Department's letter.

290/40. COUNTY DONEGAL (CONTROL OF DOGS) ORDER, 1913.

In the absence of Councillor Myles, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda, was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, and passed unanimously:-
"That the Gardaí Authorities be requested to enforce the regulations made by the Council on the 31st May, 1927, under the County Donegal (Control of Dogs) Order, 1913."

291/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF WOODLAND-DOOISH, BALLYBOFEY.

Councillor Hannigan proposed:- "That the Council apply for a grant for the making of 120 perches of new road in the townland of Woodland-Dooish, Ballybofey."

The County Surveyor reported as follows:- "The making of this new road is a matter which should be referred to the Office of Public Works for consideration when allocating Minor Employment Schemes."

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

292/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE ISLE OF DOAGH.

A letter was read from Councillor Friel enclosing petition from ratepayers of the Isle of Doagh, Clonmany, complaining of the condition of the roads through the Isle, and stating that they would refuse to pay any more rates unless the roads were put in proper repair.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:- "The roads referred to have been inspected, and it is considered that they are in reasonably good order."

The Council noted the report.

293/40. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNE DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £35,000 riachtanach i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha go dtí an 30adh Aibreain, 1940.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £35,000 suas go dtí an 30adh Aibreain, 1940.

294/40. APPLICATION BY SURFACEMEN FOR INCREASE IN RATE OF WAGES.

A letter was read from Messrs. J. Ferry and J. McFadden, on behalf of the surfacemen in the employment of the County Council, applying for an increase in their present rate of wages. Their present rate of pay, after deductions of contributions for Insurance Stamps, was 28s/7d. Owing to the increased cost of living, they wished to have the present rate increased by 3/- weekly.

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the application be granted. Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that no change be made in the present rate of wages, as it was the same as that recently fixed by the Government for Agricultural Labourers.

Councillor McClafferty seconded.

On a show of hands, the amendment was declared passed by 14 votes to 3 votes for the motion.

295/40. AMENDMENTS IN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME - REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED ANNUALLY.

The following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the names of Councillor Mahony and five other members, was proposed by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Scott, and passed unanimously:-

"That Minute No. 1056/26 of the 30th November, 1926, confirming the County Council University Scholarships Scheme, be, and is hereby, rescinded, and that the Scheme be amended as follows:-

Clause 1. To be deleted.

Clause 2. The first sentence of this Clause to be altered from:- "Six Scholarships shall be offered for competition each year", to "Four Scholarships shall be offered for competition each year."

Clause 3. To be amended from:- "Four of the Six Scholarships annually allocated shall be tenable only in the National University or in a Constituent College thereof. The remaining two Scholarships shall be tenable in the Dublin University or its affiliated College, Magee-McGrea. In the absence of qualified candidates for Dublin University, the two remaining Scholarships shall be awarded to candidates for the National University"; to read as follows:- "Three of the four Scholarships annually allocated shall be tenable only in the National University or in a Constituent College thereof. The remaining Scholarship shall be tenable in the Dublin University or its affiliated College, Magee-McGrea. In the absence of a qualified candidate for Dublin University, the remaining Scholarship shall be offered to a candidate for the National University."

Clause 6. The words "Six Scholarships" in the first sentence to be altered to read "Four Scholarships."

An additional Clause to be inserted in the Scheme to read as follows:- "In the event of there being only twelve candidates in any year, or fewer, the total number of Scholarships offered shall be reduced to three."

296/40. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS - PROPOSED FIXING OF GROSS INCOME.

Councillor McIvor proposed the following Notice of Motion:- "That no Scholarship be awarded to children of parents whose gross incomes exceed £300 per annum."

After speaking for some time in support of his motion, Councillor McIvor proposed, in deference to the wishes of the majority of the Councillors present, that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting, and this was unanimously agreed to.

297/40. APPLICATION FROM ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN TO BE PAID FOR CHURCH HOLIDAYS.

A letter was read from the Council's Engine-Drivers and Flagmen requesting that they be paid for and get all Church Holidays. On these Holidays they were compelled to remain at their posts to provide lights, and to ensure that fires were prepared for next day's work. They were formerly paid for such Holidays, and they felt that their request was not unreasonable.

Consideration of the matter was further adjourned until next Meeting.

298/40. SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC LIGHT TO LIFFORD COURTHOUSE AND COUNCIL OFFICES.

The Secretary reported that Captain Wagentreiber and he had interviewed Mr. A. Gallagher of the firm of Messrs. A. Gallagher, Ltd., Lifford, in connection with the supply of Electric Light to the Courthouse and Council Offices, and the lowest sum he was prepared to accept for the lighting of the buildings was £52 per annum.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to pay £52 per annum for the lighting of the premises.

299/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF WORKSHOP IN GLENTIES OVER THE RIVER
BETWEEN JOHN QUINN'S AND C. WARD'S.

A letter was read from Mr. John Molloy, Glenties, stating that he intended putting up a small workshop in Glenties over the river between John Quinn's and C. Ward's. It would only be a small structure, 14' x 9', and neither of the parties had any objection. He wished to know if he could get permission from the Council to make a three feet doorway on the four feet wall on the Main Street.

A letter dated 23rd March, 1940, was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, writing on behalf of Mr. Charles Ward, who was the owner of half the river bed at Glenties, and formally objecting to the Council granting permission to Mr. John Molloy to erect a workshop on his client's portion of the said river bed.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:- "This site was inspected and as there are private interests concerned, I accordingly recommend that the Council do not grant the permission asked. Mr. C. Ward claims ownership of half the width of river, and objects to proposed building."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and to ask the County Surveyor to report, in the meantime, if the Council's interests would be affected in any way by the proposed building.

300/40. APPOINTMENT OF A HARBOUR CONSTABLE FOR BRUCKLESS PIER.

The Secretary reported that, as instructed by the Council, he had re-advertised the appointment of Harbour Constable at Bruckless, following the refusal of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Ballyloughan, Bruckless, to accept the position, and on this occasion he received two applications, these being from:-

Charles Henry Diver, Ballyloughan, Bruckless.

Matthew Corr, Beaugreen, Dunkineely.

Councillor McShane proposed the appointment of Mr. Matthew Corr. Councillor O'Brien seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

301/40. APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR
INCREASE IN TRAVELLING EXPENSES RATE PER MILE.

A letter was read from Dr. M. J. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health, requesting that his travelling allowance be increased from 4d. to 6d. per mile, as from 1st January, 1940, owing to the increased cost of petrol, garage charges, and motor accessories.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, it was unanimously decided to refuse the application.

302/40. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £300 to cover cost of clerical assistance required in connection with Road Grants up to 30th September, 1940.

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

303/40. AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH LOUGH SALT WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, enclosing copy of agreement dated 16th November, 1939, between the Council, the Board of Health, and the Letterkenny Urban Council in regard to the provision of a water supply from Lough Salt to the Urban Boundary at Letterkenny.

The letter was noted.

304/40. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., asking the Council to nominate a delegate to attend the Meetings of the Company.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to appoint Major Myles to represent the Council.

305/40. COMPLAINT RE CRANE AT MALIN HEAD PIER, AND PROPOSAL TO
INSTAL MOORING RINGS ON THE PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. John Quigley, Sen., Malin Head, referring to the application of Mr. Thomas R. Doherty, Harbour Master, Malin Head, for remuneration for looking after the crane on Malin Head Pier. When the Council's decision to charge 3d. for each lowering and lifting of a boat was made known to the Pier Committee in 1933, they considered the matter, and agreed that it would be impossible to collect this charge. The reasons for this decision were:-
(1) The objection of the fishermen to any such charges;
(2) To collect them, the Harbour Master would require protection, and would need to be in attendance night and day during the season. (202/40 C.C.)

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas R. Doherty, Harbour Master, Malin Head, dated 29th February, 1940, reporting that the winch attached to the crane at Malin Head Pier was in urgent need of repairs. Some of the bolts that bound the winch to the deck of the Pier were either broken or had become loosened, and there was a great danger of boats being damaged if it was used while in its present condition. He also wished to know if it was permissible for any boat-owner to bore holes and fix iron bars with rings on the deck of the Pier to which boats could be secured. One owner had begun to do so, and in a position which would hamper the moving of other boats near the crane.

A further letter was read from Mr. Thomas R. Doherty, Harbour Master, Malin Head, dated 5th March, 1940, in reply to an inquiry from the Secretary, stating that since the erection of the crane on Malin Head Pier, the fishermen had been and were still using it. The trouble was that they had the free use of the Pier since it was built over 50 years ago, and they thought that this long period of such use had given them an established right to use it forever. (725/33 C.C.)

A letter dated 5th March, 1940, was read from nine residents of the Malin Head Area lodging an objection to the installing of mooring rings or posts by the owner of one of the local fishing boats on the Pier at Malin Head. If these rings were allowed to be placed it would be impossible for other owners of boats to utilise this portion of the Pier for their craft, as was done in former years. They failed to understand why any particular owner should have the Council's permission to carry out work which would definitely inconvenience all the other users of the Pier.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGonigle, Slievebawn, Malin Head, in reply to an inquiry from the Secretary, and with reference to his application for permission to affix ring bolts on Malin Head Pier, stating that he had never paid any Harbour Dues for using Malin Head Pier, nor he had never known of any other local fisherman to do so. (230/40 C.C.)

The Council decided to refer the whole matter to the Piers Committee for consideration.

306/40. OCCUPATION OF STATE-OWNED FORESHORE AT GOLA ISLAND PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 15th March, 1940, M.S.5487, referring to the improvements to the Pier at Gola Island, the maintenance of which had been undertaken by the Council, and stating that, in order to regularise the occupation of the State-owned foreshore involved, it would be necessary for the Council to have authority from the Minister as provided by the Foreshore Act, 1933. On receipt of a letter of application from the Council, together with the sum of 1/- as a nominal acknowledgment of the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore, the Minister would be prepared to grant the necessary licence by way of permission in writing under Section 3 (3) of the said Act.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for the necessary licence to occupy the State-owned foreshore involved, and to forward a sum of 1/-.

307/40. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS IN DERRYBEG AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Dan Gallagher, Middletown, Derrybeg, stating that three days' work per week on roads was no use to him. He had as much right to be a Ganger as some of those who were Gangers.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Gallagher was given work according to the regulations governing the Grant, and we have no further power in the matter."

The report was noted.

308/40. COMPLAINT RE DELAY IN COMPLETION OF ROAD AT BOULTYPATRICK, BALLINAMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Ward, Boultypatrick, Ballinamore, complaining of the delay in the completion of the road between Boultypatrick and the Main Road through Knockletteragh, the construction of which was begun last Summer. Half of it had been completed, and the remainder was a passage of mud and slush, not fit for pedestrians.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

309/40. APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS AS FLAGMEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Tourish, Murlog, Lifford, applying for a position as a flagman with the Council.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Kelly, Lough House, Cashelnavoon, Barnesmore, applying for a position as a flagman with the Council.

The Council decided to refer the applications to the County Surveyor.

310/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING.

A letter was read from Mr. C. McLaughlin, St. Catherine's Road, Killybegs, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged in connection with road opening.

The County Surveyor stated that the deposit had been refunded.

311/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT STRAUGHTER, KILRAINE.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McConnell, on behalf of the ratepayers of Straughter, Kilraine, complaining of the condition of the road in the townland of Straughter. Carts, lorries, etc., got stuck on it, and if any of these vehicles were damaged, the County Council would be held responsible.

The County Surveyor stated that the road referred to was not a County Road.

312/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM THE BRAE ABOVE OWENEA BRIDGE ON TO THE MAAS ROAD.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Tullymore, Ardera, applying for a grant to widen, repair, and roll the road leading from the Brae above Owenea Bridge on to the Maas Road. The road led to extensive turbary areas, and there was a lot of traffic on it. It was also frequented by tourists during the summer months.

The County Surveyor stated that the road in question had been inspected and was found to be in reasonably good order.

313/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT DRUMINAUGHT, NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from Mr. George Frizelle, Druminaught, Newmills, complaining of the condition of the road leading to the townland of Druminaught. It had been left half finished, and it was impossible to walk on it. Seven families used this road.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

314/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT STONE WALL IN FRONT OF
HOUSE AT TIERNALEAGUE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. James Diver, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh, applying for permission to build a stone wall in front of his house at the Crossroads at Tiernaleague. He would have to take down the old fence, but this would leave more space.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to Mr. Diver erecting the wall, provided the work was carried out in accordance with the directions of the Assistant Surveyor.

315/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM CARRICKMAGARVEY TO
CORVEEN, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Gallagher, Carrick, Derrybeg, complaining of the condition of the road leading from the Main Road at Carrickmagarvey to Corveen. The Contractor put the gravel out until it was measured. After that he did nothing except spread the gravel around the place where it was measured, and let the remainder of the road do without any gravel.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Contractor, in the past, had spread gravel over greater part of this road. A new contract, with increased stone and gravel, would start on 1st April, 1940."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

316/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK AT CARRICKMAGARVEY,
DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McFadden, Carrickmagarvey, Derrybeg, stating that he had been requested by the men of the townlands of Carrickboyle and Carrickmacafferty to draw attention to the unfair treatment they were receiving in not getting employment on the road that was being extended through Carrickmacafferty to the sea. There were four "Carricks" altogether, and on previous occasions when roads were being constructed through either of them, all the men in the four townlands were employed. It appeared that the traveller and ganger could select men to suit themselves, and the less men employed, the longer the job would last. The Employment Exchange sent out a list of the men in Carrickboyle and Carrickmacafferty, but they were not employed.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. McIvor:-

"This refers to a Minor Employment Scheme. Sufficient men were available in the two nearest townlands, i.e. Carrickmagarvey and Carrickmacafferty, for this work, and the men were only taken from these townlands. Instead of a small gang being employed, it is rather large, being upwards of 16-18 men per day, so there is no foundation for the idea that the job is being prolonged."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

317/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT SMALL CORRUGATED IRON
SHED AT DONAGHMORE N.S.

A letter was read from Rev. John Sproule, Donaghmore Manse, Castlefin, applying for permission to erect a small shelter of corrugated iron for use as a garage for the convenience of the teachers of Donaghmore N.S. during school hours. He enclosed a sketch of the site of the proposed structure.

The County Surveyor stated that the proposed structure would be within 30' feet of the centre of the road.

The Council decided to refer the matter back to the County Surveyor, with instructions to make a personal inspection of the proposed site, and report to next Meeting.

318/40. RESOLUTION FROM CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL RE INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL WAGES, ETC.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Cavan County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:- "That we, the Cavan County Council, desire to enter our emphatic protest against the Government's interference in the relations of farmers and their employees.

We are of opinion that their recent Order increasing Agricultural Wages is unjustifiable, will prohibit farmers from employing necessary help, and will further augment the ranks of the unemployed, as no farmer can afford to pay the scheduled wages.

We strongly urge the Government in the best interests of the Nation to cease meddling in the relations of farmers and their employees, and we further express our opinion that the recent Order will prevent the success of the increased tillage plan.

We call upon the Government to guarantee a paying price for production and marketing of products resulting from increased tillage."

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor McIvor, it was decided to adopt the last paragraph of the resolution.

319/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT CRUCKAMORE, MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mrs. Annie Sweeney, Cruckamore, Meenbanad P.O., applying for a grant for the making of a road to the houses of Annie Sweeney, Ned Molloy, and Mrs. Jack Bonar. After lorrying their turf a distance of five miles, they had to dump them on the Main Road leading to Burtonport and carry them a distance of 821 yards.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

320/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF APPROACHES TO HOUSES AT LACKENAGH, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mrs. Sophia Gallagher, Lackenagh, Burtonport, complaining of the condition in which her street was left by the Council's workmen. She would pay no more rates until it was properly repaired. Other people along the same road could get cement walls built.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bridget Houston, Lackenagh, Burtonport, complaining of the condition in which her street was left by the Council's workmen. If anyone was hurt as a result of its condition, the Council would be held responsible.

A letter was read from Mr. James Ferry, Lackenagh, Burtonport, stating that owing to the rolling of the road the approach to his business premises had been practically blocked so that lorries could not get on to the street.

The County Surveyor stated that these complaints were being attended to at the moment.

321/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE BETWEEN THE TOWNLANDS OF LACKLEA AND TANGAVANE, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick O'Donnell, Lacklea, Greenans P.O., stating that a bridge on the river between the townlands of Tangavane and Lacklea was of urgent necessity as the present structure was dangerous. A grant of £40, with the ratepayers' own assistance, would remedy a long-standing grievance.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Schemes.

322/40. APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF SEED OATS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Gallagher, Tullyhoner, Breenagh, asking for a loan for the purchase of 60 or 70 stones of seed oats.

The Council decided to inform Mr. Gallagher that they had not adopted a seed scheme.

323/40. COMPLAINT RE MANNER IN WHICH MINOR RELIEF GRANTS ARE
BEING EXPENDED ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A telegram and letter were read from Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Hon. Secretary, Arranmore Unit, Old I.R.A. Rights Association, requesting the Council to suspend all fresh Grants allocated for the Island until the grievances of the tenants were rectified; the grievances being:-

- (1) Roads were and are being constructed on Arranmore that serve no purpose. Consequently, grants spent on these roads are wasted, and roads that need repair are overlooked. The most necessitous work that could be done on the Island is the repair of Piers and the construction of new landing-stages.
- (2) Favouritism is shown a certain number of men on the Island in so far as Gangerships are concerned. Gangerships should not be confined to a certain number of men simply because they are the favourites of the Supervising Ganger.
- (3) The principle "One Man, One Job", was proposed and seconded and had the unanimous approval of all the tenants, and the principle "One Man, Two or more jobs" was condemned.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Continual complaints by letter and telephone are continually arriving from this man, and generally the complaints have no foundation. The Engineer in charge of this district is exceptionally capable, and I have every confidence in the manner in which he carries out his work."

After some discussion, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

324/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM LARGYBRACK CROSSROADS
TO PORT, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Cunningham, Straboy, Meenacross, complaining of the condition of the road from Largybrack Crossroads to Port. The road was under contract, but the water-tables were not cleaned, as a result of which the road was flooded. Grass was growing on it at different places.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The amount of money allocated for these roads is not very great, and owing to the very severe winter, the roads are not as good as they might be. The Contractors are at present working on the roads referred to."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

325/40. COMPLAINT RE TAKING OF STONES FROM TRUSSEY'S PARK,
CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, 5, Newmarket Street, Derry, stating that he had received instructions from the Trustees of Trussey's Park to write the Council regarding the unauthorised entry by the Council's workmen on their lands at Trussey's Park, and quarrying and taking away stones therefrom. Over 100 tons of stones had already been taken away. These should be paid for at once, and if the Council wished to do any further quarrying on the lands an agreement would have to be come to.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor O'Neill stating that the pit gravel quarry at Trussey's Park had been used ever since the road was made, and no payment was ever claimed. The gravel pit was situate on a commonage in the centre of a mountain turbary.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, pending a personal inspection and report by the County Surveyor.

326/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF LANEWAY AT RAREAGH,
NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Rareagh, Newmills, applying for a grant to have about 60 perches of an old laneway widened, and made an accommodation road.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for investigation, on the motion of Councillor Mahony.

327/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS AT ROCKFIELD OWING TO
DIVERSION OF STREAM.

A letter was read from Mr. R. S. Magee, Solicitor, Strabane, stating that he had been consulted by Miss Johnston, Rockfield, Ballybofey, in reference to the diversion of a stream in Rockfield where the Council's workmen were carrying out the widening of a road convenient to her dwelling. The stream was one which had always been used by his client for watering meadows, and this water had now been entirely diverted from his client's lands, and, in consequence thereof, she would suffer very severely, and her lands would be badly damaged for grazing purposes. He had been instructed to call upon the Council to have the stream restored to its original course, and thereby allow the water to flow through the pipe under the County Road, and on to his client's lands.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Callaghan reports that the stream in question has not been diverted. The road was widened and the pipe extended to edge of stream, so that the water could be turned into this pipe if required. He further stated that no water was passing through this pipe at the time of the road widening, nor did the pipe appear to have carried water recently. This pipe was formerly used for conveying water to flaxmill."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

328/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF BRIDGE AT BALLINTRA, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Maggie Conaghan, Ballintra Upper, Arranmore, complaining about a Bridge at her residence. She complained about this before, and Mr. Kearney was to see about the matter, but nothing was ever done. A wall and footbridge would require to be built at the place.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

329/40. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Kinnegar Head, Rathmullan, stating that he wrote some time ago complaining about the allocation of road work, and was told that his name would be submitted to the Labour Exchange. There had been no change of men since, and he had got no work. He was a married man with a wife and five children, and he was about the only man in the area who got no work this winter.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I will keep this man's name in mind when an opportunity arises. All the men in the townlands surrounding the work have had a share of employment."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

330/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE AT LACKENAGH,
BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary Gallagher (Mick), Lackenagh, Burtonport, stating that Mr. Dillon had a gang of men working in her quarry, and the road leading to her house was completely destroyed with carts. The drains leading from the road were filled up with stones, and the fences destroyed.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"In our opinion the road at the present time is even in better condition than before we started to work near it."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

331/40. APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF OATS AND POTATOES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Quigley, Altaghaderry, Carrigans, asking if the Council had adopted a scheme for the loan of seeds and fertilisers. He would require 160 stones of oats and 1 ton of potatoes.

The Council decided to inform Mr. Quigley that they had not adopted a Scheme for the loan of seeds and fertilisers.

332/40. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE MEEVAGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Messrs. James McAteer, Denis McBride, and James McBride, Corra, Downings, drawing attention to the unfair distribution of work on M.R.S. Roads in the Meevagh Section of the Rossguill Peninsula. Several men who had spent a duration of five weeks had been kept on whereas they had been paid off, having only spent three days' total work for the season. In the case of James McAteer, the Parish Priest wrote to the Labour Exchange, and was informed that the matter rested with the Council's Ganger. The whole thing was a racket between the Gangers and their friends.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The charges made are without foundation. The men were employed strictly according to regulations."

No action was taken in the matter.

333/40. CLAIM FOR £15 IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENSION OF WALL AT CASTLEFORWARD DEMESNE ENTRANCE GATE.

A letter was read from Mr. Frederick Robinson, Castleforward Demesne, Speanogue, Burt, asking the Council to communicate with the County Surveyor in connection with the extension of the wall at Castleforward Demesne Entrance Gate for the benefit of transport facilities. He hereby lodged a claim of £15, including cost of slates received from him by the workmen.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor for investigation and report.

334/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES OF CONVOY WOOLLEN CO., LTD.

Letters were read from the Convoy Woollen Co., Ltd., Convoy, stating that they had written on several occasions regarding the drain at their Mill Gate, which overflowed during heavy rains, and flooded their premises. They required a deeper drain in the road crossing **the gate as the water flowed from the road to the lower level of the Mill, and flooded the Office.**

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"As this road was made originally by the Convoy Woollen Co., Ltd., it would appear that the cleaning of the drain is a matter for themselves."

The Council noted the report.

335/40. APPLICATION FROM ROAD CONTRACTOR FOR ASSISTANCE IN INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH AN OBSTRUCTION.

A letter was read from Mr. James Elkin, Contractor, Termone, Lecamy, asking the Council to institute proceedings against Thomas Donovan in regard to an obstruction on Road, Map No. 184, Contract No. 203. He had a manure pit on the side of the road actually in the water-table, and the water-table was stopped. The water went across the road at this pool and flowed about 20 yards on the other water-table, and again re-crossed the road.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. James Elkin is instituting proceedings in this case in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Road Specification."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

336/40. REQUEST TO COUNCIL TO SINK A PIPE AT CARRICKMAGARVEY, DERRYBEG, ON SITE OF PROPOSED NEW HOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Coll, Lunniaghbeg, Derrybeg, stating that he was going to build a house in Carrickmagarvey and he wished the Council to sink a pipe at the place. The pipe across the road at present was too shallow to allow him to drain a suitable place for building. If the Council did not attend to the matter he would open up the road at this point and run the water through.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"If Mr. Coll applies for permission to the Assistant Co. Surveyor to lower this pipe, he will be given such permission provided he lodges a suitable fee to cover the licence."

The Council noted the report.

337/40.

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line from the Sheil Hospital, Ballyshannon, to Red Hugh's Brae, Ballyshannon.

The Council decided to grant permission on condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal, except in so far as State-aided Schemes and Schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas were concerned, to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs; and that the poles be kept free of the carriageway.

338/40. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON ROAD AT RANNY, LETTERLIACAWARD.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter Cannon, Dirlaught, Lettermacaward, complaining that he was paid 10/- short in respect of work on the Ranny Road from the 5th to the 17th February, 1940.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"A sum of 10/- was deducted from this man's wages, as the Engineer, Mr. Dillon, had reason to believe that he did not work for $1\frac{1}{4}$ days in the fortnight concerned."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

339/40. SHED ERECTED ON THE COUNTY HOUSE PREMISES FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the County Librarian, dated 6th March, 1940, stating that an account, amounting to £18 : 1 : 0, was received from Mr. Andrew Gallagher, Carpenter, for the erection of a store on the County House premises for the use of the County Library. The Committee unanimously decided to refer the account to the County Council.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, payment of the account was ordered.

340/40. COMPLAINT FROM COUNTY DONEGAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION RE REFUSAL OF COUNCIL TO ADOPT A SEED SCHEME, AND RE TARRING OF ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. W. G. Gallagher, Castlefin, Chairman, Co. Donegal Farmers' Association, stating that at a Meeting of the Association held in Letterkeeny on the 8th March, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:-

(a) "That we, the farmers of this Association, embracing the majority of County Donegal farmers, the largest ratepayers in the County, object to the refusal by the County Council to make available loans to farmers to purchase seeds and manures in 1940. The Minister has sanctioned such loans, and the Council has refused to take action. The Minister has had this refusal referred to him also."

(b) "That this Association objects to the tarring of Main Roads from edge to edge as such a practice is unsafe for horse-drawn vehicles, and the Association wishes to point out that the Surveyors are the servants of the people and not otherwise."

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McIvor, the Council expressed themselves as being in agreement with resolution (b).

The Council noted resolution (a).

341/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED AT KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGinley, Kerrykeel, reminding the Council that he had not yet received payment for stones supplied although he had made several applications. Seeing how he had been treated he had no alternative but to take proceedings.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting to give the County Surveyor an opportunity of going into it fully.

342/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR STONES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM QUARRY AT TULLYCLEAVE, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mrs. Morrow, Tullycleave, Ardara, stating that in the latter part of 1938 about 1,000 or 1,200 tons of stones were taken from a quarry on her lands. The metal was used on the Ardara-Portnoo Road. Mr. Bernard O'Donnell, Ardara, was the Ganger, and he promised her payment but so far she had got none.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mrs. Morrow gave permission for us to use this Quarry without any question of compensation. I understand there are some witnesses to prove this."

The following letter was read from Ganger Bernard O'Donnell:-

"I approached Mrs. Morrow, accompanied by James Boyle, Tullycleave, and asked for permission to quarry on her land, and she gave me same gladly on condition that I would repair the road leading from the Quarry to the County Road, which also served as an accommodation road to Mrs. Morrow's house. This road I repaired together with putting a proper fence on the quarry, and complied with her wishes. At no time was she promised payment, and Mr. Boyle will bear out this statement of mine."

Councillor Scott proposed that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor, and the proposal was agreed to.

343/40. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Carr, Tullyconnell, Kindrum, applying for work or Unemployment Assistance. There was work going on on roads in the district, but he had not got a start.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Carr was employed on a scheme in the area, but was paid off according to instructions.

344/40. COMPLAINT RE ROAD AT CLONTALLAGH, DOWNINGS, BEING CUT OFF BY DRAIN.

A letter was read from Mr. John McAteer, Dundoan, Downings, stating that the road leading from the County Road at Clontallagh to Upper Dundoan had been cut off by a drain at its entrance leaving the County Road. This matter should be attended to immediately as an accident could occur at this point.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

345/40. AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR REMOVAL OF PROJECTIONS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

An application was submitted from the County Surveyor to have the amount unexpended in connection with the removal of projections in Bundoran Urban Area at the 31st March, 1940, re-voted for the year 1940/41.

The Council unanimously decided to re-vote the amount for the year 1940/41.

346/40. FLOODING OF SITE OF PREMISES AT LIFFORD FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY MESSRS. WHITE & CO.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, enclosing an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board relating to the flooding of premises at Lifford formerly occupied by Messrs. White & Co. The Board decided to request the Council that in any future permission they might give for the erection of structures at Lifford, they should take into consideration the liability of the premises to flooding.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor.

347/40. CUSTOMS FRONTIER POST AT LIFFORD.

Councillor Wagentreiber called attention to the very dangerous corner at Lifford where the temporary Frontier Post was situated. When a number of cars were stopped there, the corner was most dangerous. The Council decided to call on the Revenue Commissioners to have the new Customs Hut erected without further delay.

348/40. ARREARS DUE ON FOOT OF LOANS ADVANCED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

The Secretary submitted a report in connection with above, and two letters were submitted from the Council's Solicitor. The Council adjourned the matter until their next Meeting.

349/40. ARREARS DUE ON FOOT OF LOANS ADVANCED UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary stated that the following arrears were due on foot of loans advanced under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Neil McGready, Mountcharles.....£69 : 2 : 1.

Michael Gallagher, Legnahorey..... £6 : 0 : 1.

The Council noted that McGready's case was in the hands of the Council's Solicitor.

350/40. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR TRESSPASS IN RESPECT OF STONES SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. W. A. W. Sheldon, Ashfield House, Raphoe, acknowledging receipt of Paying Order for £3 : 2 : 6 in respect of trespass for 250 tons of stones at 3d. per ton. As the amount of trespass agreed on between Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor, and himself was 4d., he would be obliged for payment of the balance of £1 : 0 : 10.

The Council decided to leave this matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

351/40. EQUIPMENT FOR FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, enclosing particulars of equipment required by the Food and Drugs Inspectors during the coming year.

The Council unanimously decided to purchase the equipment required.

352/40. APPLICATION FROM ROAD CONTRACTOR FOR AN INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE, OR RELEASE FROM CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Travers, Laghey Bay, Laghey, stating that he was a road contractor, and he was afraid that owing to the high cost of living he would be unable to complete his contract unless he got more money. If he did not get an increase he wished to be relieved of the contract.

The Council decided to inform Mr. Travers that he would be released from his contract if he so desired.

353/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES ON COUNTY ROAD FROM KEADUE TO DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell (Paddy), Acres, Burtonport, stating that when improving the County Road from Keadue to Dungloe one-half of the sod fence on the road beside his field was cut away. In some places the other half had slipped into the drain at the foot of his field thus obstructing the drainage. As he had the field beside the obstruction ready for cropping, he should like the matter attended to. There was no fence on the road to prevent cattle getting into his crops.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was now settled.

354/40. COMPLAINT RE FENCES LEFT UNFINISHED ON KEADUE ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Ward (Jack), Keadue, Burtonport, stating that his fences were left unfinished since the repairing of the Keadue Road.

The County Surveyor stated that the fencing complained of was, in his opinion, quite adequate.

355/40. COMPLAINT RE AGE LIMIT FIXED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from Mr. Barney Doherty, Terhoran, Clonmany, stating that with the best intentions on the part of the Council the free Scholarships failed to reach the child of the poor parents, on account of the age limit, 14 years. It was impossible for the child in rural districts to be ready for the examination at the age of 14. At present the law said the child within 2 miles of the School must go to School at the age of 6. If more than 2 miles away they were not liable to attend School until they were 10 years of age. The law admitted the handicap on the children from backward places, and the Council should go into the matter from this point of view.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Department of Education for their views.

356/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO PIPES ON ROAD FROM DUNGLOE ROAD STATION.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank H. O'Donnell, Crickamore, Burtonport, stating that owing to carting of stones on the road from Dungloe Road Station the pipes on this road had been broken, and his lands were being flooded. He wanted the pipes put in proper repair as he had to crop his lands.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I recommend that the culvert on this road be repaired by the Council, as it seems likely that we have been responsible for the damage."

The Council decided to authorise the County Surveyor to have the culvert repaired.

357/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD FROM BALLYHARRY BOG TO KINDROICHEAD BOG.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McCann, Irish Ballyharry, Carrowmena, applying for a grant for the making of about 12 perches of a new road from Ballyharry Bog to Kindroichead Bog. He also complained of the condition of the Irish Ballyharry Road. There was only 30 tons of stones specified for it, and it would take at least 100 tons to keep it in good order.

The County Surveyor stated that the Irish Ballyharry Road was in fair order.

The Council decided to refer the application for a grant to the Board of Works.

358/40. SPECIAL REMUNERATION TO MR. F. MCKAY, ACCOUNTANT, FOR EXTRA DUTIES PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th March, 1940, G.710/2/40, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 8th February regarding the payment of a special allowance to Mr. McKay in respect of extra duties performed by him in connection with the Employment Scheme Grants made available for the year 1938/39, and stating that the Minister was unable to alter his decision as indicated in the Department's letter of the 20th January, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to refer this matter back to the Department, with a request that they sanction the allowance of £50 originally proposed by the Council.

359/40. COMPLAINT RE PIPES ON ROAD NEAR SHANAGHAN, ARDARA.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Shanaghan, Ardara, stating that they got the main drain between Shanaghan and Kinnoughty sunk some time ago, and there were two pipes crossing the road, one at George Adair's, and the other on the branch road to Ballygannive. These two pipes were too high to carry the water since the drain was sunk, and they should be sunk as the land was all flooded, and could not be tilled.

The County Surveyor stated that the pipes were all right as far as the County Road was concerned.

360/40. LOAN OF £6,500 FOR PROVISION AND EQUIPMENT OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT STRANORLAR AND LOUGHANURE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 14th March, 1940, C.92.43/2/36, referring to their letter of the 12th February regarding the loan of £6,500 for the provision and equipment of Vocational Schools at Loughanure and Stranorlar; and asking to be furnished with a statement indicating the apportionment of the amount of the loan between the various types of expenditure incurred in connection with each School.

The Secretary stated that he had referred this letter to the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee.

361/40. APPLICATION FROM ENGINE-DRIVER FOR TRANSFER FROM SOUTHERN DIVISION TO NORTHERN DIVISION.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Driver, Breaker No. 30, Minchifin, Pettigo, applying for a transfer from the Southern Division to the Northern Division. Driver Hugh McGlinchey, who was from Stranorlar, was working in his (O'Donnell's) home place, and he would change with him.

The County Surveyor stated that at the first opportunity he would review the whole position in regard to Engine-Drivers and Flagmen.

362/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO WINDOW IN BRIDGE STREET, CARNDONAGH, THROUGH A STONE SKIDDING FROM UNDER THE WHEELS OF A PASSING LORRY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Kearney, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, stating that on 11th March one of the windows in his shop got smashed through a stone skidding from under the wheel of a passing lorry. The stone still remained inside the window. He must have the window repaired as soon as possible, and he wished to know if the Council was prepared to pay the expenses incurred for the re-placing of the glass in the window.

The County Surveyor stated that he understood the owner of the lorry concerned had reported the damage to his Insurance Co.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

363/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT WORKSHOP AT CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Mr. John Lynch, Culdaff, applying for permission to erect a workshop at Culdaff within 30 feet from the centre of the roadway.

A further letter was read from Mr. Lynch enclosing sketch of the structure which he proposed erecting.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

364/40. COMPLAINT RE ROAD LEADING FROM MAIN ROAD AT CAROLAN'S TO PORTHALL STATION.

A letter was read from Miss W. A. Clarke, Porthall, drawing attention to the road running from the Main Road at Carolan's corner down to Porthall Station. It had become very bad owing to the traffic to the Station with farm produce on heavy lorries. Since October last 3,000 tons of potatoes had been loaded at Porthall Station.

The Secretary submitted the following report which he had received from Mr. P. J. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor:-

"This section of road was never intended for such traffic. The County Council money available would be sufficient even to keep it in passable order. With the increased heavy traffic which may be expected, I suggest the only solution would be a summer grant to put the road in order to stand up to the heavy lorry traffic."

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to request the Department to allocate a Grant from the E.S. V. Schemes for the improvement of this road.

365/40.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CORONER FOR INISHOWEN AREA.

A letter dated 28th February, 1940, was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, in reply to the Secretary's letter notifying him of the appointment of Dr. Friel as Acting Coroner, and stating that he was not aware that the Council had any Statutory Authority to appoint a Coroner. As the Council were aware he was appointed Deputy Coroner in August, 1936, with the approval and confirmation of the Council, and he thought the very least the Council might have done was to notify him of the withdrawal of that approval and confirmation. Under the circumstances, he wished to inform the Council that he would continue to act in the capacity of Deputy Coroner until a permanent appointment was made.

A letter dated 12th March, 1940, was read from Mr. Michael D. White asking if the Council obtained the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make the appointment of a Temporary Coroner at their Meeting on the 27th February, 1940, and, if so, the date of the Minister's consent. He also wished to know if the Minister had consented to the appointment of Dr. Friel, and sanctioned same as made by the Council.

A letter dated 14th March, 1940, was read from Mr. Michael D. White asking to have a certified copy of the Minutes of the Council's Meeting of the 27th February, 1940, in connection with the appointment of a Temporary Coroner.

A letter dated 14th March, 1940, was read from Dr. F. C. Friel, Carndonagh, thanking the Council for his appointment as Interim Coroner. Pending the making of a permanent appointment he preferred not to act in the meantime.

A letter dated 14th March, 1940, was read from the Department of Justice, 31/5, stating that in view of the provisions of the Coroners' Act, 1892, the Minister was not prepared to consent to the appointment of a Temporary Coroner in any case in which a Deputy Coroner was available to act as the Coroner during the period of the vacancy. Unless it was shown to the satisfaction of the Minister either that Mr. Michael D. White's appointment as Deputy Coroner was not properly made, or that his appointment was revoked by the late Coroner, the Minister would not be prepared to consent to the appointment of a Temporary Coroner.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council apologise to Mr. Michael D. White for the error which they had made.

Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that no apology be made.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

On the matter being put to a vote, eleven members voted for Councillor Brady's amendment, and two members voted against it.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

366/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF GOLIRK ROAD, PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Begley, Tievmore, Pettigo, drawing attention to the "Golirk Road", which was contracted for by Mr. Joseph Nicholl of Tievmore. Some time ago he got a few tons of road metal, but stopped it immediately. Mr. Begley wanted the Council to give him this contract, as he lived about the middle of the road, and was prepared to make it properly. Mr. Joseph Nicholl and his people had left Tievmore, and were living near Donegal Town.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Contract for this road had now been given to Mr. Begley, as there seemed no hope of the original contractor, Mr. Nicholl, carrying out the work."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

367/40. APPLICATION TO HAVE MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME NO. 345,
LIFFORD AREA, REINSTATED.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Roughan District, Lifford, applying to have Relief Grant No. 345, in connection with the flooding of the lands of the Roughan, reinstated, so that the work can be put in hands as soon as the weather permitted. This work was urgently required as crops were being destroyed.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Board of Works to have this Grant reinstated.

368/40. RESOLUTION FROM DROGHEDA CORPORATION RE OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Corporation of Drogheda, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by Drogheda Corporation:-

"That this Council is convinced that the present Old Age Pension of a maximum amount of 10/- per week is quite insufficient to provide an individual with the necessaries for living in bare comfort, and, consequently, urge the Government to take immediate steps to have the amount increased to what is reasonable and decent"

The Council unanimously adopted the resolution.

369/40. CLAIM OF MR. CHARLES BRADLEY, FORMER SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTOR, FOR PAYMENT FOR ELEVEN DAYS' WORK DONE IN
DECEMBER, 1935.

A letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., Solicitors, Raphoe, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Charles Bradley, Manorcunningham, who informed them that in 1935 he worked for eleven days for the Council in connection with an outbreak of sheep scab. It would appear that the Department had never since sanctioned their client's appointment, and he had not since been paid. The work was actually done, and they could not see what possible defence the Council had to offer. The amount claimed was £3 : 13 : 4.

The Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Department of Agriculture on several occasions, but on each occasion they refused to sanction payment to Mr. Bradley.

The Secretary stated that during the months of August and October, 1936, Mr. Bradley had been paid for a number of days on which he had not actually worked.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability, and to point out to Messrs. Wilson & Co. that Mr. Bradley had been paid for more than eleven days in 1936 on which he had not actually worked.

370/40. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGGRAPH LICENCE FOR IONA HALL, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Louis Walsh, Solicitor, Glenties, referring to his letter of the 5th July, 1939, applying on behalf of Mr. Patrick Gildea, Ardara, for a Cinematograph Licence for the Iona Hall, Ardara. On the 25th July, 1939, the Council instructed the Acting County Surveyor to inspect the Hall, but nothing had since been heard about the application.

The County Surveyor stated that he would have this Hall inspected by Mr. O'Reilly when next in Ardara.

371/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY OWING TO BED OF GRAVEL
LEFT IN RIVER WHEN BEING CLEANED.

A letter was read from Mr. Cahir Doherty, Carnmalin, Malin Head, stating that the cutting of the river in July, 1938, and 1939, was destroying his property owing to a bed of gravel which was left by a flood in 1938. Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor, promised to have this bed of gravel removed, but he had failed to do so.

The County Surveyor stated that the Council did not appear to be responsible, but he would attend to the matter.

372/40. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for renewals of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from the following:-

Charles J. Herron, Carrickatlieve, Ardara.
 John O'Donnell, Ardara.
 Phil Cannon, Carrick.
 Michael P. O'Donnell, Meenancary, Carrick.
 Allan Rogers, Killybegs.
 Daniel Quigley, Killybegs.
 C. J. O'Sullivan, Mountcharles.
 M. M. Andrews, Diamond, Donegal.
 D. Melly, Churchill.
 Patrick O'Callaghan, Rathmullan.
 William A. Harris, Letterkenny.
 James McClay, Stranorlar.
 John Doherty, Drung, Quigley's Point.
 Neil Faulkner, C. Edgaff.
 Patrick O'Doherty, Malin Head.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the renewals, subject to satisfactory reports from the Garda Síochána.

373/40. RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ACTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN EXECUTING PETER BARNES AND JAMES McCORMICK.

A letter was read from Mr. Eddy McCauley, Jun., Ballintra, enclosing copies of the following resolutions passed at a recent Meeting of the Ballintra Workers' Rights Association:-

- (1) "We call upon the Donegal County Council, which represents the people of this County, to condemn the action of the British Government for carrying out the death sentence on Barnes and McCormick despite the pleas of the Irish people."
- (2) "We call upon the Donegal County Council to pass a resolution calling on the British Government to hand over the bodies of the Martyrs to the Irish people."

On the motion of Councillor McRory seconded by Councillor Gallen, the motion was adopted unanimously.

374/40. TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN ARBOUR HILL AND MOUNTJOY PRISONS.

A letter was read from Cumann na mBan, 12, St. Andrew Street, Dublin, enclosing a statement on the position in Arbour Hill and Mountjoy Prisons where a hunger-strike was in progress. The cause was the giving of criminal treatment to political prisoners.

Councillor Lynch proposed that the Council condemn the action of the Government in according these prisoners criminal treatment.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded.

Councillor Blaney proposed, as an amendment, that the letter be marked "read."

Councillor Scott seconded.

After a long and heated discussion, the matter was put to a vote, and seven members voted for the amendment and six against it.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

375/40. TREATMENT OF INTERNEES IN DERRY PRISON AND PERSECUTION OF PEOPLE OF NORTH-EAST ULSTER.

A letter was read from the Irish Prisoners' National Aid Society enclosing lengthy statement regarding the treatment of the internees in Derry Prison and the persecution of the people of North-East Ulster.

A long and heated discussion ensued following the reading of the letter accompanying the statement.

Councillor Blaney proposed that the Council condemn the action of the Government of Northern Ireland in their ill-treatment of the internees.

Councillor Lynch seconded the resolution, which was passed.

376/40.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. James Doherty, Creeve, Rathmullan, applying for a position as flagman. He had plenty of boiler experience.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

377/40.

DAMAGE TO CRANE AT PORTALEEN PIER.

A letter was read from the Irish Sea Fisheries Association, Ltd., dated 19th March, 1940, 497/39, stating that the Committee of the Association at their Meeting on the 14th March had under consideration the question concerning the crane at Portaleen Pier, when it was decided to inform the Council that the Association had no funds at its disposal which could be applied for the purpose in question.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Piers Committee.

378/40.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for a sum of £30 for the repair of serious damage to "Diamond" Road, Dungloe.

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

379/40.

NEW WORKING HOURS FOR ROAD WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I beg to report that there is no uniformity regarding the working hours for men throughout the County, and I propose, as from the 1st April, to standardise the working hours, lunch hours, etc. The hours proposed are as follows:-

For men on Direct Labour.

Monday to Thursday.....	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday.....	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday.....	8 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Lunch Hour.....	12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

For men on Employment Schemes.

Monday to Friday.....	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lunch Hour.....	12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

For Flagmen.

Flagmen will get an additional half-hour for lunch, that is from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m., as it is part of their work to be on duty for longer hours than those mentioned above."

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Blaney seconded, and it was unanimously decided to approve of the new working hours arranged by the County Surveyor.

380/40.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

Donegal Area.

Repair of culvert on County Road, Map No. 1757.....£6 : 0 : 0.

Letterkenny Area.

To repair arch on Road, Map No. 1092.....£1 : 10 : 0.

To repair bridge on Road, Map No. 1263.....£3 : 10 : 0.

Inishowen Area.

Repair of bridge and pipe on Map Nos. 142 and 145..£16 : 0 : 0.

Repair of Culdaff Bridge. (Map No. 78).....£100 : 0 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

381/40.

BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

The County Surveyor asked to have the following Contracts broken:-

Alleach Area.

No. 80, April 1938, Map No. 938 (John J. Kildea.)

No. 90, April 1938, Map No. 934 (James Kildea.)

No. 57, April 1938, Map No. 1080 (William McCauley).

Lifford Area.

No. 45, April 1938, Map No. 1153 (William McCauley).

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

382/40.

DATES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES FOR MONTH OF APRIL.

The Council decided to have the Sub-Finance and Law Committee Meetings for the month of April on Tuesday, 16th April, 1940.

It was decided to arrange a date later for the Meeting of the Engineering Services Committee.

383/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT KINNAGLUG, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Lynch referred to Minute No. 253/40 regarding the flooding of the premises of Mr. Michael Morrison, Kinnaglug, Carndonagh. He inquired if the County Surveyor had yet investigated the complaint.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter would have his attention. (253/40 C.C.)

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Confirmed.

MM Morrison

Chairman of Co. Council.

30th April, 1940.

THE ADJOURNED ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1940.

384/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

385/40.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING.

The Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 9th January, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

386/40.

TENDER OF MR. JAMES O'DONNELL, CREGNAHORNA, CARNDONAGH,
FOR MAP NO. 220, INISHOWEN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell, Cregnahorna, Carndonagh, stating that he tendered for Road, Map No. 220, Inishowen Area, and his Tender was accepted. He now found that he was unable to get a quarry within a reasonable distance, and he was unable to fulfil his contract, and he wished to be released therefrom.

Councillor Mahony proposed that O'Donnell be released from his Contract.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

387/40.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1940/41 - COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS.

Councillor Loughrey stated that he had been ill for some time and had not been able to submit to the County Surveyor particulars for the expenditure of his allowance of £70 under the heading of "Councillors' Motions."

He now wished to have this amount included in the Road Works Scheme.

The Secretary pointed out that according to Article 50 (4) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, full particulars of the proposed works and an estimate of the probable cost should have been in the hands of the County Surveyor before the 1st day of November, 1939.

After some discussion, the Chairman stated that Councillor Loughrey could raise the matter again.

388/40.

LIST OF CONTRACTS FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1940.

The Council proceeded to consider seriatim the list of Contracts for Maintenance and Special Works for the period commencing 1st April, 1940, as provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committees.

Councillor Scott stated that out of 24 items for contract in Aileach Area, Tenders had only been submitted in 11 cases. He stated that the amounts allowed for the roads were far too little, and offered no inducement to persons to tender.

Councillor Baxter stated that he knew of several cases where the amount of tonnage required for the money offered was so great that no Contractor would think of tendering.

It was decided to refer the suggestions of Councillors Baxter and Scott to the County Surveyor for consideration in future.

With the exception of all Tenders which were informal, and of those Tenders in which the Co. Surveyor objected to the Contractor, the Council decided to approve of the acceptance of Tenders for the works by the Tenders Committees, and to enter into contracts for the execution of the works in accordance with the Tenders accepted by affixing the Seal of the Council to the Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committees.

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Confirmed.

M. W. M. J. Allen

Chairman of Co. Council, 30th April, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1940.

389/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McCrea, Kelly (James), McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

390/40.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to the Lord Bishop and priests of the Diocese of Raphoe and to the relatives on the death of Rev. John O'Doherty, P.P., Rathmullan, a valued member of several Committees.

In doing so, he paid a warm tribute to the late Father O'Doherty's work on the Committees, and particularly to his work on the Mental Hospital Committee, of which he was Chairman.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion, with which the Secretary associated himself on behalf of the Staff, and which was passed in silence; all the members standing.

391/40.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th March, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Minutes of the Adjourned Road Works Meeting held on the 26th March, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

392/40.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G H E L D O N 2 6 T H
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On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 26th March, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

393/40.

R E P O R T S O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S .

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 26th March, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 16th April, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 23rd April, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

Arising out of the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee of the 16th April, Minute No. 234/40 S.F.C., Councillor Friel stated that the Rate Inspector should be instructed not to make sarcastic references in future in his reports.

Councillor Mahony pointed out to Councillor Friel that the Sub-Finance Committee had already expressed their disapproval of Mr. Dunnion's report, and had informed him that his reports in future should be confined to facts.

394/40.

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

Arising out of Minute No. 232/40 of the Sub-Finance Committee at their Meeting on 16th April, Councillor Gallen inquired if anything could be done to assist people who had lost the benefit of the Second Moiety Credit Notes.

Councillor Mahony pointed out that the Sub-Finance Committee had decided not to extend the period of validity of these Credit Notes beyond the 16th April, 1940.

395/40.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on 16th April, 1940.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

After representations by Councillors McRory, Baxter, Cole, and Loughrey, it was decided to amend the Report of the Law Committee in regard to the following defaulting Housing Annuitants:-

Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh. (27/40 L.C.)

Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton. (30/40 L.C.)

Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh. (34/40 L.C.)

Neal McGready, Mountcharles. (35/40 L.C.)

In Daniel Ward's case, the Council decided to stay proceedings until 1st September, 1940, on condition that before that date Ward puts the place up for sale voluntarily.

In Neal McGready's case it was decided to stay proceedings until 1st September, 1940, on condition that the place is put up for sale, and that the Council's rights are not prejudiced.

In the cases of Daniel Coyle and Patrick Doherty it was decided to stay proceedings until 1st September, 1940.

With the necessary amendments in Minutes numbered 27/40, 30/40, 34/40, and 35/40, the Report of the Law Committee of the 16th April, 1940, was declared adopted.

At a later stage of the Meeting, Councillor McShea proposed that Minute No. 24/40 dealing with a porch in front of the premises of Messrs. P. Conlan & Co., Bundoran, be referred back to the Law Committee for re-consideration, and his proposal was accepted.

396/40.

REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Reports of the Engineering Services Committee Meetings held on the 22nd March, 1940, and the 23rd April, 1940.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Reports, and Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Baxter stated that the present was not a suitable time for the purchase of new road machinery, and he proposed, as an amendment, that any items in the two Reports which would incur extra expenditure be adjourned for six months.

He amended his proposal by mentioning that the Minutes of the Committee which he wished to have adjourned were 14/40 (Report re Costing); and 20/40 (Proposed raising of loan of £12,000 for purchase of Road Machinery).

Councillor Friel seconded Councillor Baxter's amendment.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which Councillors Baxter, Friel, Brady, Blaney, and McIvor took part.

The matter was put to a vote, and the following members voted for the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lynch, McCrea, Kelly (James), McMenamin, McShane, McShea, and McRory. Total 14.

The following members voted against the amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Gallagher, Gallen, Houston, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Brian), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh. Total 14.

The voting being equal, the Chairman (Councillor McFadden) gave his casting vote against the amendment, which he declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the two Reports of the Engineering Services Committee was declared carried by the same voting.

397/40.

LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1940.

The Secretary submitted to the Council the List of Payments for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, payment was ordered in each case as recommended by the Finance Committee.

398/40. MAKING OF RATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1941.

The Secretary having certified on the forms prescribed that the rate, in so far as the hereditaments therein assessed was concerned, was in conformity with the valuations in force for the time being, 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 46), and it was proposed by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Brady, and unanimously resolved under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of Acts incorporated therewith, and subsequent Statutes, to allow and make the same in two moieties for the service of the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1941, as assessed in the Rate Book.

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 Secretary.

399/40. CHANGES OF NAMES OF OCCUPIERS IN THE RATE BOOK.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously resolved that the changes of names of occupiers as set out in returns received from the Rate Collectors be made in the Rate Books under Section 6 of 23 and 24 Vic., Cap. 4., for the year ending 31st March, 1941.

400/40. 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, 1941, and the Warrants were thereupon duly signed, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

401/40. CONTINGENCY FUND - REPAIR OF BREACHES IN SEA WALL
NEAR RAMELTON.

The County Surveyor applied for a sum of £100 out of the Contingency Fund for the repair of breaches in the sea wall near Ramelton. He stated that the work was very urgent.

On the motion of Councillor McCrea seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to grant the application.

402/40. TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF MAGAZINES FOR EXPLOSIVES.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have received three Tenders for the erection of Magazines for Explosives in the County; one near Donegal and the other near Letterkenny. One of these Tenders, that of Mr. George Irwin, Main Street, Donegal, arrived late. The other two were from Messrs. Clafferty & Gallen, Clonmany, and from Messrs. J. W. Cunningham & Co., Carrick. I recommend the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Clafferty & Gallen, which was the lowest; their price being £283 for the Magazine at Letterkenny, and £295 for the Magazine at Donegal.

I would be glad if you would, as a matter of urgency, have this Tender approved of at to-day's Meeting of the Council."

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of the Tenders:-

<u>Magazine at Letterkenny.</u>	
Messrs. Clafferty & Gallen.....	£283.
Messrs. J. W. Cunningham & Co., ...	£330: 2: 0.
<u>Magazine at Donegal.</u>	
Messrs. Clafferty & Gallen.....	£295.
Messrs. J. W. Cunningham & Co.....	£330: 2: 0.
Mr. George Irwin.....	£398:15: 0.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the Tenders of Messrs. Clafferty & Gallen at £283 for the Letterkenny Magazine, and £295 for the Donegal Magazine.

403/40.

REVISION OF CHARGES FOR HIRE OF MACHINERY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:-

"I have reviewed the Machinery Account for the last twelve months, and I find that there has been a loss of nearly £600. Much of this is due to increased costs of fuel and re-placements, etc., and to an increase in the wages of flagmen. To adjust this loss and to ensure that the Machinery Account is kept solvent during the next six months, I suggest the following revised rates of charges:-

Breaker Unit.....£3 :10 : 0 per day.
 Steam Rollers.....£2 :10 : 0 per day.
 Light Petrol and Diesel Rollers.....£2 : 0 : 0 per day."

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the revised rate of charges, provided (a) that they do not apply to Road Contractors; and (b) that they be again revised at the end of six months.

404/40.

DAMAGE TO DERRYBEG REPUBLICAN HALL.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, dated 24th April, 1940, enclosing copy of letter sent by him to the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Dungloe, regarding malicious damage to Derrybeg Republican Hall. Mr. O'Donnell suggested that the Council should take up the matter with the Garda Authorities to ensure that adequate protection was given to the Hall, and save the ratepayers the expense of paying for any future malicious injury which might be done to the property.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana.

405/40.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF LANEWAY AT CORCULLION, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Mr. J. R. Cairns, Corcullion, Castlefin, stating that some years ago a petition was sent to the Irish Land Commission for the repair of a laneway at Corcullion, Castlefin. About six months ago an Official of the Board of Works inspected this laneway, but no repairs have been carried out. He has built a new house at the extreme end of this laneway. The house was approved by the Local Government Department and the object of building it was to reclaim certain lands that had become waste. Owing to the condition of the laneway he found it extremely difficult to get a tenant, with the result that the house was at present vacant.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Grants.

406/40.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th March, 1940, G.8900/40, asking for a copy of the Estimates for the financial year 1940/41.

407/40.

SECTION 1, FINANCE (NO. 2) ACT, 1939.

A circular letter was read from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners dated 19th March, 1940, I.R.10409/396/36, drawing the attention of Bankers, Agents entrusted with the payment of foreign dividends, Secretaries of Companies, and others, to the provisions of Section 1, Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939.

408/40.

RECOUPMENT OF RATES UNDER THE FISHERIES ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 21st March, 1940, G.4/27/36, stating that the sum of £590 :13 : 3 had been lodged to the Council's credit in respect of recoupment of rates for the year ended 31st March, 1940, under sub-section 7 of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act, 1925.

409/40. ESTATE DUTY GRANT FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1934,
AND 31ST MARCH, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st March, 1940, stating that a Payable Order for £2,925 : 13 : 2 in respect of Estate Duty Grant for the years ended 31st March, 1934, and 31st March, 1940, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th April, 1940, stating that the sum of £2,925 : 13 : 2 in respect of Estate Duty Grant was apportioned as follows:-

Year ended 31st March, 1934.	
As Road Authority.....	£2 : 8 : 0.
In respect of Poor Law Expenditure.....	£2 : 6 : 9.
	<u>£4 : 14 : 9.</u>
Year ended 31st March, 1940.	
As Road Authority.....	£1,478 : 14 : 4.
In respect of Poor Law Expenditure.....	£1,442 : 4 : 1.
	<u>£2,920 : 18 : 5.</u>

410/40. AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st March, 1940, stating that a Payable Order for £31,136 : 0 : 0 in respect of a final instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1940, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

411/40. AMOUNT OWING TO THE COUNCIL BY BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Buncrana, dated 29th March, 1940, enclosing Paying Order for the sum of £2,500 as part payment of the demand of the Buncrana Urban Council.

The Secretary stated that a sum of £5,716 : 4 : 9 was still outstanding.

Councillor Scott stated that the Commissioner had been asked for payment of a sum of £3,000, and he had only forwarded £2,500. He proposed that the Commissioner be called on to lodge £500 being balance of the amount mentioned, and another sum of £1,000 without further delay.

The motion was passed.

412/40. AMOUNTS OWING BY THE BUNDORAN AND LETTERKENNY URBAN COUNCILS.

The Secretary stated that the following amounts were owing by the Urban Districts of Bundoran and Letterkenny:-

Bundoran.....	£1,228 : 0 : 0.
Letterkenny.....	£1,315 : 0 : 0.

Councillor Mahony stated that the amount owing by Letterkenny Urban Council would be forwarded in a few days.

The position was noted.

413/40. RECOUPMENT IN RESPECT OF EXPENDITURE ON SALARIES OF
SANITARY OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th March, 1940, stating that a Payable Order for £167 : 10 : 10 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of the balance payable of proportion of expenditure incurred by the Board of Health upon salaries of Sanitary Officers during the year ended 30th September, 1939.

414/40. RECOUPMENT IN RESPECT OF MAINTENANCE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL
PATIENTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th March, 1940, stating that a Payable Order for £3,535 : 11 : 4 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of the balance payable of proportion of cost of maintenance of Mental Hospital patients in the year 1938/39.

415/40. RECOUPMENT IN RESPECT OF EXPENDITURE ON SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th March, 1940, stating that a Payable Order for £1,291 : 3 : 5 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of the balance payable of proportion of expenditure incurred by the Board of Health and Public Assistance upon salaries of Medical Officers, etc., during the year ended 30th September, 1939.

416/40. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY, 1940.

A letter dated 26th March, 1940, G.719/5/40, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister sanctioned Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £80,000 for the month of March, 1940.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, dated 29th March, 1940, stating that during February an excess Overdraft existed, and during March an excess was created. The amount of Overdraft sanctioned for each month was £80,000, and on the 21st February the Overdraft reached £83,076, and on the 13th March it reached £81,583.

A further letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, dated 12th April, 1940, stating that on 1st April an Overdraft amounting to £14,267 existed.

The Secretary stated that he estimated that for the month of May, 1940, Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 would be required. For the month of April Overdraft had only been required for one day, i.e. 1st April, when it reached £14,267.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction for the excess Overdraft accommodation required during February and March, and for Overdraft accommodation of £14,267 on 1st April, and for £45,000 for the month of May.

417/40. POSTAGE ACCOUNT OF MR. W. J. DOHERTY, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th March, 1940, R/RM/7, stating that if the account submitted by Mr. W. J. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, in respect of postage during the half-year ended 30th September, 1939, was otherwise in order it could be paid.

418/40. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Donegal on the 17th April, 1940, of lands in Greaghs, Laghey, now or formerly in the occupation of Dan Gorman.

419/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Councillor M. A. MacCreadie thanking the members of the Council and the Staff for the sympathy extended to him in his recent bereavement.

420/40. ARTERIAL DRAINAGE (MINOR SCHEMES) ACT, 1928.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th April, 1940, F.10593/40, Ilgh. Pd., asking for certain information in connection with the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

421/40. RESOLUTION RE RATE OF OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 8th April, 1940, S.88/1/40, acknowledging the receipt of the Council's Minute No. 367/40 in connection with a resolution from the Drogheda Corporation regarding Old Age Pensions.

422/40. EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH COWLING OF ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTING UNDER THE A.R.P. ACT, 1939.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, Chemical and Air Raid Precautions Branch, St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, dated 2nd April, 1940, referring to Section 35 of the A.R.P. Act, 1939, which provided that the Minister for Defence, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, shall, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas, pay towards such expenditure by a Local Authority under Part II of that Act, as might be approved by him in accordance with regulations to be made under the said part, grants not exceeding 70% of such approved expenditure.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, A.R.P.126, referring to previous letters requesting that scheme-making Local Authorities, under the A.R.P. Act, 1939, should proceed to have all electric street lighting within their functional areas cowed and made centrally controllable. Payments of the relative grant, which would be at the rate of 60% of the approved expenditure, would be made directly to each Local Authority, and detailed claims should be submitted.

The Secretary stated that he had sent copies of this letter to the Board of Health and the Urban District Councils.

423/40. OCCUPATION OF FORESHORE AT GOLA ISLAND PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 8th April, 1940, M.S.5487, stating that the Minister granted the Council a licence under Section 3 (3) of the Foreshore Act, 1933, authorising the use of so much of the foreshore as was occupied by improvements carried out at Gola Island Pier, on condition that:-

- (1) The licence would remain in force for 99 years from the date thereon but might be terminated by the Minister on giving six months' notice in writing, and that:-
- (2) The Council would keep the premises in good and proper condition to the satisfaction of the Minister.

424/40. INSTITUTION OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ENGINEERS.

A letter was read from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers stating that the 67th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Institution would be held in London in June, and extending an invitation to representatives of the Council.

425/40. EXTRA REMUNERATION TO MR. F. MCKAY, COUNTY ACCOUNTANT, IN RESPECT OF DUTIES PERFORMED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th April, 1940, G.710/2/40, stating that on re-consideration of the matter, the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of a bonus of £50 to the County Accountant in respect of extra duties performed by him in connection with the Employment Scheme Grants made available for the year 1938/39.

426/40. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The Report of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis was submitted and noted.

427/40. PROPOSAL TO REFUND TO RATEPAYERS OF CARROWMORE, MALIN, THE BENEFIT OF CREDIT NOTES WHICH THEY HAD LOST.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th April, 1940, G.10357/40, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 27th March regarding the refund to the ratepayers of Carrowmore, Malin, of the benefit of the first and second moiety Credit Notes for 1937/38 and the first moiety Credit Note for 1938/39, and stating that the Minister had no power to sanction the Council's proposal.

428/40.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 3rd April, 1940, asking to be furnished with a bound certified copy of the Road Works Scheme for 1940/41 as approved by the Council, accompanied by Tables A. and B., duly completed.

429/40. COMPLAINT RE ROAD LEADING FROM MAIN ROAD AT CAROLAN'S TO PORTHALL STATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th April, 1940, R/RM/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd April enclosing copy of the Council's Minute regarding the condition of the road from the Main Road at Carolan's to Porthall Station, and stating that the County Surveyor should be asked to consider the needs of this road in conjunction with any other proposals for the area to be carried out under future Employment Schemes. (364/40 C.C.)

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

430/40. PURCHASE OF STONEBREAKER AND TRACTOR, AND RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,200.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th April, 1940, R/IR/20, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th March with copy of Minute No. 249/40, and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the acceptance of Messrs. Baxter's tender to supply a stonebreaker with conversion parts for £600, and Messrs. Marshall's tender to supply a driving unit at £479 : 12 : 0, f.o.q. Derry. Having regard to the amount involved, the Council should consider the question of re-payment of the loan over a period of three years.

431/40. APPOINTMENT OF MISS MAUREEN B. TRAVERS AS JUNIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th March, 1940, G.5382/3/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the permanent appointment of Miss Maureen B. Travers, Raneeny, Laghey, as Junior Library Assistant on the terms and conditions approved in connection with the filling of the post.

432/40. APPOINTMENT OF MRS. O'KANE AS DEPUTY RATE COLLECTOR DURING THE ILLNESS OF COLLECTOR D. O'KANE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st April, 1940, G.10111/2/40, stating that pursuant to Article 104 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, the Minister had approved of the appointment of Mrs. Josephine O'Kane as Deputy Rate Collector during the illness of Collector O'Kane, No. 34 District.

433/40. APPOINTMENT OF MR. C. J. T. McLAUGHLIN AS RATE COLLECTOR, NO. 20 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th March, 1940, G.4213/4/40, returning query forms submitted in connection with the appointment of Mr. C. J. T. McLaughlin as Rate Collector, No. 20 District, and asking to have queries 4, 10, 11, 12, 15, and 16 completed by some responsible person who was in a position to reply to them.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th April, 1940, G.5213/4/40, stating that subject to Mr. C. J. T. McLaughlin residing in premises apart from his father's retail business, the Minister had sanctioned his appointment as Rate Collector, No. 20 District, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the advertisement inviting applications for the post. The appointment would be subject to the terms of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders, 1928-1939.

434/40. COMPLAINT RE REFUSAL OF PETROL DISTRIBUTING COMPANIES TO SUPPLY PETROL TO A PUMP AT LAGHEY OWNED BY MR. ROBERT McCLAY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, dated 13th April, 1940, T.I.C.28578, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 6th March, with copy of Minute No. 246/40, regarding the refusal of Petrol Distributing Companies to continue to supply a Petrol Pump at Laghey owned by Mr. Robert McClay. The matter had been discussed with the Irish Motor Traders' Association, and the Minister had been informed that the Petrol Distributing Companies had hitherto supplied Mr. McClay with petrol on condition that it was for his own commercial use only, and would not be retailed by him to the public. It was understood that he had given an undertaking to this effect to the Distributing Companies concerned. The Association had intimated that notwithstanding this fact it was prepared to give careful consideration to an application from Mr. McClay to be recognised as a retail dealer in petrol, and so to qualify for continued supplies from the Petrol Distributing Companies.

A letter was read from Mr. McClay stating that he never gave an undertaking not to sell petrol to the public out of his pump nor signed any form to that effect. Had such been the case he would never have had the pump installed or gone to the expense of getting a licence every year at Ballintra District Court, or of getting the pump certified by the Inspector of Weights and Measures. His customers have all felt the loss very much, and it would be appreciated if his supply were returned.

A letter was read from Captain Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra, protesting against the action of the Petrol Distributing Companies towards Mr. McClay, and stating that the entire 14 miles between Donegal and Ballyshannon was much inconvenienced.

Councillor Myles stated that it was most unfair that such a long stretch of road should be left without petrol.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Petrol Distributing Companies be called on to supply Mr. McClay with petrol as they had been doing.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Walsh stated that Mr. McClay was not complying with the requirements of the trade.

Councillor Baxter's motion was passed; Councillor Walsh being the only person to dissent.

435/40. SALARIES OF THE CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th April, 1940, referring to previous correspondence regarding the salaries of the Chief Assistant County Surveyors, and stating that the remuneration proposed by the Council was in excess of the scale sanctioned for similar posts in other Counties, and the Minister regretted he was not able to agree to it. Having regard to the duties to be performed, the financial position of the County, and the interests of the ratepayers, the maximum salary scale which the Minister was prepared to sanction for these posts was £400-£15-£500. No objection would be raised to the two Chief Assistants entering at £455 on this scale.

436/40. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR EXPLOSIVES STORE AT KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 15th April, 1940, 65/57/5, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd April in regard to an application for a licence for an Explosives Store at Kilmacrenan, and stating that the Store had been inspected, and approved as a Division "B" Store. A licence for the storage of not more than 500 lbs. of high explosives might, therefore, be issued.

437/40. SEEDS AND FERTILISERS (SUPPLY) BILL, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th April, 1940, Circ. No. 35/40, stating that the Seeds and Fertilisers (Supply) Bill, 1940, had now become law.

438/40. ADDITIONAL PETROL SUPPLIES FOR OFFICIALS AND FOR PLANT.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, dated 15th April, 1940, Ref. P.44, stating that the next petrol rationing period would be for a period of three months commencing 1st May, and applications would be considered from Officials who used their cars in the performance of essential public duties.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, dated 12th April, 1940, P.40, asking for a statement setting out particulars of the vehicles and machines for which petrol would be required for May, June, and July, 1940.

439/40. APPOINTMENT OF A CORONER FOR NORTH DONEGAL, AND REQUEST FOR MAP OF CORONERS' DISTRICTS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th April, 1940, G.8006/5/40, regarding the appointment of a Coroner for North Donegal consequent on the death of Dr. O'Callaghan, Carndonagh, and asking to be furnished with a map showing the Coroners' Districts in the County, together with a statement of the District Electoral Divisions and the area thereof.

440/40. CONFERENCE OF COUNTY AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th April, 1940, R/IR/113, stating that the Minister proposed to arrange a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin from the 7th to the 9th May to enable the Surveyors to confer with the Department's Officials on matters relating to their work and to exchange views with one another on these matters. The Conference would also be of particular advantage to the Assistant Surveyors in putting them in touch with the methods adopted outside their own Counties, and enabling them to meet and discuss common problems with their colleagues. The Council should consider the desirability of enabling some of their Assistant Surveyors to attend the Conference if the County Surveyor was satisfied that suitable arrangements could be made for carrying on local services in their absence.

Councillor Friel stated that at the Conference the County Surveyor should put forward the question of backward roads.

Councillor Walsh stated that the County Surveyor should raise the question of having monies out of the Minor Employment Grants spent on backward County Roads. By being spent on these roads a much better return for the money would be got than was being done at present.

The County Surveyor took a note of the points put forward.

Councillor Brady stated that he understood there was a Meeting of Engineers on the 10th May, and he suggested that the Assistant Surveyors be allowed to remain off duty until 11th May, to enable them to attend this Meeting.

441/40. MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT, 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th April, 1940, stating that a grant of £13,676 had been provisionally allocated to the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads during 1940/41. This sum represented 40% of £34,192, the amount which appeared to have been passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads.

442/40. REGULATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 29th March, 1940, L.997/40, stating that in the event of a temporary Warble Fly Inspector being suspended from duty a substitute should not be appointed in his place pending consideration by the Local Authority and the Minister of any explanation the Inspector might offer. In the case of the absence through illness of a temporary Inspector a substitute should likewise not be employed unless the absence was likely to exceed a fortnight.

443/40. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH APLOTMENT OF RATES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th March, 1940, G.8488/40, drawing attention to the Department's letter of the 14th February, 1939, and asking to be furnished with a return showing the names of the temporary clerks employed in connection with the applotment of the rates for 1939/40. The actual amount expended and the period of employment in each case should be shown.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th April, 1940, G.8488/2/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned expenditure not exceeding £800 in respect of the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with the applotment of the rates for 1940/41. The actual amount expended on the work should be notified to the Department in due course.

444/40. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH WARBLE FLY ORDER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd April, 1940, G.7659/3/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the employment of Mr. F. Herron as temporary clerk for a period of 20 weeks for work in connection with the operation of the Warble Fly Order at remuneration of £2 per week.

445/40. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE TO BE AWARDED TO MR. P. J. CANNON, FORMERLY A CLERK IN THE COUNCIL'S EMPLOYMENT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th March, 1940, G.8008/40, stating that pursuant to Section 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, the Minister had sanctioned the resignation of Mr. P. J. Cannon, a member of the Council's clerical staff. In this connection attention was drawn to Section 11 (5) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, and it was stated that as the pension proposed by the Council was not in excess of the scale provided under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1892, it did not require the Minister's sanction.

446/40. APPOINTMENT OF MR. MATTHEW CORR AS HARBOUR CONSTABLE AT BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th April, 1940, G.6476/40, transmitting forms of query for completion by Mr. Matthew Corr whom it was proposed to appoint as Harbour Constable at Bruckless.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th April, 1940, G.12451/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Matthew Corr as Harbour Constable at Bruckless with remuneration at the rate of £4 per annum plus 10% commission on dues collected.

447/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were submitted of applications for Minor Employment Schemes at Boultypatrick; Woodland-Dooish; Roughan, Lifford; Ballyharry; Lacklea and Tangavane; Cruckamore; and Druminaught, Newmills.

448/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Thirty-eight letters were submitted from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the thirty-eight cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939.

449/40. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th April, 1940, Circ. No. 41/40, enclosing for completion a return showing the operations of the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts up to 31st March, 1940.

450/40. SUSPENSION OF TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR HUGH GILLESPIE, GLENCOLUMBKILLE DISTRICT.

A letter dated 24th April, 1940, L.573/40, was read from the Department of Agriculture stating that when a Departmental Veterinary Inspector called at the residence of Temporary Warble Fly Inspector Hugh Gillespie at 1.30 p.m. on the 20th April, Mr. Gillespie, who was then at home, admitted to the Inspector that he had not carried out any inspections on that day but stated that he had prepared his weekly return for the Local Authority. The Inspector then examined Mr. Gillespie's note-book, and found the names of seven stock-owners recorded as having been visited by him on the day in question. The Inspector then removed Form W.F.3. from an envelope addressed to the Secretary by Mr. Gillespie. The names of seven stock-owners were indicated thereon as having been visited by Mr. Gillespie on the 20th April, although he admitted to the Inspector that he had not, in fact, carried out any inspections on that date. The entries were, therefore, false and misleading. The Minister had decided to withdraw his approval of Mr. Gillespie's further employment as temporary Inspector pending an investigation of the case by the Council.

A letter was read from Mr. Gillespie admitting that he had closed the Weekly Report when the Inspector arrived, and having included thereon names of stock-owners not then visited. He intended visiting them that evening, and did so. It was his second visit to these stock-owners. He knew it would be late when he came back, and a visit to the Post Office on Monday, the 22nd April, would have added several miles to his rounds, so he was going to take the report along, prepared to make the necessary alterations, if need be. He admitted the irregularity of the proceedings, but no fraud was intended.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the County Council stating that Gillespie was a painstaking and conscientious worker. The stock-owners whose names he had entered always complied with the regulations, and he assumed he could enter them as inspected. If he found anything to report he could add it to the return before posting.

The Chairman proposed that Gillespie's explanation be accepted, and that he be reprimanded for the irregularity which had occurred.

Councillor Brady seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

451/40. TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR PATRICK O'BRIEN, DRUMOGHILL.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd April, 1940, L.573/40, stating that when a Departmental Veterinary Inspector called at the residence of Warble Fly Inspector O'Brien on the 16th April, he found that the only information as to Mr. O'Brien's whereabouts was that he was working in the Letterkenny District that day. As no information was available as to the townlands in which Mr. O'Brien was working, the Inspector was unable to interview him in connection with his work under the Orders. Mr. O'Brien should be asked for an immediate explanation of his failure to leave the required information at his residence.

A letter was read from Mr. O'Brien stating that he had the townlands in which he intended working that day written out on a sheet of paper, when someone called at the door. He put the note in his pocket and forgot to leave it out again.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Baxter, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. O'Brien's explanation.

452/40. TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTORSHIP, LETTERKENNY AREA.

A letter dated 29th April, 1940, L.573/40, was read from the Department of Agriculture stating that Temporary Warble Fly Inspector McDaid did not leave written information at his residence as to the townlands he proposed to visit each day.

The Secretary stated that he had learned unofficially that Mr. McDaid had left the country and was working in England.

The Council decided to advertise the vacancy for a Warble Fly Inspector for Letterkenny District, and to make the appointment at a Meeting of the Warble Fly Committee in Letterkenny on the 13th May, at two p.m.

453/40. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS, AND THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd April, 1940, H.5893/19/39, referring to an entry in the Council's Minutes of the 27th February regarding arrears due by borrowers under the Housing Acts and the Small Dwellings Acts, and inquiring the present position.

The Secretary stated that he had replied to this letter.

454/40. PROPOSED CLOSING DOWN OF THE LETTERKENNY-BURTONPORT SECTION OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda:-

"That the Council enter an emphatic protest against the proposed closing of the Letterkenny-Burtonport Section of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway."

Councillor O'Boyle spoke in support of his motion, and stated that the closing down of this section of Railway would inflict a severe hardship on the people of West Donegal. No matter what service was substituted it could not take the place of the railway service. No later than that morning at his own place there was a landing of fifty crans of herrings for which there was a good market. If the people were depending on road services for the transport of these herrings, the result would be that they would not reach the market in time, and the fishermen would be deprived of their means of livelihood.

The upkeep of the roads for the increased traffic would be a very serious item and would entail a great deal of additional expenditure on the County Council's part.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded Councillor O'Boyle, and stated that the Government would be well advised if they would listen to the views of the local representatives in this connection. It would be an impossibility to cater by transport other than rail for the fishing industry, migratory labourers, etc.

Councillor Baxter spoke in support of the motion, and stated that not only should the Council protest against the proposed closing down of the Railway, but they should call on the Government to give a subsidy for the upkeep of this section of Railway, at least for the duration of the War.

Councillor Mahony supported Councillor Baxter and stated that if Petrol got scarcer it would be a great advantage to have the Railway.

Councillor Brady stated that if the Government did give an increased subsidy towards the upkeep of this Railway the burden would ultimately fall on the ratepayers. The reason why the Lough Swilly Railway Co. was not paying was entirely due to mismanagement.

Councillor Scott stated that the County Council were not in a position, financially or otherwise, to keep the roads in the condition in which they would require to be kept for the increased traffic which would be using them.

After further discussion, Councillor O'Boyle's motion, with the following addition, was passed unanimously:- "That the Government be requested to give a subsidy for the upkeep of this section of Railway, at least for the duration of the War."

The Chairman suggested that the Deputies for the County, who were members of the Council, should interest themselves in the matter.

Councillor Scott stated that the County Surveyor, when next in Dublin, should point out to the Department of Industry and Commerce that the roads of West Donegal were not suited for the increased traffic which would be using them.

455/40. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS - PROPOSED FIXING OF GROSS INCOME.

At the request of Councillor McIvor, the following Notice of Motion in his name was further adjourned:-

"That no Scholarship be awarded to children of parents whose gross income exceeds £300 per annum."

456/40. BORROWING OF A LOAN OF £429 FOR THE COMPLETION OF A SCHEME FOR THE PROVISION OF TWENTY LABOURERS' COTTAGES AT EAST ROCK, BALLYSHANNON.

The following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, and five other members, was proposed by Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Scott, and passed unanimously:-

"That Minute No. 314/39 of the 24th March, 1939, approving of the borrowing of a sum of £450 for the completion of twenty Labourers' Cottages at Ballyshannon (East Rock Site), and eight Labourers' Cottages at Old Jail Site, Lifford, be, and is hereby, rescinded, and that the following resolution be now passed, in accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £429 for completing a scheme for the provision of twenty Labourers' Cottages at East Rock, Ballyshannon."

457/40. CLAIMS OF EX-COLLECTOR CRAMPSEY, NO. 20 DISTRICT.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That this Council make a further recommendation to the Local Government Department requesting reasonable treatment for Ex-Collector Crampsey, No. 20 District."

Councillor Lynch stated that Ex-Collector Crampsey had been treated most unfairly, and he proposed that the Department be requested to sanction the payment to him at least of the sum of £50 proposed by the Sub-Finance Committee.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

458/40. WINCH AT PORTALEEN PIER, GLENGAD.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That the Department concerned be asked by the Council to instal a portable hand winch at Portaleen Pier, Glengad."

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had been asked by the Piers Committee to investigate this matter.

459/40. APPLICATION FROM ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN TO BE PAID FOR CHURCH HOLIDAYS.

A letter was read from the Council's Engine-Drivers and Flagmen requesting that they be paid for and get all Church Holidays. On these Holidays they were compelled to remain at their posts to provide lights, and to ensure that fires were prepared for next day's work. They were formerly paid for such Holidays, and they felt that their request was not unreasonable.

Councillor Scott stated that a rescinding Notice of Motion would be required before this matter could be dealt with.

460/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF WORKSHOP IN GLENTIES OVER THE RIVER BETWEEN JOHN QUINN'S AND C. WARD'S.

A letter was read from Mr. John Molloy, Glenties, stating that he intended putting up a small workshop in Glenties over the river between John Quinn's and C. Ward's. It would only be a small structure, 14' x 9', and neither of the parties had any objection. He wished to know if he could get permission from the Council to make a three feet doorway on the four feet wall on the Main Street.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, writing on behalf of Mr. Charles Ward, who was the owner of half the river bed at Glenties, and formally objecting to the Council granting permission to Mr. John Molloy to erect a workshop on his client's portion of the said river bed.

The County Surveyor stated that he regretted he could not sanction the construction of the workshop where suggested by Mr. John Molloy, Glenties. The site was not by any means a proper building site.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor's report be accepted, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

461/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT CORRUGATED IRON SHED AT DONAGHMORE N.S.

A letter was read from Rev. John Sproule, Donaghmore Manse, Castlefin, applying for permission to erect a small shelter of corrugated iron for use as a garage for the convenience of the teachers of Donaghmore N.S. during school hours. He enclosed a sketch of the site of the proposed structure.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I regret I cannot give permission to Rev. John Sproule for the erection of a Garage on the site suggested by him. The suggested site is too close to the public road."

The Council unanimously decided to accept the report of the County Surveyor.

462/40. COMPLAINT RE TAKING OF STONES FROM TRUSSEY'S PARK, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, 5, Newmarket Street, Derry, stating that he had received instructions from the Trustees of Trussey's Park to write to the Council regarding the unauthorised entry by the Council's workmen on their lands at Trussey's Park, and quarrying and taking away stones therefrom. Over 100 tons of stones had already been taken away. These should be paid for at once, and if the Council wished to do any further quarrying on the lands an agreement would have to be come to.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Stone has been taken from this Quarry for a great many years, and it has generally been considered a commonage. No royalty has ever been paid for this stone. Some of the stone taken is used to maintain the road into the bog itself. I do not think that royalty can be claimed from us."

Councillor Scott proposed that the matter be referred back to the County Surveyor for further inquiries before next Meeting.

463/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED AT KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGinley, Kerrykeel, reminding the Council that he had not yet received payment for stones supplied, although he had made several applications. Seeing how he had been treated, he had no alternative but to take proceedings.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have gone carefully into this case and I regret very much that I cannot see my way to make a payment. This man has already been paid for portion of ground, and cannot now be paid twice for the material in that portion of the ground."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

464/40. ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Councillor Mahony proposed, and it was unanimously decided to add the name of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle to the Engineering Services Committee.

465/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR STONES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM QUARRY AT TULLYCLEAVE, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mrs. Morrow, Tullycleave, Ardara, stating that in the latter part of 1938 about 1,000 or 1,200 tons of stones were taken from a quarry on her lands. The metal was used on the Ardara-Portnoo Road. Mr. Bernard O'Donnell, Ardara, was the Ganger, and he promised payment but so far she had got none.

The Co. Surveyor reported as follows:-

"About 500 tons of stones were taken from the Quarry owned by Mrs. Morrow, and I understand she gave this stone without any question of compensation. However, I suggest that the Council leave this matter to my own discretion as to whether payment should be made or not."

The Council unanimously decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

466/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Kiely, Carrigart, enclosing a Paying Order for £3 : 17 : 2 in favour of Barney McBride, Clontallagh, Downings, which he had cashed for McBride, and which was now out of date.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the issue of a new Paying Order.

467/40. APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWALS OF LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for renewals of licences issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from:-

Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Killybegs.

Do. Teelin.

I. A. W. S., Ltd., Letterkenny.

Hubert S. O'Donnell, Carndonagh.

George Kee, Ballybofey.

William Thompson & Co., (Donegal), Ltd., Letterkenny.

Mrs. Annie Byrne, Carrick.

Reps. P. J. Devlin, Castlefin.

Joseph Herron (Sweeney & Co.), Ardara.

The Council unanimously decided to issue renewals, subject to satisfactory reports from the Gardai.

468/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939 - CLAIM FOR INCREASES IN PRICES OF GOODS SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 17th April, 1940, C.P.125/40, enclosing copy of the Emergency Powers (No. 18) Order, 1939. Having regard to the difficulties which a Local Authority would experience in investigating an application for an increased price under this Order, the Department had decided to continue the practice which was begun under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939, of examining, at the request of an Official Contractor or Local Authority concerned, any application of an Official Contractor for an increase in the price of a commodity for which he had been appointed Official Contractor, which might be claimed by him under Article 3 of the No. 18 Order, and to inform the Local Authority concerned of the views of the Department as to the justifiability of any such claim, arrived at as a result of such examination.

A letter was read from Messrs. McKinney & O'Callaghan, Printers, Letterkenny, applying for an increase in prices of goods supplied by them from 25th September, 1939, to 28th December, 1939. During this period they supplied to the Council goods amounting to £79 : 0 : 10, and they wished to have this amount increased by £8 : 12 : 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. They attached invoices and other evidence in support of their claim.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Department to examine the claim of Messrs. McKinney & O'Callaghan under the Emergency Powers (No. 18) Order, 1939.

469/40. PAYMENT OF MOTOR TAX ON 'BUSES, THE PROPERTY OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

As requested by the Law Committee, the Secretary stated that under the Road Traffic Act, 1933, the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co. had 32 'Buses licensed to operate in County Donegal, whilst under the Roads Act, 1920, they had only 13 'Buses taxed in the County.

The mileage covered by these 'Buses in Northern Ireland was less than 10% of the mileage used in County Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to call the Company's attention to the figures submitted, and to inform them that the Council expected that they would licence at least 90% of their 'Buses in Donegal.

470/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF COUNTY ROAD LEADING FROM MAIN ROAD AT CARROWCANNON, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Sweeney, Drumatinney, Falcarragh, complaining of the condition of the County Road leading from the Main Road at Carrowcannon, thence by Newtown, Forth, Drumatinney, and Ballynass, until it again joined the Main Road at Ballina.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I will endeavour to improve this road, but as you are aware, there is only a small amount of money for its maintenance."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

471/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CIRCLE ROAD AT LOUGHROS POINT.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph F. Boyle, Cloughboy, Ardara, complaining of the condition of the Circle Road at Loughros Point. The present grant was nearly exhausted, and a further grant would be necessary.

The County Surveyor stated that he did not consider that a further grant was necessary.

472/40. RATES OVERPAID BY RAILWAY COMPANY ON REVISED VALUATIONS.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council referring to previous correspondence regarding the Railway (Valuation for Rating) Act, and stating that the Commissioner of Valuation was lodging Notice of Appeal against the recent decision of Judge Davitt. The fact that an Appeal was pending would not estop the Railway Companies from recovering from the Local Authorities the amounts of the rates overpaid on the revised valuations for the years 1937/38, 1938/39, and 1939/40.

The Secretary stated that the amount claimed by the Great Northern Railway Co. was £1,652 : 3 : 4.

473/40. COMPLAINT FROM GREEVEBOUGHTER, RATHMULLAN, RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. James Doherty, Creeve, Rathmullan, stating that a squad of men had been working on the road at Greeveboughter since November last. He was a married man with two children, and had only 12/- per week dole, and he had got no work.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany reports that Mr. James Doherty, Greeveboughter, was notified to start work on the 22nd January last. He had not, however, the Ganger's Time Book at hand to see if he started or not."

The Council noted the report, and decided to take no action in the matter.

474/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ERECTION OF NEW BRIDGE AT MEENABROCK, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Quinn, Meenabrock, Glenties, stating that a new Bridge was required at Meenabrock. The cost would be about £60.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

475/40. COMPLAINT FROM GLENCOLUMBKILLE DISTRICT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. James Lyons, Beefan, Glencolumbkille, complaining of the unfair allocation of road work. Unless he got a fair share of work he would stop paying rates.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This man was working for nine weeks earlier in the year, and I understand his name will be coming forward for work again almost immediately."

The Council noted the report, and decided to take no action in the matter.

476/40. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE TO BICYCLE AT GALWOLIE, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McDevitt, Cummirk, Cloghan, stating that on 1st March while working at Galwolie, Cloghan, for the County Council, he got his bicycle badly damaged. It cost 11s/6d to repair it, and he wished to be paid this amount as compensation.

The following report was submitted by the Assistant Surveyor from the Ganger:-

"I wish to inform you that Mick McDevitt of Cummirk, Cloghan, got the wheel of his bicycle damaged owing to blasting operations that occurred at Galwolie. The bicycle was 62 yards away from the place where a rock was fired. As the blast was ready, I warned all workmen to clear and to remove their bicycles to safety, which they all did, except McDevitt."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

477/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT BUNN, GLENGAD, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Patrick John McDaid, Bunn, Coolkenney, Malin, complaining that the road in the townland of Bunn had never been finished. There was a quarry hole at the end of the road where it stopped, which was a death-trap for her children. She wished the Council to apply for a grant for the completion of the road.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for completion when allocating further Minor Employment Grants.

478/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE TO HOUSE ON GREENCASTLE ROAD, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Keaveney, Loreto House, Moville, stating that at the entrance to his house on the Greencastle Road, the piping in the water-table had sunk and needed one other three-foot length. He wished to have this repaired or to be allowed to repair it at the Council's expense.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter had been attended to.

479/40. COMPLAINT BY MR. PETER CANNON, DIRLAUGHT, LETTERMACAWARD, RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE FOR THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick Cannon, Ganger, Dirlaught, Lettermacaward, stating that Peter Cannon, Dirlaught, claimed that he was paid 10/- short for work done for the Council in the beginning of February. It appeared that Mr. Dillon claimed that Cannon was not working, but he (the Ganger) and 8 other men were prepared to prove that he was working on the 5th February, 1940.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter Cannon, Dirlaught, Lettermacaward, setting out, at length, particulars of time worked by him, and stating that he had been underpaid.

The County Surveyor stated that he had nothing to add to his previous report on this matter.

The Council unanimously decided to take no action in the matter.

480/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK, FALCARRAGH AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Mulligan, Fanmore, Falcarragh, complaining of the unfair allocation of work in his district. There had been work going on for three months and he had not earned one shilling, although everyone else in the place had got a share.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulligan's name was not submitted by the Labour Exchange, and, therefore, we were unable to give him work."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

481/40. CINEMATOGRAF ACT - SHOWING OF FILMS AT GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Doherty, Western United Cinemas, Dungloe, notifying the Council that he intended showing films at the Hall, Glencolumbkille, on the 4th and 5th April, 1940.

482/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR STONES SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Millbrook, Milin, stating that there had been 40 tons of broken stones taken from his quarry in February, 1939, by Richard Doherty, and so far he had not received any payment.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter had been attended to.

483/40. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SEA WALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 2nd April, 1940, C.87.132/1/37, referring to Minute No. 13/40 regarding proposed extension of sea wall at Inishkeeragh, and stating that they were prepared, in the circumstances, to increase the estimate for the work from £195 to £203 in order to allow a maximum sum of £8 for travelling expenses of the Assistant County Surveyor; the amended estimate to be borne by the Employment Schemes Vote and County Council contribution in the same proportion (3:1) as the original estimate. Assuming that the Council would have no objection to this arrangement, the work might now be put in hands on certain conditions which were set out in detail in the letter.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the work being carried out on the conditions laid down, and the Council decided to so inform the Office of Public Works.

484/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF FIELD, THE PROPERTY OF THE CONVOY WOOLLEN CO., LTD., OWING TO CHOKED PIPE.

A letter was read from the Convoy Woollen Co., Ltd., acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter with Minute from last Meeting re flooding at Mill Gate. They were arranging to have this work done by their own men. They wished to point out that when Mr. Callaghan was with them recently they drew his attention to a pipe or culvert across the road about 100 yards from the Mill premises. This pipe was choked, and, as a result, the water occasionally came back into the field belonging to the Company.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have arranged with Mr. Callaghan to discuss this matter with the representative of the Convoy Woollen Co., and come to some arrangement on the spot."

The Council noted the report.

485/40. COMPLAINT RE BURDEN IMPOSED ON RATEPAYERS OWING TO REDUCTIONS IN RAILWAY VALUATIONS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Limerick County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
"That the Government be requested to introduce legislation to relieve the ratepayers of Eire from the crushing burden imposed on them as a result of the reduced valuation of the Great Southern Railway properties, and the resulting demand for refund of overpayments made by the Company."

The Council decided to adopt the resolution, with the omission of the words "Great Southern."

486/40. DELAY IN OPHTHALMIC EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR BLIND PENSION.

A letter was read from Mrs. A. O'Donnell, Clerk, Inishowen No. 4 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that her Committee wished the Council to direct the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the long delay in carrying out the ophthalmic examination of applicants for pensions under the Blind Pensions Act.

The Council decided to ask the Department to expedite this examination.

487/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF AMOUNT DUE FOR ROAD CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Toland, Bradley, Ballintra, stating that he received no money in November last for his contract. The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The above contractor was in England last summer and nothing was done to his roads, and no metal was got up. In these circumstances, I don't see how payment could be made to him last October.

This half-year he came home, got up his metal, and on one of his roads the metal is rolled in. On the other it is still to be rolled. During the year no surface work has been done, and the verging of water-tables and outlets has not been attended to."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

488/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK ON ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank O'Donnell, Illion, Arranmore, stating that owing to the unfair allocation of work on Arranmore the people would refuse to pay rates unless every man was made a Ganger in his turn, and every man got the same amount of work.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Green, Scegatoke, Arranmore, stating that the ratepayers of Arranmore had a lot of grievances, and the Council should see that a man capable of his work be appointed Ganger.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Hara, Leabgarrow, Arranmore, Secretary, Old Republican Soldiers of Ireland (Rights Association), stating that the manner in which Minor Relief Schemes were being carried out on Arranmore Island was simply revolting. The wishes of 99% of the people were being ignored, and the Government's policy was being flouted by Mr. Jack Boyle who was Supervising Ganger.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I suggest that no notice be taken of these complaints as a great deal of time has already been wasted in inquiring into unfounded complaints from this area."

The Council decided to mark the three letters "read", and to instruct the County Surveyor to ignore future complaints from this area.

489/40. APPLICATION TO HAVE FENCE ERECTED AT CORNER ON RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF ROAD FROM MILFORD QUAY TO KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that about two years ago permission was given by Mr. Thomas Johnston to cut away a rock and improve a corner on the right-hand side of the road going from Milford Quay to Kerrykeel in the townland of Tirhomin, on the distinct condition and promise that the stone fence would be made good again. This promise had never been fulfilled, and Mr. Johnston's widow wished to have the stone fence properly erected.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Mulreany, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I suggest a wire fence be erected at this corner. If a stone fence is built here it will leave the turn blind. It was to leave a clear view round the corner that this rock was cut, and the building of a stone fence would leave it as bad as ever. If Mrs. Johnston is satisfied with a wire fence, I will arrange to have it erected."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor and his Assistant.

490/40. COMPLAINT RE BRIDGE AT BALLINTRA UPPER, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Maggie Conaghan, Ballintra Upper, Arranmore, referring to her previous complaint about a Bridge at her residence. A bridge had been made of flags and about one stone of cement, but the place was just as dangerous as it was before.

The County Surveyor stated that he did not think there was any cause for complaint in this case, and he suggested that no action be taken.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

491/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF BOG ROAD LEADING TO LIMESTONE QUARRY AT BEAGHMORE, FINTOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Doherty, Beaghmore, Fintown, applying for a grant for the making of a Bog Road from the Main Road to a limestone quarry. The proposed road would be half-a-mile long, and would be of considerable benefit to the locality.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

492/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK AT CASHELMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. John P. McFadden, Derryheriff, Cashelmore, complaining of the unfair allocation of road work in that area. During the past three years he had not earned one penny, and he considered it very unfair.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McFadden's name was not submitted by the Labour Exchange, and, therefore, could not be considered for work on Grants."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

493/40. APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Platt, Keenagh, Malin Head, applying for compensation for land taken from him for road widening purposes.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"In this case consent was duly signed by Mr. Platt with the knowledge that he was being compensated by getting the old roadway added to his frontage, and also was employed carting material to make the new road through the land he is claiming compensation for.

The Agreement form, with signature, will be produced, if necessary."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and to ask Mr. O'Neill to produce the agreement.

494/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF HOLDINGS AT FINNER, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from residents of Finner, Bundoran, bringing to the notice of the Council the partial flooding of their holdings in the townland of Finner caused by a defective gullet on the Main Ballyshannon-Bundoran Road at Finner. The gullet was situated convenient to the house of Mrs. M. Quinn, and discharged into a drain on Mr. Edward Gallagher's land on the north side of the road. It required to be partially re-constructed, cleaned, and improved, in order to carry out its functions properly.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

495/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM NEW BRIDGE AT GARRYHARRY TO FOOT OF HILL AT BALLINAFAD, MAP NO. 966.

A letter was read from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. John Buchanan of Garryharry and a number of other ratepayers to call the Council's attention to the defective and dangerous state of the road from the new Bridge at Garryharry to foot of hill at Ballinafad, Map No. 966, Proposal No. 11. The water-tables required cleaning, and the surface required to be repaired.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no report on this, but he suggested that the matter be referred to him, and this was decided upon.

496/40. COSTS RECOVERED FROM UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IN MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing cheque for £49 : 8 : 3 for costs recovered from unsuccessful applicants in Malicious Injury Claims, as follows:-

Patrick Barry, Bruckless.....£34 : 1 : 3.

John Roulston, Creeve.....£5 : 7 : 0.

Joseph Stevenson, Aughlihard, on account.£10 : 0 : 0.

The matter was noted.

497/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR OIL SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mrs. John Ferry, Station Place, Falcarragh, complaining of non-payment of an account for 3s/9d in respect of oil supplied to the Council.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

498/40. CLAIM FOR RENT FOR STORAGE OF TOOLS.

A letter was read from Mr. J. P. Doyle, Meenderryowen, Annagry, stating that the Council took over a store, his property, for tools and explosives for the Rosses Road Scheme. The rent was 2s/6d per week, but he was paid no rent since 18th February, 1939. He was only handed the key on the 19th February, 1940.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

499/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIPE.

A letter was read from Mr. Joe McCauley (D.), Gortgara, Arranmore, asking for payment for a pipe completed by him on the instructions of Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor.

The County Surveyor stated that payment had been made for the work in question.

500/40. RENT OF PAROCHIAL HALL, DUNGLOE, FOR USE FOR ROAD MEETINGS.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, referring to a recent decision of the Finance Committee of the Council to reduce the rent of the Hall for Road Meetings from £10 to £3. This matter came before the Hall Committee on the 2nd April, and they would not agree to any reduction as these Meetings disorganised the Hall and prevented Committees using or letting it for other purposes; also the Weights and Measures Inspector had the use of the Hall for one week each year.

The Council decided to pay at the rate of £10 per annum until such time as their own Courthouse was erected.

501/40. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR ELECTRIC LAMP SUPPLIED TO
RAMELTON PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. R. J. Campbell, Merchant, Ramelton, enclosing account for electric lamp supplied to Ramelton Pier.

The Council ordered payment of the account.

502/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM BRUCKLESS RAILWAY
STATION TO THE COTTAGES AND THE SHORE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Bruckless District stating that the road leading from Bruckless Railway Station in one direction to the Cottages and in the other direction to the Shore was in bad need of repair. The sea wall adjacent to where the road met the sea, and thence along the public pathway leading to the old bridge (recently repaired) was also in urgent need of attention to save it from collapse.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a work suitable for a Minor Employment Scheme, and he suggested that it be referred to the Office of Public Works for their consideration.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the County Surveyor's suggestion.

503/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM DERRYBEG TO STRAKEENAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Conall Ferry, Sheskinbeg, Derrybeg, complaining of the bad condition of the road from Derrybeg to the "Hill Road", Strakeenagh. Some improvements had been done to part of the road from Strakeenagh to Sheskinbeg Bridge, but nothing was done with the other portion of the road.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"There is very little money for the maintenance of this road, and on inspection it was found that the road in question was not as bad as suggested. We shall, however, do all we can to put it in better repair."

The Council noted the report.

504/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF BOG ROAD AT TULLYHONER, BREENAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. John McDaid, Tullyhoner, Ballybeg, Breenagh, Newmills, applying for a grant for the extension of the Bog Road at Tullyhoner, as the last Grant was not sufficient for its completion.

On the suggestion of the County Surveyor, it was decided to refer this matter to the Board of Works for completion.

505/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT SIGN ON ROADSIDE AT NARIN ON ROAD LEADING TO STRAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Kennedy, Doonmore Hotel, Narin, Portnoo, asking for permission to erect a small sign on the roadside at Narin on the corner leading to the Strand.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the erection of the sign referred to.

506/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO SWILLYMOUNT, NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Peoples, Swillymount, Newtowncunningham, again complaining of the state of the road leading to his residence. When he complained before he was told it was to be repaired by Direct Labour, but if this was so he was surprised.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The road referred to is in reasonably good order. No flooding, as far as we are aware, occurred during the winter."

Councillor Scott suggested that the County Surveyor should do something to this road if at all possible.

507/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING PAST SHANNAGH N. S., LAGHEY.

A letter was read from Captain J. S. Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra, stating that on some roads, for instance, on the one past Shannagh National School, there were water-tables made across the road. If he broke a spring on his car, he would hold the Council responsible.

The County Surveyor stated that he proposed attending to this matter.

508/40. AGREEMENT WITH IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association dated 19th April, 1940, enclosing local Contribution Agreement, in duplicate, for completion for the year 1940/41.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle it was unanimously decided to execute the Agreement.

509/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM KILMACRENAN BRIDGE TO LEITER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A letter was read from Mr. Bob Russell, Ballyboe, Kilmacrenan, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Kilmacrenan Bridge to Leiter Presbyterian Church. The road was all slunks and water holes. Carts and lorries were held up by these breakages.

The following report was submitted from the Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected this road to-day. The portion at the Church end, about which the complaint is made, is very narrow, and all traffic runs in the same tracks.

The heavy carting during the last few weeks has deepened these tracks. I have made arrangements to have them filled; the work to begin on Monday, 22nd April."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

510/40. DEPOSIT LODGED BY MRS. LOGAN, RAMELTON, IN CONNECTION WITH
OPENING OF ROADWAY AT MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mrs. Kathleen Logan, The Mall, Ramelton, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by her in connection with a road opening at her house in Mountcharles.

The County Surveyor stated that the deposit had been refunded.

511/40. APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS AS FLAGMEN AND SURFACEMEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Ward, Greenans, Lough Eske, applying for a position as Flagman on a County Council steam-roller.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Gallagher, Shallogans, Fintown, asking to be appointed surfaceman on the Main Road from Glenties to Fintown.

A letter was read from Mr. Tom Sheerin, Mountcharles, applying for a position as flagman on one of the County Council rollers.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen McGlynn, Loughergo, Fintown, applying for a position as ~~surfaceman~~ **surfaceman on the County Road from the head of the new line to the Shallogans N.S.**

The letters were all referred to the County Surveyor.

512/40. COMPLAINT RE NEW WORKING HOURS FIXED BY THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from a number of road workers of Lifford Area complaining of the new working hours recently fixed by the Council. The new hours meant that they had to work until 7 p.m. summer time, thus depriving them of doing work in their plots in the evenings in order to supplement the meagre wage allowance paid by the Council. They wished to have the hours changed so that they could stop work at 6 p.m.

The Council unanimously decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

513/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN BREENAGH AREA, NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Breenagh, Newmills, bringing to the Council's notice the condition of the following roads:-

(1) that section of the public road between Rashedog Bridge and Comrick Bridge; and

(2) the road between Barrack Crossroads and Glenswilly R.C. Church.

Regarding (1) they stated that this piece of road was a succession of bumps and potholes, and was rapidly growing worse due to the large volume of heavy traffic. Regarding (2) they stated that this road was a standing insult to the congregation who had to use it every Sunday. It was nothing more than a rutted cart track in which people were ankle deep in mud and water on wet days.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The roads referred to are admittedly not in good order. There is very little money, however, for their maintenance, and all I can say is that I will try to do the best I can with the small amount of money available."

Councillor Mahony proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor, and this was agreed to.

514/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mr. Paul Gallagher, Mountcharles, asking for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

The County Surveyor stated that the deposit was being refunded.

515/40.

BEACON AT ENTRANCE TO PORTNABLAGH HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd April, 1940, W.14/51/35, enclosing, for the Council's attention, copy of a letter received from Mr. Dominick Coll, Breaghy, Ballymore, as to the re-placement of a beacon at the entrance to Portnablagh Harbour, which was under the control of the Council.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

516/40.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

Stranorlar Area.

To re-build double ope pipe on Map No. 1246.....£5.

To re-build 18" x 18" pipe, and repair pipe on Map No. 1573.....£3.

To repair pipe on Map No. 1578B.....£1.

Glenties Area.

To build 24' x 7' x 2' retaining wall at Doonalt,
Map No. T.72A.1693.....£10.

Remove existing dangerous arch and replace with R. concrete
slab on Bridge on Map No. 1665.....£30.

Donegal Area.

To repair bridge on Road, Map No. 1955.....£20.

Letterkenny Area.

To repair bridge at Leck on Map No. 1128.....£6.

To repair Oldtown Bridge, Map No. 1127.....£8.

The Council unanimously granted the application.

517/40.

BREAKING OF FOLD CONTRACTS.

The County Surveyor asked the Council to break the following Road Contracts:-

Aileach Area.

No. 12, April 1939, Contractor John Ewing.

Letterkenny Area.

No. 26, April 1938 - Map No. 1144, Contractor Denis McConnellogue.

No. 46, April 1938 - Map No. 1192, Contractor Denis McConnellogue.

Donegal Area.

No. 114, April 1938, Map No. 1938 - Contractor "F. McKelvey.

No. 6, April 1938, Map No. 1993 - Contractor David Nicholl.

No. 109, April 1938 - Map No. 1736 - Contractor John Slevin.

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

518/40.

APPLICATION BY COUNTY SURVEYOR FOR TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

The County Surveyor applied for permission to employ a Temporary Clerk until 30th September, 1940, at £2 per week, to assist with the extra work caused by the large Employment Scheme Grants.

The application was granted unanimously.

Confirmed

W. McFadden

Chairman of Co. Council.

28th May, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF MAY, 1940.

519/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, Kelly (James), McGrenra, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brien), McRory, Scott, and Walsh.

520/40.

A P O L O G I E S.

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

It was mentioned also that Councillor Wagentreiber was ill.

521/40.

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 30th April, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

522/40.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th April, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

523/40.

R E P O R T O F P I E R S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Myles seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the Report of the Piers Committee Meeting held on the 30th April, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

524/40.

R E P O R T O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th April, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

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525/40.

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 M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Kavanagh the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee held on the 13th May, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

526/40.

R E P O R T O F E N G I N E E R I N G S E R V I C E S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee held on the 21st May, 1940.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that Minute No. 26/40 of the Report, in connection with the appointment of an Engineer for Board of Health work, be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration.

After some discussion, the Council unanimously decided to adopt the Report, with the exception of Minute No. 26/40, which it was decided to refer back to the Committee for re-consideration.

527/40.

P A Y M E N T S T O R O A D C O N T R A C T O R S F O R T H E H A L F - Y E A R E N D E D 3 1 S T M A R C H , 1 9 4 0 .

The Secretary submitted the List of Payments to Road Contractors for the half-year ended 31st March, 1940.

Payment was ordered in each case as recommended by the Finance Committee.

528/40. COMPLAINT RE REFUSAL OF PETROL DISTRIBUTING COMPANIES TO
SUPPLY PETROL TO A PUMP AT LAGHEY OWNED BY MR. ROBERT McCCLAY.

A letter was read from Captain J. S. Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra, inquiring if any reply had been received to the Council's resolution asking for a supply of Petrol to be continued to the pump of Mr. Robert McClay at Laghey.

The Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received to the Council's resolution.

529/40. ILLNESS OF MISS ESME V. LEYDEN OF THE COUNCIL'S CLERICAL STAFF.

A Certificate was submitted from Dr. J. A. Browne, Strabane, certifying that Miss Esme V. Leyden of the Council's clerical staff was suffering from anaemia and debility, and would probably be unfit to return to work for three weeks.

The Council noted the matter.

530/40. LOAN TO DEFRAY MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE'S PORTION OF LOUGH
SALT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd May, 1940, L.1936/4/40, referring to the proposal of the Council to raise a loan to defray the cost of the Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme, and stating that the Council's proposal to borrow for this purpose was deferred pending the receipt and consideration of details for the financing of the work put forward by the other Local Authorities concerned, and pending the accurate determination of the probable all-in cost of the work on the basis of the accepted tender. A grant of £9,000 had been notified to the Board of Health in connection with this Scheme. After taking credit therefor the total sum to be borrowed by the Local Authorities concerned would, on the basis of an all-in cost of £24,000, be £15,000. The net amount to be contributed by the Mental Hospital Committee towards the cost of the work would, therefore, be £5,250, and a loan of such amount would require to be raised by the Council. An advertisement on the lines of the specimen copy enclosed should be duly inserted in a newspaper circulating in the County.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the proposal.

531/40. PURCHASE OF NEW VACUUM CLEANER.

A letter was read from the Caretaker, County Council Offices and Courthouse, asking the Council to purchase a new Vacuum Cleaner at a cost of £14.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Blaney, it was decided to purchase the Cleaner.

532/40. USE OF GWEEDORE COURTHOUSE FOR A COOKERY CLASS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, asking if Canon McGroarty, P.P., Derrybeg, could have the use of Gweedore Courthouse for a Cookery Class about the month of August.

The Council unanimously decided to allow the Class to be held provided it would not interfere with Court Sittings.

533/40. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st May, 1940, L.3376/39, enclosing, for the information of the Council, copies of two letters which had been received from Mr. Edward O'Hagan, temporary Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Milford District, together with a copy of the Department's reply.

534/40. STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th May, 1940, Ilgh. (S. & R.), Circ. 20/1940, enclosing form for statistical particulars for completion.

535/40. REFUND OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY TO MR. T. J. O'REILLY,
CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 1st May, 1940, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister noted the recommendations originally made by the Sub-Finance Committee regarding refund of Motor Licence Duty to Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant County Surveyor. There would appear to be no justification for the refund of licence duty on cars not licensed within the State.

The following letter was read from Mr. O'Reilly:-

"With reference to the Department's query of the 1st May re justification for the refund of licence duty on cars not licensed within the State, I would respectfully point out that there are two main factors governing the reason for Officials living outside the State:-

(a) No available housing accommodation within a reasonable distance of Lifford other than in Strabane.

(b) Precedent.

As regards (a), the Council are fully aware that every effort made to obtain suitable housing accommodation within a reasonable distance of Lifford has been unsuccessful.

As regards (b), the Council are equally aware that refunds of Licence Duty on cars not licensed within the State have been paid to certain Officials for the past eighteen years."

The Council unanimously decided to refer Mr. O'Reilly's letter to the Local Government Department.

536/40. REFUND OF RATES TO THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO. FOLLOWING
REDUCTIONS OF VALUATIONS ON APPEAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd May, 1940, G.10359/40, referring to the Council's application for an extension of time in which a refund of rates to the Railway Co. following reductions of valuations on appeal might be made, and stating that the Minister would be prepared to grant an extension of time within which payment might be made.

537/40. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY IN CONNECTION
WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th May, 1940, G.710/4/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned expenditure not exceeding £300 in respect of the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with the administration of the Employment Schemes up to the 30th September, 1940.

538/40. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 17th May, 1940, R/RS/7, referring to Minute No. 518/40, and stating that whatever extra assistance was required by the County Surveyor in connection with the Employment Schemes should at this stage be arranged for under the provision authorised for the employment of general extra clerical assistance in connection with the Schemes.

The Secretary stated that in this connection he would ask the Council to grant him a further sum of £50.

The Council unanimously decided to grant a further sum of £50 to cover the extra clerical assistance required by the County Surveyor.

539/40. PAYING ORDER ISSUED IN THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE OF
AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 7th May, 1940, L.3634/39, referring to a Paying Order for £257 :18 :10 which was issued in the name of the Committee of Agriculture, and stating that the amount had now been credited to the Council's account.

540/40.

BOND OF RATE COLLECTOR G. J. T. McLAUGHLIN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th May, 1940, G.5213/6/40, returning Personal Surety Bond of Collector G. J. T. McLaughlin, No. 20 District, the form of which had been noted.

541/40.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Grants for works at Bruckless; Bunn, Glengad; Tullyhoner; Beeghmore; Corcullion; and Meenabrock.

542/40.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS ACT, 1939.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, Air Raid Precautions Branch, St. John's Road, Kingsbridgem Dublin, referring to Section 21 (3) of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, which provided that where a Scheme-making Local Authority posted a designation notice in respect of any building or part thereof, such Authority shall cause the prescribed particulars of such notice to be registered in the Register of designation notices which the Authority is required to keep under Section 20 (1) of the Act.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, Air Raid Precautions Branch, dated 20th May, 1940, ARP/93, referring to Section 22 of the A.R.P. Act, 1939, under which a person might appeal to the Minister against the designation of any premises by a Local Authority, and to Section 25 of the said Act under which a person might appeal to the Minister against the refusal or ignoring by a Local Authority of a request for permission to effect alterations in designated premises.

543/40.

PAYMENT OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. SUSAN M. MARGEY (NEE.McIVOR), FORMER DOMESTIC ECONOMY INSTRUCTRESS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th May, 1940, G.714/6/40, transmitting copy of an Order, under Seal, consenting to the award of a Marriage Gratuity of £33 13s 5d to Mrs. Susan M. Margey (Nee McIvor), who formerly held the Office of Domestic Economy Instructress under the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee.

544/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS AND THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd April, 1940, H.5893/19/39, referring to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Donegal County Council on the 27th February last regarding arrears due by borrowers under the Housing Acts, 1924 to 1929, and the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and inquiring the present position.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th May, 1940, H.13116/40, regarding the arrears of advances due by borrowers under the Housing Acts, 1924 to 1929, and inquiring what steps had been taken to obtain recovery of the amounts due.

545/40.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Most Rev. Dr. McNeely, Lord Bishop of Raphoe, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of Rev. John O'Doherty, P.P., Rathmullan.

546/40.

STANDARD RATE OF INCOME TAX.

A letter was read from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners dated 11th May, 1940, drawing the attention of those concerned to the fact that the standard rate of Income Tax imposed for the year beginning on the 6th April, 1940, was 6s/6d in the pound.

547/40. COMPLAINT RE POSTING OF LETTER IN STRABANE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs dated 8th May, 1940, G.5492/40, referring to a letter addressed to Mr. Pat Maguire, Dooballagh, Letterkenny, and posted in Strabane, Co. Tyrone, on the 28th March, 1940. The letter purported to have been posted on behalf of the County Council, and the Department was advised that the Post Office (Evasion of Postage) Act, 1937, applied to the letter in question.

The Secretary stated that he had informed the Department that no letter from the County Council Offices was posted outside Eire. The addressee, Mr. Pat Maguire, Dooballagh, Letterkenny, was a Road Contractor for the Council, and it was possible that a communication in connection with his contract might have been sent to him by the Assistant Surveyor for the District, Mr. P. J. Kelly, who resided at Urney, Strabane.

On making inquiries from Mr. Kelly, it was found that he did send a letter to Mr. Pat Maguire on the 29th March, but the letter was not received by Maguire and was evidently intercepted in the post.

The Council noted the Secretary's explanation.

Councillor Gallen (who resides at Broomfield, Castlefin), complained of the inadequate postal services in his district. Letters were not delivered until late in the afternoon, and in the case of urgent letters requiring a reply the same day he would have no hesitation whatever in posting his letters outside Eire.

548/40. AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR REMOVAL OF PROJECTIONS IN BUIODORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th April, 1940, R/RM/7, referring to Minute No. 345/40 C.C. and stating that it was noted that the Council had re-voted for the current financial year the unexpended balance of amount provided for removal of projections in Bundoran Urban District.

549/40. RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,200 FOR PURCHASE OF STONEBREAKER AND TRACTOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th May, 1940, L., Dun na nGall., inquiring whether the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £1,200 for the purchase of a stonebreaker and tractor had been duly advertised in a newspaper circulating in the County. If this had been done, a copy of the advertisement as published should be forwarded to the Department.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor inquiring if he was at liberty to place an order for the "Baxter" Stonebreaker, the cost of which would be approximately £600. He did not propose at present to purchase the Diesel Tractor for the reasons given to the Engineering Committee at their Meeting on the 21st May.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the County Surveyor to purchase the "Baxter" Stonebreaker.

550/40. DELAY IN FURNISHING PRESCRIBED FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th May, 1940, asking to be furnished with prescribed forms in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis.

551/40. CLOSING OF THE LETTERKENNY-BURTONPORT EXTENSION OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

A formal acknowledgment was submitted from the Department of Industry and Commerce of the Council's resolution regarding the closing of the Letterkenny-Burtonport extension of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway.

552/40. ARDUGHADH GREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNG DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 17adh Bealtaine, 1940, ag radh go gceaduaigheann an t-Aire um Riaghaltais Aitiula agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £85,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach o'n ladh Feabhra go dti an 15adh Marta, 1940.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 17adh Bealtaine, 1940, G.719/6/40, ag radh go gceaduaigheann an t-Aire um Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £45,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach suas go dti an 31adh la de'n mhi seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £55,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mi na Meitheamh, 1940.

Socruigheadh go n-iarrfad cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £55,000 suas go dti 30adh Meitheamh, 1940.

553/40. SCEIM SOLATHAIR UISCE NA ROSANN DO LEATHNU O BHUN BEAG GO DOIRE BEAG; AGUS O ATH NA GROIGHE DO CEANN CASLAIGH.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 14adh Bealtaine, 1940, P.H.5317/40, Dun na nGall. Pd., ag chur chuig an Runaidhe chun eolais do Chomhairle Chonndae Dhun na nGall an choip ata ina theannta seo d'Ordu do rinne a t-Aire ar an 30adh la de Marta, 1940, ag cinneadh maille le liomataisti eile, an liomataiste mhuirir i gcoir na gcostais speisialta a bhaineann le sceim solathair uisce na Rosann do leathnu o Bhun Beag go Doire Beag, agus o Ath na Groighe go Ceann Caslaigh, agus na leathnuithe sin do chothabhair.

554/40. TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR PATRICK O'BRIEN.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th May, 1940, L.573/40, stating that the explanation furnished by Warble Fly Inspector Patrick O'Brien regarding his failure to leave, in writing, at his residence, particulars of the townlands in which he intended to carry out inspections on the day of the Departmental Inspector's visit and the following day had been noted. Mr. O'Brien should be warned that serious notice would be taken of any similar omission on his part in the future.

555/40. APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES GALLAGHER, BREENAGH, NEWMILLS, AS WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR FOR LETTERKENNY AREA.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th May, 1940, L.573/40, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the employment of Mr. James Gallagher, Breenagh, Newmills, as temporary Inspector for the Letterkenny Area in place of Mr. William McDaid for the remainder of the current treatment period on the same terms and conditions as applied in the case of the other Temporary Inspectors employed under the Orders in County Donegal.

556/40. SUSPENSION OF TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR HUGH GILLESPIE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 6th May, 1940, L.573/40, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 1st May and its enclosed copy of an explanation submitted by Mr. Hugh Gillespie regarding certain reported irregularities in connection with his employment as Temporary Inspector under the Warble Fly Orders. Having regard to all the circumstances of the case, the Minister regretted he could not see his way to agree to the reinstatement of Mr. Gillespie as proposed by the Council, and arrangements should be made to appoint an Inspector in his place.

Councillor Brady proposed that no appointment be made for the remainder of this season.

The Chairman seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

557/40. PROPOSED PAYMENT OF A SUM OF £50 TO EX-COLLECTOR CRAMPSEY, NO. 20 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th May, 1940, G.10360/2/40, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 7th May regarding the proposed payment of a sum of £50 to ex-Collector Crampsey, No. 20 District, and stating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his decision as indicated in the Department's letter of the 10th April.

It was decided to refer the matter back for re-consideration.

558/40. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REMISSION OF RATES) ACT, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th May, 1940, Circ. Letter No. 46/40, stating that the Local Government (Remission of Rates) Act, 1940, became law on the 2nd May. The Act provided that where the erection, enlargement, or improvement of any residence was completed during the period from 1st October, 1939, to 30th September, 1942, and where, in consequence, there was an increase in valuation, the valuation of the residence should be reduced for rating purposes by two-thirds of the increase.

559/40. EMERGENCY POWERS ORDERS (NOS. 10 AND 18), 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 14th May, 1940, C.P.1603/40, Dun na nGall., stating that the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (No. 18) Order, 1939, affected only Official Contractors appointed by the Minister under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925. Claims to increased prices in respect of commodities purchased locally should be referred to the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, for investigation.

The Secretary stated that the claim of Messrs. McKinney & O'Callaghan, Letterkenny, had been referred to the Department of Supplies.

560/40. CINEMATOGRAPIH ACT, 1909.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Doherty, Western United Cinemas, Dungloe, notifying the Council that films would be shown in Glencolumbkille on the 15th and 16th May.

561/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Fourteen letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the fourteen cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939.

562/40. APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR FOR MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commission dated 17th May, 1940, L.A.17.6.39., recommending Mr. Charles Desmond O'Donoghue, 182, Kimmage Road West, Dublin, as Assistant Surveyor for County Donegal. A summary of Mr. O'Donoghue's qualifications was attached.

Councillor Mahony proposed the appointment of Mr. O'Donoghue.

Councillor Cole seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

563/40. RESIDENCE OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR FOR MILFORD AREA.

The County Surveyor referred to the Council's previous decision that the Assistant Surveyor for Milford Area should reside in the town of Milford. He stated that this would hardly be fair to Mr. O'Donoghue who was a married man, and who might find it difficult to obtain a suitable house in Milford.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to Mr. O'Donoghue's residing at a reasonably central position in his district, preferably in the town of Milford if he could obtain a suitable house.

564/40. PROPOSED FIXING OF GROSS INCOME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY OR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following rescinding Notices of Motion, which were signed by Councillor McIvor and five other members, were proposed by Councillor McIvor and seconded by Councillor James Kelly:-

(1)

"That Minutes numbered 1056/26 of the 30th November, 1926, 908/27 of the 27th September, 1927, and 295/40 of the 26th March, 1940, in relation to the County Council University Scholarships Scheme, be, and are hereby, rescinded, and that the existing Clause No. 7 be deleted, and the following Clause substituted therefor:-

"No Scholarship shall be awarded to any candidate unless in the opinion of the Committee (a) his or her parents or guardians are ordinarily resident and domiciled in the County for four years before date of application; (b) he or she is in good health and of good character; (c) he or she is likely to profit by University education; and (d) the gross income of his or her parents or guardians does not exceed £300 per annum."

(2)

"That Minute numbered 23/34 of the County Council Meeting of the 30th January, 1934, adopting a Scheme of Scholarships to Secondary and Vocational Schools, be rescinded, in so far as the existing Clause No. 11 applies, and that the following Clause be substituted therefor:-

"As a rule, the Council shall not consider as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the children of parents or the dependents of persons, whose net family income in the judgment, of the Council, exceeds £150 with one dependent child; £175 with two dependent children; and so on, allowing £25 for each dependent child up to, but not exceeding 16 years of age; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing no Scholarship be awarded to any child, the gross family income of whose parents or guardians exceeds £300 per annum."

Councillor Scott opposed the motions.

Councillor Gallen stated that the motions if passed, as they stood, would affect farmers very badly.

Councillor Scott proposed that the matter be referred to a Committee for consideration, and it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Sub-Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 18th June, and to add the name of Councillor McIvor to the Committee for the purpose of considering these motions.

565/40. CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS CLERICAL ASSISTANT IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th April, 1940, G.8486/40, regarding the permanent appointment of Mr. J. F. Quigley, Clerical Assistant in the County Surveyor's Office, and stating that the Minister was not prepared to agree to the Council's proposal. There was, in the Minister's opinion, no necessity for grading Mr. Quigley's temporary clerical appointment as technical in its nature. There was no objection, however, to Mr. Quigley being retained as temporary clerical assistant for a period of six months from the 1st April, 1940, at his existing remuneration.

566/40. PAYMENT OF MOTOR TAX ON 'BUSES' OPERATING IN THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co. dated 8th May, 1940, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution re payment of Motor Tax on 'Buses'. The total number of 'Buses' owned by the Company was only 32, and no doubt at some time or other these were passed as Public Service Vehicles by the competent authority. The present restricted service only required half this number with the result that the other vehicles were not taxed anywhere or in service at all. It would appear, therefore, that the Council was under a misapprehension. The existing method of taxation was in accordance with the arrangements which were approved by the Minister for Industry and Commerce some years ago.

The Council decided to ask the Department of Industry and Commerce to check up on the number of 'Buses' of the Lough Swilly Railway Co. operating in County Donegal through the Customs Authorities.

567/40. COMPLAINT RE TAKING OF STONES FROM TRUSSEY'S PARK, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, 5, Newmarket Street, Derry, stating that he had received instructions from the Trustees of Trussey's Park to write to the Council regarding the unauthorised entry by the Council's workmen on their lands at Trussey's Park, and quarrying and taking away stones therefrom. Over 100 tons of stones had already been taken away. These should be paid for at once, and if the Council wished to do any further quarrying on the lands an agreement would have to be come to.

The Secretary read the following letter dated 24th May, 1940, from Messrs. Frank Doherty, Michael McLaughlin, and Alexander McClure, Magheramore, Carndonagh:-

"We, the undersigned, representing the tenants of Trussey's Park, wish to state that there are no Trustees, and that the tenants are the sole owners. Any roads that have been made on Trussey's Park were made without a Consent Form having been obtained or the tenants consulted. In future a Consent Form must be obtained for any such work. Any further information required can be obtained from the Irish Land Commission.

Signed on behalf of the tenants, being tenants ourselves,
Frank Doherty.

Michael McLaughlin,
Alexander McClure."

The Council decided to refer this letter to Mr. McCormick for his views.

568/40. APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Platt, Keenagh, Malin Head, applying for compensation for land taken for road widening purposes.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor O'Neill enclosing Consent Form signed by Mr. John Platt.

Councillor Scott proposed that this matter be referred to the County Surveyor for personal investigation, and that the latter interview Councillors Cole and Lynch, the local representatives.

The proposal was agreed to, and the matter adjourned until next Meeting.

569/40. BEACON AT ENTRANCE TO PORTNABLAGH HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd April, 1940, W.14/51/35, enclosing, for the Council's attention, copy of letter received from Mr. Dominick Coll, Breaghy, Ballymore, as to the re-placement of a beacon at the entrance to Portnablagh Harbour, which was under the control of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated that he had not yet had time to visit the site of this beacon.

The Council adjourned the matter until next Meeting.

570/40. APPLICATION BY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR FOR INCREASE IN WAGES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Callaghan, Warble Fly Inspector, Colehill, Newtowncunningham, asking to have his wages increased by 10/- per week. He stated that this was the fifth season during which he had acted as Warble Fly Inspector. He purchased a bicycle the first year for £5 : 4 : 0, and it served him until this year when he had to purchase a new one at £9 : 10 : 0. Farm labourers, who had not to trouble about the upkeep of a bicycle, had 30/- weekly, and he thought that £2 was barely enough for Warble Fly Inspectors. In his district there were 12 Electoral Divisions, including Buncrana Rural and Buncrana Urban.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

571/40. CLAIM BY CAPTAIN O'BOYLE, MOUNTCHARLES, IN RESPECT OF COST OF FITTING NEW SPRING ON CAR.

A letter was read from Captain H. O'Boyle, Mountcharles, enclosing account for £2 : 3 : 8 in respect of cost of fitting a new spring in his car, in place of spring which was broken on the 3rd April on County Road No. 1853 leading from Killybegs to Carrick. The road appeared to be torn up at two points.

A report was read from the Assistant Surveyor in the matter. The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

572/40. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE TO CART ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED BY CONDITION OF FOOTPATH IN LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Patrick Cullen, Rosemount, Letterkenny, with regard to the very serious injuries sustained by his pony and the damage to his cart while he was delivering hardware goods to the premises of Mr. J. P. Speer, Letterkenny. The footpath leading into the entry of Mr. Speer's premises was in such a dangerous condition as to make horse traffic thereon almost impossible, and their client's pony when crossing same slipped and fell and the prongs of a number of forks forming part of the load entered its body. They now called upon the Council to compensate Mr. Cullen for the loss sustained.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

573/40. SHEEP DIPPING ARRANGEMENTS, 1940 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 16th May, 1940, L.1231/40, asking to be furnished with particulars of the steps taken by the Council to secure the effectual dipping of sheep in their administrative area during the dipping period, 1st August to 31st October, of the current year. A draft copy of specimen regulations was enclosed.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Sheep Dipping Committee, and it was decided to have a Meeting of this Committee on Tuesday, 18th June, 1940.

574/40. HOURS OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that in future no Committee be called to meet between the hours of two and three p.m.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

575/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES ON THE ROAD FROM KEADUE TO DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell (Paddy), Acres, Burtonport, referring to his previous complaint at the March Meeting about damage to fences on the County Road from Keadue to Dungloe (Minute No. 353/40). About 40 yards of wire fencing had been done, but the ditch on which the fence was erected was now slipping into the drain at the bottom of his field interfering with the drainage.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no report on this matter as Mr. A. N. Dillon had been ill.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

576/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF DRAIN BETWEEN GORTIN SOUTH AND MILLBURN, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Lafferty, Corcullion, Castlefin, complaining of the condition of the drain between Gortin South and Millburn. As already pointed out, last season after obtaining seeds from the Department of Agriculture he lost practically all his crop and vegetables. This year, in the belief that the work of cleaning the drain would be attended to, he put in vegetables also, and he hoped that he would not suffer the same loss.

The County Surveyor suggested that the matter be referred to the Board of Works for considering when allocating Minor Employment Schemes (Summer Drainage), and the Council adopted the suggestion.

577/40.

CLAIM FOR TRESPASS FOR STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY AT
CRAIGMAGOWAN, KILLYGORDON.

A letter was read from Mr. David Roulston, Craigmagowan, Killygordon, returning Paying Orders amounting to £10 in respect of trespass for stones taken from his quarry. He wanted 4d. per ton or £40. In 1937 he was paid 4d. per ton, and there was far more metal lifted that year than this year.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"In 1935/36 stone was taken from this Quarry for which 4d. per ton was paid. In 1937/38 a large amount of stone was raised in this Quarry, and the question of purchasing the Quarry from Mr. Roulston was discussed with him, but no agreement was arrived at on this point. However, it was agreed that an annual rent of £10 per year be paid. Mr. Roulston was paid for the year ending March, 1939, and accepted it. He now wants to revert back to the 4d. per ton, and I suggest that despite our understanding with him that an annual rent of £10 be paid. I recommend that the matter be left in my hands with a view to approaching Mr. Roulston in the matter."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

578/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF FOOTPATH AT DONEGAL STREET,
BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Kee, Donegal Street, Ballybofeey, complaining of the condition of the footpath at the top right-hand side of Donegal Street leading from the newly-erected bungalows to Mark Byrne's residence.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I regret at the moment we have no money available to do this work, but at the first opportunity I hope to consider the construction of footpaths on this stretch."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

579/40.

COMPLAINT RE BLOCKING OF GAPS INTO FIELD AT CAVANGARDEN,
BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, stating that they had been instructed by Mr. Thomas J. Given, Cavigarden, to claim damages from the Council in respect of loss sustained by him through the Council's workmen building a heap of stones and closing two gaps, thus preventing Mr. Given from getting into his farm for over three weeks, and thereby holding him up from putting in his crop.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"When the stones were placed along the ditch at Mr. Given's place, there was no visible entrance to his land, neither gate nor poles, etc. When Mr. Given complained, the stones were removed next morning. I do not think he has any genuine grounds for his claim."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

580/40.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY IN EAST END, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Connolly, East End, Bundoran, disagreeing with the Assistant Surveyor's report as recorded in Minute No. 209/40 regarding the flooding of East End, Bundoran, by surface water. There was no provision on the street for carrying away the surface water. If there was they would have no cause for complaint. The constant surfacing of the street had raised its level and caused the flooding of the front of and the flow of surface water in and upon their houses and property as there were no channels to take it away.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Connolly is not correct in stating that the raising of the road has interfered with the drainage opposite his house. In spite of this, however, I will see what can be done to prevent any flooding that may happen."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

581/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION ROAD OPENING AT ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from Rev. F. A. O'Hara, The Manse, St. Johnston, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with opening of roadway.

The County Surveyor stated that the deposit had been refunded.

582/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO REMOVE FENCE ON ROAD FROM GLENEELY TO MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Gill, Drumley, Gleneely, Moville, asking for permission to remove fence along main road on left-hand side of road from Gleneely to Moville. He proposed to remove the fence 2 feet nearer the roadway so as to put it in line with the other fences on the same side of the road. This fence was about two feet in on his field off the line of the other fences.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. O'Neill was at present on holidays and he had no report on this matter.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

583/40. GLENTIES NO. 1. O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Glenties No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that a vacancy existed on his Committee owing to the death of Mr. Con Kennedy, Ardara. The Committee considered that Mr. Michael Kennedy, Ardara, would be a suitable member to re-place his father.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Michael Kennedy as a member of the Sub-Committee.

584/40. MILFORD O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Milford O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that his Committee wished to have the following appointed as members:-

Rev. Hugh O'Boyle, P.P., Rathmullan.

Rev. Charles A. McElwee, C.C., Tamney.

The Council decided to appoint Father O'Boyle and Father P. Carr, C.C., Kindrum.

585/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO QUARRY LIMESTONE AT FOXHOLE, CARNDONAGH, WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF THE CENTRE OF THE ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McElhinney, Foxhole, Carndonagh, applying for permission to quarry limestone at Foxhole within 30 feet of the centre of the road. He had a large number of people to supply under the Lime Subsidy Scheme, and as it was now impossible to obtain gelignite, he would like to be granted facilities for quarrying for a short period until supplies of explosives were obtained.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. McElhinney had withdrawn his request.

586/40. COMPLAINT RE LACK OF FENCE ON ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE AT ACRES, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Molloy, Acres, Burtonport, stating that there was no fence along the road leading to his house, and if any accident occurred he would hold the Council responsible.

At the request of the County Surveyor the matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

587/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF LAMP-POST AT MARKET SQUARE, RAMELTON.

A letter was read from Mr. W. E. F. Buchanan, Ramelton, asking to have something done with the lamp-post which stood in the Market Square. It should either be removed or renovated, as it was an eyesore at the moment.

At the request of the County Surveyor the matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

588/40.

CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Theo McLaughlin, Rate Collector, No. 20 District, applying for the use of a room in the Courthouse, Carndonagh, for the purpose of collecting rates.

Councillor Cole proposed that permission be granted provided that Court Sittings were not interfered with.

The motion was passed unanimously.

589/40.

DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Kee, Ballybofey, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for investigation.

590/40.

CARN-GLENCOVITT BRIDGE, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. William Crawford, Glencovitt, Ballybofey, stating that at the County Council Meeting in August last it was agreed that the Carn-Glencovitt Bridge was to be repaired. The County Surveyor examined the Bridge and was of opinion that it should be repaired at once. A year had almost passed since, and no repairs had been carried out to the Bridge. He wished to know what was the cause of the delay.

Mr. Crawford appeared before the Council in support of his complaint. He stated that it was four years since this matter was first raised, and he could not understand the long delay which had occurred in having this very necessary work carried out. There was a rise of about 11 feet at the Bridge, and there was no protection on either side.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The Council last year passed a sum of money for the lowering of this Bridge. The work was not carried out before the 31st March, 1940, and, therefore, the money allowed for the work, viz., £30, was returned and becomes lost. I regret very much this matter was not attended to during the year, and I accept the responsibility for this neglect. I inspected this Bridge myself recently, and I agree that the work is necessary. Unfortunately, we have now no money available to carry out the work, but if the Council provide me with the money, I will arrange to have the work put in hands in the very near future."

Councillor Mahony stated that this was a very exceptional case, and he proposed that the Council instruct the County Surveyor to take the money required out of the Contingency Fund.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

591/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM LEONARD'S SHOP GROUSELODGE, TO THE COUNTY BOUNDARY AT TIEVENMENTAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Tievenementagh, Killeter P.O., Co. Tyrone, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Leonard's shop, Grouselodge, to the County Boundary at Tievenementagh, and which was contracted for by Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Grouselodge, Tievemore P.O. The road was coated over with loose rolling stones which were only about half broken. In fact they were only sledged. It was impossible for a horse and cart to take any load on this road. Although he lived in Northern Ireland he had to travel on this road four times each week going to the nearest Creamery.

The County Surveyor stated that this road was in fair order, and he did not think there was much cause for complaint.

592/40.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF OLD DISPENSARY AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Boyle, Smith, Fair Hill, Dungloe, applying for the use of the old Dispensary at Dungloe in which to carry on his business as a blacksmith until he found some other suitable place.

The Council decided to refuse the application.

593/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM CASHEL THREE ROADS TO WHINPARK, GLENTOGHER, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McLaughlin, Whinpark, Glentogher, Carndonagh, requesting the Council to give consideration to the repairing of 250 perches of Road No. 232 from Cashel Three Roads to Whinpark. They had brought this matter up time and again but nothing had been done. Unless something was done they would withhold the rates.

The County Surveyor stated he had no report on this matter as the Assistant for the District was on holidays.

Councillor Cole stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion to have this road declared a County Road.

594/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIPE.

A letter was read from Mr. Joe McCauley (D.), Gortgarr, Arranmore, referring to the County Surveyor's statement at last Meeting (Minute No. 499/40) that he had been paid for a pipe completed by him. If a Paying Order was issued it had not reached him yet.

The County Surveyor stated that this man was paid on the 18th May, 1940.

595/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES, ETC., BY CARRYING OUT OF ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Keadue West, Burtonport, complaining of the destruction done to his property by the carrying out of the Rosses Road Scheme. Mr. Dillon and Councillor O'Boyle were to look into his claim, but he had not seen any of them yet. He now gave notice that he refused to pay any more rates until his claim got attention.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Dillon was ill, and he suggested that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting.

The Council agreed to the suggestion.

596/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. John Patrick McFadden, Derryherriff, Ceshelmore, stating that he complained to the Manager of the Labour Exchange, Dunfanaghy, about not getting a card for work. The Manager told him that the Supervising Ganger did not ask for his name. He then went to Hugh McGinley, Dunfanaghy, the Travelling Ganger, and McGinley told him that it was he who had the giving out of the cards for work. McGinley told him he knew nothing about him and showed him out of the door. He wanted an explanation of why other men got work without cards, and he was left to struggle on 3/- per week dole. He could prove that McGinley asked men to start work without any cards at all.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The men on this work have been recruited according to the regulations set out by the Department. The men were recruited down to those in receipt of 4/- per week Unemployment Assistance. Mr. John McFadden, who is in receipt of only 3/- per week, was not reached on the list."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

597/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT TIN HOUSE ON MAIN ROAD AT KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Gillespie, Killybegs, stating that he was going to put up a tin house, size 10' x 12', on the Main Donegal Road at White House, 20 feet from the centre of the roadway. He would take all responsibility for same, and would remove it when called upon to do so.

The Council unanimously decided to refuse permission for the erection of the structure.

598/40.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Molloy, Mullanmore, Glenties, stating that he had never been paid trespass for the quarry given to James Keeney, one of the Council's workmen, last winter when he was repairing the Mullanmore and Ardun Road. Keeney promised him £2 for the material, and if the quarry turned out good he stated he would get more.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Molloy was given work in lieu of trespass for the Quarry. Now that the work is finished he wants to be paid as well. I recommend that the Council refuse this request."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

599/40.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF HOUSE AT BREE, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mrs. Annie Duncan, Bree, Malin Head, stating that some months ago she complained of the damage done to her house by flooding owing to the Council's neglect in not diverting the surface water from flowing into it. If not remedied, she would put the matter in the hands of a Solicitor.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for his attention.

600/40.

DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANTS.

A letter dated 21st May, 1940, was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that he had received intimation from the County Registrar that Ejectments in the undermentioned cases were listed for hearing at the Circuit Court in Letterkenny on 3rd June:-

Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.

Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.

Reps. John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.

Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.

Patrick Doherty (Smith), Malin Street, Carndonagh.

In view of this and having regard to the several relevant Minutes of the Law Committee Meeting of the 16th April, as amended by County Council Minute No. 395/40, he wished to receive a specific instruction as to whether it was the Council's wish that proceedings should be withdrawn in the cases of:-

Daniel Coyle; Daniel Ward; and/or Patrick Doherty; or whether he should take out Orders in each case, subject to a stay of execution until 1st September next. The next Sittings of the Circuit Court would open on the 14th October, 1940, so that an adjournment would mean that there could not be a hearing until the end of October, should the parties fail to carry out their promises in the meantime. On the other hand a "stayed" Order would put the Council in a much stronger position.

The Council decided to instruct the Solicitor to adjourn the proceedings until the October Sittings of the Circuit Court.

601/40.

DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANT - C. J. COYLE, LURGANBOYCE.

A letter dated 24th May, 1940, was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan, was now comfortably established on a good working basis. He was prepared to pay down a sum of £15, together with the costs of the Ejectment Proceedings, and he suggested that the balance of the outstanding arrears - which amounted to about £20 - could be discharged by 14 half-yearly payments. At the same time he would pay future instalments as they accrued due.

The Council decided to accept the offer of Mr. Charles J. Coyle.

602/40.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for renewals of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from the following:-

John Harris, Letterkenny.

Charles Maguire, Cashlings, Kilcar.

J. A. Moore, Letterkenny.

Denis Quinn, Greenan, Glenties.

The applications were granted unanimously.

603/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF WATER OUTLETS ON ROAD AT DRUMFIN, INVER.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Dorrian, Drumfin, Inver, asking that the Assistant Surveyor be sent there to examine and adjust the water outlets on the road running through his farm, which had been made so large that stock could get on to the road. If the matter was not attended to forthwith it might lead to trouble.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"If any of the outlets in question are dangerous we will have the matter remedied."

The Council noted the report.

604/40. LAYING OF OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line over and along Drumucklagh Road, Carnshannagh, Raphoe, between White Cross and junction for Carnshannagh House.

Permission was granted on condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal, except in so far as State-aided Schemes and Schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas are concerned, to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs; and that the poles be kept free of the carriageway.

605/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FRO MEENGLASS OLD POST OFFICE TO HOUSE OF NEIL BOLAND, CARRICKMAGRATH, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Byrne, Carrickmagrath, Ballybofey, complaining of the bad state of the road from Meenglass Old Post Office to the house of Neil Boland. This was a public road formerly made by the Congested Districts Board. It connected two County Roads and carried all sorts of traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Grants.

606/40. ILLNESS OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR FOR MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. John Gallagher, Tirloughan, Carrigart, enclosing Medical Certificate from Dr. McCloskey, Carrigart, showing that his brother, Denis Gallagher, Warble Fly Inspector for Milford Area, had had to be sent to Hospital for an operation for peritonitis. He wished to know if he could carry on the job as he already acted in the capacity of Warble Fly Inspector for two years before the appointment of his brother.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. John Gallagher as substitute Warble Fly Inspector.

607/40. RETURN OF SAMPLES TAKEN UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 21st May, 1940, S.K.3/5/39, asking to be furnished with a return of samples taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts on behalf of the Council in the year ended 31st March, 1940.

608/40. REFUND OF RATES TO THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st May, 1940, G.14658/40, stating that the Minister, having had before him the application for an extension of time for the re-payment by the Donegal County Council of the rates paid by the Great Northern Railway Co. in excess of the sum which would have been payable if the valuation had stood as altered on appeal, had extended the time within which such re-payment might be made to a time not exceeding two years from the date on which the same became due.

609/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT STRAMARTIN, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. William Coll, Stramartin, Derrybeg, drawing attention to the flooding of his property which was caused by the flooding of the Corveen River at a point about 100 yards off the Stradabrocey Bridge. Approximately a rood of arable land had been destroyed, and unless some steps were taken to check or alter the course of the river more flooding would occur.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a matter for the Board of Works, to whom it was decided to refer the complaint for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

610/40. CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

Lifford Area.

To repair parapets of Bridge on Map No. 1340.....£4 : 10 : 0.

Aileach Area.

Repair of sea wall at Ture on Map No. T.73.631.....£100 : 0 : 0.

The application was granted unanimously.

611/40. RESOLUTION FROM LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING FOR REDUCTIONS IN SALARIES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Longford County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "You are all aware of the present deplorable condition of this country, and this fact cannot be better realised than by us living as we do in the Midlands. Amongst the many prevailing hardships are the low controlled prices for all farm produce exported and the high prices which we are obliged to pay for all imported stuffs. In this country there are many in receipt of exorbitant salaries, which the State and its industries can ill afford to pay. The first step in economy is that we call upon the Government to pass a short Bill entitled "The 1940 Economy Salary Bill", in which it shall be provided that no individual shall receive salary, wages, fees, or other remuneration in excess of £600 per annum, no matter what position he or she may hold either in a public or private capacity. We hold that £50 per month is the maximum value of any person's services, and our country and its resources are not able to pay more. It is quite clear that a huge saving could be made in this direction, and amongst the many good effects would be reduced taxation and an easing of other heavy burdens. Overhead charges in trading and industry would be reduced, resulting in lower prices for all necessary commodities. Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to all County Councils in Eire, and to the General Council of County Councils. Each County Council to forward copies to their respective Dail Deputies. We also advise every voter to keep an earnest watch on this Bill passing through all its stages both in the Dail and in the Senate."

The Council unanimously decided to mark the resolution "Noted."

612/40. RESOLUTION FROM LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF BORDER.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Longford County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That a resolution from this Council go to all County Councils in Eire asking them to pass a resolution condemning the unnatural border existing in this country, and requesting An Taoiseach to take the necessary steps with the British Ministers to have the border removed at once, as it was evident to every Irishman that no peaceful relations could exist between Ireland and England as long as the Border remained."
 The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

613/40. APPLICATION FOR CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY ENGINEERS.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I beg to make application for extension of sanction to continuance of the employment of the following Temporary Engineers:- Messrs. A. N. Dillon; P. J. Sweeney; M. J. McDaid; M. A. Doherty; and S. Mulreany. (The latter is acting as Assistant County Surveyor.)

I have examined the position carefully, and recommend as follows:-

- (1) Mr. A. N. Dillon to be retained for a further period not exceeding six months as from 1st June, 1940;
- (2) Messrs. S. Mulreany, P. J. Sweeney, and M. A. Doherty to be retained for a further period not exceeding three months as from 1st June, 1940.
- (3) Mr. M. J. McDaid to be retained for a further period not exceeding one month as from 1st June, 1940."

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to continuance of the employment of the Temporary Engineers as recommended by the County Surveyor.

Confirmed.

Mr. Wm. J. Madden

Chairman of Co. Council.

25th June, 1940.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD
ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 1940.

614/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-Councillors Baxter (presiding), Blaney, Brady, Bypne, Cole, Friel, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McGrea, Kelly (James), McFadden, McIvor, McShane, O'Boyle, O'Brien, McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

615/40.

A P O L O G Y.

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

616/40.

RECOVERY OF COUNCILLOR WAGENTREIBER FROM ILLNESS.

The Council extended their congratulations to Councillor Wagentreiber on his recovery from his recent illness.

617/40.

ACCIDENT TO COUNCILLOR MacCREADIE.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Council extended to Councillor MacCreadie their sympathy with him on account of the recent accident with which he met, and they expressed the hope that he would soon be fit again.

618/40.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, Councillor Michael Og McFadden, T.D. was re-elected Chairman.

Councillor McFadden returned thanks for his re-election.

619/40.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, Councillor Neal Blaney was re-elected Vice-Chairman, Councillor Blaney returned thanks for his re-election.

620/40.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, Councillor J. P. McIvor was re-elected Deputy Vice-Chairman. Councillor McIvor returned thanks for his re-election.

621/40.

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 as last year.

622/40.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, Councillors Mahony and Scott were unanimously re-elected as the Council's delegates to the Meetings of the County Councils' General Council, and they were authorised to attend not more than four Meetings.

623/40.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle was unanimously re-elected as the Council's representative on the Irish Tourist Association.

624/40. ELECTION OF BARONIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIRECTORATE OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

Councillors Cole and Brian O'Donnell were unanimously re-elected as the Baronial Representatives on the Directorate of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co.

625/40. ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, the following Standing Committees of the Council were unanimously re-elected:-

Finance Committee.
Roads Committee.
Diseases of Animals Committee.
Old Age Pensions Committee.
Tenders Committee.
Scholarships Committee.
Library Committee.
Piers Committee.
Law Committee.
Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.
Joint Committee re Engineering Services.

626/40. LOCAL ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1940.

A letter dated 20th June, 1940, Circ. F.53/40, was read from the Local Government Department stating that a Bill entitled "The Local Elections (Amendment) Act, 1940," had been introduced in Dail Eireann. It was provided by the Bill that the day fixed as the appointed day for the purposes of the Local Elections Act, 1937, might be a day not later than 30th September, 1941. The Bill contained a provision that the year 1940 was to be deemed a year in which triennial Elections were not held.

Councillor Baxter inquired what would become of the monies which had been provided for in the Secretary's Estimates for the cost of the Local Elections.

The Secretary stated that this money would be available for expenditure next year.

627/40. APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LIFFORD, FOR FIRST-AID LECTURES IN CONNECTION WITH RED CROSS WORK.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Irish Red Cross Society, Lifford, applying for the use of the Council Chamber, Lifford, for First-Aid Lectures.

The Council unanimously decided to give the use of the Council Chamber for the purpose required.

628/40. NOTIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH OF HIS INTENTION TO JOIN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE DURATION OF THE EMERGENCY.

A letter dated 21st June, 1940, was read from Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, stating that he had volunteered for service in the Regular Army for the duration of the emergency. He would be glad to have the approval of the Council for this step, and to have their assurance that the position of County Medical Officer of Health would be kept open for him on his return.

He would also be glad to know that the Council would do as other Co. Councils had done - namely - to make up the difference in his present salary and that from the Army Authorities.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to keep the position of County Medical Officer of Health open for Dr. Bastible on his return from Army service.

The question of paying him the difference in his present salary and his Army pay was adjourned until next Meeting, as was also the question of the arrangements for the carrying out of his duties in his absence.

629/40.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 28th May, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

630/40.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th May, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

631/40.

REPORT OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28TH MAY, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th May, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

632/40.

REPORT OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JUNE, 1940.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting of the 18th June, 1940, be adopted, with the exception of Minute No. 405/40 regarding income of parents or guardians of applicants for Scholarships. He stated that this particular Minute could be considered when Councillor McIvor's motion in connection with the same matter was being dealt with.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion, and with the exception of Minute No. 405/40, the Report was declared adopted.

633/40.

REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE, 1940.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on 11th June, 1940.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the recommendation in Minute No. 40/40 regarding the appointment of an Engineer for Board of Health work be deleted from the Report.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded Councillor Baxter's amendment.

Councillor Friel also supported Councillor Baxter, and he proposed, as an additional amendment, that the recommendation in Minute No. 43/40 of the Report regarding the **payment** of a subsistence allowance of 15/- per night to the County Surveyor when absent from headquarters be deleted from the Report, and Councillor Kelly seconded the amendment.

A long and heated discussion, in which Councillors Scott, Friel, Brady, McIvor, Baxter, Blaney, Walsh, and Lynch took part, ensued.

The County Surveyor stressed the importance and necessity for the appointment of an Engineer for Board of Health work, and he stated that if the appointment was not made the responsibility for anything which might occur would be the Council's own responsibility.

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

For the amendment:-

Councillors Baxter, Brady, Cole, Friel, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Lynch, McGrea, Kelly (J.), McIvor, McShane, O'Brien, and McRory. Total 14.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Blaney, Byrne, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, O'Boyle, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh. Total 9.

This amendment was declared carried by 14 votes to 9.

Councillor Friel's amendment regarding the payment of subsistence allowance was then put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment:-

Councillors Baxter, Cole, Friel, Kavanagh, Lynch, Kelly (J.), and McRory. Total 7.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Hannigan, Houston, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McGrea, McFadden, McIvor, McShane, O'Boyle, O'Brien, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh. Total 17.

This amendment was declared lost, and the Report of the Engineering Services Committee, with the exception of Minute No. 40/40, regarding Board of Health Engineering work, was declared adopted.

634/40.

REPORT OF PIERS COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Myles the Report of the Piers Committee Meeting held on the 28th May, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

635/40.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 11th June, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

636/40.

REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor McIvor proposed the adoption of the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 18th June, 1940.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded the proposal.

Councillor Hannigan proposed that Minute No. 17/40 in connection with the purchase of Sheep Dip for the 1940 season be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration.

Councillor McClafferty seconded.

After some discussion, it was decided to refer back to the Committee Minute No. 17/40 of the Report regarding the purchase of Sheep Dip. The remainder of the Report was declared adopted.

The Sheep Dipping Committee agreed to consider the question of the purchase of dip at a Meeting at 3.30 p.m. that afternoon, but the Chairman of the Committee (Councillor McIvor) announced later that they had been unable to meet, and that the matter had been adjourned until their Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd July, 1940.

637/40.

APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTOR FOR THE DUNGLOE DISTRICT.

Arising out of the Report of the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on 18th June, 1940, Councillor Walsh proposed that the Veterinary Inspector for Dungloe District be asked to attend the next Meeting of the Committee, when the appointment of a Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector for that area would be considered.

The proposal was not seconded, and no further action was taken.

638/40.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, FORMER ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd May, 1940, referring to previous correspondence in connection with the appeal of Mr. Patrick Dawson, former Assistant Surveyor, against the amount of superannuation allowance granted to him. The Minister noted that the Council had passed a resolution urging that Mr. Dawson's emoluments be taken into account when determining his superannuation allowance, and he had considered the appeal and he had decided that the superannuation allowance to which Mr. Dawson was entitled was £288 : 2 : 11 per annum. Pending the issue of the Minister's Order, Mr. Dawson might be paid at this rate from the date on which he ceased to hold Office.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th June, 1940, enclosing an extract from a letter received in the Department from Mr. Patrick Dawson, former Assistant Surveyor, regarding the amount of his Superannuation Allowance. Before making an Order determining the amount of Superannuation Allowance the Minister would be glad to have the Secretary's observations on the statement made by Mr. Dawson regarding the amount of fees received by him in connection with schemes financed out of the Employment Schemes Vote.

The Secretary stated that he had gone into the matter again, and that the fees received by Mr. Dawson in connection with schemes financed out of the Employment Schemes Vote for the years 1937/38 and 1938/39 were those stated by him, namely:-

1937/38.....£61 : 13 : 4.
1938/39.....£24 : 18 : 7.

The Council noted the matter.

639/40.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd May, 1940, Circ. No. 48/1940, 11gh., enclosing a copy of the Public Assistance Act, 1939.

640/40.

RETURN OF DERELICT LAND IN THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd May, 1940, Ref. No. T.4./513/40, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 20th May enclosing two copies of a Return of Derelict Land in the County, and extract from Report of the Sub-Finance Committee dealing with the matter.

641/40.

APPOINTMENT OF A MACHINERY FOREMAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th May, 1940, RS/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th March, 1940, with copy of Minute No. 178/40, relative to proposed appointment of a Road Machinery Foreman, and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal. The Local Appointments Commissioners should be requested to recommend a suitable person. A copy of the Conditions of Appointment laid down for a similar post in another County was enclosed.

The County Surveyor stated he would draw up suitable Conditions of Appointment for the post, and the Secretary stated that he would furnish Statutory Request to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

642/40.

MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th May, 1940, SGT/7., referring to Main Road Improvement Grant, 1939/40, and stating that the Minister had approved of the scheme of works proposed to be carried out by the Council under the terms of the Minister's letter of the 23rd October, 1939. The following Works Numbers had been assigned to the sections of the scheme submitted:-

<u>Works Nos.</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Grant.</u> <u>£.</u>
T.170.	T.72.	3,000.
T.171.	L.76.	5,000.
T.172.	T.18.	2,000.
T.173.	T.72.	2,500.
T.174.	L.75.	3,500.
TOTAL....		<u>£16,000.</u>

Councillors Cole and Friel complained that none of this Grant had been allocated to the Inishowen Area.

Councillor Friel inquired if a scheme had been submitted for Inishowen.

The County Surveyor stated that a scheme for Inishowen Area had been submitted, but was turned down by the Local Government Department.

Councillor Blaney stated that when this matter came before the Council at their Meeting on the 31st October last he proposed that the Department be requested to transfer the grant of £3,000 for Route No. T.72, Road from Milford to Hamelton, to the Road from Milford to Kerrykeel, which was in much more need of a grant.

Apparently the proposal had not been sanctioned, and he proposed that when future Grants were being allocated the County Surveyor keep this road in mind.

The proposal was passed unanimously. (1151/39 C.C.)

643/40. APPOINTMENT OF A CORONER FOR NORTH DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st May, 1940, G.8006/8/40, regarding the appointment of a Coroner for North Donegal in place of Dr. P. O'Callaghan, deceased, and stating that the Minister had approved of a salary of £60 per annum for the post. A form of Statutory Request was enclosed for completion and transmission to the Local Appointments Commissioners for the recommendation of a suitable person for the vacancy.

644/40. OPHTHALMIC EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR BLIND PENSION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Old Age Pensions Branch, dated 27th May, 1940, M.4509, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 6th May with copy of Minute No. 486/40, regarding the ophthalmic examination of blind pension claimants whose cases were before the Minister on appeal, and stating that the Department's Ophthalmic Inspector was arranging to visit Donegal within the next month for the purpose of inspecting such cases.

645/40. ILLNESS OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR DENIS GALLAGHER, AND APPOINTMENT OF HIS BROTHER AS SUBSTITUTE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 4th June, 1940, L.573/40, regarding the illness of Temporary Inspector Denis Gallagher, and stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the employment of his brother, Mr. John Gallagher, as Warble Fly Inspector on the same terms and conditions as applied in the cases of the other Temporary Inspectors employed under the Orders in County Donegal.

646/40. ANALYST'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th June, 1940, P.H.5673/40, Dun na nGall. H., referring to the Report of the Public Analyst for the quarter ended 31st December, 1939, and inquiring what action was taken in regard to defective samples of milk.

647/40. COMPLAINT RE POSTING OF LETTER IN STRABANE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs dated 4th June, 1940, G.5492/40, stating that the Minister noted the statement of the probable circumstances in which the letter addressed to Mr. Pat Maguire, Dooballagh, Letterkenny, and purporting to have been sent by or on behalf of the Donegal County Council was posted in Strabane on 28th March, 1940, and also the assurance that the Council did not effect its postings outside the State. In the circumstances, it was not proposed to take any further action. (547/40 G.C.).

648/40. BUNCRANA COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Office of Trade Boards applying for permission to hold a Meeting of the Donegal District Shirtmaking Trade Committee on Thursday, 20th June, at the Courthouse, Buncrana.

649/40. REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT TO REFUSE PERMISSION FOR USE IN WEST DONEGAL OF ROAD VEHICLES EXCEEDING FIVE TONS IN WEIGHT.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 6th June, 1940, T.S.7726/2, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 28th May enclosing extract from a Report of the Council's Engineering Committee requesting the Minister to refuse permission for the use in West Donegal of road vehicles exceeding five tons in weight, and stating that the Minister had no function in this matter, which appeared to be one for the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The Secretary stated that he had referred the matter to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

650/40. TAXATION OF OMNIBUSES OWNED BY THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 14th June, 1940, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 4th June with copy of the Council's resolution regarding the taxation of omnibuses owned by the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co., and suggesting that any questions concerning compliance with the laws relating to such taxation might be brought by the Council to the notice of the authorities responsible for securing compliance with such laws.

651/40.

MAINTENANCE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th June, 1940, stating that a Paying Order for £2,600 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer being payment on account in respect of cost of maintenance of Mental Hospital patients in the year 1939/40.

652/40.

EXPENDITURE BY BOARD OF HEALTH ON SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th June, 1940, stating that a Paying Order for £1,451 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of payment on account of proportion of expenditure incurred by the Board of Health on salaries of Medical Officers, etc., during the year ending 30th September, 1940. A Payable Order for £220 had also been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of payment on account of proportion of expenditure incurred by the Board upon salaries of Sanitary Officers during the year ending 30th September, 1940.

653/40.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES') ACT, 1926.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th June, 1940, Ilgh., forwarding copy of an Order made by the Minister under the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees') Act, 1926, and stating that the amount assessed on County Donegal was £133 : 16 : 4, and a Payable Order for that amount should be forwarded to the Department.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

654/40.

ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 12ad Meitheamh, 1940, G.719/7/40, ag radh go gceaduiheann an t-Aire um Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £55,000 i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach suas go dtí an 30ad Meitheamh, 1940.

Dubhairs an Runaidhe go mbeadh £85,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Iul, 1940.

Socruiheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £85,000 suas go dtí 31ad Iul, 1940.

655/40.

SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 3rd July, 1940, of lands in Dunaff, now or formerly in the occupation of Paul Dever.

656/40.

PROPOSED PAYMENT OF A SUM OF £50 TO EX-RATE COLLECTOR W. J. CRAMPSEY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th June, 1940, G.10360/3/40, regarding the proposed payment of a sum of £50 to Ex-Collector Crampsey, and stating that the Department had nothing to add to their letter of the 20th May on the subject.

657/40.

RAISING OF A LOAN OF £1,200 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STONEBREAKER AND TRACTOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th June, 1940, L., Dun na nGall., regarding the proposal of the Council to raise a loan for the purchase of a stonebreaker and tractor, and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the raising by the Council of a loan of £1,200 for this purchase, the loan to be obtained from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., and to be re-payable over a period of three years with interest at the usual rate.

658/40. PROPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL TO RAISE A LOAN OF £12,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th May, 1940, L., regarding the proposal of the Council to raise a further loan of £12,000 for the purchase of road machinery, and asking to be furnished with a detailed statement of all outstanding indebtedness of the County Council for capital purposes as at 31st March last. In the case of loans the full amount of which had not yet been issued, an estimate should be given of the further issues which would be required therefrom.

A further letter dated 21st June, 1930, R/IR/20, was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, referring to the Council's proposal to raise a further loan of £12,000 for the purchase of road machinery, and stating that it was observed that the County Surveyor had doubts as to whether it would be advisable to purchase at present all the items required. He should, in the circumstances, state the items urgently required and which he was satisfied could be obtained. A modified application accompanied by short specifications might then be made. An enclosed query form should also be completed and returned to the Department.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor to draw up a modified application.

659/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Seven letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the seven cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939.

660/40. PRICES OF PAINT FOR ROAD WARNING SIGNS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, quoting the prices of paint for road warning signs.

661/40. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROAD LEADING TO PORTALEEN PIER TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor Cole proposed the following Notice of Motion:-
"That the road from Portaleen to the Pier, in the Electoral Division of Carthage, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the required public notice had been given in the Press.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I regret that I must object to the proposal to have this road made a County Road. On previous occasions I have pointed out to the Council that we are unable to maintain in the proper manner the roads we have under control. I might mention that the grade of this road is steep. It is also in very bad order, and it would require a fair amount of money to make it and maintain it."

Councillor Cole proposed that the Office of Public Works be requested to give a grant out of the Minor Employment Schemes Fund for the improvement of this road.

Councillor Lynch seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

662/40. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - MILFORD AREA.

Councillor Baxter inquired what was the cause of the delay in appointing a Veterinary Inspector for the Milford Area.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded Statutory Request to the Local Appointments Commission on the 8th May, 1939.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Local Appointments Commission be asked to expedite the making of a recommendation for this post, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

663/40.

COMPLAINT RE NON-RESIDENCE IN BALLYSHANNON AREA OF A
VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

A letter was read from Councillor O'Brien stating that there was no Veterinary Surgeon residing in Ballyshannon. The fact had been brought to his notice by many farmers and others who kept cattle, and he had been asked to request the Council to appoint a Veterinary Surgeon for this area. Several valuable cattle had died in the district for want of proper treatment.

The Secretary stated that some years ago when the services of Mr. W. J. McFeely had been dispensed with, the Council had amalgamated the Ballyshannon and Donegal Districts, and had increased the salary of Mr. F. McShane, Donegal.

Councillor Scott proposed that Notice of Motion be handed in by Councillor O'Brien for next Meeting, and this proposal was adopted.

664/40.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO EMPLOY SUBSTITUTES FOR MEMBERS
OF THE ENGINEERING STAFF WHO JOIN THE DEFENCE FORCES.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. E. Lennon, Assistant County Surveyor for the Killybegs District, informed me that he has offered his services to the National Defence Forces. It is possible that others may do the same, and that these men may leave us at a moment's notice.

I request, therefore, that I be given authority to employ immediately, without waiting for the Council's sanction, an Engineer or Engineers to replace temporarily members of the Staff who are called up."

The Council unanimously decided to give the County Surveyor permission to employ substitutes for members of the Engineering Staff who may join the National Defence Forces; remuneration to be at the rate of £5 : 5 : 0 per week, and the appointments to be terminable by a week's notice on either side.

665/40.

LODGING ALLOWANCE FOR FLAGMEN NOT PROVIDED WITH LIVING-VANS.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"By a previous resolution of the Council Engine-Drivers are entitled to 10/- per week when a van is not provided for them. It appears, however, that no provision is made for Flagmen. As a case has now arisen, I suggest that the same conditions apply to Flagmen as to Drivers."

The Council unanimously decided in cases where there is no living-van provided to allow Flagmen a lodging allowance of 10/- per week.

666/40.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE TWO LIVING-VANS.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I request permission for the purchase of two living-vans. One of these Vans is to be attached to Traction Engine recently bought second-hand, which is now No. 25. The second living-van is for use with the new breaking unit for which the Council accepted a tender some months ago from Messrs. Baxter, Ltd., Leeds."

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the County Surveyor to purchase the living-vans required; the cost to be met out of the loan of £1,200 sanctioned by the Local Government Department on the 6th June for the purchase of a stonebreaker and tractor, and the full amount of which was not now required, as the tractor was not being purchased at present.

667/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING AND SMALL
DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council adjourned until their next Meeting consideration of a report by the Secretary on arrears due by borrowers under the Housing and Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

668/40.

FIXING OF GROSS INCOME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF APPLICANTS
FOR UNIVERSITY OR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Councillor McIvor proposed the following rescinding Notices of Motion signed by himself and five other members;—as amended by the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 18th June, 1940, Minute No. 405/40:—

(a) "That Minutes numbered 1056/26 of the 30th November, 1926, 908/27 of the 27th September, 1927, and 295/40 of the 26th March, 1940, in relation to the County Council University Scholarships Scheme, be, and are hereby rescinded, and that the existing Clause No. 7 be deleted, and the following Clause substituted therefor:—

"No Scholarship shall be awarded to any candidate unless in the opinion of the Committee (a) his or her parents or guardians are ordinarily resident and domiciled in the County for four years before date of application; (b) he or she is in good health and of good character; (c) he or she is likely to profit by University education; and (d) the gross income of his or her parents or guardians does not exceed £300 per annum."

(b) "That Minute numbered 23/34 of the County Council Meeting of the 30th January, 1934, adopting a Scheme of Scholarships to Secondary and Vocational Schools, be rescinded, in so far as the existing Clause No. 11 applies, and that the following Clause be substituted therefor:—

"As a rule, the Council shall not consider as eligible for the award of a Scholarship, the children of parents or the dependents of persons, whose net family income in the judgment of the Council, exceeds £150 with one dependent child; £175 with two dependent children; and so on, allowing £25 for each dependent child up to, but not exceeding 16 years of age; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing no Scholarship be awarded to any child, the gross family income of whose parents or guardians exceeds £300 per annum."

Councillor McIvor proposed that his motions be amended by the following Minute No. 405/40 of the Sub-Finance Committee, and that this Minute be adopted:—

(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, £300 per annum; £330 per annum where there are four dependent children in the family; £360 per annum where there are five dependent children in the family; and so on, allowing a sum of £30 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 of the farm of whose parents or guardians exceeds £50 where there are three children or fewer in the family; £55 where there are four children in the family; £60 where there are five children in the family; and so on, allowing a sum of £5 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 farm multiplied by six. This sum shall be added to the income derived from other sources, and the conditions at Paragraph (a) shall then apply.

Councillor Kelly (James) seconded the proposals of Councillor McIvor.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that Minute No. 405/40 of the Sub-Finance Committee be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration.

Councillor Myles seconded the amendment.

On a show of hands two members voted for the amendment, and nine against it.

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

669/40.

COMPLAINT RE LAMP-POST IN THE MARKET SQUARE, RAMELTON.

A letter was read from Mr. W. E. F. Buchanan, Ramelton, asking to have something done with the lamp-post which stood in the Market Square. It should either be removed or renovated, as it was an eye-sore at the moment.

The County Surveyor stated that he would make arrangements to have this lamp-post removed.

670/40. COMPLAINT RE TAKING OF STONES FROM TRUSSEY'S PARK,
CARNDONAGH.

A letter dated 5th June, 1940, was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, 5, Newmarket Street, Derry, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter enclosing copy of Minute No. 567/40. His clients in this matter were the tenants of Trussey's Park, and not the Trustees as stated by mistake in his letter of 1st March, 1940, complaining of the quarrying of stones at Trussey's Park by the Council's workmen.

The County Surveyor recommended that no further action be taken in this matter, and the Council unanimously adopted his recommendation.

671/40. APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROAD
WIDENING PURPOSES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Platt, Keenagh, Malin Head, applying for compensation for land taken for road widening purposes.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Platt has admitted signing the original Consent, and I regret, therefore, that I can do nothing further in the matter."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

672/40. APPLICATION BY MR. JOHN PLATT TO HAVE FURTHER WIDENINGS
CARRIED OUT TO A ROAD ON HIS LAND.

A letter was read from Mr. John Platt, Keenagh, Malin Head, applying to the Council to have corners removed, ditches straightened, etc., on a road on his land.

Councillor Cole proposed that this matter be referred to the County Surveyor for consideration, and the proposal was adopted.

673/40. BEACON AT ENTRANCE TO PORTNABLAGH HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd April, 1940, W.14/51/35, enclosing, for the Council's attention, copy of letter received from Mr. Dominick Coll, Breaghy, Ballymore, as to the re-placement of a beacon at the entrance to Portnablagh Harbour, which was under the control of the Council.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I shall make arrangements for the re-placing of this beacon and will submit an estimate to the Council at a later date."

The Council noted the report, and considered it satisfactory.

674/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES ON THE ROAD FROM KEADUE TO
DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell (Paddy), Acres, Burtonport, referring to his previous complaint at the March Meeting about damage to fences on the County Road from Keadue to Dungloe (Minute No. 353/40). About 40 yards of wire fencing had been done, but the ditch on which the fence was erected was now slipping into the drain at the bottom of his field interfering with the drainage.

The County Surveyor stated that he would arrange to have this matter attended to.

675/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO REMOVE FENCE ON ROAD FROM
GLENEELY TO MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Gill, Drumley, Gleneely, Moville, asking for permission to remove fence along Main Road on left-hand side of road from Gleneely to Moville. He proposed to remove the fence two feet nearer the roadway so as to put it in line with the other fences on the same side of the road. This fence was about two feet in on his field off the line of the other fences.

The County Surveyor stated that he was unable to give permission for the removal of this fence.

The Council decided to refuse permission.

676/40. COMPLAINT RE LACK OF FENCE ON ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE AT ACRES, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Molloy, Acres, Burtonport, stating that there was no fence along the road leading to his house, and if any accident occurred he would hold the Council responsible.

The County Surveyor stated that he had investigated this matter, and found that there was no ground for complaint.

The Council noted the position.

677/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES, ETC., BY CARRYING OUT OF ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Keadue West, Burtonport, complaining of the destruction done to his property by the carrying out of the Rosses Road Scheme. Mr. Dillon and Councillor O'Boyle were to look into his claim, but he had not seen any of them yet. He now gave notice that he refused to pay any more rates until his claim got attention.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon, our Temporary Engineer, was dealing with this case, and I suggest that the matter be left over until he returns from sick leave."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

678/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM NEW BRIDGE AT GARRYHARRY TO THE FOOT OF THE HILL AT BALLINAFAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, dated 23rd May, 1940, referring to his previous complaint at the April Meeting about the condition of the road from the new bridge at Garryharry to the foot of the hill at Ballinafad. He wished to know the present position.

The County Surveyor reported that the Contractor on this road had been notified to have the road repaired.

679/40. USE OF TURF IN SUBSTITUTION FOR IMPORTED FUEL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th June, 1940, Circ. S.51/1940, Ilgh., stating that there was danger that imported fuel would be difficult to obtain during the coming winter, and there was a possibility that restrictions might be placed on the use of such fuel. Every effort should, therefore, be made to promote the use of turf in substitution for imported fuel. Each Local Authority should take immediate steps to ascertain how far this was possible, and what supplies of turf could be made available for their use during the coming winter. In areas where turf was a common fuel the production of turf should be encouraged and the Local Authority would do well to make such arrangements as would ensure an adequate supply of turf for their needs during the coming winter.

The Council noted the letter, and instructed the Secretary to make arrangements for the purchase of fuel for the coming winter.

680/40. APPLICATION TO HAVE ELECTRIC HEATING STOVE INSTALLED IN THE STRONGROOM OF LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

An application was submitted from the County Registrar, on the instructions of the Department of Justice, to have an electric heating stove installed in the Strongroom of Lifford Courthouse. In view of the important documents stored in the Strongroom, the Department would not permit the use of a Paraffin Stove any longer.

The Council decided to inform the Department of Justice that the use of an electric heating stove would be too big a strain on the batteries, and that they were satisfied with the Paraffin Stove at present in use.

681/40. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SEA WALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd May, 1940, G.87.132/1/37, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 6th May with copy of Minute No. 483/40 regarding proposed extension of sea wall at Inishkeeragh Island, and inquiring whether the Co. Surveyor was yet in a position to put the work in hands, and whether the standard rotational system of employment was being applied.

The Secretary stated that he had informed the Board of Works that the work had been put in hands and that the rotational system of employment was being applied.

682/40. RE-PAYMENT OF RATES OVERPAYMENTS TO THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co. (Ireland) dated 27th May, 1940, stating that the Company were prepared to accept re-payment of rates overpayments over a period of two years ending 8th March, 1942, provided the Council agreed to pay interest at 4% from the date of Judge Davitt's Order.

A further letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co. stating that unless they heard from the Council by return as to payment of the amount due which was acceptable to the Company their instructions were to institute legal proceedings forthwith in order to obtain Judgment.

The Secretary stated that the amount due to the Company was £1,652 : 3 : 4.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

683/40. A.R.P. REGULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH GAS STREET LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 7th June, 1940, A.R.P.495, stating that the Minister had had under consideration the measures which Local Authorities would be required to take in respect of gas street lighting. Immediate steps should be taken to secure that gas street lamps under the control of the Council could be put out of commission rapidly, say, within a maximum period of **four hours**, on receipt of a direction to that effect at any time from the Department or from an Officer of the Garda Síochána.

The Secretary stated that gas street lighting was not used in any part of County Donegal.

684/40. MAINTENANCE OF EMBANKMENT ON LANDS OF CLONBEG GLEBE ON THE STEWART-BAM ESTATE.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 23rd May, 1940, A. & R., enclosing a map showing the embankment lettered A B C D E, abutting the lands of Clonbeg Glebe on the Stewart-Bam Estate, and stating that they had under consideration the matter of the future maintenance of this embankment. To provide for this maintenance the Land Commission were prepared to transfer the sum of £500 to the Public Trustee for investment to provide a Trust Fund in the matter. The tenants whose lands were protected were not prepared to act as Trustees of the proposed Trust Fund of £500, and the Land Commission, accordingly, wished to know if the Donegal County Council would consent to act as Trustees of the Trust Fund and accept unconditional responsibility for the future maintenance of the embankment.

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

685/40. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for renewals of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from the following:-

J. P. Speer, Letterkenny.
Stewart & Cooper, Castlefin.
I.A.W.S., Ltd., Ballybofey.
Irwin & Co., Donegal.
Thomas Stewart, Letterkenny.

The Council unanimously decided to renew the licences.

686/40.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF
OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, asking the Council to extend the date on a Paying Order No. 411 dated 28th November, 1939, for £8 : 13 : 4 in favour of Mr. Pat Gallagher, Ardagh, St. Johnston, and which was now out of date.

A letter was read from Repts. Miss Bradley, Moville, enclosing a Paying Order No. 6704 for 4/- dated 1st December, 1939, in favour of Mr. John Masterson, Moville, which they had cashed and which was now out of date. They wished the Council to extend the time for payment.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to an extension of time for payment of the above Paying Orders.

687/40.

APPLICATION FROM MR. PATRICK SWEENEY, GLENOUGHTY, LETTERKENNY,
TO BE RELEASED FROM ROAD CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Sweeney, Glenoughty, Letterkenny, stating that he was not in a suitable position to work the road that he had taken at Rahan as he had got into difficulties, and his sureties were not suitable for that sort of work.

The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged to have this contract broken.

688/40.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th June, 1940, S.W.1/3/47, referring to previous correspondence regarding improvement works at Poolawaddy Boatlip, and stating that their Engineer had now reported that he visited the site with the County Engineer on the 22nd May last, and, as a result of a discussion, it was agreed that the Protection work at the junction of the Pier and the approach road should take the form of a curved wall approximately 21 feet long and varying in height above the beach from 4'9" at its junction with the Pier to 2'0" at the further extremity. The foundation would be carried down at least 3'6" below beach level, unless rock were met with at a lesser depth. The thickness of the wall would be 2'0" at the top, and 4'0" at the base, where the total height of the wall was a maximum; the back of the wall to be vertical. A sketch plan showing the full works to be carried out under the improvements scheme, at an estimated cost of £100, had been furnished to the County Surveyor by their Engineer. These works were as follows:-

- (i) Construction of an approach road to the Pier.
- (ii) Filling in the gap at the landward end of the Pier.
- (iii) Construction of a form of protection work to prevent further erosion of the bank at the landward end of the Pier.

The scheme should be put in hands under the standard rotational system of employment, and completion of the arrangements should be notified to them before the work was actually commenced. It would be necessary for the Council to cover by insurance the risk of accident to workmen engaged on the scheme, and it was assumed that the Council would treat the scheme in this respect as an ordinary Council work and regard the premium for insurance as a charge against the provision for the proposal. On completion of the works the Council should sign and lodge with the Board of Works a formal undertaking to maintain the said works in future in addition to the Pier which had already been formally transferred to the custody of the Council.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"To facilitate the Office of Public Works I am arranging to have this work carried out by ourselves."

The Council noted that the County Surveyor was making arrangements to have the work carried out.

689/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-ERECTION OF ROAD SIGNS AT CLOONTAGH N.S., CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. D. O'Doherty, N.T., Cloontagh N.S., Clonmany, stating that there was no road sign at the junction of Cloontagh Road and the Main Buncrana-Carndonagh Road to show that there was a School there. The children were daily exposed to grave risks.

Councillor Cole proposed that a sign be erected.

The County Surveyor stated that he was making arrangements to have signs erected.

690/40. RESIGNATION OF MRS. M. CAREY (NEE DOOGAN) FROM THE POSITION OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. Carey (nee Doogan), Lifford, tendering her resignation as Typist in the Secretary's Office, and asking the Council to grant her the usual Marriage Gratuity. If the Council wished, she was prepared to continue in Office until her successor was ready to take up duty. She wished to thank the members of the Council, the Secretary, and the Staff, for the kindness and consideration shown to her during her term of Office.

The Council unanimously decided with regret to accept the resignation of Mrs. Carey. The Secretary stated that she had been an excellent Official. She had been most agreeable and no work was ever too difficult for her. Whilst congratulating her on her marriage he was very sorry to lose her services.

The Council decided to refer the question of Mrs. Carey's Marriage Gratuity to the Sub-Finance Committee for consideration.

691/40. APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE IN PLACE OF MRS. CAREY (NEE DOOGAN), RESIGNED ON MARRIAGE.

The Council proceeded to consider the making of arrangements for the appointment of a Shorthand-Typist in the Secretary's Office in place of Mrs. Carey (nee Doogan), resigned on marriage.

The Secretary stated that an Examination had been held by the Local Appointments Commissioners for the appointment of a Typist in the Offices of the County Board of Health. In order to save the expense of holding another Examination it might be possible to appoint the next continuing candidate in that Examination in order of merit.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the proposal to appoint as Shorthand-Typist on their Staff the candidate who obtained third place in the Examination held by the Local Appointments Commissioners in July-December, 1939, for the appointment of a Shorthand-Typist in the Board of Health Offices; the salary and conditions of appointment to be the same as for the Board of Health appointment.

692/40. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PORTION OF LAND AT GLEBE, DONEGAL, FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. William McDaid, West End, Bundoran, with reference to the proposed acquisition of portion of his land at Glebe, Donegal, for the purpose of widening the road at the turn where the road approached the top of the Quay Hill. Their client claimed that as the proposed acquisition would render useless a valuable building site he was entitled to £100 compensation, that was, 20 years' purchase of a £5 per year head rent. He would also lose a portion of another building plot but stated that he would be satisfied if he got £100 in settlement.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter until next Meeting.

693/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF QUAY WALL AT RAMELTON HARBOUR.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Jordan, Harbour Master, Ramelton, stating that the bottom of the Quay Wall was in a very bad condition owing to the action of the tides undermining it and it was liable to collapse into berths.

The County Surveyor stated that he proposed making a further examination into this complaint.

The Council authorised the Co. Surveyor to have the necessary work carried out.

694/40.

COMPLAINT RE DISTRESS IN THE ROSSES AREA OF WEST DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel C. O'Boyle, Dungloe, stating that a deputation on behalf of the Association of General Workers and Unemployed of West Donegal would be presented at the next Meeting by Councillor Walsh to see what could be done to relieve imminent poverty and starvation in areas of West Donegal.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Daniel C. O'Boyle, Michael Ban O'Donnell, and Patrick Mulholland attended the Meeting.

Mr. Daniel C. O'Boyle addressed the Council at length on the conditions in West Donegal. He mentioned the failure of the fishing industry, and the closing of the American labour market. With the advent of War, he stated, the last and greatest source of revenue for the people of West Donegal - employment for thousands of men and girls in England and Scotland - had gone, possibly, for ever. For the first time in years the people of West Donegal found themselves cut off from all sources of earning, and they were left in their thousands to depend on employment from Relief Schemes, and on the Unemployment Assistance. Now in the hour of need under an Order known as the "No. 3 Order", the Unemployment Assistance had been cut off all classes of persons, except men with small holdings under £4 valuation. They had been officially told that the reason for this No. 3 Order was to promote increased tillage, but he would like to know how anyone could point to the actuality or possibility of increased tillage in an area like West Donegal.

The people of West Donegal wanted work in preference to any dole or Outdoor Relief. There was much useful work which could be done in that area. He mentioned the erection of a new bridge across the Gweebarra River; the erection of a Cottage Hospital at Gweedore; the erection of 14 Labourers' Cottages at Dungloe; the provision of a Waterworks Scheme for Dungloe and Burtonport; the repair and maintenance of Main Roads to meet diverted railway traffic; and the improvement of 23 County Roads. He stated that the foregoing works were very necessary and would provide much-needed employment in the district.

He suggested that the Council should send a strong appeal to the Government for the restoration of the Unemployment Assistance to landless men, and the waiving of the No. 3 Order, which should never have been applied to an area like West Donegal.

Messrs. Mulholland and O'Donnell also addressed the Council on the conditions prevailing in the area.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle stated that the position in this district was pretty desperate. He proposed that the Council ask the Local Government Department, the Board of Works, and Irish Land Commission to prepare some schemes of employment for West Donegal, and that they be asked to speed up any schemes which they had in mind for this district. He also proposed that the Deputies for the County be asked to use their influence with the Government Departments in having schemes inaugurated.

Councillor Walsh seconded Councillor O'Boyle's proposals, and suggested that the Government be asked to waive the No. 3 Employment Order.

Councillor Brady stated that he wished to assure the deputation that the Government had not lost sight of the points put forward by them when making the No. 3 Employment Order. In issuing Orders like that they had to apply them to the whole County. Special areas could not be set aside.

Councillor Scott stated that the proposals of Councillor O'Boyle should apply to the whole County and not alone to West Donegal.

After some further discussion, the proposals of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle were passed unanimously.

695/40.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Boner, Belcruit, Meenbanad, stating that he supplied 16 tons of stones to the Crusher at Meenbanad Old School, for which he had not yet been paid.

The County Surveyor suggested that this matter be referred to him for investigation, and the suggestion was adopted.

696/40. REQUIREMENTS OF FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS - COMPLAINT RE
NON-OBSERVANCE OF AT MALIN PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, 51, Dawson Street, Dublin, dated 4th June, 1940, stating that it had been observed that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts were not being complied with at Malin Pier:-

Dock Regulations Form F.1.938 not displayed.

No lifebuoys provided.

No means of support near water surface provided.

Inner set of steps not fenced.

Register of chains, cranes, etc., Form F.1.88, containing particulars of examinations of Crane not available for inspection.

First Aid Outfit not provided.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

697/40. APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF WARNING SIGNS AT GLENMAQUIN N.S.

A letter was read from Father Carr, C.C., Convoys, stating that he had been asked by the Divisional Inspector of National Schools to place before the Council the necessity for the erection of warning signs on both sides of the Glenmaquin N.S. on the road between Convoys and Letterkenny. There was no playground attached to this School, and the children had to use the road as a playground.

The County Surveyor stated that he would arrange to have signs erected at this School.

698/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF "SCALP ROAD" IN THE PARISH OF
LOWER FAHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Neil Doherty, Crislaghmore, Fahan, applying, on behalf of the ratepayers of the Parish of Lower Fahan, for a small grant to have about two miles of a road leading to the Bog, known as the "Scalp Road", repaired and rolled to enable the people to cart home their turf. About 100 ratepayers were using this road for carting purposes.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"There is considerably heavy traffic on this road and very little money for its maintenance. I regret I cannot guarantee that the road can be maintained in any reasonable condition."

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor keep this road in mind when applying for grants from the Employment Schemes Vote in future.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

699/40. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from Messrs. R. S. Magee & Son, Solicitors, Strabane, notifying the Council, on behalf of Mr. John Bell, the local Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, that application would be made at Stranorlar District Court on the 5th June to have four children named McDonagh committed to Industrial Schools. The children had been wilfully ill-treated by their parents.

The Council noted the letter.

700/40. FLOODING OF HOLDINGS AT FINNER, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mr. M. F. Irwin, West Rock, Ballyshannon, stating that Miss B. Daly and he wished to thank the Council and the Officials concerned for the work done to relieve the flooding of their holdings at Finner, Bundoran, caused by a defective gullet. While no general or partial re-construction and no sinking of the bed of the gullet below its original level had been carried out, the cleaning away of a large quantity of road silt, mud, and other deposits would, undoubtedly, help to lessen the flooding, more or less, for some time to come.

Councillor Myles stated that this was the first time since he became a member of the Council that a ratepayer had written to thank the Council for work carried out.

701/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT SMALL CONCRETE HOUSE
AT KILLYBEGS WITHIN 20 FEET FROM THE CENTRE OF THE ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Gillespie, Killybegs, referring to his previous application for permission to build a tin house in Killybegs, which was refused. He had now decided to build a concrete house, 20 feet from the centre of the roadway, and it would be no obstruction even if the road was widened.

The County Surveyor stated that he would examine this proposal, and report to next Meeting of the Council.

702/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR SIX DAYS' WORK DONE ON A
MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, dated 8th June, 1940, referring to previous correspondence regarding payments due to Andrew O'Donnell, Meenlecknalore, in respect of six days' work on Minor Employment Scheme No. 292. The dates for which his client claimed payment were 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, and 15th March.

The County Surveyor stated that he was having this matter investigated.

703/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY
AT MULLANMORE, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Molloy, Mullanmore, Glenties, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 598/40 regarding his application for payment of trespass for stones taken from Quarry, and stating that he was surprised that the County Surveyor should have stated that he had been given work in lieu of trespass, as this was untrue. He only got three days' work and he was paid off four weeks before any other worker. He wished to be paid £2 compensation for the stones taken from his Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that he would investigate this complaint and report again to next Meeting.

704/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM GLASERCHOO TO
MEENACLADDY.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus McGinley, Glenhola, Meenlaragh, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Glasserchoo to Meenacaddy.

The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged to have some repairs carried out to this road.

705/40. PROBATION OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Joint Committee of Women's Societies and Social Workers, enclosing, for consideration, a memorandum dealing with the work of Probation Officers, and stating that they would appreciate the opinion of the Council on this matter.

The Council noted the letter.

706/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF BOG ROAD FROM BALLYHARRY
BOG TO KINDROICHEAD BOG.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McCann, Irish Ballyharry, Carrowmena P.O., applying for a small Grant for the making of a bog road from Ballyharry Bog to Kindroichead Bog.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

707/40. VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AT DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, stating that the Hall in Dunkineely had now been improved, and was suitable for the verification of Weights and Measures.

The Council noted the letter.

708/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS LORRY-DRIVER.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGinley, Kilcar, applying for the position of lorry driver in South or South-West Donegal.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no vacancy for a lorry driver.

709/40. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE FEE.

A letter was read from Miss Eveline Bonner, Loreto Convent, Letterkenny, an applicant for permission to compete at the Council's University Scholarship Examination, and whose application was refused as she was over age, applying for a refund of her entrance fee of £1.

The Council decided to refund the entrance fee of £1.

710/40. DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENINGS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rafferty, Ettrick House, Bundoran, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged in connection with road opening.

A letter was read from Messrs. Thomas White & Co., Castle Street, Derry, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged in connection with road opening at Greenfort, Fahan.

A letter was read from Mr. John Downey, Ballyshannon, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

The County Surveyor stated that he was dealing with these matters.

711/40. MALIN HEAD PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas R. Doherty, Harbour Master, Malin Head, regarding ring bolts to be affixed to Malin Head Pier, and suggesting that they be put at such distance from the crane as would ensure that other boats would have plenty of space on all sides of the crane. He also applied for an increase in his pay to recoup him for the extra work of looking after the crane and providing lubricating oils and grease.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Consideration will be given to the Harbour Master's views, if and when we are carrying out the work."

The Secretary stated that no dues were collected at this Pier, and that the fishermen paid nothing for the use of the crane.

The Council decided to take no action in connection with the Harbour Master's application.

712/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR OIL SUPPLIED TO ONE OF THE COUNCIL'S ROLLERS.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus O'Donnell, Grocer, Meenbanad, again complaining of non-payment of a balance of 5s/5d in respect of oil supplied to one of the Council's Rollers, per Barney Boyce.

The County Surveyor stated that he found that this amount was due and he was arranging to have it paid.

713/40. APPLICATION BY ENGINE-DRIVER FOR PAYMENT OF LODGING ALLOWANCE.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick McCarron, Driver, Granulator No. 25, Gortahork, asking the Council to arrange to pay some money in respect of his board, as he had no Ven with the machine and had to take lodgings.

The County Surveyor stated that this man was being paid the regulation wage, viz., £2 : 5 : 0 per week as wages, plus 10/- per week lodging allowance.

714/40. INQUIRY RE CONTRACT ON ROAD BETWEEN MURRIN BRIDGE AND
THREE ROADS AT KINNALOUGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McElwaine, Ballylar, Ballylar P.O., stating that at Milford on the 18th February, 1938, he contracted to keep in repair for three years 465 perches of the road between Murrin Bridge and Three Roads at Kinnalough. He wished to know if this contract had ceased owing to part of it being repaired this year. If the contract had been broken he had not been notified, but if it had been broken he wished to be appointed surfaceman on the road.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. McElwaine should be informed that his contract still held good.

715/40. COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

The County Surveyor inquired what was the position in connection with his application for the use of the Office in the County House at present occupied by the Chief Agricultural Officer.

He stated that he did not want his application to be made the background for the Letterkenny-Lifford dispute in connection with the situation of the County Offices. He thought it should be a very simple matter for the Council to find alternative accommodation for the Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting, and that it be put on the early part of the Agenda.

716/40. MESSRS. T. A. MCCLINTOCK, V.S., AND JOHN MCGINLEY, RATE
COLLECTOR - KNOWLEDGE OF IRISH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th June, 1940, G.10969/40, enclosing copies of letters which had been sent to Messrs. T. A. McClintock, V.S., Dungloe, and John McGinley, Rate Collector, informing them that they had failed to satisfy the Minister that they possessed a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable them adequately to perform the duties of their Offices through the medium of that language, and that the Minister had extended until 31st July, 1940, their period of employment. Another examination would be held before that date for which they should present themselves.

717/40. APPLICATION BY BOARD OF HEALTH TO HAVE ADVANCED ON FOOT OF
CURRENT DEMAND A SUM OF £14,200 TO MEET URGENT PAYMENTS
ON WORKS FOR WHICH LOANS WERE BEING RAISED.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, asking to have advanced on foot of current Demand a sum of £14,200 to meet urgent payments on the following works for which loans were being raised:-

- (1) Loan of £5,000 for Waterworks Schemes at Ballintra, Carrick, Carrigart, Donegal, Carrowkeel, Killybegs, Lifford, Milford, and St. Johnston.
- (2) Loan of £2,000 for Sewerage Schemes at Ballyshannon, Ballybofey and Stranorlar, Carndonagh, and Donegal.
- (3) Loan of £2,400 for Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme.
- (4) Loan of £4,800 for Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme.

Councillor Scott stated that he thought the figures given for Lough Salt Water Scheme were not correct. The total amounts mentioned would not be required.

The Council unanimously decided to advance the amount required by the Board of Health, and the Secretary was instructed to make inquiries from the Board of Health as to the correct amounts required for Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme.

718/40. REQUEST TO HAVE BAN IMPOSED ON ENTRY INTO EIRE OF
NORTHERN IRELAND CITIZENS.

Councillor Lynch proposed that the Government be requested to have a ban imposed on the entry into Eire of Northern Ireland citizens, in view of the action of the Northern Government in imposing a ban on the entry into Northern Ireland of Eire citizens.

The proposal was not seconded.

Confirmed.

M. M. MacFarlane

Chairman. 3rd July, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1940.

719/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Crerand, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Houston, Kavanagh, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, Kelly (James), McGrenra, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

720/40.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 25th June, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

721/40.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th June, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

722/40.

REPORT OF PIERS COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Myles the Report of the Piers Committee Meeting held on the 25th June, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

723/40.

REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE - OFFICE
ACCOMMODATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 23rd July, 1940.

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor McIvor referred to Minute No. 52/40 of the Report, calling on the Committee of Agriculture to vacate the Office in the County House occupied by them by the 14th September, 1940. He stated that he considered this a most high-handed action, and he proposed that this Minute be referred back to the Engineering Services Committee for re-consideration.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded Councillor McIvor's amendment.

Councillor Mahony also supported Councillor McIvor.

Councillor Scott stated that Councillor McIvor's amendment was not in order as the County Council, at their Meeting on the 30th April, 1940, adopted a report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 23rd April, Minute No. 13/40, calling on the Committee of Agriculture to vacate the Office in the County House occupied by them.

The Chairman held that Councillor McIvor's amendment was in order, and it was then put to the Meeting.

Sixteen members voted for and seven against the amendment, which was declared carried.

Councillor McIvor stated that he would take the necessary steps to have the Minute of the 30th April, 1940, referred to by Councillor Scott, rescinded. (396/40 C.C.)

The remainder of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 23rd July was adopted unanimously.

724/40.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 25th June and the 16th July, 1940, were adopted unanimously.

725/40.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 23rd July, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

726/40. REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Kavanagh proposed the adoption of the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 23rd July, 1940.

Councillor McClafferty seconded.

Councillor McIvor, Chairman of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee, stated that he was formally objecting to the adoption of this Report. He was not satisfied that the Committee had recommended the acceptance of the lowest Tender for Sheep Dip.

Councillor Kavanagh's motion for the adoption of the Report was passed; Councillor McIvor being the only dissident.

727/40. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Scholarships Committee held on the 25th July, 1940.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

728/40. QUARTERLY LIST OF PAYMENTS.

The Quarterly List of Payments was submitted, and payment ordered as recommended by the Finance Committee.

729/40. ADVANCE IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF THE 19TH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Ward, County Registrar, asking for the usual advance of £450 in connection with the preparation of the 19th Register of Electors.

The Council decided to advance the amount required.

730/40. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR FOR MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, stating that Garda E. O'Gallagher, Food and Drugs Inspector, Milford, had been transferred from the district, and he recommended the appointment of Garda Patrick MacAodhagain in his stead.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda MacAodhagain.

731/40. STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th June, 1940, Circ. 56/40, Ilgh. S. & R., asking for statistical information.

732/40. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Burtonport, stating that an application would be made at Dungloe District Court on the 12th July, 1940, to have a child named Sarah Gallagher committed to an Industrial School for failure to attend School.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Burtonport, stating that the application to have Sarah Gallagher committed to an Industrial School was adjourned, with leave to re-enter in the event of certain assurances and guarantees not being carried out.

733/40. INCREASES CLAIMED BY MESSRS. McKINNEY & O'CALLAGHAN FOR STATIONERY SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter dated 26th June, 1940, was read from the Prices Commission referring to Minute No. 468/40 relative to the increases claimed by Messrs. McKinney & O'Callaghan for stationery supplied to the Council, and stating that an investigation had revealed that the increases as set out in the statement furnished by the contractors dated 13th April, 1940, and amounting to £8 : 12 : 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ were reasonable.

734/40. AMOUNT SANCTIONED FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th June, 1940, G.710/5/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned an increase to £350 in the amount previously sanctioned for the employment of extra clerical assistance in connection with the Employment Schemes.

735/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th June, 1940, R/RM/7, referring to Minute No. 466/40, and stating that the Paying Order No. 276 dated 6th April, 1937, might be endorsed to the effect that if it was presented for payment by, say, 10th July, 1940, it would be honoured.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th July, 1940, R/RM/7, referring to Minute No. 686/40, and stating that Paying Orders Nos. 411 of 28/11/1939, and 6704 of 1/12/1939 might be re-dated.

736/40. PAYMENT OF SALARY TO TEMPORARY ENGINEERS IN RESPECT OF PERIODS DURING WHICH ABSENT THROUGH ILLNESS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th June, 1940, R/RS/6, referring to Minute No. 317/40 S.F.C., and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of Messrs. Dillon and Sweeney. Temporary Engineers, in respect of absences through illness in December, January, and February last.

737/40. WARBLE FLY ORDER - TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 27th June, 1940, L.1984-40, stating that arrangements should be made by Local Authorities for terminating the employment of Warble Fly Inspectors on the 6th July, 1940. The necessary claim for recoupment in respect of expenditure under the Orders should be submitted not later than the 31st August, 1940.

738/40. NOXIOUS WEEDS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 28th June, 1940, E.5853/37, regarding the destruction of noxious weeds, and stating that the Minister hoped that the destruction of noxious weeds on agricultural lands would be effectively and generally carried out, and he trusted that the Council would be so good as to co-operate in this matter by having special instructions issued with a view to the destruction of noxious weeds on lands, including roadsides, for which the Council is responsible.

739/40. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TELEPHONE LINE AT CO. COUNCIL OFFICES, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, in reply to an inquiry from the Secretary, stating that in consequence of the latest emergency developments it was regretted that it would not be possible to proceed at present with the extension of telephone lines at the County Council Offices, Lifford.

740/40. SUPERVISION OF MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES BY THE SURVEY STAFF.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 5th July, 1940, S.W.12/44/12, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 26th June and enclosure on the subject of the supervision of Minor Employment Schemes, and expressing the thanks of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to the Council for their sanction to the continuance of the services of the Survey Staff in connection with the Schemes until the matter had been further considered.

741/40.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS ACT, 1939.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, dated 5th July, 1940, referring to Section 61 of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, under which regulations might be made in relation to (a) the storage of A.R.P. equipment acquired by the Minister under the Act, and (b) the loan, supply free of charge, and sale of such equipment.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, dated 11th July, 1940, enclosing, for the Council's information, a copy of an Order which had been made under the Emergency Powers Act, 1939. The effect of this Order was to waive, as far as contracts for works or supplies for A.R.P. purposes were concerned, the provision in Section 57 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, and Section 201 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, that at least 10 days' public notice be given of contracts over £100. Under the terms of the Order the prior approval of the Minister for Defence to any expenditure to which the Order applied was required, and it was also necessary that, where practicable, at least 3 Tenders must be invited, based on a uniform specification from actual contractors or manufacturers.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, stating that a booklet entitled "Civilian War Duties" was being distributed to every householder in town and country.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, enclosing copy of the Emergency Powers (Control of Sounds) Order, 1940, the effect of which was to prohibit the use of sirens, hooters, whistles, rattles, bells, and other like instruments except for the purpose of air-raid or gas warnings and "all-clear" signals.

742/40.

PETROL FOR COUNCIL'S PLANT.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, dated 16th July, 1940, P.40/32, stating that the next petrol rationing period would be for a period of three months commencing on the 1st August and ending on the 31st October. A statement should be furnished showing the amount of petrol required for the Council's vehicles and machines.

743/40.

ARREARS OF ADVANCES UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS, 1924/1929.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th July, 1940, H.16841/40, Dun na nGall., regarding the payment of arrears of advances under the Housing Acts 1924/1929, and inquiring the present position.

744/40.

VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - MILFORD DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commission dated 9th July, 1940, L.A.15/1/1939, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd July in regard to the delay in the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Milford District, and stating that a difference on certain points in connection with the post existed between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Local Government. Until the matter had been settled the Commissioners were unable to advertise the post. A copy of the Secretary's letter was being sent to both Departments.

745/40. LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th July, 1940, G.61/40, enclosing copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) (Amendment) Order, 1940, which amended earlier Orders by allowing Officers whose term of Office would terminate on the 29th February, 1940, to continue in Office until 31st July, 1940.

746/40. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíche faoi dhata an lladh Iul, 1940, G.719/8/40, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíche do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £85,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach go dtí an 3ladh Iul, 1940.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir M1 na Lughnasa, 1940.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 3ladh Lughnasa, 1940.

747/40. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (REMISSION OF RATES) ACT, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th July, 1940, C.L. No. 46A/40, forwarding copy of the Local Government (Remission of Rates) Act, 1940. The Commissioner of Valuation would indicate on the Valuation Lists the increases of valuation made by reason solely or partly of the erection, enlargement, or improvement of a residence included in the tenement.

748/40. PRICES FOR ROAD WARNING SIGNS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, 73, Merrion Square, South, Dublin, stating that the Department was unable to recommend the payment of any increase on the Official List (1939/40) prices for Road Warning Signs, as the Contractors had not submitted the relevant evidence which would substantiate their claims to increased prices.

749/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Grants for works in the Rosses Area; road leading to Portaleen Pier; and Ballyharry and Kindroichead.

750/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Ten letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939.

751/40. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - DONEGAL DISTRICT.

The Council proceeded to consider the following Notice of Motion which was on the Agenda in the name of Councillor O'Brien:-

"That the question of the re-arrangement of the Veterinary Inspectors' Districts in South Donegal be considered, and that an appointment be made of a Veterinary Surgeon for the Ballyshannon portion of South Donegal as formerly existed."

A letter was read from Mr. McShane, V.S., Donegal, stating that he understood the Council proposed to divide his district. He never had any difficulty in carrying out the duties in this Area, and up to the present he had heard no complaints.

On hearing Mr. McShane's letter, Councillor O'Brien withdrew his motion, and the matter was dropped.

752/40.

APPLICATION BY MR. T. J. O'REILLY, CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR, FOR REFUND OF LICENCE DUTY ON HIS CAR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 1st July, 1940, R/RS/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 4th June with copy of Minute No. 535/40, and stating that the Minister had nothing to add to his letter of the 1st May regarding refund of licence duty on cars not licensed within the State.

The Secretary read the following letter from Mr. O'Reilly:-

"I note from Item No. 35 on the Agenda that the Minister for Local Government has nothing to add to his letter of the 1st May regarding refund of licence duty on cars not licensed within the State. In the letter referred to, it was pointed out by the Minister that there would appear to be no justification for the refund of licence duty on cars not licensed within the State. In my letter to the Council at their May Meeting (Minute No. 535/40), I gave two good reasons justifying my claim for such refund. It is difficult to understand that what has been right or at least justifiable for 18 years should become unjustifiable at the end of that period.

It is evident to the Council that such of their Officials as live outside the State do so not from choice, but from necessity. Such Officials who have to use a car for their business have to purchase their cars in the State and pay a preferential rate of duty of twentytwo and two-ninths per cent on the purchase price in order to keep their cars at their own residences. This in my case amounted to up to £50, which was a dead loss forced on me by the fact that there was no suitable housing accommodation convenient to Lifford, other than Strabane. I feel sure that the Council will appreciate the fact that the type of Official referred to above has suffered sufficient inconvenience and expense, without now refusing them the refund of Motor Tax, for which they have produced vouched receipts.

I may add that I am now living inside the State having transferred my residence to Mullindrait, Stranorlar, since the 1st July, 1940.

I would, therefore, respectfully urge the Council to ask the Minister to re-consider his decision, as I feel confident that now the full facts have been placed before him, he will not insist on such an injustice being continued."

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Department be asked to re-consider their decision.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

753/40.

PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That 300 perches of the road between the Bridge at Cashel and Whinpark, Glentogher, in the Electoral Division of Glentogher, be declared a County Road."

Councillor Lynch seconded the motion.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I regret I must object to this road being declared a County Road. My grounds for objecting are that we have too many roads with insufficient money allowed to maintain them. It would take £200 to put this road in proper order."

Councillor Cole's proposal was passed without dissent; the Secretary having stated that the required public notice had been given in the Press.

754/40.

BORROWING OF LOAN OF £2,400 FOR LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS SCHEME - PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR KILMACRENAN VILLAGE.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance, as Sanitary Authority, of a loan not exceeding £2,400 to defray expenditure on the improvement of Lough Salt Waterworks System, thereby providing for an improved water supply for the village of Kilmacrenan in the County Health District of Donegal."

755/40.

**BORROWING OF LOAN OF £4,800 FOR LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS
SCHEME - PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR LETTERKENNY
DISTRICT AND FEVER HOSPITALS.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance, as Poor Law Authority, of a loan of £4,800 to defray expenditure in connection with the improvement of Lough Salt Waterworks System, whereby an improved water supply will be provided for Letterkenny District and Fever Hospitals; said loan to be re-payable by equal half-yearly instalments with interest on amount of principal outstanding from time to time over a period of 25 years."

756/40.

**PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW AT THE JUNCTION OF THE
BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.**

A letter dated 4th July, 1940, was read from Mr. William Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, stating that Mr. Edward Vaughan had asked him to have the question of the erection of his cottage at Portnason again brought before the Council. He also wished to know if the Council would hear him (Mr. Ramage) on the matter, so that they might have an opportunity of having all the facts placed before them before coming to a decision.

A letter dated 13th July, 1940, was read from Mr. William Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, stating that he would be much obliged if the Secretary would ask the County Surveyor to inspect the site of Mr. Edward Vaughan's bungalow before the next Meeting of the Council, and if the County Surveyor would be good enough to send a post-card to Mr. Vaughan a few days before notifying him of the day and hour he intended to inspect the site as there were two or three points in connection with this matter which Mr. Vaughan would like to point out to him on the spot.

Councillor O'Brien proposed the following Notice of Motion signed by him and five other members:-

"That Minute No. 1202/39 of the 28th November, 1939, in connection with the application of Mr. Edward Vaughan, Ballyshannon, for permission to erect a bungalow at the junction of the Ballyshannon and Dunmuckrum Roads, be, and is hereby, rescinded, and that the matter be now referred to the County Surveyor for investigation and report."

Councillor McShea seconded the motion.

Mr. Ramage appeared before the Council on behalf of Mr. Vaughan. He produced maps of the site of the proposed bungalow. He stated that the bungalow was proposed to be erected at the junction of a side road, about half-a-mile from Ballyshannon. This side road ran straight into the Main Road. Until Mr. Vaughan started this building the wall on either side of the side road was 4'9" high, and anyone coming down the side road in a motor-car could not see the traffic on the Main Road. Neither could anyone on the Main Road see traffic on the side road. Mr. Vaughan reduced the height of the wall on the eastern side of the side road to such an extent that at the present moment, even if this proposed building was erected, traffic coming down the side road, before it would have reached within 15 yards of the Main Road, would have a clear view, and could be seen by anyone 70 yards on the Ballyshannon side of the junction. Mr. Vaughan had offered to give the Council 9 feet of land at the corner.

Councillor Wyles proposed, as an amendment, that Minute No. 1202/39 be not rescinded.

Councillor McShane seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, six members voted for the amendment, and fourteen against it.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the motion carried by the same voting, and he ruled that the matter be now referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

757/40. ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. DANIEL DOHERTY ON THE ROAD FROM CARNDONAGH TO BUNCRANA BETWEEN GLENMAKEE THREE ROADS AND ALTASHANE THREE ROADS.

Councillor Lynch stated that a notice had been served on Mr. Daniel Doherty to have a building erected by him on the road from Carndonagh to Buncrana, between Glenmakee Three Roads and Altashane Three Roads, removed. He asked to have this matter personally investigated by the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor stated that the questions of the erection of buildings were within his competence. These were purely technical and purely legal matters.

Councillor Lynch proposed that permission be given to go ahead with the erection of this building.

After some discussion the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting!

758/40. PORCH ERECTED IN FRONT OF PREMISES OF MESSRS. P. CONLAN & CO., BUNDORAN.

A letter dated 12th July, 1940, was read from Mr. William Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, stating that he would be much obliged if it could be arranged to have the question of the removal of the porch in front of the premises of Messrs. P. Conlan & Co., Bundoran, placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council, as Mr. Conlan wished to have the full facts in connection with the matter represented to the Council.

Mr. Ramage appeared before the Council. He stated that some years ago Mr. Conlan had applied to the Urban Council for permission to erect this porch, which permission was granted.

The Secretary stated that at their Meeting on the 25th June, 1940, the Council had adopted a recommendation of the Law Committee of the 11th June calling on Mr. Conlan to have this porch removed.

Councillor McShea proposed that the matter be referred back to the Law Committee.

Councillor O'Brien seconded.

Councillor Scott stated that he would be willing to have this matter referred back to the Law Committee, provided the Council's Solicitor and Mr. Ramage appeared before the Committee.

On Councillor McShea's stating that he would take steps to have Minute No. 635/40 of the 25th June rescinded, his proposal to have this matter referred back to the Law Committee was passed unanimously.

759/40. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS -- FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Mr. J. MacLysaght, Commissioner for Buncrana Urban Council, stating that the A.R.P., Buncrana, would require a further seven lengths of hose to meet their requirements. He presumed that the County Council, as A.R.P. Authority, would make the necessary arrangements in this connection, as well as for the purchase of the mobile fire-fighting unit previously discussed.

A letter on the matter was also read from Mr. C. Callaghan, Town Clerk, Buncrana.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Air Raid Precautions Committee.

760/40. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS - LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Ward, County Registrar, Lifford, stating that he had been asked by the Minister for Justice to request that the safety of the Circuit Court Office, Lifford, be included in any Air Raid Precaution measures taken by the Council. He wished to know what steps had been taken by the Council to safeguard Lifford Courthouse in the event of Air Raids.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Air Raid Precautions Committee.

761/40. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILS, AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SECRETARY AS COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th July, 1940, C.L.67/40, asking the Secretary to attend a Conference of County Secretaries on the 19th July in Dublin, to discuss matters in relation to the present emergency, in the event of it being necessary to make arrangements for the supply of essential food and fuel and its distribution in case of shortage, and for such other measures as are considered desirable. It would be necessary to have the fullest co-operation of all voluntary agencies. In localities where such bodies do not exist it was considered desirable that steps be taken immediately towards their organisation. The Parish was considered a suitable area for the establishment of local Committees which would interest themselves in matters affecting the general welfare of the inhabitants of the Parish.

The Secretary informed the Council that he had been appointed Commissioner for the County in the event of an emergency, and he stated that he was busily engaged at the moment in the organisation of Parish Councils. He had had a visit from the Regional Commissioner, who expressed the opinion that the County Council should appoint a Deputy in his (the Secretary's) place for the next few months.

Councillor Scott stated that it was only fair that the Council should appoint a Deputy Secretary. In addition to his extra duties as County Commissioner, the Secretary also acted as Honorary Secretary of the Co. Donegal Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society. He proposed that Mr. Frank McKay, the Council's Accountant, be appointed as Deputy Secretary for a period of two or three months.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

It was also decided that the Secretary be empowered to employ any extra clerical assistance required.

762/40. APPOINTMENT OF MISS MAUREEN B. TRAVERS AS SHORTHAND-TYPIST IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th July, 1940, G.19787/40, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd July regarding the appointment in room of Mrs. Carey (nee Doogan), Shorthand-Typist, who had resigned, of the candidate who secured third place in the examination for clerk-typist held by the Local Appointments Commissioners in July, 1939, and enclosing forms of query for completion and return to the Department. The Medical Report Form which was also enclosed should be handed to the appointee with instructions to have it completed by a registered medical practitioner and returned direct by him to the Department.

The Secretary stated that the candidate concerned was Miss Maureen B. Travers, who was at present employed in the County Library as a Junior Assistant.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by the Chairman (Councillor McFadden), the Council unanimously decided to appoint Miss Maureen B. Travers to the vacant position at a salary of £90 per annum for two years, and then to £100 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £5 to £120 per annum, and then by £10 per annum to a maximum of £140 per annum.

763/40. EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH EXAMINATION FOR JUNIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT.

A letter was read from the County Librarian stating that at the last Meeting of the Library Committee when he notified the Committee that the County Council proposed to appoint as Shorthand-Typist on their Staff Miss Maureen Travers, at present employed in the Library, he was directed to inquire if the County Council would refund to the Library Committee the sum of £14 : 5 : 0 paid by the Committee for the holding of the examination for a Junior Assistant in which Miss Travers secured first place.

On the motion of Councillor Wagentreiber seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to refund the amount to the Library Committee.

764/40.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TYPIST IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S
OFFICE DURING THE ABSENCE ON ANNUAL LEAVE OF MISS
E. McLAUGHLIN.

The County Surveyor stated that it would be necessary to appoint a Temporary Typist for his Office during the absence on annual leave of Miss McLaughlin, and he suggested the appointment of Miss Maire P. Ni Ghallchobhair, Foster House, Raphoe, who had secured fourth place at the Examination for a Clerk-Typist held by the Local Appointments Commissioners in July, 1939.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Miss Maire P. Ni Ghallchobhair for the period of Miss McLaughlin's absence.

765/40.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. MARY McNULTY AS CLERK IN
THE COUNCIL OFFICES.

Councillor McIvor stated that he had been informed that Mrs. Mary McNulty, Temporary Clerk in the County Council Offices, had been placed on a rotational system of employment, and he inquired the reason for this step.

The Secretary stated that Mrs. McNulty was employed on work in connection with Road Grants, together with a number of other temporary clerks. The amount allowed to him for this work did not permit of their whole-time employment, and he had drawn up a rotational system of employment, which would operate until 30th September, 1940.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Secretary to give Mrs. McNulty preference over other temporary clerks in view of her circumstances.

766/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

The Secretary submitted the following return showing the amounts due by borrowers under the Housing Acts:-

William McGrossan.....	£6	:	1	:	5.
Mrs. Mary Doherty (Taylor).....	Nil.				
Patrick Doherty.....	£17	:	16	:	0.
William Boyle.....	Nil.				
Mrs. George Doherty.....	£32	:	17	:	3.
Patrick Clafferty.....	Nil.				
Edward J. Doherty.....	£51	:	7	:	0.
John Joseph Doherty.....	£4	:	9	:	0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney.....	£2	:	3	:	8.
Mrs. Bridget Grant.....	Nil.				
Daniel Ward.....	£80	:	8	:	0.
Daniel McEleney.....	£3	:	12	:	7.
Patrick McNelis.....	£12	:	14	:	0.
Edward Shiels, Jun.....	£32	:	9	:	3.
Bernard Curran.....	£18	:	12	:	0.
Miss Mary A. Coll.....	Nil.				
James Barrett.....	Nil.				
Patrick McGahill.....	£5	:	19	:	6.
Daniel Coyle.....	£34	:	17	:	8.
Charles J. Coyle.....	£18	:	6	:	6.

The Secretary stated that in a number of the cases the Council had instructed their Solicitor to defer until the October Sitzings of the Circuit Court the institution of proceedings.

The Council noted the return.

767/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS
ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary stated that the following amounts were owing by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Neal McGready.....	£83	:	11	:	7.
Michael Gallagher.....	£4	:	19	:	6.
John Gallagher.....	£26	:	10	:	11.

The Council noted the report.

768/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES, ETC., BY CARRYING OUT OF
ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Keadue West, Burtonport, complaining of the destruction done to his property by the carrying out of the Rosses Road Scheme. Mr. Dillon and Councillor O'Boyle were to look into his claim, but he had not seen any of them yet. He now gave notice that he refused to pay any more rates until his claim got attention.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon has not yet had an opportunity of investigating this complaint. He hopes, however, to do so before the next Meeting."

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting. (677/40 C.C.)

769/40. AMOUNTS OWING BY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Secretary stated that the following amounts were owing by the Urban District Councils:-

Buncrana.....£6,438 :19 : 9.

Bundoran.....£1,869 : 5 : 0.

Letterkenny.....£2,009 : 0 : 0.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Commissioner for Buncrana be asked to pay a sum of £2,000 on foot of the amount owing.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

770/40. MAINTENANCE OF EMBANKMENT ON LANDS OF CLONBEG GLEBE ON
THE STEWART-BAM ESTATE.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 23rd May, 1940, A. & R., enclosing a map showing the embankment lettered A B C D E, abutting the lands of Clonbeg Glebe on the Stewart-Bam Estate, and stating that they had under consideration the matter of the future maintenance of this embankment. To provide for this maintenance the Land Commission were prepared to transfer the sum of £500 to the Public Trustee for investment to provide a Trust Fund in the matter. The tenants whose lands were protected were not prepared to act as Trustees of the proposed Trust Fund of £500, and the Land Commission, accordingly, wished to know if the County Council would consent to act as Trustees of the Trust Fund and accept unconditional responsibility for the future maintenance of the embankment.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I do not recommend the County Council to accept the Trusteeship for the maintenance of this embankment. The matter has been carefully considered and there is the possibility that the Council might be liable for heavy maintenance charges which would be much higher than that available from the fund of £500."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the County Surveyor's report.

771/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT CONCRETE HOUSE AT
KILLYBEGS, 20 FEET FROM THE CENTRE OF THE ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Gillespie, Killybegs, referring to his previous application for permission to build a tin house in Killybegs, which was refused. He had now decided to build a concrete house, 20 feet from the centre of the roadway, and it would be no obstruction even if the road was widened.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the construction of the concrete house as proposed by Mr. Gillespie.

772/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF WEIGHBRIDGE ATTENDANT AT LETTERKENNY.

The County Surveyor stated that it would be necessary to appoint an Attendant for the Council's Weighbridge at Letterkenny.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the matter be referred to the Sub-Finance Committee to fix the terms of the appointment.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the terms be fixed by the Council that day, and he suggested that the wages be £1 :10 : 0 weekly.

After further discussion Councillor Scott agreed to Councillor Mahony's motion, which was passed unanimously.

773/40. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PORTION OF LAND AT GLEBE, DONEGAL,
FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. William McDaid, West End, Bundoran, with reference to the proposed acquisition of portion of his land at Glebe, Donegal, for the purpose of widening the road at the turn where the road approached the top of the Quay Hill. Their client claimed that as the proposed acquisition would render useless a valuable building site he was entitled to £100 compensation, that was, 20 years' purchase of a £5 per year head rent. He would also lose a portion of another building plot, but stated that he would be satisfied if he got £100 in settlement.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:- "This case is one of many where landowners ask for excessive compensation for the small portion of the land required for widening the road. In all these cases the Council, in my opinion, are being held to ransom. Where works have been decided upon and grants allocated we are faced with the alternative of not proceeding with the work, and, therefore, incurring the risk of losing the grant, or paying the excessive compensation demanded. In most cases the land to be acquired is of little or no value, and I am certain the rateable valuation is incidentally low. I suggest very strongly that in these cases the Council should ask to have the land re-valued, on the basis of the owners' claim."

The Council unanimously decided to inform Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry that if they agreed to pay the compensation claimed in this case, they would ask the Valuation Department to re-value the lands on the same basis.

774/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY
AT MULLANMORE, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Molloy, Mullanmore, Glenties, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 598/40 regarding his application for payment for trespass for stones taken from Quarry, and stating that he was surprised that the County Surveyor should have stated that he had been given work in lieu of trespass, as this was untrue. He only got three days' work and he was paid off four weeks before any other worker. He wished to be paid £2 compensation for the stones taken from his Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The statement by Mr. John Molloy is not correct. In point of fact Mr. Molloy got 19 days' work instead of 3 as alleged. I suggest that no further action be taken in this case."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the County Surveyor's report.

775/40. TENDERS FOR TARRING AND QUARRY PLANT.

Further to his report to the Engineering Committee at their Meeting on the 23rd July, the County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The prices of the various Tenders submitted for tarring and quarry plant have been set out in the Report of the Engineering Committee, as also my recommendations as to the tenders to be accepted. For the Compressor Plant I recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Co."

The Council noted and approved of the County Surveyor's report.

776/40. ALTASHANE ROAD, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Cole introduced Mr. John Nelson of Carndonagh, who complained of the condition of the road known as the Altashane Road. 110 families were depending on this road for their turf supplies. There was heavy traffic on the road and it was in a very bad condition. It was now in the Buncrana District under the supervision of Mr. William J. Doherty and they wanted it transferred to Carndonagh District under the supervision of Mr. William O'Neill.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor, who stated that he would shortly be making some re-adjustments in the Assistant Surveyors' Districts, and this matter would have his attention.

777/40.

BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

The County Surveyor applied to the Council to have the following Road Contracts broken:-

Letterkenny Area.

No. 106, April 1938, Map No. 1007 - Contractor Edward McGlynn,
Glenhaugh, Letterkenny.

Inishowen Area.

No. 102, April 1938, Map No. 123 - Contractor John Harkin,
Glonagivney, Lecamy.

No. 129, April 1938, Map No. 89 - Contractor John Harkin,
Glenmakee, Carndonagh.

No. 76, April 1939, Map No. 376 - Contractor Joseph McDaid,
Ballylawn, Castleary.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

778/40.

CONTRACT NO. 6, APRIL 1938, MAP NO. 207. - ROAD BETWEEN MURRIN BRIDGE AND THREE ROADS AT KINNALOUGH.

The County Surveyor stated that the last Meeting Mr. Edward McElwaine, Ballylar, had inquired if his contract had been broken. He reported in error that it still held good, whereas it had been broken at the January Meeting of the Council.

The Council decided to inform Mr. McElwaine that his contract had been broken since January, 1940.

779/40.

OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer dated 29th June, 1940, enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee held on the 18th June regarding the Committee's Office accommodation. The Committee adjourned consideration of the matter until October.

780/40.

COMPLAINT RE TARRING OF UMGALL BRAE, MALIN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Councillor Cole stating that a deputation from the Ardmalin District would attend the next Meeting of the Council to protest against the tarring of roads in that area.

A letter was also read from a number of ratepayers of Malin District protesting against the tarring of Umgall Brae, which meant that they would not be able to travel on this road with their horses.

A deputation attended before the Council and stated that they strongly objected to the tarring of this Brae, as they would not be able to travel with their horses on it either to Church or Market.

Councillors Cole and Lynch supported the deputation.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The practice of non-tarring our roads has led to very serious losses by the County Council. Where roads have been re-surfaced in the last few years in waterbound macadam, and not tarred, either due to lack of funds or other reasons, much of this work has now to be re-done, with consequent heavy loss to the County. I have inspected the hill complained of myself, and I do not think it is as steep as other hills in the County which have been tarred, and I propose using a good whinstone chipping on this road, which I consider will render it non-slippery. I might mention that the cause of complaint in this district due to slippery roads is largely due to the use of sea gravel, which gives too smooth a surface."

Councillor Lynch proposed that this Brae be not tarred.

Councillor Cole seconded the motion, which was passed without dissent.

781/40.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the Annual Meeting of the General Council would be held on the 8th August. Notice of any matters which the Council desired to have placed on the Agenda should reach the Secretary before the 29th July.

The letter was noted.

782/40.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 17th July, 1940, C.87.58/1/36, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd July with copy of Minute No. 688/40, regarding the carrying out of improvement works at Poolawaddy Boatslip. It was assumed that before the work was actually put in hands due notification of the completion of the arrangements would be sent to them as requested in the third paragraph of their letter of the 12th June, 1940, but, in the meantime, they wished to have confirmed that the Council had accepted the conditions governing the Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote, as set forth in that Minute:-

- (1) The County Surveyor shall, on completion of the works, furnish to them a certified statement of expenditure on the scheme;
- (2) the works shall have been completed to the satisfaction of their Engineer;
- (3) the Council shall, on completion of the works, sign and lodge with the Board of Works, a formal undertaking as follows:-
"The works at Poolawaddy Boatslip having now been completed by the County Surveyor to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby undertake to maintain the said works in future, in addition to the Pier which has already been formally transferred to the custody of the Council."

The Council unanimously decided to confirm that the conditions governing the Grant had been accepted.

783/40.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, stating that he had been instructed by the Committee of Management to request the Council to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Rev. John O'Doherty, P.P.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Rev. H. O'Boyle, P.P., Rathmullan, as a member of the Committee of Management.

784/40.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER ON THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Councillor Brady proposed the appointment of Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Donegal, as a member of the Vocational Education Committee in place of the late Rev. John O'Doherty, P.P.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

785/40.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Councillor Blaney proposed the appointment of Rev. H. O'Boyle, P.P., Rathmullan, as a member of the Committee of Agriculture in place of the late Rev. John O'Doherty, P.P.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

786/40.

NOTIFICATION FROM COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH THAT HE DOES NOT NOW INTEND TO JOIN THE REGULAR ARMY.

A letter was read from Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, stating that he had informed the Military Authorities that he did not now intend to join the Regular Army. His reasons for this step were as follows:-

- (1) He had no definite assurance from the County Council that he would suffer no financial loss if he joined up.
- (2) On interviewing the Military Authorities some weeks ago with a view to being called up, he was informed that the Public Health Department regarded County Medical Officers of Health as "key-men," and were not anxious to have them called up for military service.

When he volunteered to join the Army originally he did so on the assumption that the County Council would make good the difference between his present salary and the army pay. On referring to the Minutes of the June Meeting he finds that this question was adjourned.

The Council noted the letter.

787/40. ANNUAL LEAVE OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, applying for four weeks' annual leave as from 1st August, 1940.

The Secretary stated that the Regional Commissioner, Mr. O'Muirthe, had expressed the opinion that in the event of an emergency Dr. Bastible should not go further away than Sligo, so that he could be re-called immediately if the necessity arose.

The Council decided to grant the required leave of absence, on condition that Dr. Bastible go no further away than Sligo.

788/40. DEED OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN OF £1,200 FOR PURCHASE OF STONEBREAKER AND TRACTOR.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing for execution by the Council Engrossment of Deed of Charge in connection with loan of £1,200 for the purchase of a stonebreaker and tractor.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Deed of Charge under Seal.

789/40. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL, 1940.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council asking to be furnished with suggestions, amendments, or additions to the Local Government Bill, 1940, which the Council might consider desirable.

The letter was noted.

790/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANTS FOR ROAD LEADING ROUND LOUGH ESKE.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony O'Doherty, N.T., Townawilly, Barnesmore, stating that grants had been made available during the past two years for the road leading around Lough Eske. He trusted that if, and when, further grants were available the work would be continued.

The County Surveyor stated that he was including this road in his Scheme of Works under Employment Scheme Grants for the coming winter.

791/40. APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. William Ward, Ballyboe, Cloghan, stating that his only income was now 5/- per week of Home Assistance. He wished to be granted road work of any kind, as otherwise he would have to put his wife and 5 children in the County Home.

The County Surveyor stated that this man got some work from the Council last June, and he was on temporary work at present.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

792/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. James Lyons, Beefan, Glencolumbkille, complaining of the unfair allocation of work on the Carrick-Glencolumbkille Road. He asked for work several times but was refused. When he complained to the Council before he got a few days' work.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lyons got 16 weeks' work on a Minor Employment Scheme. He was not eligible for work under the Employment Scheme Vote Grants as Beefan Townland did not come within the district from which the workers were taken."

The Council noted the report.

793/40. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE FEE.

A letter was read from Miss M. Murray, Castlebane, Letterkenny, stating that she was unable to compete at the Co. Council University Scholarships Examination, as she had to do an Oral Irish test in connection with a Civil Service Examination. She wished to have her entrance fee refunded.

The Council unanimously decided to refund Miss Murray's fee of £1.

794/40.

COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Braide, Glencolumbkille, complaining of the unfair allocation of work on the Carrick-Glencolumbkille Road. The Ganger was unable to keep the time, and got a labourer to do it for him. They had applied several times for work and had been refused.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon reports that the allegations set out by some of the residents of Braide are unfounded. The various signatories got work varying from two weeks to six weeks."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

795/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CLOUGHGLASS ROAD, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Cloughglass, Burtonport, stating that owing to the condition of the road the Railway Lorries refused to take home their turf that were six or seven miles away. If something was not done to the road at once they would repair it themselves and withhold the rates.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel C. O'Boyle, Dungloe, enclosing lengthy memorial regarding the Cloughglass Rural Road leading from the Burtonport-Kincasslagh Trunk Road. The allowance of £8 per annum for its upkeep was altogether inadequate. The people were unable to get home their turf supplies, which were lying along the mountain road fully exposed. The matter had been brought to the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Councillor Walsh spoke at length on the condition of this road, and stressed the importance of having something done to it immediately.

Councillor O'Boyle also supported the complaint.

The County Surveyor stated that this road was being included in the proposed scheme of works to be carried out under the Employment Scheme Vote Grants for 1940/41.

Councillor Walsh stated that the proposal to have this road included in the E.S.V. Schemes for 1940/41 would not meet the needs of the ratepayers, who wished to have it repaired immediately so that they might be in a position to bring home their turf.

The County Surveyor stated that he would approach the Local Government Department and ask them to advance the amount included in the E.S.V. Schemes for 1940/41 for the immediate repair of this road.

796/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF FOOTBRIDGE AT BALLINTRA, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Peggy Conaghan, Ballintra, Arranmore, complaining of the condition of a footbridge in front of her house. The wall in front of her house was also giving way and should be repaired before the floods started again.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter complained of by Mrs. Conaghan was not one for which the Council was liable.

797/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN LACKAGH AND DRIMEASON, CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Cloonmore, Knocknafaugher, Massinass, etc., complaining of the condition of the road from the mearing between Lackagh and the mearing at Drimeason, and also the road from Doecastle to Cashel.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"There is very heavy traffic on this road due to the haulage of turf by lorries. The road is not too bad, but some repairs will be carried out shortly."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

798/40.

COMPLAINT RE COUNCIL WORKERS WHO REFUSED TO ASSIST THE
LOCAL SECURITY FORCE.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Carrigart, stating that persons in that sub-district who were working on County Council work or drawing Unemployment Assistance did not help the Gardai in the urgent work which was required to be done. All those who helped were poor struggling persons who had joined the Local Security Force, and had lost the Unemployment Assistance or got no work on Schemes. Some persons who had been Gangers actually refused to help. He respectfully suggested that only those who had offered their services in the Local Security Force should get work in future.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I fully agree that men paid by the Council should render services where urgent defensive measures are required. Where men refuse to carry out duties asked, the cases should, I think, be considered individually on their merits when the full circumstances are known. I have had a report from one of our Gangers, who refused to carry out the request of the Gardai, and I am sending on his report to the Gardai for their comments."

The Council agreed that preference in road work be given to persons who had joined the Local Security Force.

Councillor Lynch stated that he knew a case of a man who was an old I.R.A. man and who was now in the Local Security Force, and who had been refused road work.

The County Surveyor stated that if he had this man's name he would look into the matter.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Secretary and the County Surveyor prepare a return showing the Officials of the Council who had joined the Local Security Force or who were helping in the work of the Irish Red Cross Society.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

799/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM THE CROSSROADS AT
CARRIGART GARDA BARRACKS TO THE CHAPEL.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Gallagher, Gortamore, Downings, complaining of the condition of the road from the Crossroads at Carrigart Garda Barracks to the Crossroads at the Chapel.

The County Surveyor stated that he was familiar with this road himself, and while the surface was not too good, he would have to wait until an E.S.V. Grant was available, so that the work could be done properly.

The Council noted the report.

800/40.

COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE DONE BY PILING OF BROKEN STONES ON
PIECE OF GROUND AT MONESS, BURT.

A letter was read from Mr. John S. Crockett, Moness, Burt, stating that early this year he gave permission to a Gaffer of the Council to put stones on a piece of ground adjoining the Main Road on the understanding they would be broken and put on the road at once. When the breaker arrived the broken stones and dust were scattered all over the ground and left there for over two months destroying all the grass, which one of his men used for grazing. Up to the present no attempt had been made to leave this piece of ground in order. At present for no apparent reason a heap of stones was being erected opposite his dwelling-house, so that when breaking-time came his house would be smothered in dust and smoke as on a previous occasion.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter had been settled, by the Assistant Surveyor with Mr. Crockett.

801/40.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing reports on Malicious Injury Claims heard at the Trinity Sittings of the Circuit Court.

The report was noted.

802/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE ON LANDS AT ROSHINE ACRES.

A letter was read from Mrs. Annie Campbell, Burtonport, complaining of the condition in which a fence on her lands was left after the road was widened at Roshine Acres. Her cattle were continually coming out on the road, and were in danger of being killed. She gave a free quarry at this place, and offered no objection to the widening of the road; yet this is the treatment meted out to her.

The County Surveyor stated that there were no genuine grounds for complaint in this case.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

803/40. ALLEGED OBSTRUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, stating that Mrs. Hannah McGowan, Middle Keeldrum, Gortahork, had asked them to write about a road which was recently in the course of construction by the Council at Falcarragh. It appeared that on the strength of an alleged objection by her brother, Michael Gallagher, the work was discontinued. They were personally aware that Michael Gallagher had no right or title to make any objection whatever with regard to the property in question. As the completion of the work would represent a much-needed benefit to the property, they trusted that it would still be possible for the Council to carry it through.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no knowledge of this road and that it was possible that it was a Land Commission Road.

804/40. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR ROAD METAL SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. Daniel P. Diver of Clougherney, Carndonagh, with reference to a contract which he made with the Council's Surveyor, Mr. O'Neill, regarding the supply of road metal. Under the first part of the contract his client agreed to allow the County Council through their agents and employees to take the stones out of the quarry on his client's lands at 4d. per ton. A large tonnage of which his client had no particulars were taken from the Quarry, but his client did not receive any payment by way of compensation in respect of the stones taken and which was due to him under the terms of the contract. Under the terms of the second part of the contract his client gave the County Council permission to cart the stones on his client's lands and use them for side-filling at 2s/6d per ton. There was in all 12 heaps gathered off his client's lands for side-filling, but his client had no particulars of the tonnage contained in these heaps either.

A further letter was read from Mr. White stating that Mr. Daniel P. Diver called with him on the 15th July, and handed him a Paying Order for £3 : 15 : 0, which he received as compensation for the stones taken from his Quarry. He noticed from the Paying Order that his client had been paid at the rate of 3d. per ton for 300 tons, but he was entitled to payment at the rate of 4d. per ton. His client, therefore, was entitled to a further £1 : 5 : 0 in respect of this part of the contract, and he returned Paying Order for amendment. His client had not yet received payment by way of compensation for the stones gathered into heaps on his lands and which were to be used for side-filling purposes.

Councillor Lynch stated that this matter had now been settled.

805/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. James Sweeney, Crieve, Letterkenny, stating that Paying Order No. 1108 for £2 : 10 : 8 dated 28th November, 1939, was out-of-date, and he could not get it cashed.

A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Moore, Carrowreagh, Bridgend, stating that Paying Order No. 386 for £5 : 6 : 8 dated 28th November, 1939, was out-of-date, and the Bank refused to cash it.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to have these Paying Orders re-dated.

806/40.

ERECTION OF SIGN AT SEAMOUNT HOTEL, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mrs. Lillian Fitzgerald, Seamount Hotel, Mountcharles, stating that she had put up a sign-post for the Hotel a few hundred yards outside the town on the left-hand side coming from Donegal. She was told when arranging to do this that the land where the sign was erected did not belong to anyone, and she did not, therefore, ask for permission to put up the sign. She now asked the permission of the County Council, and apologised for not having done so before erecting the sign.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the erection of this sign.

807/40.

GRATING FOR ROAD AT BIRDSTOWN SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Major Goodliffe, Birdstown, Burnfoot, stating that some time ago the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Doherty, came to see about work there. He promised to put in a grating over the water drain on the road at the Birdstown School. At present it was protected only by stones, and, in consequence, it got blocked very easily.

The County Surveyor stated that a grating had been ordered from the foundry and when it arrived it would be placed on the road.

808/40.

APPLICATION BY MESSRS. McKINNEY & O'CALLAGHAN FOR INCREASE ON CONTRACT PRICES.

A letter was read from Messrs. McKinney & O'Callaghan, Printers, Letterkenny, applying for an increase in price for goods supplied from 17th January, 1940, to 20th June, 1940, inclusive. During this period they supplied goods to the value of £106 : 2 : 9, and were making an application for an increase of £11 : 13 : 0 on these goods. They submitted invoices in support of their claim.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Prices Commission.

809/40.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1940/41 - GRANT OF £79,400, SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONTRIBUTION OF £6,000.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th July, 1940, RU/207/9, referring to their letter of the 14th February last relative to the provision of a local contribution for schemes financed out of the Employment Schemes Vote, 1940/41, and stating that the grant provisionally allocated for road works was £79,400, subject to a local contribution of £6,000. The grant was subject to certain conditions which were set out in the letter, and detailed particulars of the works proposed to be undertaken must be lodged not later than 31st July, 1940.

The Council noted the letter.

810/40.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF ROAD AT TREBRACKEN, QUIGLEY'S POINT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Margey, Trebracken, Quigley's Point, drawing attention to the road opposite his house where the water was lying on the road. There was no way for the water to get away except through the ditch at his garden, and last year it destroyed his corn stacks.

The County Surveyor stated that he proposed to do what work was reasonable in this case.

811/40.

COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Doherty, Goland, Ballybofey, stating that when his case was before the Council before he was promised work which he did not get. He had now been cut off the dole, and he was exempted from military service. There were a number of men employed under Mr. Callaghan at present, but when he approached Mr. Callaghan he told him he had nothing to do with the giving of work.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

812/40. ALTERATIONS TO TELEGRAPH POLES ON DONEGAL-LAGHEY ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, dated 15th July, 1940, referring to the improvements being carried out on the Donegal-Laghey Road, and inquiring whether the cost of these was being borne out of Council funds or was being defrayed out of a Government Grant.

The County Surveyor stated that the work in question was being carried out under a Government Grant.

813/40. COMPLAINT RE INCREASED TRAFFIC ON PORTION OF ROAD FROM DUNGLOE TO DOOCHARY.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Campbell, Meenatottan, Dungloe, stating that as contractor for a portion of the Dungloe-Doochary Road he desired to point out that owing to increased traffic due to the closing down of the Railway, this portion of the road was at present in a bad condition. In a short time it would be beyond repair. It was totally unsuitable for heavy lorry traffic.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I am well acquainted with the condition of this road, and I do not see for the moment what immediate action we can take."

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

814/40. COMPLAINT RE LORRY TRAFFIC ON STRALONGFORD SECTION OF CONVOY-LETTERKENNY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Devenny, Stralongford, Drunkeen, stating that on the Convoy-Letterkenny Road (Stralongford Section), a heavy lorry, No. I.H.4551, had been carrying heavy loads, and damaging this part of the road for which he was the contractor.

The Secretary stated that this lorry was the property of Mr. Andrew McCauley, Drumbeg, Raphoe.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is one of the many cases where not enough money is allowed for roads on which there is heavy traffic. The result is that the roads cannot be maintained as we would like them to be."

The Council noted the matter.

815/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Gilvarry, West End, Bundoran, applying for the position of surfaceman in Bundoran rendered vacant by the resignation of surfaceman McHugh.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

816/40. APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application was submitted from Mr. Teague Breslin, Ardara, for a renewal of his licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

The Council decided to renew the licence subject to a satisfactory report from the Gardai.

817/40. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Cassidy, Carrick, applying for a Cinematograph Licence for St. Patrick's Hall, Carrick.

The application was granted unanimously.

818/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Coyle, Stranorlar, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

A report from the Assistant Surveyor was submitted.

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

819/40. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, dated 17th July, 1940, L.13621/40, forwarding copy of an Order made under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, and stating that the amount assessed on County Donegal was £147 : 7 : 9, and a Payable Order for this amount should be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

820/40. APPLICATION FOR USE OF TAR DRUMS FOR TESTING WEIGHBRIDGE AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs. Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., Derry, stating that the Inspector of Weights and Measures at Letterkenny wanted the use of 20 tons of tar drums or other material for testing the weighbridge at Letterkenny.

The County Surveyor reported that the testing of this weighbridge had now been completed.

821/40. FEE FOR TESTING AND STAMPING OF WEIGHBRIDGE AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Sergeant McTague, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Letterkenny, stating that he had tested and stamped the Council's weighbridge at Letterkenny. A fee of £2 was due to him for stamping the instrument.

The Council instructed the Secretary to inquire from the Board of Health if this fee was paid by them in respect of the new weighbridge at Donegal, and, if so, they recommended payment of the amount.

822/40. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Doherty, Gortleck, Linsfort, Buncrana, stating that he had no money to pay his rates unless he got work on roads. Every other year he went to Scotland to earn money, but that was impossible this year.

The County Surveyor stated that he regretted there was no work available.

823/40. COMPLAINT RE HEAVY TRAFFIC ON ROAD BETWEEN KILRAINE AND BOLTIFREE N.S.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Houston, Stranabratie, Cloghan, stating that he was the contractor for 460 perches of a third-class road between Kilraine and Boltifree N.S. On the 24th June, 1940, a man named McGee, an agent for bog ore, did considerable damage to the road by using thereon a heavy lorry. It had been left dangerous for traffic in a great many places. The usual maintenance money would not be sufficient to repair it.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is one of the many cases where not enough money is allowed for roads on which there is heavy traffic; the result being that the roads cannot be maintained as we would like them to be,"

The Council noted the matter.

824/40. APPLICATION BY MR. F. MCKAY, ACCOUNTANT, FOR INCREASE IN SALARY.

A letter was read from Mr. F. McKay, Accountant, asking the Council to place him on the salary scale unanimously fixed by the Council on the 25th September, 1934.

The matter was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee.

825/40. A. R. P. PRECAUTIONS IN THE CONVOY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Coyle, Townparks, Convoy, stating that no steps had been taken in connection with A.R.P. precautions in the Convoy District.

The matter was referred to the Air Raid Precautions Committee.

826/40.

RESOLUTION RE POLITICAL PRISONERS.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That in the interest of unity in the country, we call on the Government to release all untried political prisoners."

The resolution was noted.

827/40.

COMPLAINT RE RAISING OF ROADWAY AT MILLSIDE, FINTOWN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rose Kelly, Fintown, complaining of the condition of her street at Millside. When it rained all the water came in from the road. The road had been risen $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet or more above the level of her door, with the result that there was such a fall from the road and street that no car wanted to cross it. All the other streets along the road had been raised to the same level as the road.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a case where the house is below the level of the road. I will, however, look into the matter again and see what can be done."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

828/40.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BRIDGE AT GORTNACART, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. P. G. Logue, Draper, Ardara, stating that he would like if something could be done to a bridge at Gortnacart about 3 miles from Ardara. This bridge led into the bogs, and it had been broken down for six months, with the result that people might find themselves without turf this winter.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

829/40.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notifications of intentions to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, were submitted in respect of the following premises:-

Hall at Ballymenagh, Glengad.

Public Hall, Ramelton.

Mr. M. Deeney's Hall, Rathmullan.

Burt Parochial Hall.

St. Michael's Hall, Carnaghan, Inch.

Fowler Hall, Fahan.

Columban Hall, Newtowncunningham.

Public Hall, Derrybeg.

Iona Hall, Ardara.

Hall at Druminor, Buncrana.

Hall at Umrican, Buncrana.

Hall at Kinnego, Ballymagan.

Butt Hall, Ballybofey.

Kilclooney A.O.H. Hall, Kilclooney.

St. Columba's Hall, Curran, Glencolumbkille.

830/40.

COLAISTE NA hOLLSCOILE, BAILE ATHA CLIATH.

Chuir an Runaidhe run o Connradh na Gaedhilge, 14, Cearnog Parnell, Baile Atha Cliath, fa dtaobh an adhbhar seo thuas, roimh an Chomhairle Chonndae, agus cuireadh i bfeidhm an chuid de'n run seo leanas:-

"Gur adhbhar scannaill linn agus leis an tir go huile an maoladh a tugadh do'n Gaedhilge - an príomh-theanga oifigeamhail na n-Eireann do reir an bhun-reachta - nuair a dhiultuigh lucht ceannais Colaiste na hollscoile i mBaile Atha Cliath agus Seanad na hollscoile Naisiunta glacadh leis mar Bhun-Riaghail go mba choir Gaedheal agus Gaedhilgteoir a bheith ina Uachtaran ar Cholaiste na hollscoile, Baile Atha Cliath."

Confirmed.

W. MacFadden

Chairman.

27th August, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1940.

831/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Crerand, Friel, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, Kelly (James), McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

832/40.

G O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council extend their sincere sympathy to Councillor Lynch in the sad bereavement sustained by him through the death of his little daughter.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion, with which the Secretary associated himself, and which was passed in silence.

Councillor Lynch thanked the Council for their sympathy.

833/40.

ILLNESSES OF COUNCILLORS LOUGHREY AND MacCREADIE.

The Chairman welcomed back to the Meetings of the Council, Councillors Loughrey and MacCreadie who had been ill.

834/40.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 30th July, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

835/40.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th July, 1940, was confirmed unanimously.

836/40.

R E P O R T S O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th July, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 20th August, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

837/40.

R E P O R T O F P I E R S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor McFadden, the Report of the Piers Committee Meeting held on the 30th July, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

838/40.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, the Report of the Air Raid Precautions Committee Meeting held on the 20th August, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

839/40.

C O S T - O F - L I V I N G B O N U S.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th July, 1940, 59/40, stating that the Cost-of-living bonus for the period commencing 1st July, 1940, and until further notice, would, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Cost of Living) Act, 1940, be based on a cost-of-living figure of 85. The restriction on the upward variation of bonus on salaries or wages applied also to the bonus on superannuation allowances where such allowances carried bonus.

840/40.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS FOR COUNTY DONEGAL.

A letter dated 22nd August, 1940, ARP/186, was read from the Department of Defence stating that the Parliamentary Secretary had under consideration the question of Air Raid Precautions Schemes for areas other than County Boroughs and the towns scheduled in the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939. It had been decided that such schemes should include arrangements in respect of fire-fighting, first-aid, private shelters, and public instruction, with special reference to the principal city or town of each County, and to towns exceeding 4,000 in population. In Donegal arrangements as above would fall to be made only in Letterkenny.

The Department would supply fire-fighting equipment, as soon as it could be obtained, for Letterkenny. This fire-fighting equipment was intended to supplement the peace-time requirements of the Local Authority, and Authorities who had not provided reasonable peace-time equipment would be required to pay for such portion of the equipment as represented their peace-time requirements.

The training of the necessary personnel should not be held up pending the receipt of fire-fighting equipment, and proposals should be submitted for the training of volunteers to meet the service.

One First-Aid Post should be set up in the town referred to, and a list of drugs and dressings which had been approved for First-Aid Posts was enclosed.

It was not considered necessary that public air raid shelters should be provided in Donegal, but every opportunity should be availed of to stress upon householders the importance of the provision of private shelters.

The Council instructed the Secretary to send a copy of this letter to the Town Clerk of Letterkenny.

Councillor Scott inquired whether any Air Raid shelters had been erected by employers for their employees.

The Secretary was instructed to convey the terms of the Department's letter to the Convoy Woollen Mills, and the Milford Bakery Co.

It was decided to inquire from the Department of Education what steps they had taken in regard to Air Raid precautions at National Schools, so that the County Council could take the same steps in regard to Vocational Schools.

841/40.

COWLING AND CENTRAL CONTROL OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, Air Raid Precautions Branch, dated 25th July, 1940, ARP/126, referring to that Department's Circular Letters of the 23rd October and 20th November, 1939, regarding the cowling and central control of public lighting, and stating that it is understood that a number of electricity undertakings, other than the Electricity Supply Board, operate within the Council's functional area. It was essential that all street lighting should be cowed and centrally controlled. If cowling and central switching arrangements had not been made in any case where the street lighting was provided by a private undertaking, the Council should have the necessary arrangements made immediately. In any such cases a report should be furnished to the Department when the cowling and switching measures had been completed, indicating the districts concerned, the arrangements made, and the location of the control switch.

842/40.

ESTATE DUTY GRANT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th July, 1940, stating that a Paying Order for £647 : 7 : 3, in respect of Estate Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1940, had been forwarded to the County Treasurer.

843/40.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPLICATION FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

An acknowledgment was received of application for Minor Employment Grant for work at Gortnacart, Ardara.

844/40. ALLOWANCES FROM THE ROAD FUND TO CHIEF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd July, 1940, RS/203, referring to a copy of circular notifying recoupment from the Road Fund of allowances to members of the Survey Staff, and stating that in the case of County Donegal, £100 may be claimed in respect of the County Surveyor, and £55 for each of the two Chief Assistant Surveyors.

Councillor Brady stated that in other Counties the amount allowed to the Chief Assistant Surveyors from the Road Fund was £65 and he thought that a similar allowance should be made in Donegal.

He proposed that the matter be referred back to the Department for re-consideration.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

845/40. SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1940 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 30th July, 1940, L.1574/40, stating that the Minister was pleased to note that the Council had again adopted Sheep Dipping Regulations. As in previous years, arrangements should be made for the supply of suitable Forms and Posters for use in connection with these Regulations. The Gardai would again prepare and furnish lists of sheep-owners in the various Garda Districts in the County.

846/40. SAMPLE OF EMULSION OF BITUMEN WHICH DID NOT CONFORM TO SPECIFICATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st July, 1940, C.P.2052/2/40, referring to a communication received from the Chief Assistant Surveyor regarding a sample of Emulsion of Bitumen and Water sent by him for test. The sample did not conform to the specification. Messrs. McCreath, Taylor & Co., Ltd., Eden Quay, Dublin, had agreed to the return of the consignment from which the sample was taken, and to re-place it with a fresh quantity.

847/40. SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1940 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 31st July, 1940, L.2031/40, referring to the Report of the Sheep Dipping Committee held on the 23rd July, and stating that, subject to confirmation by the Council, the following proposals might be regarded as approved:-

Minute No. 25/40.

The appointment of Mr. Daniel D. Doherty as Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Dungloe District at the usual remuneration of £2 per week.

Minute No. 26/40.

The re-adoption of Sheep Dipping Regulations, as indicated, which, it was noted, except as regards Clause 5, were similar to those approved last year. In view of the delay that had occurred, the Council might, if they thought fit, insert a later date in August than the 1st idem in Clause 4 (c) of the Regulations.

The Minister would offer no objection to the acceptance by the Council, if they so decided, of the tenders received from Messrs. Hygeia, Ltd., Galway, for supplies of Golden Fleece Liquid Sheep Dip at 3s/11d per gallon, and from Messrs. Osmond & Sons (Dublin), Ltd., for supplies of "Viper" Fluid Dip at 4s/1d per gallon.

848/40. PROPOSED LOAN OF £6,000 FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th July, 1940, IR/20, inquiring whether the proposal of the Council to raise a loan of £6,000 for the purchase of road machinery had been advertised in a newspaper circulating in the County. If this was not done, a notice should be published, and copy of advertisement forwarded to the Department.

849/40. COST OF PREPARATION OF EIGHTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st August, 1940, F.19417/2/40, stating that the claim of the Registration Officer for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the Eighteenth Register of Electors had been examined, and it was found that the gross expenses amounted to £2,110 : 1 : 6; fees received, £8 : 4 : 6; net expenses, £2,101 : 17 : 0. When the claim of the Registration Officer and the demand of the Stationery Office in respect of printing, etc., had been paid, application should be made to the Department for recoupment of a portion of the expenditure.

850/40. PARISH COUNCILS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th August, 1940, acknowledging, with thanks, receipt of the Secretary's letter of 2nd August in regard to Parish Councils.

851/40. AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1941.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th August, 1940, stating that a Paying Order for £8,265 in respect of a further instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1941, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

852/40. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ballybofey on the 21st August, 1940, of lands at Drumkeen, now or formerly in the occupation of Michael Houston.

853/40. RATE OF WAGES TO BE PAID TO WORKERS ON ROAD GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th August, 1940, RM/201/W., stating that the rate of wages paid to road workers employed on works financed either wholly or partly out of Road Improvement Grants, Road Maintenance Grants, or Grants for the carrying out of Employment Schemes, were not to exceed the appropriate rate of wages obtaining on 1st September, 1939. The payment of Grants for the current financial year would be subject to compliance by the Council with the terms of this letter.

854/40. GREENCASTLE HARBOUR.

An acknowledgment was received from the Office of Public Works of receipt of extract from the Report of the Piers Committee Meeting of the 30th July, 1940, regarding Greencastle Harbour.

855/40. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUNTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 15adh Lughnasa, 1940, G.719/9/40, Dun na nGall, ag radh go gceaduiagheann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Dun na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach suas go dti an 31adh Lughnasa, 1940.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mi na Meadhon Foghmhair, 1940.

Socruigheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dti an 30adh Meadhon Foghmhair, 1940.

856/40. PARISH COUNCILS, AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th August, 1940, acknowledging, with thanks, receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 7th idem regarding the appointment of Parish Councils and the appointment of the County Secretary as Commissioner for the County.

857/40.

SUPPLY OF SHEEP DIP FOR THE 1940 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th August, 1940, G.22284/40, stating that the Secretary's letter of the 31st July regarding tenders for the supply of sheep dip for the 1940 Season had been transferred to the Department of Agriculture for any necessary action.

858/40.

CONSTRUCTION OF AIR RAID SHELTERS.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 10th August, 1940, ARP/43, referring to the Air Raid Precautions Schemes (Prescribed Provisions) Regulations, 1939, and stating that one of the functions of the Local Authority was the giving of any necessary instruction and advice to the public as to air raid precautions. Amongst the matters in respect of which such instruction and advice should be given was the erection of air raid shelters by the public. The Department had issued two pamphlets containing information on this subject, and persons inquiring regarding the construction of air raid shelters should be referred to these publications and not to the Department. The examination of shelters could not be undertaken by the Department except (a) in the case of the "beehive" shelter scheme operating in Dublin and Dun Laoghaire, and (b) in the case of shelters erected by employers for their employees.

859/40.

APPOINTMENT OF MISS M. B. TRAVERS AS CLERK-TYPIST IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th August, 1940, G.22572/40, sanctioning the appointment of Miss M. B. Travers as Clerk-Typist in the County Secretary's Office on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement issued in connection with the examination held in July, 1939.

860/40.

EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Three letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of the opinion that the evidence submitted in the three cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (NO. 10) Order, 1939.

861/40.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Councillor McIvor proposed the following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name and that of five other members:-

"That Minute No. 396/40 of the County Council of the 30th April, 1940, adopting a report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 23rd April, 1940, Minute No. 13/40, in connection with Office accommodation of the Committee of Agriculture, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

Councillor Cole seconded the motion.

Councillor Scott stated that the matter was not in order, as according to the Standing Orders the motion should have specified the resolution to be rescinded, and also furnished the terms of the motion to be made.

After some discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting at the request of Councillor McIvor.

862/40.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the County Surveyor had been on holidays, and that no report had been received from him in connection with the erection of bungalow at the junction of the Ballyshannon and Dunmuckrum Roads.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting. (756/40 C.C.)

863/40. PORCH ERECTED IN FRONT OF PREMISES OF MESSRS. P. CONLAN & CO., BUNDORAN.

The required consent of two-thirds of the members present having been obtained, Councillor McShea proposed the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name and that of five other members:-

"That Minute No. 635/40 of the 25th June, 1940, adopting the Law Committee's Report of the 11th June, 1940, calling on Mr. Conlan, Bundoran, to remove porch in front of his premises, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

Councillor Brady seconded.

Mr. Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, appeared before the Council on behalf of Mr. Conlan.

Councillor McShea stated that the porch in front of Mr. Conlan's residence did not create an obstruction. The porch in front of Ettrick House, Bundoran, created a very great obstruction, and he wondered why nothing was being done to have this porch removed.

Councillor McShea's motion was put to the Meeting and passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that steps were being taken to have the porch in front of Ettrick House removed, but some legal difficulties existed. He had now been informed by Mr. Ramage that these difficulties had been solved, and the matter was being referred to the Council's Solicitor.

864/40. COMPLAINT RE SURFACEMEN NOT HAVING BEEN PAID FOR SATURDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1940.

A letter was read from Councillor Baxter inquiring why 5/- was deducted from surfacemen's wages for the week ended Saturday, 29th June, 1940. Their case was that they worked 44 hours at 7½d. per hour, and that only 2s/6d should have been deducted.

The Secretary stated that the workmen were paid at the rate of 5/- per day, and not by the hour, and as they did not work on the 29th June they were not entitled to payment for that day.

Councillor Baxter proposed that when a Catholic Holiday, to which the Holidays with Pay Act did not apply, fell on a Saturday, all workmen who had worked for the other five days of that week be paid a half day's wages for that particular Saturday.

Councillor Friel seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the same thing would apply to a wet Saturday, but the Council decided to make no ruling at the moment regarding stoppages on account of weather conditions.

865/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF WORKMEN IN RESPECT OF WORK AT GLENTOGHER BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Councillor J. Kelly, Moneydarraagh, Gleneely, requesting an explanation from the County Surveyor as to why the following workmen were not paid for work done:-

William J. Doherty,

Carrowmore, Glentogher.....5 days' carting at Glentogher Bridge.

Patrick Doherty,

Carrowmore, Glentogher.....5 days' work at Glentogher Bridge.

Corney McLaughlin,

Glentogher.....5 days' work at Glentogher Bridge.

Mr. Caffrey stated that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor, reported that the men referred to had been paid.

Councillor Kelly stated that the men had not been made, and he demanded an explanation. He stated that the period concerned was the week ended 31st March, 1940.

Mr. Caffrey stated that he would go into this matter personally, and report to the next Meeting of the Council.

866/40. ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. DANIEL DOHERTY ON THE ROAD FROM
CARNDONAGH TO BUNCRANA BETWEEN GLENMAKEE THREE ROADS AND
ALTASHANE THREE ROADS.

As requested by the Council at their last Meeting, Minute No. 757/40, Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"This building is an extension to Mr. Doherty's new residence. It is situated on a very bad right angle corner. The corner is one of the worst corners of which I know, and is on the Main Road from Carndonagh to Buncrana."

Councillor Cole proposed that Mr. Daniel Doherty be given permission to go ahead with the erection of the building provided he signs an agreement to have it removed at any time he may be called upon to do so.

Councillor Friel seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed that, in the absence of the County Surveyor, the matter be adjourned until next Meeting for his personal report.

Councillor Mahony seconded Councillor Scott's amendment.

Following further discussion, the Chairman ruled that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting.

867/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES, ETC., BY CARRYING OUT OF
ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Keadue West, Burtonport, complaining of the destruction done to his property by the carrying out of the Rosses Road Scheme. Mr. Dillon and Councillor O'Boyle were to look into his claim, but he had not seen any of them yet. He now gave notice that he refused to pay any rates until his claim got attention.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Dillon and Councillor O'Boyle visited Mr. Patrick J. Ward, and fully investigated his claims for alleged damage. From the report to hand I would advise the Council to deny liability in this case. There is one point, however, on which I think the Council should meet Mr. Ward. There is a large piece of rock in the middle of one of his right-of-ways, which, he says, was put there during blasting operations by the County Council some years ago. I would suggest that when we have men working convenient to this place again, it would be only fair to take steps to remove this rock."

The Council noted the report, and approved of the recommendation that the rock be removed when the workmen are next in that area.

868/40. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION
WITH ROAD OPENING IN STRANORLAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Coyle, Stranorlar, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Callaghan reports that there were two holes opened, one on footpath and the other on road. As the surfaces have not been restored to their original state, I will have to use Mr. Coyle's deposit to restore the surfaces. I understand this report was submitted by Mr. Callaghan at the previous Meeting of the Council. As I am now living convenient to the place in question, I shall investigate the matter personally."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, pending personal inspection of the place in question by Mr. O'Reilly.

869/40. APPLICATIONS FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Doherty, Beaghmore, Fintown, applying for the position of surfaceman on the road between Fintown and Glenties.

A letter was read from Mr. Con Hanlon, Madavagh, Lettermacaward, applying for the position of surfaceman on the road between Glenties and Dungloe.

The Acting Co. Surveyors stated that the applications would be considered when vacancies arose.

870/40.

COMPLAINT RE COUNCIL WORKERS WHO REFUSED TO ASSIST THE
LOCAL SECURITY FORCE.

As requested by the Council at last Meeting, the Secretary submitted a return of Council workers who had joined the Local Security Force.

He stated that 18 Rate Collectors, 4 Veterinary Inspectors, the County Solicitor, 5 Courtkeepers, and 7 Harbour Masters had joined. Three members of the Office Staff, including himself, had also joined.

The Assistant Surveyors had submitted the names of the workers who had joined the Local Security Force, but it was not possible to determine how many of the total had joined.

Councillor Baxter took strong exception to the action of the Council which, he stated, was tantamount to conscription.

Councillor Blaney denied that it was conscription. He stated that the Council should let it be known that the Council did not look with favour on any of their employees who had not the courage or sense of responsibility to do their duty to their country. Preference in employment should be given to people who had joined one of the different services. Everyone could do something in the Local Security Force or in the Red Cross.

Several other members joined in the debate.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, pointed out that all road workers were recruited through the Employment Exchanges, and it would not be possible for the Council to differentiate between them.

Councillor Blaney then proposed that the Department of Industry and Commerce be requested to give preference to those receiving Unemployment Assistance who had joined the Local Security Force when sending forward names of persons for work on roads.

He proposed also that the Council should make a record of all their employees who had not joined the Local Security Force.

Councillor Brady seconded the motions, which were passed unanimously.

It was decided to make a note of the names of any persons who by reason of physical incapacity were unable to join.

871/40.

COMPLAINT RE FLAX DAMS WHICH ARE A DANGER TO THE PUBLIC.

A letter was read from Mr. Stephen O'Donnell, Terargus, Churchill, complaining that there were two flax dams beside the Main Road at Terargus, which were a danger to the public. Last year two of his cattle were poisoned by drinking the flax water. He would be obliged if the Council would see that these dams be removed before the commencement of the flax season, otherwise he would have to inform the Board of Fisheries, as the flax water flowed into Lough Acibin and destroyed all the trout.

A further letter was read from Mr. O'Donnell in the matter.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was not a matter for the Council.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the matter be referred to the Fishery Board for their attention, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

872/40.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO WINDOW PANE AT MULLINDRAIT.

A letter was read from Mrs. H. McMenamin, The Bungalow, Mullindrait, Stranorlar, stating that while repairs were being carried out on the road adjacent to the County Home, two window panes in her house were broken. She wished to know if the Council would re-place the panes, or would she have the work carried out at the Council's expense.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:- "I have investigated Mrs. McMenamin's complaint. The road past the store and house was lifted and re-laid. Both buildings are only 10 feet and 8 feet from edge of road. The pane in cottage appeared to be broken by a stone but the store pane did not, as it was only a small hole in the upper corner. One of the men admits hearing a stone strike the cottage window when he was picking the road past it. Mrs. McMenamin has got both panes re-placed at a cost of 1s/9d."

The Council decided to refund the sum of 1s/9d to Mrs. McMenamin.

873/40. COMPLAINTS RE INCREASED LORRY TRAFFIC ON ROADS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph McKelvey, Road Contractor, Commeen, Doochary, stating that owing to increased heavy lorry traffic, caused by the closing down of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway, he was unable to maintain the road between Commeen and Doochary with the quantity of material specified for the contract.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McMonagle, Derrynaspol, Doochary, Contractor on a three-mile stretch of the Doochary-Glendowan Road, complaining that Railway and other Lorries had seriously damaged this road, and requesting that the Council give the matter their immediate attention.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"I inspected the Doochary-Letterkenny County Road, via Glendowan, and find that there are a number of depressions, and the surface of the road badly cracked. The Road Contractors inform me that the Swilly Lorries are taking six and seven ton loads over the road, and unless this traffic is stopped before the coming winter, the road will be impassable. Messrs. Kelly, Ltd., and other owners of lorries have used this road for a number of years without doing any injury to the road. Therefore, it must be true that the Swilly lorries are over-loading. The lorries should be compelled to go on the Main Crolly-Dungloe Road."

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor, reports that Roads Nos. 1195 and 1247 are being very badly cut up by the haulage of bog iron-ore over them. These are essentially turf roads, and if this extraordinary traffic is allowed to continue the roads will soon become impassable."

Councillor O'Boyle stated that it would be a tremendous hardship if the Council restricted the haulage of turf by lorry. It was the competition between the two Railway Companies for the traffic to Doochary that was causing all the damage. The Lough Swilly Railway Co. never catered for this place by rail.

Councillor Walsh proposed that the Railway Co. be asked to use the road round by Dunfanaghy as the road between Commeen and Doochary, and between Doochary and Dungloe was in a hopeless condition.

Councillor O'Boyle, in seconding the motion which was passed unanimously, stated that he never remembered the road between Doochary and Dungloe having been in such bad order.

Councillor Baxter suggested that the tonnage should not be spread on roads until about the month of June.

Councillor Scott suggested that the Railway Co. should use lighter lorries.

The Council unanimously decided to point out to the Railway Co. that unless they refrained from using Bog Roads the Council would be compelled to enforce the provisions of the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911 (Extraordinary Traffic.)

874/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McGuire, Lower Killult, Gortakork, applying for a position as Ganger. He was a married man with two children and was section leader of the L.S.F.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy at the moment.

875/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED TO COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Garndonagh, stating that Mr. Daniel P. Diver, Clougherna, Garndonagh, was willing to accept 3d. per ton for stones taken by the Council for side-filling. He requested that a Paying Order for £3 : 15 : 0 be forwarded in final settlement.

The Secretary stated that the Paying Order for £3 : 15 : 0 had been returned to Mr. Diver.

876/40. REQUEST TO BE FURNISHED WITH MEASUREMENT OF STONES ROLLED IN ON CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas McGonigle, Greevy, Ballyshannon, requesting to be furnished with measurement of stones rolled in on his contract for the past two years.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham, Assistant County Surveyor, reports that Mr. Thomas McGonigle, Greevy, has already been told the quantity of stones he put up."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

877/40. APPLICATION FOR WORK AT STONEBREAKER.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis McBride, Rossapenna Cottages, Downings, applying for work at the stonebreaker which was working in the locality. He had five dependents and had no income, except 11/- per week Unemployment Assistance.

Mr. Caffrey stated that the men in this case had to be taken through the Employment Exchange. The work in question was now finished.

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

878/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE FOR REPAIR OF CARRICKMAGRATH-MEENGLASS ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Mullen, Carrickmagrath, Ballybofey, complaining of the condition of the Carrickmagrath-Meenglass Road. The matter was before the Council on two occasions and it was promised that repairs would be carried out, but nothing had yet been done. If it was not repaired soon it would be the cause of some serious accident.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"A grant has been provisionally allocated for this road out of the 1940/41 Employment Schemes Vote. The grant is, however, dependent on the sanction of the Department."

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the Department be requested to approve of the allocation of a grant for the repair of this road.

Councillor Hannigan seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously. (Scheme No. 74) (E.S.V. Schemes, 1940/41.)

879/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM THE MAIN ROAD AT BALLINA TO MOROSS FERRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Kerr, Moross, Tamney, complaining of the condition of the road from the Main Road at Ballina to Moross Ferry. This road served a large area "Between-the-Waters". It was subject to flooding at high tides and passage was impossible. As no money had been expended in that district up to the present it was only fair that a sum should be set aside to put this road in proper order.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor reported that repairs were being effected in this case.

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

880/40. ALTERATIONS TO TELEGRAPH POLES ON FAHAN-BURNFOOT ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, referring to road widening which was being carried out on the Fahan-Burnfoot Road necessitating alterations to telegraph poles, and inquiring if the cost of the road widening was being defrayed out of a Government Grant or out of the Council's funds.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the cost of the road widening in question was being defrayed out of a Government Grant.

881/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT AN outhouse ALONG THE
RAPHOE-DERRY MAIN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. David Best, Raphoe, applying for permission to erect an outhouse beside his dwelling-house on the Raphoe-Derry Main Road. The outhouse would consist of concrete walls, and a corrugated iron roof. If at any time the ground would be required by the Council he would be agreeable to facilitate them.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As the proposed building will be only 24 feet from the centre of the road, permission should be refused."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for his favourable consideration.

882/40. COMPLAINT RE BROKEN PIPE ON COUNTY ROAD AT DERRYREEL,
FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Ferry, Derryreel, Falcarragh, calling the Council's attention to a broken pipe alongside the County Road opposite his dwelling-house. About 25 or 30 yards from his house there was a junction where two roads met, and no vehicle could take the turn without coming on to his street. If this turn were cut and widened it would keep vehicles from using his street.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"The pipe is not a County pipe and is Mr. Ferry's responsibility. The Assistant Surveyor reports that he had no difficulty in turning his own car."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

883/40. COMPLAINT RE COUNCIL WORKERS WHO REFUSE TO JOIN LOCAL
SECURITY FORCE.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Gallagher, Ardlaghan, Cloghan, inquiring why the permanent workers and Gangers of the County Council would not join the Local Security Force. It was too bad that men who were working every day would do nothing to assist their country, while others who were drilling and doing night duty, were not allowed one day's work.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McLean, Garvan, Cloghan, stating that Mr. Edward Gallagher had no authority to speak or write on behalf of the Local Security Force in the Cloghan District.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Gallagher, Assistant County Surveyor, reports that there are no permanent workers in his area - there is one ganger. About five weeks ago a number of L.S.F. men working on grant work were taken from this work at 1 p.m., and lost their half-day's pay."

Councillor Baxter stated that he had a similar experience. He had a man employed working at hay and he was called away to assist the L.S.F.

The Council decided to inform the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, that they were of the opinion that men should not be called away during their day's work, thus depriving them of a full day's pay.

884/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT UP TO 8TH AUGUST, 1940, IN RESPECT OF WORK
DONE ON ROADS BETWEEN MURRIN BRIDGE AND THREE ROADS AT
KINNALOUGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McElwaine, Ballylar, stating that he had been keeping the road from Murrin Bridge to the Three Roads at Kinnalough in repair up to the 8th August, 1940. He had quarried, carted, and piled on the roadside 40 tons of metal. He was never notified by the Council that his contract was broken. He was notified on the 3rd July that it still held good, and he now wished to know who was going to pay for the error and the work done.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. McElwaine will be dealt with for any work done up to the present at the half-yearly payments, but he is not to do any further work on the road without definite instructions."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

885/40. COMPLAINTS RE CONDITION OF ROADS AND NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD WORK IN THE DISTRICT OF MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen McGuinness, Carrowhugh, Moville, stating that a deputation from the Greencastle District would appear before the Council in connection with the repair of the road leading from Greencastle to Glenagivney.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in the townland of Drumaweir, Greencastle, complaining of the dangerous state of the road leading from Mark Brown's to Glenagivney, including the two branches, one to Coyle's and the other to Ballybrack Road (Map No. 250). They demanded that the Council give immediate attention to this road and asserted that failure to do so might end in rebellion and non-payment of rates.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, enclosing copy of a claim by his client, Mr. John Burns, Balleighan, Greencastle, for services rendered to the County Council and the Board of Health for which he had not received payment. Mr. Burns also wished to know on what grounds he was dismissed on the 30th September, 1939, and reinstated on the 18th November, 1939.

The Council decided to consider the three foregoing items together, and in connection with the complaint of Mr. Owen McGuinness, Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"This road is in as good order as it ever has been during my time here. It was offered for tender at last Road Sessions, but no person took it. To put this road in proper repair as required by the memorialists would take at least £500, and this statement has been made on a number of occasions. There is also very heavy traffic on this road at present caused by lorries drawing turf. It has been constantly kept in repair, even with the slender resources available."

Regarding the complaint of the ratepayers of Drumaweir, Mr. Caffrey also submitted the following report from Mr. O'Neill:-

"The sum allowed for this road, viz., £30, is totally inadequate for its upkeep owing to the exceptionally heavy traffic, hauling turf with lorries, etc. It would take £1,000 to put this road in the condition that these people want it. This road is continuously repaired as far as practicable with the amount of money allowed for it."

Mr. John Burns appeared before the Council in connection with his claim. He submitted his claim from which it was alleged that a sum of almost £40 was due to him for work done for the County Council and Board of Health at various dates since the year 1933.

He also complained of irregularities in this district in the carrying out of road work, and stated that on one occasion the Assistant Surveyor was influenced by an anonymous letter, whereby a road which was in much need of repair was not repaired at all.

Councillor James Kelly stated that nothing whatever was being done to the roads under the supervision of Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor. Mr. O'Neill (Councillor Kelly stated) was absolutely useless as a Surveyor, and it would be better for the Council to pay a good man for doing the work in this district.

Councillor McIvor stated that everyone was aware that a number of grave irregularities had occurred in this district, to the extent that some Board of Health funds were used for paying for work for the County Council, and County Council funds had been used to pay for Board of Health work.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the County Surveyor for a special report for next Meeting on the claim of Mr. John Burns, Balleighan, Greencastle; a report on the allegations made by Councillors Kelly and McIvor; and a report as to the general efficiency of the Assistant Surveyor concerned.

886/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR FOUR HOURS' OVERTIME WORKED IN THE WEEK ENDED 29TH JUNE, 1940.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Harpur, Drumbane, Castlefin, Charge Hand employed at the cutting of a Hill known as "Gamble's Hill", stating that he and his gang worked four hours' overtime for the week ended 29th June last, for which they received no payment.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that in the special circumstances these men would be paid.

887/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR BRANCHES CUT DOWN AND ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY THE GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Scanlon, Ballinamore, complaining that a Ganger named John Wright cut down branches from ash trees growing on his land along the County Road. These branches were slightly overhanging the roadway, but were neither obscuring the light nor obstructing the view. These branches were cut without his permission and were removed by lorry. He remonstrated with the Ganger and demanded what he rightly considered his property, but the Ganger indignantly refused to remove the timber from the lorry and drove off, stating that he had the authority of the Council to claim and take such timber. He intended to claim full compensation for the damage done and for the value of the timber removed.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that the Ganger, John Wright, cut some overhanging branches, and intended to use same to fence around quarries. When Mr. Scanlon objected the Ganger left the branches back."

The Council decided to **direct** the Survey Staff to inform Gangers that they had no right to claim branches which had been cut down along roadsides.

888/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT RUSHEYHILL, KILLYGORDON, THROUGH DEFECTIVE WATERCOURSE.

A letter was read from Messrs. James Boyle & Co., Solicitors, Stranorlar, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Patrick McMenamin, Rusheyhill, Killygordon, with reference to a defective watercourse maintained by the Council on the Public Road at Rusheyhill. It would appear that the Council maintained a gullet or drain under the road for the purpose of conveying surface water and stream water to an open drain on the lands of a man named Bradley. This drain was unable to carry the flow of water, with the result that the public road became flooded and surface water flowed down their client's lane and into his fields. They would be glad if the Council would have the matter rectified immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor:-

"This is a road which was repaired by the Irish Land Commission and taken over by the County Council. The trouble about this pipe is that there is not a sufficient fall in Bradley's land. The water lodges in the pipe, and gets silted up with sand and mud. Mr. McMenamin's lane is about 18 inches lower than the road level, and when the water overflows it runs down the lane. I have now got the pipe opened and cleaned. This will prevent the flooding for some time."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

889/40. EMPLOYMENT OF MR. PATRICK J. SWEENEY, B.E., TEMPORARY ENGINEER, IN PLACE OF MR. LENNON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, ABSENT ON MILITARY SERVICE.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor notifying the Council that Mr. Lennon, Assistant County Surveyor, had been called up for military service. He had arranged that Mr. Sweeney take charge of Mr. Lennon's district during his absence, and he requested the Council's approval to this step and their approval to the payment of Mr. Sweeney's salary.

In a further letter the County Surveyor stated that Mr. Lennon left the Council's service on 3rd August, 1940. At his request, Mr. Lennon had not taken his holidays this year as other districts were disorganised through illness, etc. He wished to know if the Council would be agreeable to allow Mr. Lennon to take three weeks' holidays as from the 3rd August.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Council decided to approve of the employment of Mr. P. J. Sweeney as substitute Assistant Surveyor for Mr. Lennon, and to pay Mr. Sweeney at the rate of £5 : 5 : 0 per week.

It was also decided to pay Mr. Lennon for the three weeks ending Saturday, 24th August, 1940, which were to be reckoned as his annual holidays.

890/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR ROAD METAL SUPPLIED BY MR. MICHAEL
McCOLGAN, CREGNAMULLIN, STRATHS, CLONMANY.

A letter from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, was read stating that he had been consulted by Mr. Michael McGolgan, Cregnamullin, Straths, Clonmany, with reference to an agreement which he made with the Council's Surveyor, Mr. W. J. Doherty, regarding a supply of gravel for road metal. Mr. McGolgan allowed the Council, through their agents and employees, to take gravel from Straths River Bank on his lands at a fixed price of 2d. per ton. A large tonnage of gravel was taken from the bank for which no payment was received. He now claimed payment for 700 tons at 2d. per ton, £5 : 16 : 8. Unless payment was made within 14 days legal proceedings for recovery of the amount would be instituted without further notice.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor was on holidays, and he had no report from him on this matter.

The Council adjourned the matter until next Meeting.

891/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ERECTION OF BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER
AT STRACASTLE, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from a number of farmers in the townland of Stracastle, Glenties, requesting that a bridge be erected across the Druish River to enable them to gain access to their lands on the south side of the river.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

892/40. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PORTION OF LAND AT GLEBE, DONEGAL,
FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, referring to extract from the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council regarding the proposed acquisition of land at Glebe, Donegal, from Mr. W. McDaid, West End, Bundoran, and stating that the opinion of the County Surveyor, as far as their client was concerned, was a very mistaken one. The facts, as stated in their previous letter, were correct. The land consisted of three building plots, on one of which a house had already been built. The land now proposed to be acquired was to be taken from the two remaining plots, and one of them would be rendered absolutely useless for building purposes, and the other one considerably reduced. The Surveyor's remark as to the lands being of little value did not apply in this case, and they failed to see how the price asked was considered to be a ransom, when their client was at present receiving a ground rent of £6 from the plot leased. The amount asked for was reasonable and their client was entitled to be properly compensated for his loss. They wished to know what the Council were prepared to do in the matter.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the estimated value of the land which the Council proposed taking was £10.

The Council decided to point out to Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry that as building ground this site was useless as the provisions of Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, would apply, and the Council would object to the building of any houses at this corner within 30 yards of the corner.

It was also decided to offer £10 for the land proposed to be acquired, and, if not accepted, to let the matter drop.

893/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF DRAIN BETWEEN
GREEVEOUGHTER AND DRUMHALLA, RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the townlands of Greeveoughter, Rathmullan, asking that a grant be made available for cleaning the drain between Greeveoughter and Drumhalla. Owing to the condition of this drain at present, their holdings were flooded for 200 perches.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

894/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BRIDGE AT GORTNACART, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. P. G. Logue, Ardara, again requesting that the Council consider the matter of repairing the broken bridge at Gortnacart, Ardara. He stressed the urgency of the matter in view of the fact that the bridge might be swept away by the September floods.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the bridge was not on a County Road, and it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works.

895/40. COMPLAINT RE MANNER IN WHICH MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME IS BEING CARRIED OUT AT SUMMY, PORTNOO.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew McNelis, Summy, Portnoo, complaining that the work being done under a Grant for the drainage of portion of the river from its mouth at Sandfield through the townland of Summy was not being properly carried out, and requesting that an Inspector be sent to investigate the position.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This refers to work carried out under a Minor Employment Scheme in the year 1938/39. This grant was for the cleaning and deepening of a stream from Kilclooney R.C. Church to the Strand, a distance of four miles, as the Main Road beside the Chapel was flooded several times every year. A supplemental grant had since been received and the work was now in progress. The grant was intended to benefit a number, and not particularly for Mr. McNelis. However, as there is still a substantial balance on hands on this Scheme, we will endeavour, as far as is reasonable, to accommodate Mr. McNelis."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

896/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON BALLYSHANNON-BUNDORAN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Brien, Finner, Bundoran, applying for the position as surfaceman on the Ballyshannon-Bundoran Road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

897/40. AMOUNT OWING TO THE COUNCIL BY BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL.

Councillor Scott inquired if the Commissioner for Buncrana Urban Council had made any reply to the Council's request for a payment of £2,000 on foot of the amount owing to the County Council.

The Secretary stated that no reply had been received.

Councillor Scott stated that according to Press reports the Commissioner stated that he would make a payment when funds were available, but notwithstanding that he had promulgated grandiose schemes involving the expenditure of over £7,000. He considered this most unfair when ordinary ratepayers were being pressed to pay their current rates.

Councillor Scott also inquired who was responsible for the agreement which the Commissioner had referred to in connection with the cleaning of the Main Street in Buncrana.

The Secretary stated that this agreement had been made between the County Surveyor and the Commissioner. He also added that he thought the Council should appreciate the difficulties the Commissioner was experiencing.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Commissioner be again asked for a payment of £2,000.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

It was also decided that if, and when, a public inquiry was being held into the applications for sanction for the substantial loans required by Buncrana Urban Council the County Council be represented at the inquiry, if a substantial payment has not been made in the meantime.

898/40. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING-PLACE AT MUCKROSS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 9th August, 1940, C.87.39/1/36, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th December, 1939, regarding improvement of landing-place at Muckross, Kilcar, and stating that a Certificate of Completion was signed by the County Surveyor and their Engineer on the 20th April last, as from which date the responsibility for maintenance of the breakwater, causeways, etc., rested with the Council in pursuance of Clauses 8 and 9 of the Agreement which governed the execution of the works. With regard to the approach road constructed by the Council in July, 1939, they had been informed by the County Surveyor that the surface suffered damage as a result of the exceptionally heavy traffic on it in bad weather during the progress of the work on the breakwater, but it was understood that the County Surveyor had arranged to repair the road at an estimated cost of £22, and that he had also agreed to execute a minor repair, estimated to cost £3, to the breakwater, which was slightly damaged during a storm in March last. They would be glad, on completion of these two items, to be furnished with a certified statement of the total expenditure under the heads of wages, materials, insurance, fencing and compensation, covering all the work carried out by the Council at the landing-place. The expenditure incurred by the Office of Public Works on the breakwaters, causeways, etc., had amounted to £546 :14 :10, the increased cost over the estimate of £470 being due to the increase in the cost of labour and materials since the estimate was prepared, and to delay the interference caused by adverse weather, and tidal conditions during November and December last. When the Council's statement of expenditure had been received, the necessary financial adjustments would be made.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I append statement of account showing the expenditure incurred by the County Council in constructing approach road and improving the landing-place at Muckross, Kilcar.

Construction of approach road.....	£44	:14	:10.
Repair of Road.....	£7	: 0	: 0.
Compensation for land.....	£10	: 0	: 0.
Construction and erection of concrete posts at entrance.....	£3	:12	: 0.
Bending and erection of handrail.....	£1	: 0	: 0.

TOTAL.....£66 : 6 :10.

In addition a sum of £3 will be required for a small repair of breakwater. This breach is in no way dangerous, but we must await an extremely favourable abb tide in order to carry out the work. This will bring the total amount to £69 : 6 :10."

The Council noted the report and decided to send a copy of it to the Office of Public Works.

899/40. OBSTRUCTION TO EXECUTION OF MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME AT KINDRUM.

A letter was read from Mr. Bertram Barton, Solicitor, Portsalon, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. Dan Shovelin, Kindrum, with reference to certain repairs to a right-of-way leading from the County Road at Kindrum to a field belonging to Mr. Shovelin at the north end of the right-of-way. A grant of £40 had been made for this work, but this sum would probably be insufficient to complete the road. Mr. Shovelin had so far refused his consent to the work being started as he understood it was to begin at the County Road end. If the road was not completed he would be cut off from access to his field at the other end. He would, however, be agreeable to give his consent on condition that the work was begun at the north end of the right-of-way and the money expended from that end as far as it would go."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this letter referred to a Minor Employment Scheme which had to be abandoned due to want of consents, and had been withdrawn by Office of Public Works.

Councillor Baxter stated that in future consents should be obtained before Grants were allocated.

900/40. CO-OPERATION OF COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF PARISH COUNCILS.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer, Committee of Agriculture, enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting of his Committee authorising the Officers of the Committee to co-operate, as far as possible, with the Local Authority in the establishment of Parish Councils.

The letter was noted.

901/40. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer, Committee of Agriculture, enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee recommending for appointment on the Committee, Messrs. Patrick Borland, Aughadreena, Rossnakill, and Robert Carey, Carrowmena, Moville, in place of Messrs. J. McGonigle and W. J. McDaid.

Councillor Friel inquired why Councillor James Kelly who had re-placed Mr. W. J. McDaid as a member of the Council had not been recommended for appointment on the Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor Baxter proposed the appointment of Mr. Borland, and Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Friel proposed the appointment of Councillor James Kelly, and Councillor Mahony seconded.

Both proposals were passed unanimously.

902/40. COMPLAINT RE COUNCIL WORKERS REFUSING TO JOIN THE LOCAL SECURITY FORCE.

A letter was read from a number of members of the Falcarragh Local Security Force complaining that in that locality many non-members of the Local Security Force were being employed by the County Council, while others, who were members, were unable to secure employment, although much in need of it.

The letter was noted.

903/40. SALARIES OF TEMPORARY CLERKS IN COUNCIL'S EMPLOYMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Dromore, Killygordon, asking that salaries of Temporary Clerks in the Council Offices be increased to £3 per week, and requesting that, if necessary, he be permitted to appear before the Council in support of his application.

A further letter was read from Mr. Doherty asking to have the matter adjourned until October.

The Council decided to mark both letters "read."

904/40. FEES OF COUNTY ANALYSTS.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council, enclosing, for the consideration of the Council, a report in connection with fees of County Analysts submitted to the General Council by its Emergency Committee.

The matter was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee.

905/40. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from the following:-

Charles Ward, Main Street, Glenties.

Thomas H. Comiskey, Clonmany.

Mrs. Mary McKelvey, Letterbrick, Cloghan.

Doe Co-operative Society, Greeshlough. (B. McGinley).

Thomas Holmes, Ltd., Convoy.

The Council decided to renew the licences in each case, subject to satisfactory reports from the Gardaí.

906/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. B. V. Kelly, Rate Collector, applying for payment of a sum of £12 :11 :10 in respect of recoupment for revenue stamps affixed to Rate Receipts.

The Secretary stated that the account was now out-of-date.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to pay the account.

907/40. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS IN MEENAGOLAND AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McMonagle, Kingarrow, Fintown, complaining that although he made several applications he had not been given any road work in the Meenagoland Area.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Supervising Ganger reported that Mr. McMonagle made no application for work.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

908/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CLOUGHGLASS ROAD, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from the ratepayers of Cloughglass, Burtonport, stating that they would pay no more rates until the road was repaired to enable them to get home their turf. This was the last notice they intended giving. Unless the Council did something in the matter they would start the work themselves on Monday, 26th August, 1940.

Councillor Walsh inquired why nothing was being done to this road. He stated that the people were going to be left without a fire.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"A grant has been provisionally allocated for this road under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1940/41. The grant is subject to the sanction of the Department. I would recommend that the Department be asked for advance notification of sanction in this case as the repair is urgent."

The Council unanimously decided to request the Local Government Department to forward advance notification of sanction for this work, Scheme No. 93, £300, Employment Schemes Vote, 1940/41.

909/40. CLAIM FOR DAMAGE DONE TO ENTRANCE GATE AT LOUGH VEAGH HOUSE, CHURCHILL.

A letter was read from Mrs. Johnstone, Lough Veagh House, Churchill, inquiring what the Council intended doing in regard to compensation for wall which was cut away at her Entrance Gate at Lennon Bridge. She considered £6, the amount offered by the Council last year, insufficient, and suggested that she would accept £10 on condition that the Council did the coping and pointing to correspond with the other side, and that they remove the lengths of trees which are at present most unsightly.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

910/40. REQUEST FOR PREFERENCE FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL SECURITY FORCE IN ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. James Coyle, Transport Leader, Local Security Force, Carndonagh, stating that preference should be given to members of the L.S.F. in the allocation of all road work throughout the County.

The letter was noted.

911/40. CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MR. MICHAEL A. DOHERTY AS TEMPORARY ENGINEER FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS.

The County Surveyor applied to have the services of Mr. Michael A. Doherty, Temporary Engineer, continued for a further period of three months, i.e. until 30th November, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council decided to continue Mr. Doherty's services for a further period of three months.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notifications of intentions to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, were submitted in respect of the following premises:-

St. Johnston Orange Hall.
 Sarsfield Bandroom, Kinnycally, St. Johnston.
 Lyric Hall, Lifford.
 Central Hall, Carndonagh.
 Edeninfagh Hall, Glenties.
 Market Hall, Glenties.
 Mully Hall, Glenties.
 Meenmore Hall, Meenmore East, Fintown.
 Halla na Paroiste, Cluain Manach.
 Hall at Cullinean, Redcastle.
 "Davis's Hall", Letter, Clonmany.
 Concert Hall, Convoy.
 Marathon Hall, Raphoe.
 St. Patrick's Hall, Altaghaderry, Carrigans.
 Cloughaneely Parochial Hall, Gortahork.
 St. Columba's Hall, Knocknabollan, Termon.
 Drumoghill Parochial Hall, Drumoghill, Manorcunningham.
 "Con Boyle Memorial Hall", Drumnasallagh, Termon.
 Trentagh Recreation Hall, Trentagh.
 Kilmacrenan Recreation Hall, Kilmacrenan.
 Hall Cumann Luith Cleas Gaedheal, Cloich Cheann Fhaoiligh.
 St. Eugene's Hall, Moville.
 Kilbride Hall, Shrove, Greencastle.
 Roshin Hall, Killybegs.
 Drumnaraw Hall, Drumnaraw, Greeslough.
 Cashelard Hall, Ballyshannon.
 St. Mary's Hall, Pettigo.
 Lettercran Hall, Pettigo.
 Ballyliffin Hall, Clonmany.
 A.O.H. Hall, Annagry.
 Boyle's Hall, Lettercaugh.
 Doochary Hall, Doochary.
 A.O.H. Hall, Gweedore.
 Carrowcannon Hall, Falcarragh.
 Greeslough Hall, Greeslough.
 Parochial Hall, Kilcar.
 Parochial Hall, Frosses.
 Dunkineely Hall, Ballymagowan, Dunkineely.
 Parochial Hall, Castlefin.
 Hall at Donnyloop, Castlefin.
 St. Joseph's Hall, Illies, Buncrana.
 St. Patrick's Hall, Drumfries, Buncrana.
 St. Egney's Hall, Desertegney, Buncrana.
 "Doherty's Hall", Ballintra.
 National School, Laghey Barr, Laghey.
 Parochial Hall, Laghey.
 "Meehan's Hall", Port, Inver.
 Leghowney Hall, Donegal.
 Tanatallon Hall, Mountcharles.
 A.O.H. Hall, Ardaghey, Inver.
 Lettermore Hall, Lettermore, Inver.
 Meenatuggart Hall, Meenatuggart, Donegal.
 Tullyloskin Hall, Tullyloskin, Donegal.
 Drimarone Hibernian Hall, Drimarone, Letterbarrow.
 Parochial Hall, Carndonagh.
 John Colgan Hall, Carndonagh.
 Hall at Carrowblagh, Carndonagh.
 Cregnagor Hall, Cregnagor, Rashenny, Clonmany.
 Diamond Hall, Milford.
 Premises at rear of Carrigart Hotel, Carrigart.
 Parochial Hall, Umlagh, Carrigart.
 St. Patrick's Hall, Rosnakill.
 Premises of Bernard Gormley, Greencastle.
 Parochial Hall, Mullans, Donegal.
 Central Hotel, Bundoran.
 The Hall, Drumskeellan, Ture.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935. (CONTINUED).

Public Hall, Killygordon.
 Parochial Hall, Drumkeen.
 An Hella Mhuire, Convoy.
 Parochial Hall, Kiltyferrigal, Gloghan.
 St. Patrick's Hall, Backmountain, Malin.
 St. Mary's Hall, Carnmalin, Malin Head.
 St. Comgall's Hall, Bocan, Culdaff.
 The Hall, Glentoskert, Glengad.
 St. Patrick's Hall, Carrowmore, Malin.
 Thiepval Memorial Hall, Convoy.
 Ballymore Men's Club, Ballymore.
 A.O.H. Hall, St. Johnston.
 Greenbank Hall, Quigley's Point,
 Orange Hall, Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham.

913/40.

BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

The Acting County Surveyors asked the Council to break the following Contracts:-

Glenties Area.

No. 6, April 1938, Peter Sweeney, Ballinamore.

No. 7, April 1938, John Moy.

Letterkenny Area.

No. 24, April 1938, Map No. 1142, Pat Maguire, Dooballagh.

Lifford Area.

No. 44, April 1938, Map No. 1260, John Curran, Irish Street, Raphoe.

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

914/40.

ROAD BETWEEN BRIDGE AT CASHEL AND WHINPARK, GLENTOGHER,
RECENTLY DECLARED A COUNTY ROAD.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor applying for the sum of £200 for the repair and maintenance of the road between the Bridge at Cashel and Whinpark, Glentogher, which was recently declared a County Road.

Councillor Scott proposed, and it was unanimously decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

915/40.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PLACE AN OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
WIRE AT ROSSNOWLAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Patterson, Rossnowlagh, applying for permission to place an overhead electric wire of 50 volts across the road at his residence. The poles could be placed on his own land and not on the roadside, so that there would be no interference or danger to anything on the roadway.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I suggest that permission be granted to Mr. W. J. Patterson provided he conforms with the E.S.B. regulations concerning the minimum clearance over the roadway which could be used for vehicular traffic. The minimum clearance in the present instance is 18½ feet."

The Council decided to make it one of the conditions that all persons crossing roads with wires be required to use wires properly insulated in accordance with Post Office requirements.

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Confirmed.

Neil Blane

Chairman of Co. Council.

24th September, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1940.

916/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Crerand, Friel, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McClaafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, Kelly (James), McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

917/40.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from the Chairman, Councillor Michael O'G McFadden, and, in his absence, Councillor Blaney presided at the Meeting.

918/40.

ABSENCE FROM THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The Chairman read a letter from the County Surveyor stating that he had been called away to an important Conference in Dublin, and expressing his regret for his inability to be present at the Meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th September, 1940, R/IR/142, stating, for the information of the Council, that the Minister proposed to arrange a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin on the 24th September to confer with the Department's Chief Engineering Adviser on matters arising out of the present emergency, and it was trusted that the County Surveyor would arrange to be present at the Conference.

919/40.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th August, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

920/40.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClaafferty, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th August, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

921/40.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th August, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 17th September, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

922/40.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 17th September, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

923/40.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott stated that at the Meeting of the Scholarships Committee on the 17th September, 1940, he had apologised for the absence of Councillor Baxter, but this was not mentioned in the Report of the Committee.

With this amendment, the Report of the Committee was adopted unanimously.

924/40.

BURTONPORT PIER.

Arising out of the Report of the Meeting of the Law Committee held on the 17th September, Councillor Brady inquired if the Council would have to finance the special Bill in connection with Burtonport Pier through the Oireachtas.

The Secretary replied in the affirmative.

925/40.

BALLYNESS PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis A. Carr, Secretary, Gortahork Parish Committee, stating that the Parish Committee wished to have a Grant allocated for the repair of Ballyness Pier. The Pier had not yet lost its usefulness, and there was the probability of it being used for the export of Muckish sand.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

926/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF WOODEN BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER AT STRANAGARROW, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Drumnatinney, Falcarragh, who used the wooden bridge crossing the river at Stranagarow, erected under the Ray River Drainage Scheme, appealing to the Council to have the bridge repaired with the least possible delay. The upper portion of the timber had decayed, and 14 acres of the land was under potatoes, oats, turnips, and mangolds. The present condition of the bridge was absolutely dangerous for horse and cart traffic thereon, and they requested that one of the Council's Engineers be instructed to inspect and report on the condition of the bridge.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

927/40.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT CARROWBLAGH, PORTSALON, THROUGH DIVERSION OF WATER-COURSE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, stating that Mrs. Jane Carr, Leverock, Rosnakill P.O., had instructed him to complain that considerable damage had been done to her property, situate in the townland of Carrowblagh, by flooding caused by the County Council's workmen changing the water-course on the road at Portsallon to Carrowblagh, and diverting the water by means of a pipe across the road into her fields. She had lost two cattle in consequence of this flooding.

Councillor Blaney stated that this matter had been before the Council some time ago, and he was sorry to hear that nothing had since been done in the matter.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor for his immediate attention.

928/40.

LODGING OF SURFACE WATER OUTSIDE ST. PATRICK'S HALL, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, enclosing copy of the following report received by the Bundoran Urban Council from the Medical Officer of Health:-

"As Medical Officer of the Bundoran District, I hereby report to you that surface water is lodging in the water table outside St. Patrick's Hall, Bundoran, and I recommend the Council to ask the County Council to direct the County Surveyor to have the surface water drained."

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

929/40.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd August, 1940, R/RS/7, stating that it was noted from the Secretary's letter of the 26th June that the Co. Surveyor would reside at Carrigans and that his travelling expenses would be counted from there. It was also noted that on occasions he found it necessary to remain overnight in outlying parts of the County, he would be allowed 15/- per night for subsistence.

930/40. COST OF EXAMINATION HELD BY LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENT OF A JUNIOR ASSISTANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th August, 1940, G.5382/4/40, regarding the proposed refund to the Library Committee of a sum paid by the Committee for the holding of an examination for a Junior Assistant, and inquiring why the refund was necessary having regard to the fact that the Council had placed the proceeds of the Library Rate at the Committee's disposal for purposes connected with the Library Service.

931/40. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Moville on the 18th September, 1940, of lands in Moneydarragh, now or formerly in the occupation of Patrick Duffy.

932/40. EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY TYPIST FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th August, 1940, R/RS/7, referring to the Council's Minute No. 764/40, and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the temporary employment of Miss M. Gallagher at £2 a week for a period of three weeks during the absence on annual leave of Miss McLaughlin.

933/40. HARBOUR DUES COLLECTED AT GORTNASATE PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th August, 1940, enclosing Payable Order for £16 : 3 : 1, being the amount payable to the Council under Section 6 (2) of the Marine Works Maintenance Act, 1902, in respect of dues collected at Gortnasate during the year ended 31st March, 1940.

934/40. OUT-OF-DATE PAYING ORDER (MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES).

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 5th September, 1940, stating that Payable Order No. 158344, drawn in favour of Edward Devir, Rannakilla, Carrick, might be endorsed so as to enable payment to be made thereon from the 1939/40 Sub-Account within a period of say two weeks from the date of endorsement.

935/40. ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES OF BUTTER TAKEN BY AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 6th September, 1940, SK.1/5/39, stating that an Officer of the Department acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, obtained 28 samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for County Donegal, who certified that they proved to be genuine.

Councillor Baxter inquired if the County Council would be liable for payment of the Analyst's fees in respect of the 28 samples of butter referred to.

The Secretary stated that the Council would be liable for payment.

Councillor Baxter stated that to his mind this seemed to be duplication of work. The County Council had 20 members of the Gardaí acting as Food and Drugs Inspectors in the County, and these Officers took samples of butter. He proposed that the Department of Agriculture be requested to pay the Analyst's Fees for the analysis of the 28 samples of butter taken by their Inspector.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

936/40. RE-ISSUE OF OUT-OF-DATE PAYING ORDERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th August, 1940, R/RM/7, stating that Paying Orders Nos. 1108 (£2 : 10 : 8), and No. 386 (£5 : 6 : 8) issued on the 28th November, 1939, might be re-dated.

937/40. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter dated 10th September, 1940, was read from the Local Government Department, G.24615/40, stating that the Minister had extended to a date not later than the 30th October, 1940, the time within which the Council might pay the sum of £12 :11 :10 to Collector B. V. Kelly, in respect of Postage Stamps affixed to Rate Receipts.

938/40. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde faoi dhata an 9ad Meadhon Foghmhair, 1940, G.719/10/40, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadaíoch.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £60,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Deire Foghmhair, 1940.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 suas go dtí an 31ad Deire Foghmhair, 1940.

939/40. ALTERATIONS TO TELEGRAPH POLES ON FAHAN-BURNFOOT ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, referring to road widening on the Fahan-Burnfoot Road, and stating that as the cost of the road widening was being borne by a Government Grant an account for the cost of the consequent alterations to telegraph poles estimated at £2 :15 : 0 would be rendered to the Council in due course.

940/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BRIDGE AT GORTNACART, ARDARA.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th September, 1940, E.4078, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 3rd September with copy of Minute No. 894/40, relative to a proposal submitted by Mr. P. G. Logue, Ardara, for the repair of a bridge in the townland of Gortnacart Glebe, and stating that this proposal would be considered on its merits in competition with any other proposals received for the area and in the light of the unemployment position at the time in connection with future programmes of Minor Employment Schemes.

941/40. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - DELAY IN SUBMITTING PRESCRIBED FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 13th September, 1940, asking to be furnished with Forms T.2/3 in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of William Holmes, Drumoghill, Manorcunningham; James Reilly, Cappry, Ballybofey; and Mrs. Patterson, Drumoghill, Manorcunningham.

942/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Grants for works at Stracastle, Glenties; and Creeveoughter and Drumhalla, Rathmullan.

943/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

Nine letters were submitted from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the nine cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939.

944/40. FORMER UNION LIABILITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government dated 11th September, 1940, enclosing forms for particulars relating to former Union liabilities.

945/40. QUESTION OF GIVING PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT TO PERSONS WHO HAVE JOINED THE LOCAL SECURITY FORCE.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, House 5, Castle Yard, Dublin, acknowledging the receipt of the Council's Minute No. 870/40 asking that the Department give preference to those receiving Unemployment Assistance who had joined the Local Security Force, when sending forward names of persons for work on roads.

A further letter dated 17th September, 1940, E.B.246000, was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce stating that the selection of men for employment on works financed wholly or partly from Central Funds was based on the principle that when there was not sufficient employment for all the unemployed such work as was available should, as far as possible, be given to those who, being physically fit and qualified to perform the work, were relatively in the greatest need of it. The degree of relative need for employment of this kind was determined by the rates of Unemployment Assistance to which the applicants were entitled, preference being given to those entitled to the higher rates over those entitled to the lower rates. It was stated that, while appreciating the public spirit shown by men who were acting as members of the Local Security Force, the Department in selecting men for such employment could not take into account factors other than those set out above, having regard to the principle involved.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Martin, Gannev, Glencolumbkille, stating that the County Council was about to start work on the Main Road between Glencolumbkille and Carrick. The men drawing Unemployment Assistance were called to work through the local Labour Exchange with the result that members of the L.S.F. had objected to the men working and had stopped the work as they maintained they had preference. He wished to know if the County Council approved of this. He also wished to know if the people on whose land the road was being constructed were entitled to work as they were not asking compensation, and if they did not get work they would ask compensation.

Councillor Blaney stated that the Department's letter of the 17th September only applied to Grant work, and did not affect works financed wholly from Council funds. He still held that preference should be given to members of the L.S.F. where Council work was concerned.

Councillor Baxter stated that there should be no compulsion about enlistment in the Local Security Force until conscription was made general by the State.

Councillor Houston stated that there should be no question of preference for members of the Local Security Force.

After further discussion in which Councillors Scott, Friel, and McIvor also joined, Councillor Baxter proposed that the Council adopt the same attitude in this matter as the Department of Industry and Commerce, i.e. that no preference be given to members of the Local Security Force as such.

Councillor McIvor seconded the motion, which was put to the Meeting, the voting resulting as follows:-

For the motion:- Councillors Baxter, Byrne, Crerand, Houston, Myles, McGree, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh. For:- 15.

Against the motion:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Cole, Friel, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Mahony, McCafferty, Kelly (James), and O'Donnell (Michael). Against:- 10.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

946/40. PURCHASE OF ROAD PLANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th September, 1940, R/IR/20, stating that the Minister raised no objection to the purchase by the Council of the road plant indicated in the Secretary's letter of 31st July, viz:-

Messrs. T. Coleman & Sons.	2 Flapper Sprayers	at £190:10:0 each.
Do.	2 Boilers	at £139:15:0 each.
Messrs. Ingersoll Rand.	2 Jackhammers	at £43: 0:0 each.
Do.	1 Sharpener	at £202: 0:0 each.
"Consolidated".	2 Compressors.	

947/40.

COMPLAINTS RE IRREGULARITIES IN ROAD WORK IN THE DISTRICT OF MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The Council proceeded to consider the following items on the Agenda:-

- (1) Letter from Councillor James Kelly enclosing five Notices of Motion, and asking the Secretary to notify Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, to attend the Council Meeting.
- (2) Letter from Councillor James Kelly inquiring if the three men about which he complained at last Meeting (Minute No. 865/40), had yet been paid for work done at Glentogher Bridge during the week ended 31st May, 1940.
- (3) Letter from Councillor James Kelly requesting an explanation from the County Surveyor as to how money was spent on Roads, Map Nos. 235a, 238, and 239, and inquiring what tonnage of metal was put on these roads for the last three years.
- (4) Letter from Councillor James Kelly inquiring how much money was for the following Main and County Roads:-
 - (1) From Four Roads at McGonologue's, Carrowmore, to Three Roads at Bocan Chapel.
 - (2) From Bocan to Guldaff.
 - (3) From Bocan to Gleneely.
 - (4) From Gleneely to Noone's Bridge.
 - (5) From Gleneely to Carrowmore.
 How much had been spent to date and what work had been done for this expenditure for this present year. What tonnage of metal, if any, was put on these same roads last year or how money was expended?
- (5) Letter from Councillor James Kelly requesting an explanation from the County Surveyor regarding Gangers or Foremen. What rate per day were they paid? Why was it that one Ganger was paid more than another, or who had the fixing of Gangers' pay?
- (6) Letter from Councillor James Kelly enclosing memorial with names of unemployed from Gleneely District who claimed that they did not get fair play in the distribution of road work in that district.
- (7) Letter from Councillor James Kelly requesting an explanation from the County Surveyor's Staff as to why Grant No. U.154E., No. 5, was partly spent on Road from Three Roads Ballybrack to Greencastle, and remainder was transferred and spent on road from Moville to Bredagh Glen. Why transferred?
- (8) Letter from Councillor James Kelly inquiring why Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, refused to sign any sheets with accounts of Messrs. McDonald Bros. on them
- (9) Report from the County Surveyor on the claim of Mr. John Burns, Balleighan, Greencastle, for payment for work done for the County Council and Board of Health at various dates since 1933. (885/40 C.C.)
- (10) Letter from Mr. John Burns, Ballymacarter, Greencastle, asking to have no further action taken in connection with his claim as he wishes to have the matter dropped.
- (11) Report from the Co. Surveyor on the allegations made at the last Meeting of the Council by Councillors Kelly and McIvor regarding the carrying out of road work, etc., in the district of Assistant Surveyor O'Neill. (885/40 C.C.)
- (12) Report from the Co. Surveyor on the general efficiency of Assistant Surveyor O'Neill as requested by the Council at their last Meeting. (885/40 C.C.)

The Secretary read the following report from the Co. Surveyor:-
 "There are several items on the Agenda for the Council Meeting on the 24th September involving rather serious charges against Mr. O'Neill's administration of his district. I think it would be advisable if these matters were dealt with, in the first instance, by a Sub-Committee of the Council, or, if the Council prefer, the Engineering Committee. This Committee could then, having had my various reports on the matters, forward their report to the Council itself. I make this suggestion so as to be quite fair to Mr. O'Neill, and to avoid any undue publicity until the various charges have been properly investigated.

I may mention that I have only just returned from holidays, and have not yet had time to make complete investigations into these matters."

COMPLAINTS RE IRREGULARITIES IN ROAD WORK IN THE DISTRICT
OF MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR. (CONTINUED).

In view of the County Surveyor's report, Councillor Scott proposed that the foregoing twelve items be referred to the Engineering Committee.

Councillor Kelly agreed to this course, and it was unanimously decided to have a Meeting of the Engineering Committee at twelve noon on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1940.

Councillor Baxter proposed that Councillor Kelly be appointed a member of the Committee.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

The Secretary pointed out to Councillor Kelly that copies of any complaints which it was proposed to raise, apart from those on the Agenda, should be forwarded to him not later than the 12th October so that the charges could be properly investigated.

948/40. DATES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER, 1940.

It was decided to have Meetings of the Sub-Finance and Law Committees on Tuesday, 15th October, 1940.

949/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN OWENEA MILL,
TULLYCLEAVE, AND MAIN ROAD AT MAAS, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Councillor Brady stating that representations had been made to him regarding the condition of the road from Owenea Mill, Tullycleave, Ardara, to the Main Road at Maas, Glenties. The road at present was scarcely passable and a number of pipes and bridges were broken. He suggested that provision be made in the forthcoming Road Works Scheme for putting this road into proper repair.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Councillor Brady has been misinformed regarding the County Road, Nos. 54 - 57, April 1938, between Owenea Mill and the Main Road at Maas. There are no broken-down pipes or bridges on the road. Half the number of the people of the Ardara Parish use this road for carting and lorrying their turf, and not one of them has the least complaint to make. The complaint simply means that a number of people living in the townland want a Grant for the road, and also want it rolled."

Councillor Brady accepted the report.

950/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR DRAINING, LEVELLING, AND FENCING
A NEW SPORTS FIELD IN THE TOWN OF GLENTIES.

Councillor Houston proposed the following Notice of Motion which was on the Agenda in his name and that of Councillor Byrne:-

"That this Council apply to the Board of Works for a grant of at least £500 for the purpose of draining, levelling, and fencing a new Sports Field in the town of Glenties."

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

951/40. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

At the request of Councillor McIvor the following rescinding Notice of Motion which was on the Agenda in his name and that of five other members was adjourned until next Meeting:-

"That Minute No. 396/40 of the County Council of the 30th April, 1940, adopting a Report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 23rd April, 1940, Minute No. 13/40, in connection with Office accommodation of the Committee of Agriculture, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

952/40. FOOTPATHS IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM.

Councillor Michael O'Donnell proposed:- "That the Council ask the Board of Works for a grant of £150 to improve existing and provide additional footpaths in the village of Newtowncunningham."

The Council decided to ask Councillor O'Donnell to discuss this matter with the County Surveyor before the preparation of next Road Works Scheme.

953/40,

PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN AT THE
JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

The Secretary read the following report from the County Surveyor re the above matter:-

"I inspected the proposed Bungalow site of Mr. Vaughan near Ballyshannon on the 20th instant, and discussed the matter fully with Mr. Vaughan and his Solicitor, Captain Ramage, on the spot.

The decision as to whether permission should or should not be given for the building of the Bungalow depends solely on the simple issue as to whether, if the structure was erected, there would be a reasonable view for traffic using these roads. In my view in a matter of this kind, where the safety of the public is involved, no fine line of distinction as to what is safe or what is unsafe should be allowed. The 1925 Act takes care of this point when it lays down a distance of 90 feet within which structures cannot be erected without permission.

In the present case I inspected the site very carefully, and I have no doubt that ~~were~~ the Bungalow erected there would not exist a reasonable view for traffic at this point. The corner is a dangerous one; the main road is not too wide; and the point that few people use the side road is, in my opinion, simply a matter of degree, and does not affect the main issue. If the Bungalow were erected, a car on the Main Road, 22 to 25 yards from the corner, would only see a car on the side road, about the same distance from the corner.

I beg, therefore, to report that permission to build should not be given. I regret very much I cannot facilitate Mr. Vaughan in this matter, but I have had to come to my conclusion solely with the interests of the public in view."

Councillor McShea stated that the County Surveyor's report was most unfair, and he proposed that Mr. Vaughan be given permission to build on his signing the usual Agreement. He stated that he disagreed with the report, as to his mind the safety of the public was not being taken into consideration at all.

Captain Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, again addressed the Council on behalf of Mr. Vaughan.

Councillor Friel supported the application of Mr. Vaughan, and seconded Councillor McShea's motion.

Councillor Myles proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting for the attendance of the County Surveyor.

Councillor Scott seconded.

After further discussion, Captain Ramage stated that in fairness to the County Surveyor, he would agree to an adjournment of the matter until next Meeting. (862/40 C.C.)

954/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. DANIEL DOHERTY ON THE ROAD
BETWEEN GLENMAKEE THREE ROADS AND ALTASHANE THREE ROADS.

The County Surveyor reported as follows re above:-

"I inspected to-day the site of the building extension which Mr. Daniel Doherty proposes to carry out at his residence at Collin, Carndonagh. I met Mr. Doherty on the site and discussed the matter with him. The proposed building is at a very dangerous corner on the Carndonagh-Buncrana Road. At the moment the corner is blind due to a rather high hedge which completely shuts off the view. It was, therefore, difficult to see how much of the road was visible were this extension allowed. At the moment I am inclined to think that an obstruction to the view of users of the road would be caused by the building of this extension, especially as it had been proposed to widen the corner. The point that matters in this case is that I have had under consideration at the moment a road diversion at this point. A survey has been made of this diversion, and I hope to come to a decision on this matter very shortly. If this diversion is made, as it appears likely at the moment it will be made, then I am of opinion that there might be less objection to the building extension proposed by Mr. Doherty.

I suggest, therefore, that the matter be left in abeyance until a decision is reached regarding the road diversion. I hope to be able to report on the matter at the next Meeting of the Council."

The Council noted the report and decided to await the County Surveyor's further report on the matter.

955/40. DEPOSIT LODGED BY MR. EDWARD COYLE, STRANORLAR, IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF PUBLIC ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Coyle, Stranorlar, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

Mr. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As requested I have investigated Mr. Edward Coyle's claim for a refund of a deposit of £2 made by him in connection with a road opening. It appears that the Waterworks Caretaker served a notice on Mr. E. Coyle to have a leak at the stop-cock opposite Coyle's house repaired. On opening the road and footpath it was discovered that the leak was really from the connection to Messrs. Raitt's premises. Messrs. Raitt had the necessary plumbing carried out, but refused to reimburse Mr. Coyle re Road opening deposit. In view of all the circumstances, I suggest that the deposit of £2 be refunded in full to Mr. E. Coyle."

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Co. Surveyor to have the deposit refunded.

956/40. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. Michael McColgan, Glegnamullin, Straths, Glonmany, with reference to an agreement which he made with the Council's Surveyor, Mr. W. J. Doherty, regarding a supply of gravel for road metal. Mr. McColgan allowed the Council, through their Agents and employees, to take gravel from Straths River Bank on his lands at a fixed price of 2d. per ton. A large tonnage of gravel was taken from the Bank for which no payment was received. He now claimed payment for 700 tons at 2d. per ton, £5 16s 8d. Unless payment was made within 14 days proceedings for recovery of the amount would be instituted without further notice.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor:-

"There has been some misunderstanding of the ownership of the gravel as it was taken from the bed of a river. There was only 100 tons taken from Mr. McColgan's side of river bed, and on explaining the situation of boundaries to Mr. McColgan he has agreed to payment of 16s/8d for this tonnage, and same will be included for payment on next Time Sheets."

The Council decided to send a copy of the report to Mr. White.

957/40. ROAD BETWEEN BRIDGE AT CASHEL AND WHINPARK, GLENTOGHER, RECENTLY DECLARED A COUNTY ROAD.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor applying for the sum of £200 for the repair and maintenance of the road between the Bridge at Cashel and Whinpark, Glentogher, which was recently declared a County Road.

Councillor Cole proposed that the County Surveyor apply for a loan for the repair of this road.

Councillor Friel stated that it might be possible to have Grant allocated for the repair of the road.

After further discussion it was agreed to adjourn the matter until the Annual Road Works Meeting in January, 1941. (914/40 C.C.)

958/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Ganny, The Hotel, Carndonagh, asking to have Paying Order No. 9168 dated 16th December, 1938, for £1 14s 8d in favour of Bernard Gallagher, Glebe, Carndonagh, re-issued.

A letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Glenties, enclosing Paying Order No. 30141 dated 15th March, 1940, for £1 7s 2d in favour of Patrick McMenamin, Kingarow, Fintown, and asking to have it re-issued.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the re-issue of these Paying Orders.

959/40.

RAISING OF LOAN OF £6,000 TO DEFRAY EXPENDITURE ON THE
PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd September, 1940, IR/20, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had sanctioned the raising by the Council of a loan of £6,000 to defray expenditure on the purchase of road machinery; the loan to be obtained from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., and to be re-payable over a period of five years with interest at the usual rate.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, re raising of loan of £6,000 for the purchase of road machinery. As the Council's original proposal in this connection was for a loan of £12,000, the Council should pass an amended resolution providing for the raising of a loan of £6,000.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council raise a loan of £6,000 for the purchase of road machinery; the loan to be re-payable over a period of five years with interest at the usual rate.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

960/40.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT, 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th September, 1940, RGM/201/40, stating that a provisional allocation had been made on the basis of 40 per cent. of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads for 1940/41, and on this basis the allocation towards upkeep of Main Roads in County Donegal for the current financial year had been fixed at £13,676. The allocation was conditional on compliance with certain conditions.

Arising out of this letter, Councillor Myles asked to be furnished with a return showing the amount paid in Motor Tax in County Donegal, and the amount recouped to the Council afterwards from the Road Fund.

Councillor Cole asked that the County Surveyor pay particular attention to the Inishowen Area when allocating Grants in future.

961/40.

COMPLAINT RE ENCROACHMENT ON BOG PLOT AT GARROWNAMADDY,
CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, stating that they had been informed by their client, Mrs. Isabella Durnin, Casey, Dunfanaghy, that she understood workmen of the County Council intended entering on her Bog Plot at Garrownamaddy for the purpose of making and widening a roadway thereon. The Land Commission already laid off a Bog Road over their client's Bog Plot for which no compensation had yet been given her. She did not, however, object to repair being made to this road, but she absolutely objected to any encroachment on her Bog Plot as now held by her at least until proper arrangements were made to show what part of her Plot was being taken and until she was properly compensated therefor.

A further letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry stating that notwithstanding their previous letter some of the Council's workmen had stated that they were about to proceed with widening the Bog Road. Their client did not want to stand in the way of the Council in improving the road, and in order to facilitate them she was prepared to allow the Council to take a certain amount of her land on the left-hand or Creeslough side of the Bog Road leading from the County Road into the lands provided fair compensation was allowed therefor. She objected to land being taken on the right hand or Falcarragh side as, amongst other things, the taking of this land would destroy a special site which their client constructed for building her turf. They were also informed that it was the Council's intention to take gravel from portion of their client's land at the head of the Bog Road, and their client would offer no objection provided she received the usual compensation of 4d. per ton.

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

962/40. ILLNESS OF MR. JOHN COLL AND MISS MAUREEN TRAVERS OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE STAFF.

A certificate was submitted from Dr. S. P. Kerrigan, Lifford, showing that Mr. John Coll of the Council's clerical staff was confined to bed with an acute attack of tonsillitis, and would be unfit for duty for one week from the 9th September, 1940.

A certificate was submitted from Dr. C. Bannigan, Co. Hospital, Lifford, showing that Miss Maureen Travers would be unfit for work for 14 days from the 1st September following an operation for the removal of tonsils.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Coll had resumed duty after one week's absence, and that Miss Travers had taken up duty in his Office on Monday, 16th September, 1940.

The matter was noted.

963/40. CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS A CLERK IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The Secretary stated that sanction to the continuance of Mr. J. F. Quigley's employment as a Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office expired on 30th September, 1940.

The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"I would be glad to have the approval of the Council for the employment of Mr. J. F. Quigley for a further period of six months, i.e. until 31st March, 1941.

Mr. Quigley's work is principally that of a draughtsman, and also dealing with various reports in connection with Employment Scheme Grants."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the continuance of Mr. Quigley's services for a further period of six months. (L.G.D.'s letter dated 29/4/1940, G.8486/40).

964/40. EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERKS IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEME GRANTS.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor applying for the Council's approval to the employment of a temporary clerk for work in his Office arising out of Employment Scheme Grants for a further period of six months, i.e. until 31st March, 1941.

The Secretary stated that he would require a sum of £350 to cover the employment of six Temporary Clerks to 31st March, 1941, in connection with work arising out of Employment Scheme Grants.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the allocation of a sum of £400 for Temporary Clerical assistance; the extra £50 to cover the assistance required by the County Surveyor.

965/40. COST OF EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1939.

A letter was read from the Department of Education, Primary Branch, dated 19th September, 1940, Trg. 2/48713, referring to their letter of the 23rd November, 1939, asking for payment of £12 : 19 : 6 in respect of the special papers prepared at the instance of the Council for the 1939 Scholarship Examination, and stating that a supplementary claim amounting to £2 : 11 : 3 had now arisen as a result of the increase in rates paid to the Contractor on all classes of confidential printing. A Paying Order for this amount should be remitted as soon as possible.

The Council unanimously decided to pay the amount.

966/40. COST OF EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, 1940.

A letter was read from the Office of National Education dated 13th September, 1940, enclosing account for £18 : 0 : 8 in respect of fees and expenses paid to extern examiners in connection with the marking of papers of the candidates at the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1940, and asking to have the amount paid.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

967/40.

IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT PORT, INVER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th August, 1940, S.W.1/3/56, stating that representations had been received as to the necessity for the improvement of the landing facilities at Port, Inver. The proposal had been inspected by their Engineer who reported that the existing structure, which was in the charge of the Office of Public Works for maintenance, consisted of a narrow Pier protected on the south side by a storm wall. In addition to these works there was a short steep slipway, or ramp, along the northern edge of the Pier. This slipway, it was reported, did not extend sufficiently far shoreward, and was in a poor state of repair. Their Engineer considered that the following improvements would be of benefit:-

- (a) the extension of the existing storm wall for a distance of 52 feet;
- (b) the extension of the paved decking to meet the storm wall so produced;
- (c) the provision of an experimental timber groyne about 30 feet long at the back of the storm wall;
- (d) the construction of a new slipway 14 feet broad and 85 feet long on a gradient of 1:9 along the inner face of the Pier. (This slipway would, for portion of its length, lie on top of the slipway referred to at paragraph (1) above;

The cost of having these works carried out, under the supervision of their own Engineer, was estimated at £470. The Parliamentary Secretary was disposed to recommend the making of a grant of £352 from the Employment Schemes Vote, conditional on the making of a contribution of £118 by the Council, and an undertaking to accept responsibility for maintenance of the proposed works and also of the existing Pier and storm wall.

Councillor Brady stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion for next Meeting in connection with the required contribution of £118 by the Council.

The Council unanimously decided to accept responsibility for maintenance of the proposed works; and also of the existing Pier and storm wall.

968/40. ERECTION OF FISHERY LIGHTS AT GLASAGH POINT, BUNBEG.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th September, 1940, C.90.1/1/36, referring to previous correspondence between the Council and the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) regarding proposed Fishery Lights at Glasagh Point, Bunbeg, and to a resolution dated 17th December, 1935, Ref. No. 1332/35, by which the Council decided to undertake to accept responsibility for the maintenance and operation of two leading lights proposed to be erected for the guidance of craft returning from the fishing grounds north-west of Inishirrer. A full cost grant of £55 had since been sanctioned from State funds towards the cost of the works, and the necessary sites and right-of-way, as indicated on an enclosed cutting from 6" Ordnance Survey Sheet No. 23, had been acquired. The lights proposed to be erected comprised two clear white, paraffin burning, copper leading lights of the standard masthead type, on concrete posts 10 feet high. It was hoped to proceed with their erection within the next few weeks. As the execution of the works was not expected to take more than three weeks the Council might wish to take preliminary steps towards arranging for the caretaking or operation of the lights.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the necessary steps be taken to have the appointment of a Caretaker for these lights made at next Meeting at a wage of £2 per annum.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

969/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BOG ROAD AT KINDROICHEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McGann, Irish Ballyharry, Gerrowmone, applying for a grant for the repair of 24 perches of a bog road from Ballyharry Bog to Kindroichead Bog.

The Council decided to refer Mr. McGann to the Board of Works.

970/40. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT TRYBANE, LOUGHROS POINT.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 11th September, 1940, S.W.1/3/18, stating that representations had been received as to the necessity for providing improved landing facilities at Trybane, Loughros Point, to facilitate the local fishery interests. The site had been inspected by their Engineer who reported that at present landings at low water were made on a sandy beach, which was approached by means of two channels at right angles to one another, the shorter channel being some 100 yards long and the other some 300 yards long. The local fishermen requested the removal of rock from the approach channels, but following discussions with their Engineer they agreed that the clearance of the shorter channel would meet their requirements. Their Engineer estimated that to clear the channel to a width of 15 feet down to the level of the beach would involve the removal of about 180 cubic yards of rock, and would cost about £150. The work would give, in effect, a kind of slipway on a very easy gradient (about 1 in 65). In addition it was considered that a beacon or perch might be erected on a high spur of rock which lay at the eastern edge of the proposed channel and was just covered at H.W.O.S.T. Such a perch, together with the light which already existed at the site would serve to mark the channel at periods of high water. A small stream which flowed on to the strand close to the proposed opening might have to be diverted a short distance in order to prevent its carrying sand down the channel when in flood. The cost of carrying out the works referred to was estimated at £150. A plan showing details of the proposed channel and the beacon or perch was enclosed. The Parliamentary Secretary was disposed to recommend the making of a grant of £112 from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the cost of the proposal conditional on the Council:-

- (1) arranging for the execution of the works under the supervision of the County Surveyor;
- (2) making a contribution of £38 towards the estimated cost;
- (3) giving an undertaking to accept responsibility for (a) keeping the channel clear of rocks in the future, and (b) the future maintenance of the perch or beacon.

Councillor Brady stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion regarding the contribution of £38 for next Meeting.

The Council decided to arrange for the execution of the works under the supervision of the County Surveyor, and to give the required undertakings to accept responsibility for (a) keeping the channel clear of rocks in the future, and (b) the future maintenance of the perch or beacon.

971/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF HOUSES AT MEENACLADDY.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Gillespie, Meenacladdy, Meenlaragh, complaining of the flooding of three houses at Meenacladdy owing to a drain along the County Road being choked. The road pipe was about two feet above water level and was not in a position to carry any water through the drain.

Mr. Caffrey submitted the following report:-

"The Assistant Surveyor reports that the pipe is clear and low enough to vent the water. The drain leading to and from the pipe is not the responsibility of the Council."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

972/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE FOR THE COUNCIL IN JUNE, 1940.

A letter was read from Mr. Barney Gallagher (present address, Castlehackett House, Belclare), stating that he worked five days last June for the County Council and did not get paid. He worked for Ganger J. J. Doherty, under the supervision of Assistant Surveyor O'Neill.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor O'Neill stating that, according to his records, Bernard Gallagher had been paid for all time he worked.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Engineering Services Committee for consideration at their Meeting on 22nd October, 1940.

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The Council decided to refer the matter to the Engineering Services Committee for consideration at their Meeting on 22nd October, 1940.

973/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF GUIDE LIGHTS AT ROSBEG PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th September, 1940, C.90.5/1/36,, referring to a resolution dated 29th March, 1938, No. 292/38, by which the Council decided to agree to accept responsibility for the operation and maintenance of three leading lights proposed to be erected for the guidance of fishing craft making for Rosbeg Pier; and to subsequent correspondence in the matter under reference nos. 1254/38, 1242/39, and 1360/39. A full cost grant of £80 had been sanctioned from State funds towards the cost of the works, and the necessary sites and right-of-way for two of the lights (as indicated on an enclosed 25" O.S. LXIV.13) had been acquired. The third light was to be erected on Rosbeg Pier which was in the Council's charge for maintenance as from 31st August, 1939. It was hoped to proceed with the erection of the lights within the next few weeks. Meanwhile, as the execution of the works was not expected to take more than three weeks the Council might wish to take preliminary steps towards arranging for the caretaking or operation of the lights. In this connection the Council would no doubt consider the application of Mr. J. J. Kearney who very kindly granted sites, with right-of-way, for two of the lights. They enclosed two copies, plan, specification, and agreement governing the Rosbeg and Glasagh Point Lights for acceptance by the Council by means of a formal resolution. One copy each of the plan and specification should then be signed by the County Surveyor, and returned to them with one copy of the Agreement signed by the County Secretary.

A letter dated 10th October, 1938, was read from Mr. J. J. Kearney, Rosbeg, Glenties, applying for the position of caretaker of the lights proposed to be erected by the Board of Works on his lands.

Councillor Brady proposed that Mr. J. J. Kearney be appointed Caretaker of the lights at a wage of £3 per annum.

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

It was also decided to accept the conditions laid down by the Board of Works concerning the Rosbeg and Glasagh Point Lights.

974/40. COMPLAINT RE QUARRYING OF MATERIAL AT TRUSSEY'S PARK, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Frank Doherty, Michael McLaughlin, and Alexander McClure, Magheramore, Carndonagh, complaining, on behalf of the tenants of Trussey's Park, that no action had yet been taken regarding their protest against County Council workmen quarrying and removing road material from quarries on Trussey's Park. They had received no payment, and they warned the Council that their Solicitor would take action unless material taken away was paid for, and an agreement, satisfactory to the tenants, was reached.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Geoffrey from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"This matter has been before the County Council on several occasions, and no material has been taken since any objection was raised."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

975/40. RESIDENCE OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR FOR MILFORD DISTRICT.

Councillor Baxter stated that the Council had decided that the Assistant County Surveyor for the Milford Area should reside in the town of Milford.

Mr. McIvor, the new Surveyor for that district, had taken up duty, but was not residing in Milford. He understood he was residing in Letterkenny.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to call Mr. McIvor's attention to the Council's resolution.

976/40. COMPLAINT RE CARTING OF GRAVEL FROM FARM AT BENMORE, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Quinn, Benmore, Cloghan, claiming compensation for water gravel carted away from the lower portion of his farm at Benmore for road work.

The Assistant Surveyor for the district reported that none of the Council's employees carted away any gravel from Mr. Quinn's farm.

977/40.

PROPOSED PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF MRS. McNULTY AS
CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th August, 1940, G.22010/40, transmitting medical report form in connection with the permanent appointment of Miss McNulty, Clerical Assistant, and requesting that the form be handed to Miss McNulty with instructions to have it completed by a registered medical practitioner and returned direct to the Department.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th August, 1940, G.22010/40, in reply to an inquiry from the Secretary, stating that the medical report form forwarded with the Department's letter of the 9th August should be returned by Mrs. McNulty, temporary clerk in the Council's Offices.

The Council noted the letters.

978/40.

CHARGES FOR USE OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor dated 4th September, 1940, asking to have the approval of the Council to the following charges for Explosive Materials, which he proposed charging at Magazines to the various works throughout the County:-

Gelignite.....	1s/9d per lb.
Gunpowder.....	1/- per lb.
Electric detonators (cotton insulated).....	6d. each.
Ordinary detonators (No. 6.).....	10/- per 100.
Electric detonators (submarine).....	1/- each.
Fuse.....	1/- per coil.

He stated that the prices were considerably higher than the cost prices, but they were meant to pay off eventually the cost of the construction of the magazines, and also to cover certain haulage charges, etc.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council approve of the prices. Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

979/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

The Secretary submitted the following return showing the amounts of arrears owing by borrowers under the Housing Acts:-

William McGrossan, Milford.....	£6	: 1	: 2.
Miss Mary Doherty, Glenmakee, Collin P.O.....	£3	: 9	: 4.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£22	: 5	: 0.
William Boyle, Gortnasillagh, Glenties.....	£2	: 0	: 8.
Mrs. George Doherty, Meedanmore, Quigley's Point. (Reps. Mrs. Annie Bradley).....	£37	: 6	: 3.
Patrick Clafferty, Cleagh, Clonmany.....	£2	: 5	: 6.
Edward J. Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh....	£49	: 7	: 0.
John J. Doherty, Cloncha, Culdaff.....	£4	: 9	: 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille. £2	: 3	: 8.	
Mrs. Bridget Grant, Ardascannon, Clonmany....	£2	: 1	: 4.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh....	£80	: 8	: 0.
Daniel McEleney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh....	£3	: 12	: 7.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£12	: 13	: 9.
Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.....	£32	: 9	: 3.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh P.O..	£23	: 1	: 0.
Miss M. A. Coll, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore....	£5	: 19	: 6.
James Barrett, Glenalla, Ray.....	£5	: 10	: 2.
Patrick McCahill, Killian, Frosses.....	£2	: 19	: 9.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Remelton.....	£37	: 17	: 5.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan....	£21	: 9	: 2.

A letter was read from Messrs. William Speer & Son, Auctioneers, Letterkenny, stating that they had on their books a farm of land for sale for Mr. Daniel Coyle situated at Clooneymore. They had not been able to dispose of it so far, but immediately it was sold the amount owing to the Council would be paid.

The Secretary stated that Edward J. Doherty, Ballyloskey, and Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan, were carrying out the terms of the undertakings they had given.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct their Solicitor to take proceedings against all persons owing more than £10, except Messrs. Daniel Coyle, Charles J. Coyle, and Edward J. Doherty.

980/40.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS
ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary stated that the following amounts were due by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....	£98 : 0 : 10.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahorey, Kilmaorenan..	£7 : 14 : 2.
John Gallagher, Falcarragh.....	£39 : 16 : 7.
Manus Loughrey, Kerrykeel.....	£23 : 10 : 10.

Councillor McRory submitted a Poster showing that the holding of Mr. Neal McGready was being offered for sale by private treaty.

The Council decided to defer action in McGready's case, and in the other two cases where more than £10 was owing it was decided to institute proceedings.

981/40.

APPOINTMENT OF WEIGHMASTER FOR THE COUNCIL'S WEIGHBRIDGE
AT LETTERKENNY.

Applications for the appointment as Weighmaster at the Council's Weighbridge at Letterkenny were received from the following:-

John McGlynn, Letterkenny.
Anthony Dawson, Railway Square, Letterkenny.
Patrick Doherty, Jun., Letterkenny.
James Mullin, 27, Demesne Avenue, Derry.

Councillor Saxter proposed the appointment of Mr. Anthony Dawson on the terms set out in the advertisement.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

982/40.

COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ROAD STARTING AT GLENEELY THREE
ROADS AND ENDING AT TYRONE MEARING OWING TO LORRYING OF
BOG ORE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Dunnion, Corradoeey, Killygordon, stating that he contracted to repair the road starting at Gleneely Three Roads and ending at Tyrone mearing with 120 tons of broken stone of approved quality. The road was completely impassable owing to the traffic on it due to the lorrying of bog ore. Three, four, and six ton lorries were using it about 8 times daily. His broken metal was stolen to fill potholes for the convenience of the lorries, and it had not been measured. He wished to know what he would do when the Surveyor came in September to measure the metal.

Mr. O'Reilly submitted the following report from Mr. Callaghan:-

"This road, Map No. 1634, has been used by lorries carrying at least 7 ton bog ore. It would take about £20 to repair the worst holes where the lorries bogged. It seems useless to put a small repair on it until some restriction is put on these lorries."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

983/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF BOG ROAD LEADING FROM CULDAFF
TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus Harkin, P.C., Culdaff, again complaining of the condition of the Bog Road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh. There was no fence or protection on this road and a serious accident was recently averted. That brought the total number of accidents on this road during the past two years up to nine. He could not understand why the Council did not provide the necessary money to have this road made safe when they already knew that it was a veritable death-trap.

The Chief Assistant Surveyor (Mr. Gaffrey) reported as follows:-

"This matter was reported on twice before. The whole question was one of money not being available."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until the Annual Road Works Meeting in January, 1941.

984/40. CLAIM IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENSION OF WALL AT CASTLEFORWARD ENTRANCE GATE.

A letter was read from Mr. Frederick Robinson, Castleforward, Burt, Speenogue, referring to his previous claim in connection with extension of wall at Castleforward Entrance Gate. He had heard nothing about the matter since April when he complained before. In addition, the wall had not been completely finished to correspond with the opposite side.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I called with Mrs. Robinson re this matter. The work consisted in removing, setting back, and re-building a wall. Wall was 72'.0", and only set back 5'.0", but Robinson gave five or six loads of stone to re-build. A breach in adjoining wall was repaired by us. Mrs. Robinson said they wanted £15: 0 : 0 (same amount as S. Marshall had for the widening of turn at Castleforward.) Taking the few loads of stone into consideration, and the amounts paid formerly in similar cases, Robinson would be well paid with £3."

The Council unanimously decided to offer Mr. Robinson a sum of £3 as compensation.

985/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF ROAD IN STRANACORKRA THROUGH ROCK LYING ACROSS DRAIN AND ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. William Coyle, Derrybeg, calling attention to the desperate state of a few cuts of land in Stranacorkra caused by a huge rock lying across the drain and road at Thomas Coll's, Sen., Derrybeg, on the Derrybeg-to the Mountain Road. There had been previous promises made in this connection. Eight or ten holes were bored in the rock and therein ended the matter. Until this grievance was remedied the ratepayers had decided on a no-rate campaign.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that a sum of £3 would be required to remedy this complaint, but the question was whether the Council could legally spend the money. He stated that he would look into the matter and see what could be done.

986/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR GRAVEL SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary McGlinchey, Roadside House, Umricam, Buncrana, returning a Paying Order for 6s/6d in respect of trespass for 26 tons of gravel at 3d. per ton. This was not the amount to which she was entitled and she was surprised at Mr. Doherty returning her for payment for this sum. Her claim was for £1 : 1 : 0.

Mr. Caffrey stated that Mr. Doherty had been unable to see Mrs. McGlinchey.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting. Councillor Friel proposed that when Mr. Doherty was investigating Mrs. McGlinchey's claim, he also investigate the claim of a Mrs. Doherty who lived further along the same road in Drumfries. This lady also had a claim against the Council.

987/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR CLAY SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Miss Mary Anne McAteer, Creeve, Carradoan, Rathmullan, stating that in past years she received the sum of £1 for clay supplied to the road surface man. She also supplied the clay this year, and although the payment was due in August she had not yet received it.

Mr. Caffrey stated that payment had been made since the receipt of the letter.

988/40. EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

Messrs. McDonagh & Co., Carndonagh, applied to the Council to have their premises registered under the Explosives Act, 1875.

The Council unanimously decided to register the premises.

989/40.

COMPLAINT RE ENCROACHMENT ON RIGHT-OF-WAY AT
LETTERBRICK, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McGlynn, Letterbrick, Cloghan, stating that the right-of-way to Letterbrick Old School building, which was now his property, had been encroached upon during recent repairs to the road, and the buildings could not be reached even by pedestrians. The building was about 40 feet from the centre of the road, and a right-of-way in the form of a pipe over a stream about 12 feet wide had been encroached upon by about 6 feet by the newly-built wall leading from the bridge. To remedy matters this 6 feet of wall must be removed, and before its erection, Mr. O'Reilly, Deputy County Surveyor, agreed that the old right-of-way would not be interfered with, and that it would be put in proper order by the necessary grading from the road to the street of the building.

Mr. O'Reilly submitted the following report from Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The agreement made with Mr. McGlynn has been carried out. The land between County Road and old School yard belongs to Mr. John Kelly. The only right-of-way through Mr. Kelly's property was a path, and 2 feet opening in fence, with small gate for use of School. Before any building was done Mr. Kelly pointed out his property to me, and gave me permission to build the wall on his property. Mr. McGlynn came along then and asked us to leave an 8 feet opening in wall and lower the edge of County Road a little, and that he would make his own arrangements for getting out from the School yard. Mr. O'Reilly and the Ganger were present when this was agreed to. Mr. McGlynn was working at the School during the time the wall was being built, and he never questioned what was being done until the job was almost completed. He then wanted us to leave the opening lower than we did. If Mr. McGlynn makes up his side of the wall first we can then lower edge of road to facilitate him as much as possible, but we cannot leave a dangerous gap out to road."

Mr. McGlynn appeared before the Council and stated that he was not satisfied with what had been done.

The Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

990/40.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application for a renewal of the licence granted to him under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from Mr. Manus McDevitt, Glenties.

The Council unanimously to renew the licence subject to a satisfactory report from the Gardai.

991/40.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON MINOR EMPLOYMENT
SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip O'Donnell, Aphort, Arranmore, claiming payment for the 5th, 6th, and 7th August, on which he worked on the Aphort Drainage Works, Scheme No. 71.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that Mr. Dillon was arranging to have O'Donnell's claim paid on next Minor Employment Scheme Paysheets.

The Council noted the report.

992/40.

REQUEST TO HAVE PIPE CONSTRUCTED AT NARIN, PORTNOO.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Scott, Narin, Portnoo, stating that owing to the raising of the surface of the road outside his house, the entrance was dangerous, and it would be necessary to make a pipe, the width of the gate, about three feet.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that Mr. Kearney was having the pipe built. The Council considered the report satisfactory.

993/40.

DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT PORTNABLAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Walsh, Portnablagh Hotel, Dunfanaghy, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

A letter was read from the Assistant Surveyor stating that the roadway has been satisfactorily restored.

The Council decided to refund the deposit.

994/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO OLD BOG ROAD LEADING FROM STRANORLAR TO LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick McDaid, Stralongford, Drumkeen, drawing attention to an old Bog Road leading from Stranorlar to Letterkenny, which was being destroyed by lorries carrying bog ore. He had the contract for putting 40 tons of metal on it for £8, and he had lost more than it was worth trying to keep it in repair. He refused to be responsible for it any longer.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor:-

"This is a similar case to No. 72. The bog-ore lorries bogged in road and the ore is now lying in water-tables. It would take £10 to repair the damage."

Mr. O'Reilly stated that this question of damage to roads by lorries carrying bog ore was becoming acute all over the County.

Councillor Mahony stated that the 40 tons of metal should be put on.

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to do all he could regarding Mr. McDaid's complaint.

995/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROADS DAMAGED BY LORRIES CARRYING BOG ORE.

In view of the large number of complaints being received from all over the County in regard to roads being damaged by lorries carrying bog ore, the Council unanimously decided to apply for a grant for the repair of these roads, and to ask each Assistant Surveyor to prepare a return showing the roads in his area being damaged, and the amount it would take to put each of them into proper repair again.

996/40. DATES OF HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS FOR PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following dates were fixed for the half-yearly Meetings in connection with payments to Road Contractors:-

Aileach.....	Thursday, 31st October, 1940.
Ballyshannon.....	Saturday, 26th October, 1940.
Donegal.....	Wednesday, 30th October, 1940.
Dunfanaghy.....	Saturday, 2nd November, 1940.
Dungloe.....	Friday, 25th October, 1940.
Glenties.....	Saturday, 26th October, 1940.
Kilcar.....	Thursday, 31st October, 1940.
Inishowen.....	Monday, 28th October, 1940.
Letterkenny.....	Thursday, 31st October, 1940.
Lifford.....	Wednesday, 30th October, 1940.
Milford.....	Saturday, 26th October, 1940.
Stranorlar.....	Saturday, 26th October, 1940.

997/40. COMPLAINT RE REMOVAL OF BRANCHES OFF LAND AT BALLINAMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Scanlon, Ballinamore, regarding the removal of branches off his land. He stated that he noted from Minute No. 887/40 that the Surveyor stated that the branches had been left back. Twelve of the branches had been left back, whereas almost a lorry load were taken away on the 29th August, and on the 30th nine remaining posts were taken on a cart. If the remaining posts which constituted the best of the timber taken were not left back within 14 days he claimed £4 compensation for same. He enclosed a letter from Ganger Wright informing him that he would be held responsible for safeguarding quarries seeing that he was claiming County Council posts as his own.

The Council decided to refer this matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant Surveyor, for personal investigation and report for next Meeting.

998/40. APPLICATION FOR USE OF CARRICKARORY PIER, MOVILLE, FOR DUMPING OF BOG ORE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Watson, Coal Merchant, The Harbour, Buncrana, stating that he intended shipping Bog Iron Ore from Moville, and would be glad to know if the Council would let him have approximately 50 yards x 30 yards x 20 yards of waste ground near road end of Moville Pier so that he could dump ore on it. He had handed rough sketch to Captain Scott of the area. No buildings or structures of any kind would be erected.

On the motion of Captain Scott it was decided to ~~inform~~ ^{inform} Mr. Watson that the Council had no objection to his using the ~~plot~~ ^{plot} provided that the approaches to the Pier were kept in good order.

999/40. PORTSALON PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, 51, Dawson Street, Dublin, dated 13th September, 1940, T.I.F.4010, stating that it had been found that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts were not being observed at Portsalon Pier:-

Dock Regulations, Form F.I.938 not displayed.

Chains of fencing on dangerous breaks not maintained.

Means of support at or near water surface not provided for use by persons immersed.

First Aid Box not provided.

Notices re location of First Aid Outfit not displayed.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1000/40. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS CORNER ON MAIN ROAD TO FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Carrowcannon, Falcarragh, drawing attention to a corner on the Main Road to Falcarragh which was very dangerous to the general public, and also to people going out on to the road with horses and cattle. A small sum of money would relieve this danger by cutting a few trees and putting back the wall a few feet.

Mr. Caffrey reported as follows:-

"The cost of the work referred to would be £45, and might be done when other road work is in progress in the district."

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

1001/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR METAL SUPPLIED FOR THE NARIN-ARDARA ROAD.

A letter was read from Mrs. Morrow, Tullycleave, Ardara, stating that some months ago she wrote about metal that was taken out of her quarry and put on the Narin-Ardara Road. She was then informed that the matter had been left in the County Surveyor's hands, but she had heard nothing about the matter since, and she was in need of the money.

Mr. O'Reilly reported as follows:-

"As previously reported Mrs. Morrow gave a free consent for the stone taken. She subsequently claimed trespass. In view of all the circumstances, I suggest that Mrs. Morrow be paid an ex-gratia payment of £4 : 3 : 4, which amounts to 500 tons of stone at 2d. per ton, trespass."

The Council unanimously decided to make a payment of £4 : 3 : 4 to Mrs. Morrow.

1002/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT CARNAGARVE, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Carnagarve, Moville, complaining of the state of the roads in that district, and particularly of No. 313. There was mud in some parts 6 inches deep, and in other parts the water was ruining the road.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have interviewed Mr. William Glackin who states that he had absolutely nothing to do with the memorial. The road referred to is in good order."

It was decided to refer the matter to the Engineering Services Committee.

1003/40. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS IN THE CARNDONAGH AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. William McLaughlin, Gortnacool, Carndonagh, stating that for the past 30 years he and his sons had been contracting for various roads in Carndonagh Area, and these roads were always completed to the entire satisfaction of the Assistant Surveyor. The Direct Labour system was then introduced, and for some time they were employed in this capacity. Now they had been paid off, and they had no immediate hope of employment. They were dependent on this class of work, and they hoped that the Council would give the matter their attention.

Mr. Caffrey stated that this case was being considered.
The Council considered the report satisfactory.

1004/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CURRANSPOURT ROAD, MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean Doohan, Curranspourt, Meenlaragh P.O., drawing attention to the necessity of repairing the Curranspourt Road. It was in a deplorable condition. The people were unable to get home their turf owing to the condition of this road.

Mr. Caffrey stated that this road was in course of repair.

1005/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BRANCHING OFF ARDARA-
GLENTIES MAIN ROAD AT GORTLOSK AND CONTINUING TO
LOWER GLENCONWELL.

A letter was read from Mr. Con Gildea, Glenconwell, Ardara, complaining of the condition of the road branching off the Ardara-Glenties Main Road at Neil Dunlevy's, Gortlosk, and continuing to Lower Glenconwell. Several applications had been made for the repair of this road but no action had been taken.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road was not a County Road.

On the motion of Councillor Houston it was unanimously decided to request the Board of Works to set aside a grant for the repair of this road when allocating future Minor Employment Schemes.

1006/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF FLOODGATE AT KILLYGARVAN, RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from General Bushe, Drumalla, Rathmullan, and other ratepayers, complaining that the floodgate at Killygarvan Bridge was out of repair, and that their lands were being damaged in consequence.

The following report was submitted from Mr. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected the flood gate at Killygarvan Bridge. It consists of a timber gate 6 feet square, set in a timber frame. There is need of extensive repairs to gate and frame which would cost about £10. I do not think that these repairs are a liability of the County Council, but rather of either the tenants or Land Commission. I suggest that the matter be referred to the Land Commission, and also to the Board of Works for consideration as a Minor Employment Scheme (including cleaning of stream.)

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Land Commission and also to the Board of Works.

1007/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean O'Gallagher, Cloughbee, Ardara, again complaining that he had received unfair treatment. He now renewed his application for work as Ganger on roads under the Council. At the February Meeting of the Council the County Surveyor said that he had been offered work as a labourer and refused to report for duty. Who gave the County Surveyor authority to reduce his status from Ganger to Labourer?

Mr. O'Reilly reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, reports that in the event of a grant coming to Mr. O'Gallagher's neighbourhood, he will take him on as Ganger."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

1008/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE DOORWAY OR OPENING
ON THE WALL AT MAIN STREET, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Molloy, Glenties, referring to his application for permission to make a three feet doorway or opening on the four foot wall on Main Street, Glenties. The decision of the Council at their Meeting in April showed a spirit not in keeping with the industrial revival. He wished to renew his application again re proposed erection of factory and workshop over the river in Glenties between J. Quinn's and C. Ward's.

Mr. O'Reilly reported as follows:-

"When this matter originally came before the Council, the Co. Surveyor recommended that permission be not given. I have discussed this matter with him and he informs me that he has nothing to add to his previous report."

The Council unanimously decided to adhere to their previous decision.

1009/40. REQUEST TO HAVE MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME ALLOCATED FOR
CLEANING AND WIDENING DRAIN AT ARDMALIN TRANSFERRED FOR
WORK AT GORTNAMULLIN.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Backlands, Ardmalin, stating that in 1938 a grant was given by the Board of Works for widening and cleaning a drain at Ardmalin. The work was left unfinished which rendered what had been done useless unless an extension of the work was carried out. There was a grant recently allocated for a drain in Gortnamullin, but which was not carried out owing to some dispute. This grant should be transferred to the Ardmalin job.

Mr. Caffrey stated that this was matter for the Board of Works, and the Council decided to refer the matter to them.

1010/40. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT
LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. George Cannon, Town Clerk, Letterkenny, referring to the letter from the Department of Defence regarding provision of fire-fighting equipment at Letterkenny, and enclosing a statement showing the arrangements which had been made by the Urban Council.

The Secretary stated that a copy of this letter and statement had been sent to the Department of Defence.

1011/40. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT
BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Mr. George Cannon, Acting Town Clerk, Buncrana, stating that he had been directed by the Commissioner to inform the County Council that he proposed to purchase the following equipment for fire-fighting:-

Trailer pump with length of hose; 3 stirrup pumps, and steel ladders.

He had been directed by the Commissioner, through the County Council's Air Raid Precautions Committee, to request that the Department of Defence make a grant in recoupment of the proposed expenditure which was considered very necessary in view of Buncrana's isolated position with regard to the rest of the County.

The County Council unanimously decided to approve of the proposals of the Commissioner, and to ask the Department of Defence to make a grant in recoupment of the proposed expenditure.

1012/40. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notifications of intentions to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, were submitted in respect of the following premises:-

Courthouse, Dunfanaghy.
Greenbank Hall, Quigley's Point.
Orange Hall, Newtowncunningham.
O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny.

1013/40. AMOUNT OWING BY THE BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL.

Councillor Scott inquired if any amount had been paid by the Commissioner administering the affairs of Buncrana Urban Council since last Meeting on foot of the amount owing to the County Council.

The Secretary replied in the negative.

Councillor Scott stated that the total amount now owing by Buncrana Urban Council amounted to £7,161 :14 : 9. The total valuation of the Urban District was only £6,061 :19 : 0. The position was becoming very serious. At the 31st December, 1938, there was something over £3,237 due, and since the Commissioner took over the duties that amount had been almost doubled.

The Commissioner had failed to strike a sufficient rate, and he had not even the courtesy to acknowledge the County Council's recent demands.

Councillor Scott, after further discussion, proposed that the matter be referred to the Local Government Department.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1014/40. HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL SECURITY FORCE.

A letter was read from Mr. B. Griffin, Home Assistance Officer, Stranorlar, stating that he had been informed that instructions were being issued to all Home Assistance Officers in the County that they were not to become members of the Local Security Force, or that if they had already become members they should resign from same. He was a member of the Ballybofey and Stranorlar L.S.F., Group A., and was "Section Leader" in said force. He also represented the group on Stranorlar Parish Council. He wished an instruction as to what he was to do. He was very much interested in the work and training of the L.S.F., but at the same time he knew that his position as an Assistance Officer was an important one.

The Council decided to leave this matter in the hands of the County Commissioner.

1015/40. DEPOSIT LODGED BY MRS. RAFFERTY, ETTRICK HOUSE, BUNDORAN, IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING.

A letter was read from Mrs. E. Rafferty, Ettrick House, Bundoran, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged in connection with road opening.

The Chief Assistant Surveyor reported that Mrs. Rafferty's deposit had been refunded, less a sum of 5/- for bitumen used in repairing the opening.

1016/40. APPLICATIONS FOR POSITION AS FLAGMEN OR SUFACEMEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Boyce, Glebe, Downings, applying for a position as Driver or Flagman on a steam-roller, breaker, or Diesel engine. He was in the Council's employment from September, 1931, to June, 1935, as Flagman on Steam Roller No. 15, and had since worked in England and Scotland.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Wright, Roller No. 2., Frosses, applying for the position of Driver on Roller No. 22. He had four years' experience as Flagman.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Cashel, Rosstownlagh, applying for a position as Flagman, as he understood there were two vacancies.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel B. Sweeney, Beagh, Ardara, applying for a position as Flagman on Steam Roller or Crusher in any part of the County. He was a member of the L.S.F.

A letter was read from Mr. John Farren, Gortnacrin, Culdaff, applying for a position as surface-man in the Culdaff or Malin Area.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Ardfarna, Bundoran, applying for a position as Flagman or surface-man.

The Council decided to refer all the applications to the County Surveyor.

1017/40.

RESOLUTION PROTESTING AGAINST INTERNMENT OF NORTHERN
INTERNEES ON A PRISON SHIP.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McCauley, Jun., Secretary, Ballintra Workers' Rights Association, enclosing the following resolution:-

"We call upon the Council to demand the independence of this country, and to protest against the internment of their fellow-Irishmen on a prison ship."

On the motion of Councillor Houston seconded by Councillor McShea, the resolution was adopted.

Confirmed.

M. M. Fadden

Chairman of Lp. Council.

29th October, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1940.

1018/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-

Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Crerand, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McGree, Kelly (James), McGrenra, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

The Council's Solicitor was also present.

1019/40.

A P O L O G Y.

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

1020/40.

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 24th September, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

1021/40.

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

Councillor Mahony proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Chairman on his success in winning the Martin Bequest Essay Competition.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell and the Secretary, speaking in Irish, associated themselves with the resolution.

The Chairman suitably acknowledged.

1022/40.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 24th September, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1023/40.

R E P O R T S O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 24th September, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 15th October, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1024/40.

R E P O R T O F L A W C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 15th October, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1025/40.

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.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 25th October, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1026/40.

Q U A R T E R L Y L I S T O F P A Y M E N T S.

The Secretary submitted the List of Payments for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1940.

The Council ordered payment in each case as recommended by the Finance Committee.

1027/40. REPORT OF ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
22ND OCTOBER, 1940.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the Engineering Committee held on the 22nd October, 1940.
Minute No. 75/40. Office Accommodation for the Assistant Surveyor at Killybegs.

Councillor McShea queried the Committee's proposal to make an allowance of 7s/6d per week to Mr. P. J. Sweeney for Office accommodation while acting as Temporary Assistant Surveyor at Killybegs.

Councillor McIvor stated that the Committee's proposal was establishing a precedent.

On hearing the circumstances of Mr. Sweeney's case, Councillor McShea raised no further objection.

Minute No. 84/40. Appointment of a Costing Clerk.

Councillor Blaney stated that he noted from the above Minute of the Committee's Report that the Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. James O'Donnell as Costing Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office.

He considered that Mr. E. C. O'Kelly, at present temporarily employed in the County Surveyor's Office, was equally qualified for the position, and as Mr. O'Kelly was a Group Leader of the L.S.F., he thought that preference should be given to him. Mr. O'Donnell was not a member of the L.S.F. He, therefore, proposed that the Council appoint Mr. O'Kelly to the position.

Councillor Cole seconded the proposal of Councillor Blaney.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that the Council adopt the recommendation of the Engineering Services Committee, and appoint Mr. James O'Donnell to the position.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded Councillor Brady.

Councillors Baxter and Mahony spoke in favour of the appointment of Mr. O'Kelly.

Councillor McIvor stated that in the event of Mr. O'Kelly being appointed to the position of Costing Clerk, Mr. O'Donnell should be employed in the Surveyor's Office at the work at present being done by Mr. O'Kelly.

At this stage the County Surveyor intervened and stated that the previous day Mr. O'Donnell had called with him, and asked him to withdraw his name if there was any question of a division between himself and Mr. O'Kelly.

The Council expressed their appreciation of Mr. O'Donnell's action, and they decided to amend the Report of the Engineering Committee to read that Mr. E. C. O'Kelly be appointed to the position of Costing Clerk, and that in the event of there being a vacancy in the County Surveyor's Office that Mr. O'Donnell be appointed thereto.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Councillor Brady, that Mr. O'Donnell have the same rights to the permanent appointment as Costing Clerk, if such should be decided upon later by the Council.

The remainder of the report of the Engineering Services Committee was adopted unanimously.

1028/40. TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY IN HIS CAPACITY AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

A letter dated 25th September, 1940, G.25060/40, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister approved of such travelling expenses (including subsistence allowance) as were reasonable and necessarily incurred by the County Secretary in connection with the establishment of Parish Councils, and in visiting areas in the County in his capacity as County Commissioner being defrayed by the Donegal County Council.

1029/40. ABSENCE ON MILITARY SERVICE OF MR. E. LENNON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter dated 26th September, 1940, was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, stating that no objection would be raised to the temporary employment of Mr. Patrick J. Sweeney, B.E., as Assistant County Surveyor during the absence on military service of Mr. E. Lennon. While the latter was on Army service no annual leave could be granted to him by the Council, nor can any payment be legally made to him by the Council in lieu of holidays while he was so serving.

The County Surveyor stated that the Department appeared to misunderstand the position. Mr. Lennon had arranged to take his holidays during the month of July, but owing to pressure of work and illness of another Assistant Surveyor, he was asked to defer them until later. Then on August 3rd, 1940, he left the Council's service to take up his military duties, and the Council decided that he should be paid for a period of three weeks (from 3rd to 24th August, 1940), in lieu of his annual holidays.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Department to re-consider their decision in this case.

1030/40. CLAIM FOR RECOUPMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED UNDER THE WARBLE FLY ORDERS DURING THE 1940 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 24th September, 1940, L.2774-40, referring to a claim for recoupment furnished in connection with the operation of the Warble Fly Orders during the 1940 Season, and asking to be informed of the circumstances in which three days' pay in lieu of holidays was paid to Inspectors McGinty and Shovelin. They also wished to know by whom the expenditure of 17/- was incurred in respect of attendance at a Meeting of the Warble Fly Committee in Letterkenny on the 13th May, 1940.

A further letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th October, 1940, L.2774-40, referring to previous correspondence regarding the payment of three days' pay in lieu of holidays to Inspectors McGinty and Shovelin, and stating that under Section 10 (3) of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, only two days' pay in lieu of holidays was payable to these Inspectors. In the circumstances, the Secretary's further observations were requested.

The Secretary stated that he had furnished replies to the Department's letters.

1031/40. FEEs FOR WEIGHINGS CARRIED OUT AT THE COUNCIL'S WEIGHBRIDGE AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th September, 1940, R.V.221/12/7, referring to the weighbridge erected at Letterkenny under the Road Traffic Act, 1933, and stating that, pursuant to Section 19 (3) of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, the Minister approved of the fee of 1/- for each weighing, such fee to include gross and tare weighings, where it was desired to ascertain the net weight of a load. In such circumstances, it was desirable that the result of both weighings and the net weight should be shown on the one docket.

1032/40. ARBITRATOR UNDER THE STRABANE, RAPHOE, AND CONVOY RAILWAY ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, dated 6th October, 1940, T.55394, stating that the Minister had appointed Mr. Eamonn J. Kehilly, 71, Dame Street, Dublin, to be Arbitrator under the Strabane, Raphoe, and Convoiy Railway Act, 1903, and the Strabane, Raphoe, and Convoiy Railway (Extension to Letterkenny) Act, 1904.

1033/40. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Donegal on the 30th October, 1940, of lands in Clogher and Cullionbuoy, now or formerly in the occupation of Edward Gallagher.

1034/40. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 7ad Deire Foghmhair, 1940, G.719/11/40, ag radh go gceaduiagheann an t-Aire um Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhí an t-udaras seo dleaghtach go dtí an 31ad Deire Foghmhair, 1940.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £60,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Samhain, 1940.

Socruiagheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 suas go dtí an 30ad Samhain, 1940.

1035/40. LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) (AMENDMENT)
(NO. 2) ORDER, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th October, 1940, enclosing copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1940.

1036/40. EXPENDITURE ON CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH
ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th October, 1940, G.710/6/40, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to expenditure not exceeding £400 in connection with the administration of the Employment Schemes up to 31st March, 1941.

1037/40. CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS TEMPORARY
CLERK IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th October, 1940, G.8486/2/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. J. F. Quigley as Temporary Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office up to the 31st March, 1941, with remuneration at the rate already approved.

1038/40. ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES OF BUTTER TAKEN BY AN OFFICER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th October, 1940, SH1./5/39, referring to the Council's Minute No. 935/40 regarding payment of fees for the analysis of certain samples of butter procured by an Officer of the Minister of Agriculture in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, and stating that the Section mentioned provided that the fees for analysis of such samples should be payable by the Local Authority of the place where the samples were procured. In the circumstances, the Minister could not see his way to comply with the Council's request. (935/40 C.C.)

1039/40. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th October, 1940, G.26545/40, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the issue of fresh Paying Orders for sums of £1 : 14 : 8 and £1 : 7 : 2 in favour of Bernard Gallagher, Glebe, Carndonagh, and Patrick McMenamin, Kingarow, Fintown, in lieu of Paying Orders Nos. 9168 and 30141, which should be cancelled and retained for inspection in due course by the Auditor.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th October, 1940, G.8006/10/40, stating that the Minister had sanctioned an extension of time up to the 29th October within which payment of a sum of £23 : 6 : 11 might be made to the legal representatives of the late Dr. O'Callaghan, Coroner, in respect of the balance of salary and expenses due.

1040/40.

TRAINING OF FIREFIGHTING INSTRUCTORS FOR CITIES AND TOWNS
IN WHICH STATUTORY A.R.P. SCHEMES ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 24th September, 1940, A.R.P./874, stating that courses of instruction had been made available to train firefighting instructors for all cities and towns in which statutory A.R.P. Schemes were being undertaken. The courses would be held at the Central Fire Station, Tara Street, Dublin, and one permanent (Letterkenny) Official should be selected to undergo this course. Travelling Expenses, subsistence allowance, and other expenses in connection with the instruction of and attendance of Officials at the courses would rank for grant under the A.R.P. Act, 1939.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, stating that the Urban Council had selected the Town Surveyor, Mr. C. V. McLaughlin, to undergo the course of instruction referred to in the letter of the Department of Defence dated 24th September, 1940.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence dated 3rd October, 1940, referring to the training of Firefighting Instructors under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, and stating that a vacancy had been reserved for Mr. C. V. McLaughlin, Letterkenny, for the 28th October.

A further letter was read from the Department of Defence dated 12th October stating that it was noted from the Secretary's letter that Mr. C. V. McLaughlin, Letterkenny, was unable to attend on 28th October at the course of instruction in firefighting, and that a vacancy would be reserved for him at the last course of the series due to commence on the 25th November, 1940.

1041/40.

DELAY IN SUBMITTING FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPECTED
CASES OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 4th October, 1940, asking to be furnished with Forms T. 2/3 in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:-

Denis Boyle, Letterkenny.

William Holmes, Drumoghill.

James Reilly, Cappry, Ballybofey.

Repeated applications for forms had been made in these cases, and any further delay would occasion an investigation.

The Secretary stated that the attention of the Veterinary Inspector concerned had been drawn to the Department's remarks.

1042/40.

EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 18) ORDER, 1939.

Eight letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 18) Order, 1939.

1043/40.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF ELECTRIC LAMPS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 10th October, 1940, forwarding for the Council's information copies of communications received from Messrs. Parkes & Co., and Messrs. Brooks, Thomas & Co., Ltd., Official Contractors, regarding a reduction in the price of Electric Lamps as shown on Pages 84 and 85, Official List, 1940/41.

1044/40.

PETROL RATIONING.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies, 13/14, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, dated 16th October, 1940, stating that the next Petrol rationing period will be for the months of November and December, 1940, and January, 1941, and a return should be furnished to the Department showing the requirements of each Public Official.

1045/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Schemes at Ardmalin, and Glenconwell, Ardara.

1046/40. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

At the request of Councillor McIvor the following rescinding Notice of Motion which was on the Agenda in his name and that of five other members was adjourned until next Meeting:-
 "That Minute No. 396/40 of the County Council of the 30th April, 1940, adopting a Report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 23rd April, 1940, Minute No. 13/40, in connection with Office accommodation of the Committee of Agriculture, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

1047/40. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROAD LEADING TO SLIEVEBAWN, MALIN HEAD, TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-
 "That 250 yards of the road from the County Road to Slievebawn, Malin Head, be declared a County Road."

The County Surveyor stated that the road did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925. It did not connect two County Roads, and in parts it was less than eleven feet wide in the clear. He stated that he had every sympathy with the people concerned, and he suggested that the Council apply for a grant from the Minor Employment Schemes Vote for its repair.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Board of Works to allocate a grant for the repair of this road.

1048/40. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT PORT, INVER.

Councillor Brady proposed:- "That this Council agrees to contribute a sum of £118 towards the improvement of the landing facilities at Port, Inver, subject to the making of a grant of £352 from the Employment Schemes Vote."

Councillor McFadden seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously. (967/40 C.C.)

1049/40. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT TRYBANE, LOUGHROS POINT.

Councillor Brady proposed:- "That this Council agrees to contribute a sum of £38 towards the improvement of the landing facilities at Trybane, Loughros Point, subject to the making of a grant of £112 from the Employment Schemes Vote."

Councillor McFadden seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously. (970/40 C.C.)

1050/40. WORKING HOURS OF COUNCIL'S ROAD WORKERS.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That the Council's road workers revert back to the hours of working existing before the issue of the County Surveyor's circular letter of the 18th October, 1940, and that the instructions in this letter be cancelled."

Councillor Friel seconded the motion.

Councillor Myles proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Councillor Scott seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and the following Councillors voted for the amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Byrne, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McCrea, McFadden, McGrenra, McIvor, O'Boyle, Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 13.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Cole, Crerand, Friel, Gallen, Houston, Loughrey, Lynch, Kelly (James), McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (ML), and Walsh. Total 16.

The amendment having been declared lost, the motion was put to the Meeting and carried by the same voting.

The County Surveyor stated that he wished to point out to the Council that the passing of this resolution would seriously interfere with the road work of the Council, and would mean a monetary loss to the Council.

1051/40. LIFTING OF THE BURTONPORT EXTENSION RAILWAY LINE BY THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed:- "That the Council's Solicitor be instructed to consider, with the advice of Counsel, the legality of the lifting by the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co. of the Burtonport Extension Railway Line, and, if satisfied that they have no such powers, to institute proceedings immediately against such persons as he considers liable to have the action stopped."

Councillor O'Boyle spoke at length in support of his motion, which was seconded by Councillor Walsh.

Councillor Scott stated that this line was closed by order of the Government of Eire, and he contended that the passing of the resolution would be futile.

Councillor McIvor stated that this was a matter for the Government. The Railway Co. could not lift one rail without the Government's permission. He suggested that the Department of Industry and Commerce should be asked if they had given authority to the Railway Co. to dispose of the scrap.

The Council's Solicitor stated that he had investigated the position very thoroughly, and he was satisfied that, so far as the Burtonport Extension was concerned, the Swilly Railway Co. had no interest whatever in the line. The original expenditure on this line was £324,059, made up of £318,847 of a free grant, and £5,212 raised by the proceeds of Baronial Guarantee Stock. No part of that money was provided by the Swilly Co., and as far as his research had gone, he had satisfied himself that the Company had no right whatever to remove any part of the permanent way. It could be that the Minister responsible might have issued an authority of some description for the removal of the line.

After further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

1052/40. EMERGENCY WORKS PROPOSED TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I beg the Council's leave to bring forward a matter of some urgency.

I have been asked by the Government to carry out certain work in connection with the Emergency. This work will cost about £600. I am not at liberty to disclose what this work is, and I would ask the indulgence of the Council not to press for fuller information. I would also ask the Press not to mention the matter in their report. The £600 I am asking for would be taken from the Contingency Fund.

I am instructed that this work is a proper charge on general road repair and maintenance."

Councillor Scott proposed that the £600 be granted.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal.

Councillor Gallen proposed, as an amendment, that the money be not allowed.

Councillor Baxter seconded the amendment.

On the matter being put to a vote, 15 members voted for the amendment, and 7 members against the amendment.

The Chairman declared the motion lost by the same voting.

1053/40. PURCHASE OF NEW CRANE FOR PORTALEEN PIER.

Councillor Cole proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the purchase of a new crane for Portaleen Pier."

Councillor Mahony proposed that this matter be referred to the County Surveyor to have an estimate of the cost prepared for next Meeting, and his proposal was passed unanimously.

1054/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. DANIEL DOHERTY ON THE ROAD BETWEEN GLENMAKEE THREE ROADS AND ALTASHANE THREE ROADS.

The Council decided to adjourn until next Meeting consideration of the County Surveyor's report on the proposed erection of building by Mr. Daniel Doherty on the road between Glenmakee Three Roads and Altashane Three Roads. (954/40 G.C.)

1055/40. ESTIMATE FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF MAIN AND COUNTY
ROADS FOR THE YEAR 1941/42.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I beg to submit hereunder estimate for the repair and maintenance of Main and County Roads for the year 1941/42.

Our costs generally have risen considerably during the year due to increases in the costs of Tar and Tar Compounds, coal, cement, and, in fact, all materials and tools we use in the carrying out of our work. As the Council are aware, the monies placed at my disposal have not been sufficient to maintain the roads, as in my opinion they should be maintained. Complaints are constantly coming in regarding the condition of several roads, and though I would be very anxious to attend to these roads, yet in most cases I have not been able to do so, as the money has not been available. In recent months very considerable damage has been caused principally to County Roads by lorries engaged in the haulage of bog-ore. As I am reporting under Item No. 143, I have made out an estimate based on the absolute minimum required to keep passable those roads damaged by this traffic. This figure is £2,000, and I have allowed for this work in my estimate for the maintenance of County Roads for next year.

In connection with the estimate for Main Roads, I would like it to be borne in mind that the cost of keeping these in repair is very much higher than in former years, due, in the first instance, to the increased standard of maintenance, according as our Main Roads are being re-conditioned under the various Grants, and, secondly, due to the heavy increase in the cost of Tar and Tar Compounds, etc.

It will be noted that I have not in this estimate allowed for proposals by Councillors for various improvement works. It will be remembered that the Department has vetoed the allocation of fixed sums of money to Councillors for this work. It will, I think, however, be in order for Councillors to notify me of any Special Works they may like to propose, and if I consider them suitable, and otherwise in order, I will include them in the detailed estimate for Main or County Roads as the case may be.

When presenting the final estimate at the Annual Road Works Meeting in the early part of this year, I pointed out to the Council the enormous capital invested in the Roads in this County, and how essential it was to ensure that this large capital expenditure was conserved. I should like to stress this point again.

It should also be borne in mind that the higher our standard of roads the less depreciation and running costs of all transport and vehicles using the roads, and, of course, the greater the convenience and service to all users of the roads.

I respectfully urge the Council to keep the above points in view when they are deciding on the monies they will allocate for the coming year:-

Estimate of Road Expenditure for the year 1941/42.

Main Roads.....	£43,300.
County Roads.....	£53,000.
Contingencies.....	£15,000.
Urban Areas.....	600.
Direction and Danger Signs.....	100.

Total.....£98,500.
Outstanding Loans..... £5,904.

Gross Total...£104,404.

After some discussion, the Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to put this item early on the Agenda.

1056/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF TWO TEMPORARY ENGINEERS FOR WORK
IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"It is possible I may require the services of two Temporary Engineers in connection with work on Employment Grants during the coming winter. I, therefore, request the Council's approval to the appointment of two Engineers to help in carrying out this work; the scale of remuneration to be £5 : 5 : 0 per week, and the appointments to be for not more than six months."

Councillor Mahony proposed that the County Surveyor be given permission to employ two Engineers, and this proposal was passed unanimously.

Councillor Mahony then proposed that Mr. Sean A. Mulreany, who had been employed by the Council for several years in a temporary capacity, and Mr. William A. Ewing, Letterkenny, be appointed to the positions.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal.

Councillor Gallen proposed, as an amendment, that the positions be advertised, and the appointments made at next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Friel seconded the amendment.

On the amendment being put to the Meeting, ten members voted for it, and thirteen members against it.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the motion carried by the same voting.

1057/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF BALANCE DUE ON LAST YEAR'S
CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Boyle, Ballyharney, Moville, re non-payment of balance due on last year's contract. The Surveyor had informed him that the onus for non-payment of the amount rested on the Secretary. He was overcharged £2 for roller, and £1 was deducted for no reason whatever.

The Secretary submitted the original Bond in this case, which showed the amount of the contract to be £24.

At the request of Councillor Kelly, the matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

1058/40. BALLYNESS PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis A. Carr, Secretary, Gortahork Parish Committee, stating that the Parish Committee wished to have a Grant allocated for the repair of Ballyness Pier. The Pier had not yet lost its usefulness, and there was the probability of its being used for the export of Muckish sand.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The cost of this work would be £70. I do not recommend it, as I am informed that other Piers in the locality are more widely used."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

1059/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF WOODEN BRIDGE CROSSING THE RIVER
AT STRANAGARROW, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Drumnatinney, Falcarragh, who used the wooden bridge crossing the river at Stranagarow, erected under the Ray River Drainage Scheme, appealing to the Council to have the bridge repaired with the least possible delay. The upper portion of the bridge had decayed, and 14 acres of the land was under potatoes, oats, turnips, and mangolds. The present condition of the bridge was absolutely dangerous for horse and cart traffic, and they requested that one of the Council's Engineers be instructed to inspect and report on the condition of the bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that the cost of this work would be about £30.

As any expenditure on this bridge would be a charge on the Drainage Rate, the Council decided to ask the sponsors of the Scheme to forward consents from the persons to whom the expenditure would be charged.

1060/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

A Letter was read from Captain Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, asking to have the above matter adjourned until next Meeting of the Council, as he found it impossible to make his fourth consecutive appearance before the Council that day.

The Council agreed to the request of Captain Ramage.

1061/40. APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER FOR FISHERY LIGHTS AT GLASAGH POINT, BUNBEG.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Thomas Gallagher, Lunniaghmore, Derrybeg, to the position of Caretaker of the Fishery Lights at Glasagh Point, Bunbeg, at a wage of £2 per annum. (968/40 C.C.)

1062/40. AMOUNT RECOUPED TO THE COUNCIL FROM THE ROAD FUND.

The Secretary submitted the following figures showing the amount paid in County Donegal in Motor Tax:-

Year ended 31st March, 1937.....	£32,251	: 6	: 4.
" " 31st March, 1938.....	£34,070	: 10	: 4.
" " 31st March, 1939.....	£34,317	: 9	: 4.
" " 31st March, 1940.....	£34,007	: 12	: 0.
Year ended 31st December, 1936.....	£31,702	: 10	: 8.
" " 31st December, 1937.....	£32,568	: 7	: 8.
" " 31st December, 1938.....	£32,652	: 12	: 8.
" " 31st December, 1939.....	£34,347	: 15	: 4.

The Secretary stated that in the Official Report of the Local Government Department, the following amounts were shown as having been recouped to the Donegal County Council from the Road Fund in the fifteen years ended 31st March, 1937:-

Road Improvement Grants (Ordinary).....	£341,807.
Special Rosses Road Grant.....	£20,508.
Relief of Unemployment Grants.....	£52,350.
Road Maintenance Grants.....	£173,147.

During this period a sum of £354,611 : 12 : 5 was paid in Motor Tax.

The Council noted the report.

1063/40. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR STONES SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary McGlinchey, Roadside House, Umracan, Buncrana, returning a Paying Order for 6s/6d in respect of trespass for 26 tons of gravel at 3d. per ton. This was not the amount to which she was entitled, and she was surprised at Mr. Doherty returning her for payment for this sum.

The County Surveyor stated that this account was being paid.

1064/40. COMPLAINT RE REMOVAL OF BRANCHES OFF LAND AT BALLINAMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Scanlon, Ballinamore, regarding the removal of branches off his land. He stated that he noted from Minute No. 887/40 that the Surveyor stated that the branches had been left back. Twelve of the branches had been left back, whereas almost a lorry load were taken away on the 29th August, and on the 30th nine remaining posts were taken on a cart. If the remaining posts which constituted the best of the timber taken were not left back within 14 days he claimed £4 compensation for them. He enclosed a letter from Ganger Wright informing him that he would be held responsible for safeguarding quarries, seeing that he was claiming County Council posts as his own.

The County Surveyor stated that all the timber taken in this case was returned, but he understood that some mischievous people hid some of the timber under an arch.

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1065/40.

REVISION OF CHARGES FOR HIRE OF MACHINERY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I recommend that the existing scale of charges fixed for the Council's plant be maintained for the coming six months. The net profit on the Council's plant for the past six months, with the increased machinery charges, was £246 : 1 : 11. This does not take into account any item for depreciation or loan charges."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the County Surveyor's report.

1066/40.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MR. BERNARD CANNON FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Bernard Cannon was disqualified from membership of the Council owing to non-attendance.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

1067/40.

EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. James Boyle (James), Lower Keadue, Burtonport, enclosing Paying Order for 11s/1d dated 24th June, 1938, and asking to have it re-dated.

A letter was read from Mr. John Jackson, Drumbern, Milford, enclosing Paying Orders Nos. 27119 for £1 : 3 : 7 and 31941 for £1 : 2 : 2, dated 8th and 22nd March, 1940, respectively, and asking to have them re-dated.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the re-issue of these Paying Orders.

1068/40.

RATE PER MILE OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

A letter was read from the Assistant Surveyors of the County applying to have the rate per mile of Travelling Expenses increased from 4d. to 6d. They pointed out that within the past 18 months the price of petrol had advanced by about 50%, while the cost of new cars and re-placement parts had advanced by about 22½%. This meant not alone increased running costs, but increased cost of upkeep and increased cost of depreciation. They had estimated that on an average yearly mileage of 12,000 miles, the increase would be about £55, with every possibility of further increases due to war conditions.

The Committee decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to put the application early on the Agenda.

1069/40.

APPOINTMENT OF MRS. M. McNULTY TO THE PERMANENT CLERICAL STAFF.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th October, 1940, G.22010/40, referring to previous correspondence, and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal of the Council to appoint Mrs. McNulty, Temporary Clerical Assistant, to the permanent staff.

The fixing of terms of Office of Mrs. McNulty was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee.

1070/40.

GRANT FROM THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CLOUGHGLASS ROAD.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th October, 1940, R/RM/7, regarding the urgent necessity for the repair of the Cloughglass Road for which provision had been made under Scheme No. 93 of the road works proposed to be carried out under the current Employment Schemes Vote, and stating that the repair of this road might be started immediately.

The County Surveyor stated that the work was in hands.

1071/40. PROVISION OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR A.R.P. PURPOSES.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 28th September, 1940, referring to the Department's circular of the 22nd August, and stating that in order to ensure the most effective and economical fire-fighting service the County Council, when organising air raid precautionary measures, should enlist the co-operation of the Boards of Health and Urban Councils in the area. Such bodies were Local Authorities for the purposes of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, and were, therefore, the Authorities responsible for meeting the peace-time fire-fighting needs of the area concerned.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 1st October, 1940, A.R.P./186, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 23rd September with enclosures from Letterkenny Urban District Council, and stating that payment could not be sanctioned in respect of services for fire-fighting when organised as part of Air Raid Precaution measures. Such payments for services to be rendered as part of a normal peace-time arrangement for fire-fighting was, of course, a matter for the Local Authority under the Fire Brigade Act, 1940.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 18th October, 1940, A.R.P./186, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 4th October with enclosure from Moville Parish Council. They had informed Moville Parish Council that the Department did not find it possible to supply fire-fighting equipment for use in the Inishowen peninsula extra to that to be supplied and headquartered at Letterkenny. All such equipment at present in stock or on order had been allotted as part of a general A.R.P. plan for the country. Fire-fighting equipment was being supplied only to towns of over 4,000 population, or, where there were none such in a County, to the principal town, as in the case of Letterkenny. Some local fire-fighting methods should be improvised as the trailer pump in Letterkenny might not be able to reach the Moville District.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, stating that it was proposed to issue on loan at an early date equipment for the Auxiliary Fire Services to be organised in Letterkenny. The equipment would be sent direct to Letterkenny, but responsibility for its proper storage and maintenance in good order, and for the repair of damage, which could not be ascribed to fair wear and tear, would devolve on the County Council. The equipment must not be used for any purpose other than the training of members of the Auxiliary Fire Service organised in accordance with a Scheme approved of by the Department, and for the protection of persons and property from injury or damage from fire in the event of hostile attack from the air. In exceptional circumstances, the Parliamentary Secretary might be prepared to suspend this rule provided his prior approval was sought.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 15th October, 1940, referring to the Secretary's letter with copy of Minute No. 1011/40, of the 24th September, and stating that the Department was not sanctioning the purchase of fire-fighting equipment by Local Authorities for A.R.P. purposes. The Department was, however, supplying fire-fighting equipment to all A.R.P. Local Authorities to be headquartered in towns of over 4,000 population, or where there were none such in a County, in the principal town, as in the case of Letterkenny. It was, therefore, regretted that it was not possible to provide Buncrana with fire-fighting equipment. The Fire Brigades Act, 1940, enabled a Local Authority to purchase fire-fighting equipment, if such was required for normal peace-time needs.

A letter was read from Mr. Fergus P. Britton, Solicitor, Donegal, stating that at a recent Meeting of Donegal Parish Council he was instructed to write the County Council and Board of Health in regard to the provision of fire-fighting equipment for Donegal. The members of the Parish Council considered Donegal as a suitable centre for a trailer pump. If it was impossible to supply them with a Trailer pump, they should be supplied with a Stirrup pump.

The Council decided to refer the matter to a special Sub-Committee of the Board of Health which had been appointed to go into the question of fire-fighting equipment.

1072/40. GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS LEADING TO MUCKISH MOUNTAIN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd September, 1940, RU/207/78., referring to the need for the improvement of the roads leading to Muckish Mountain to meet the needs of the heavy traffic which will result when work on the exploitation of silicic sand deposits in the area commences, and stating that the cost of improving the roads under the control of the County Council is estimated at £200. Accordingly, a grant of £185, subject to a local contribution of £15, has been provisionally allocated from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1940/41, to meet the cost of the proposed work. It was requested that the County Surveyor submit particulars of the proposed works on Forms 11.O.D.1. and O.D.2. (amended).

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th October, 1940, RU/207/78., referring to previous correspondence regarding the repair of the road leading to Muckish Mountain, and stating that the proposed scheme had been approved, and work should be put in hands immediately. The amount allocated by way of grant from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the cost of the scheme was £185, subject to a local contribution of £15. Works No. U.158E., had been assigned to the Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Baxter, the Council unanimously decided to make a contribution of £15 towards the cost of this Scheme.

1073/40. CLAIM BY MR. M. D. WHITE, CORONER, FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that he had been advised that he was entitled to travelling expenses, and he begged to notify the Council that he was making up a claim for travelling expenses covering all inquests held by him since the death of the late Coroner, Dr. O'Callaghan.

The Secretary stated that no other Coroner in the County had ever claimed Travelling Expenses.

The Council unanimously decided to refuse the claim.

1074/40. CONDITION OF SLIPWAY AT POLL-NA-BPÍOCH, CO. DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th September, 1940, S.W.1/3/8, stating that following a communication from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture regarding the condition of the slipway at Poll-na-bPíoch, Co. Donegal, an inspection was made, and they had been advised that the structure was not at present in good order; a number of items, viz., the reconstruction of portion of the retaining wall, the repair of the boatyard and toe of the slip, and the removal of boulders from the fairway, being necessary to put the slip into proper condition. As the Council were responsible for the maintenance of this slipway, they would be glad to learn whether arrangements were being made to put the structure into a proper state of repair. They understood that the execution of the works mentioned would involve an expenditure approximating £300.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I understand that the local people do not want this slipway at Poll-na-bPíoch, as it is difficult to approach in stormy weather. It has been suggested that the approach at Lug-na-Druan is more usually used. I will, however, look further into this matter."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter for the County Surveyor's further report.

1075/40. RAMELTON COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Forrest Mitchell, Secretary, Trustees, Ramelton Public Hall, applying for an increase in the rent of Ramelton Public Hall, which was used as a Courthouse, from £10 to £26 per annum. The sum of £10 was fixed when the Hall was first utilised as a Court, and it was found that other buildings in the County, not offering the same facilities, were being paid sums in excess of their rent by 100%. They thought that a sum of £26 to cover Courts and use of the Hall for verification of Weights and Measures would be a fair rent.

The Council unanimously decided to increase the rent to £20 p.a. as from 1st November, 1940: this rent to cover all purposes for which the Council would require the Courthouse, including Meetings of the Parish Council.

1076/40. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING-PLACE AT MUCKROSS, KILCAR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 27th September, 1940, C.87.39/1/36, referring to Minute No. 898/40 in connection with the improvement of landing-place at Muckross, Kilcar. They had noted that an expenditure of £66 : 6 : 10 had been incurred by the Council, and that a further £3 would be required to complete a small repair to the breakwater. They would be glad to be furnished with details of the expenditure under the heads of wages, materials, and insurance.

A further letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 17th October, 1940, C.87.39/1/36, stating that they had now received from the County Surveyor details of the expenditure incurred by the Council on the approach road to the landing-place at Muckross, Kilcar. The total expenditure to date on the landing-place was, accordingly, as follows:-

Expended by Board of Works on marine portion of work.....	£546	:14	:10.
Expended by Council (including £10 compensation).....	£66	: 6	:10.
	<u>£613</u>	<u>: 1</u>	<u>: 8.</u>

As the works were undertaken on the basis of 75% State Grant and 25% Council contribution, the Council's liability in the matter amounted to £153 : 5 : 5, but as a sum of £129 was lodged by them in advance of the execution of the works, and as £66 : 6 : 10 was spent by them in connection with the approach road, the Council had contributed £195 : 6 : 10 in all. There was, therefore, due to the Council a sum of £42 : 1 : 5, for which amount a Payable Order was enclosed. They noted from the Acting County Surveyor's report on the 27th August that an additional expenditure of £3 would be required for a small repair of the breakwater at a favourable ebb tide. They would arrange for payment of the State contribution in respect of the latter-mentioned repair on receipt of the usual Certificate signed by the County Surveyor and counter-signed by the Secretary to the effect that the work had been completed.

The Council decided to ask the County Surveyor to furnish the certificate required by the Board of Works.

1077/40. EXTENSION OF SEA WALL AT INISHKEERAGH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd September, 1940, C.87.32/1/37, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 20th July and previous correspondence in connection with the extension of sea wall at Inishkeeragh, and inquiring if the work had yet been completed. If so, they wished to be furnished with detailed particulars of the expenditure, and an undertaking in the following words:-

"The work at Inishkeeragh having now been completed by the County Surveyor to the satisfaction of the Office of Public Works, we hereby undertake to maintain the entire sea wall in future."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"In connection with this matter the Board of Works in their letter of the 2nd April, 1940, laid down, as condition No. 6 in that letter, that the Council undertake the maintenance of the entire sea wall in future. I presumed that the entire sea wall referred to the section which was under construction. It appears now that the Board of Works may have it in their mind that they wanted us to take over not only the portion of Sea Wall being constructed, but also the sections which have been constructed for many years. I wrote, accordingly, to the Board of Works on the 23rd October pointing out my understanding of the position, and that I still assumed that we were only responsible for the section recently constructed.

I have just received this morning a letter from the Office of Public Works stating that on 29th March, 1938, Minute No. 294/38, the Council had already accepted this condition. It appears to me, therefore, that we can do nothing further in the matter than sign the undertaking proposed by the Office of Public Works."

The Council unanimously decided to undertake to maintain the entire sea wall in future. (294/38 C.C.)

1078/40. PROPOSED FISHERY LIGHT AT BREAGHY HEAD, DUNFANAGHY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 27th September, 1940, C.90.3/1/36, re proposed fishery light at Breaghy Head, Dunfanaghy, and referring to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd February, 1937, with copy of Minute No. 71/37, and stating that the necessary site and right-of-way had now been acquired. The lighting apparatus was on order, and the preparation of the concrete foundation at the site was being put in hands. Their Engineer would notify the County Surveyor of the date for erection of the lighting apparatus, in order that he might arrange to inspect the work during progress, in pursuance of the terms of the agreement governing the position and erection of the light.

The Council noted the matter. (71/37 C.C.)

1079/40. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from the following persons:-

George Wilkin, Carrigans.
Mrs. Caroline Cavanagh, Drumaweir, Greencastle.
John Maguire, Burt.
Miss Hannah McColgan, Clonmany.
William Norris, Moville.
James P. McIvor, Quigley's Point.

The Council unanimously decided to renew the licences in these cases subject to satisfactory reports from the Garda Authorities.

1080/40. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

A letter was read from Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Donegal, applying for a Cinematograph Licence for the Four Masters' Hall, Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to renew the licence in this case.

1081/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ACT TEMPORARILY AS TOWN SURVEYOR OF BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, Bunclrana, applying for permission to act temporarily as Town Surveyor of Bunclrana.

Councillor Scott proposed that permission be given.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

1082/40. DUMPING OF REFUSE ON FAIR GREEN AT KILCAR.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Board held on the 16th September in connection with the dumping of refuse on the Fair Green at Kilcar. In a letter to the Board, Mr. McFadden, T.D. suggested that a Notice Board be erected at the entrance of the Green prohibiting the dumping of refuse, and that a Grant be given to the Surveyor to clean up the debris. The Board decided to refer the matter to the Landlord and the County Council.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a matter which really concerned the Board of Health.

1083/40. DONEGAL QUAY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, 51, Dawson Street, Dublin, dated 24th September, 1940, T.I.F.3875, stating that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts were not being observed at Donegal Quay:-

Docks Regulations Form F.I.938 not displayed.

Means of support at water surface not provided for use by persons immersed.

First Aid Outfit not available.

Notices re location of First Aid Outfit not displayed.

Summary Form Compn. 18 not posted up.

Accident Book Form Compn. 17 not kept readily accessible.

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

1084/40.

PROPOSED GRANT FROM EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SPORTSFIELD AT GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 10th October, 1940, S.W.1/3/86., referring to the Council's application for a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the cost of carrying out improvements to the Sportsfield at Glenties, and stating that the Department, in its administration of the Employment Schemes Vote, was concerned primarily with the relief of unemployment. The amount of the grant from the Employment Schemes Vote for a particular Scheme was governed, inter alia, by the proportionate number of recipients of unemployment assistance registered in the area at the time. The promoters of such a Scheme were responsible for supplying the designs and detailed estimates of cost, with an indication as to (a) the skilled, and (b) the unskilled labour content of the work. A map should be furnished showing the precise location of the proposal, and it should be stated (1) whether the work would be carried out under proper technical supervision, and (2) the amount expected towards the cost, by way of State Grant.

With regard to the approval of a grant from public funds, it was stated that the Minister would have to be satisfied that the sportsfield was held in trust for the public as a whole, and that the Committee elected to administer the proposal would exercise their control in the public interest. To have a Committee representative in this sense it would be necessary (1) that it should be elected at stated intervals and not by the members of any particular body or organisation, but by the public as a whole; and (2) that notice convening the Meeting to elect the Committee should be published in the local Press or in some other convenient way.

The Minister would, furthermore, require an undertaking from the Committee that in the event of it being decided on any occasion to make a charge for admission to the sportsfield the proceeds would be devoted to the upkeep and improvement of the field.

Councillor Houston, who was responsible for bringing forward the matter originally, submitted the following particulars:-

"(a) No. of unemployed in area:-

Glenties.....	151.
Graffy.....	190.
Maas.....	68.
	<u>409.</u>

(b) Detailed estimate of Cost:-

(i) Draining 1000 yards of piping.....	£200.
(ii) Rock Blasting.....	£150.
(iii) Levelling of field.....	£250.
(iv) Fencing.....	£120.
	<u>£720.</u>

Further to (b) above it was stated that in the matter of skilled and unskilled labour content, two skilled (one for fencing and one for piping), and forty unskilled men would be required, and the work should be carried out under proper technical supervision.

The Sportsfield was held in trust by Trustees elected at a public representative Meeting, and the notice convening the Meeting was put up in every shop window in Glenties several days prior to the public Meeting.

This representative Committee of Trustees would be elected tri-annually.

Neither the Trustees nor any other person will benefit from the income derived, and the profits, of course, will go to the upkeep of the field."

The Council decided to refer Councillor Houston's letter to the Office of Public Works.

1085/40. CONVEYANCE IN CONNECTION WITH LETTERKENNY MAGAZINE SITE.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing Conveyance for sealing by the County Council in connection with the Letterkenny Magazine Site.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, the Conveyance.

1086/40. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from Councillor McRory regarding Patrick McCahill, Killian, Frosses, a defaulting Housing Annuitant, who was a Road Contractor. He suggested that proceedings against McCahill be deferred until he got the money in respect of his road contract.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter for two months.

1087/40. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor re amount due in respect of loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Mr. Manus Loughrey, Kerrykeel, and stating that Mr. Loughrey had asked time until the end of November to pay the balance of the loan outstanding. Mr. Loughrey was off work for a period of six months owing to illness, and, in the circumstances, the Council's Solicitor suggested that he be given the time asked for.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter for two months.

1088/40. DEED OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN OF £6,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing for execution by the Council Engrossement of Deed of Charge, together with the approved draft charge, in connection with loan of £6,000 for the purchase of Road Machinery.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, to execute the Deed of Charge under Seal.

1089/40. LAW AGENT'S BILL OF COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLETION OF DEED OF CHARGE FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing Law Agent's Bill of Costs for £5 : 17 : 6 in connection with completion of Deed of Charge re loan for purchase of stonebreaker and tractor.

The Council decided to pay the amount.

1090/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF TERMON RIVER, TULLYLARK, PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Scott, Tievemore, and Mr. James A. Clinton, Tullylark, Pettigo, applying for a grant to have the trees cleared from the Termon River at Tullylark to give free vent to the water which was destroying their lands.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a matter for the Board of Works, and the Council decided to refer the application to that Department.

1091/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF HOUSE AT FROSSES.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Campbell, Frosses, complaining of the flooding of his house. The water was 6" deep in the cellar. He hoped the Council would attend to the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter had been attended to.

1092/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT PORT RD., LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs. McLaughlin's, Port Road, Letterkenny, complaining of the flooding of their premises through the raising of the footpath. The raising of the footpath had also blocked the gateway which they used for their motor-car business.

The County Surveyor stated that he would inquire into the complaint, and, if necessary, have it remedied.

The Council noted the County Surveyor's statement.

1093/40.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Patrick Martin, Ardatole, Barnesmore, applying for work on roads. He would like a job as a Flagman. He was a married man.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1094/40.

COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK - BUNCRANA AREA.

A letter was read from the ratepayers of Tullydish, Bunrana, complaining of unfair allocation of work by Ganger Bradley, Desertegney.

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

1095/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN LOUGHERAHIRK AND PORT, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Kiltyfannet, Meenacross, Glencolumbkille, complaining of the condition of the road between Lougherahirik and Port. Some parts of this road were so bad that it was impossible to walk on it.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"This road is under contract for which a sum of £13 :10 : 0 has been allocated for a distance of three miles. It is difficult to do very much with this sum of money."

The Council noted the report.

1096/40.

OPENING OF TRUNK ROADS IN BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mr. B. Brady, Town Clerk, Bundoran, applying for permission to open the Trunk Roads for works necessary under the Bundoran Water Supply Improvements Scheme.

The Council decided to grant permission on the usual conditions regarding lodging of deposit.

1097/40.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PORCH AT BALLYLAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas J. McElwaine, Ballylar, applying for permission to erect a porch as an addition to his dwelling-house. The porch will extend towards the road by about 5'.

The County Surveyor stated that he objected to the erection of this porch on the usual grounds.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting and the proposal was passed unanimously.

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The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The signs for this school are on order. The road referred to is in fair order, and some money is being spent on the bad portion."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1099/40.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO DUMP BOG ORE ALONG ROADSIDE.

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1100/40. REQUEST TO HAVE ROAD LEADING INTO STRANARVA OR MEENCORWICK, CROLLY, TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Stranarva, Crollly, complaining of the condition of the road leading into Stranarva or Meencorwick. The Board of Works had already given four Grants for this road. They now wanted the County Council to take it over for maintenance.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I must object to the taking over of this road. In any case I do not think it would be in order to do so without proper notice."

The Council decided to ask the County Surveyor for a report from his Assistant for next Meeting re this road.

1101/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO ROWANTREEHILL BOG, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Miss Mary E. Duffy, Ednagor, Ballyshannon, drawing the Council's attention, on behalf of the ratepayers of the district, to the bad condition of the road leading to the Rowantreehill Bog from Moore's house. There was a portion of the road which was in very bad repair, viz., a steep hill on which there was a very dangerous rock. This rock should be blasted.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor for his attention.

1102/40. COMPLAINT RE ENCROACHMENT ON RIGHT-OF-WAY AT LETTERBRICK, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McGlynn, Letterbrick, Cloghan, stating that if the matter of the right-of-way at his house in Letterbrick was not settled satisfactorily before the end of October, it would be placed in the hands of a Solicitor. Any information given by Mr. Kelly in this matter was misleading.

The County Surveyor stated that he had nothing to add to his previous report in this matter.

Councillor Hannigan proposed that the matter be adjourned pending further investigation, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

1103/40. ERECTION OF BINS ON DOWNINGS PIER FOR HOLDING SAND FROM MUCKISH MOUNTAIN.

A letter was read from Irish Minerals, Ltd., Dawson Street, Dublin, applying for permission to erect temporary bins on Downings Pier for holding sand from Muckish. They could and would be removed immediately required.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I am not quite sure whether the portion of the Pier on which the bins are to be erected is under our control or under the control of the Office of Public Works. I suggest that the Council deal with the matter sympathetically."

Councillor Baxter proposed that permission be granted.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1104/40. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PREPARATION OF THE 1941/42 REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £30 to cover the employment of a temporary clerk for work in connection with the preparation of the 1941/42 Register of Electors.

The application was granted unanimously.

1105/40. COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the County Librarian, Lifford, stating that there was a vacancy for one member on the Library Committee, and the Committee had recommended the appointment of Rev. T. Bradley, C.C., Donnyloop, who had been a member some years before, while a curate at Crossroads, Killygordon.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to appoint Father Bradley a member of the Committee.

1106/40. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS TURN ON ROAD AT DERRYBEG CHAPEL.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean MacAodha, O.S., Secretary, Gweedore Parish Council, stating that the Committee had expressed concern at the increasing number of accidents occurring at the dangerous turn at the Chapel. Immediate steps should be taken to remedy this by widening the bridge by about 12 feet. This would cost only a nominal sum, and had nothing to do with a broader scheme being considered by the Council for straightening the road at the same place.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I am personally acquainted with the facts of this case. I am anxious to run the road straight, completely cutting off a very dangerous hairpin bend. There has been difficulty as regards the acquisition of land for this purpose. I suggest that Mr. Sean MacAodha should interest himself in endeavouring to help in the acquisition of the land, when a first-class improvement can be made at this point."

The Council decided to ask the Parish Council to use their good offices in acquiring the land required for widening at this point.

1107/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean O'Gallagher, Cloughbee, Ardara, stating that he noted that Mr. Kearney had promised to employ him as a Ganger as soon as work was available. He hoped that that promise would be kept.

The letter was noted.

1108/40. APPLICATION BY FLAGMAN FOR INCREASE IN PAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Bonner, Flagman, Roller No. 26, applying for an increase in pay. He had now three years' service.

The Council decided to instruct the County Surveyor to put this flagman on the scale of pay in operation, if he was not already on it.

1109/40. PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF MR. J. G. McIVOR, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, Milford District, acknowledging receipt of the Council's Minute re residence in Milford. He had endeavoured to get accommodation in Milford and had found a suitable place, but there would not be a vacancy for about a month. Under these circumstances, he asked the Council's permission to remain in Letterkenny for another month.

The Council agreed to allow Mr. McIvor to reside in Letterkenny for another month.

1110/40. CLAIM IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENSION OF WALL AT CASTLEFORWARD ENTRANCE GATE.

A letter was read from Mr. Fred Robinson, Castleforward, Burt, Speenogue P.O., acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 984/40 in connection with his claim re extension of wall at Castleforward Entrance Gate. The Minute was most unsatisfactory. The wall must either be pebble-dashed or finished with cement plaster. The breach Mr. Kelly referred to was caused by an accident to a lorry. If the wall had been a field fence he would not have been so particular, but for an entrance gate it was ridiculous. He could not possibly accept the sum of £3.

The County Surveyor stated that an agreement had been reached in this case.

1111/40. NOTIFICATION RE CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITION IN GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Doherty, Western United Cinemas, Dungloe, notifying the Council that he was showing pictures in Glencolumbkille on the 17th October, 1940.

The matter was noted.

1112/40. REQUEST TO HAVE PIPE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS ROAD AT DROMORE, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mr. John Garney, Dromore, Mountcharles, asking to have a pipe put across the road at his house in Dromore as the water was always accumulating there and flowing across the road. The County Surveyor stated that this matter was being attended to.

1113/40. DISPOSAL OF WASTE PAPER.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Letterkenny, stating that he had 8 or 10 cwts. of waste paper, the property of the Council, and he wished to know how he could dispose of same.

The Secretary stated that he would invite tenders for this and other waste paper, the property of the Council.

1114/40. FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT CARROWBLAGH, PORTSALON, THROUGH THE CARRYING OUT OF A MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, dated 10th October, 1940, referring to his previous complaint about the flooding of the property of Mrs. Jane Carr at Carrowblagh, Portsalon. The County Surveyor had not yet visited the premises, and his client had now instructed him to institute immediate legal proceedings.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a matter which does not concern the County Council, as it is in connection with work carried out by the Office of Public Works."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works.

1115/40. COMPLAINT RE DELAY IN EXECUTING DRAINAGE SCHEME BETWEEN CLOGHER AND CLOONEY, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell, Clogher West, Clooney, Glenties, complaining of the delay in executing a drainage scheme between Clogher and Clooney. This scheme was inspected and was to have been carried out, but he had heard nothing about the matter since.

The County Surveyor stated that this was entirely a matter for the Office of Public Works.

1116/40. APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO A MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mrs. Annie Shiels, Rapps, Kindrum, referring to the Fallanease Drainage Scheme, and stating that she was the owner of the property in which the scheme was to start. Without her signature the work would not start, and until her son was appointed Ganger she would not give her consent.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a matter for the Office of Public Works, and did not concern the County Council.

1117/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM LETTERKENNY TO TRENTA.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Rathdonnell, Trentagh, and Churchill Districts, drawing attention to the condition of the road leading from Rathdonnell to Trentagh. It was two years since the first heaps of stones were placed along the road, and other heaps had been accumulating since. Two vehicles could not pass with safety. No effort had been or was being made to roll in the stones. The stone piles were overgrown with noxious weeds.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for his attention,

1118/40. 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 on the 11th December, and any items for consideration should be forwarded before 30th November.

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

1119/40. ERECTION OF LOW TENSION EXTENSION AT HILLMOUNT, LETTERKENNY,
BY THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, 60-62, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, stating that under the powers conferred on the Board by the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1927, it was proposed to erect a low tension extension at Hillmount, Letterkenny. The erection of the poles would necessitate the breaking up of the roads and footpaths, but every care would be taken to avoid damage to persons using the roads and footpaths, and to the property of the Council, and/or the Letterkenny Urban Council.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I suggest that when the poles have been erected that the position should be defined by the Surveyor concerned."

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

1120/40. REMOVAL OF PROJECTIONS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA - REID
AND OTHERS v. THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing for execution by the Secretary Agreement in connection with the removal of Bundoran projections - Reid and others v. the County Council. He stated that there was a payment of £70, together with £3 : 3 : 0 costs to be made to Mr. Ramage, Solicitor for the parties concerned, and he asked for Paying Order for this amount.

The Council unanimously decided to pay the amount mentioned.

1121/40. HARBOUR MASTER AT BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from Mr. Matthew Corr, Beaugreen, Dunkineely, stating that since he was appointed Harbour Master at Bruckless he received no dues, but he received plenty of abuse. He tendered his resignation as from 16th October.

A further letter was read from Mr. Corr withdrawing his resignation, and stating that he would forward a list of the names of the persons who refused to pay dues so that the Council could take action.

1122/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM BALLYBOFEY TO
MEENGLASS.

A letter was read from Rev. J. Dunlop, The Rectory, Stranorlar, complaining of the state of the road from Ballybofey to Meenglass. The surface was in a dreadful state, very unlike some of the Donegal Roads. There was a good deal of traffic on this road, and, on behalf of the public, he would like the matter attended to.

The County Surveyor stated that this road was about to be improved under an Employment Scheme.

1123/40. APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF SCREENINGS.

A letter was read from Major R. L. Moore, Cliff Lodge, Ballyshannon, stating that he would purchase the screenings, which had been left close to his avenue gate in Corlea, if they would not be too expensive. He would remove them. He would also like to be supplied with concrete posts for paling.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I regret very much that we are not in a position at the moment to sell these screenings. We have no concrete posts for sale."

The Council noted the report.

1124/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Sharkey, Keadue, Burtonport, stating that he was not half satisfied with the way the Council repaired the Main Road at Keadue. He was promised a pipe at his place to carry off water which still continued to flow into his place.

The County Surveyor stated that this work would probably cost £10 and it was decided to refer the matter to him.

1125/40. PLATES OF BATTERY IN LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. William Arthur, Caretaker, Co. Council Offices and Courthouse, stating that the plates of the Battery, now 11 years in use, were rapidly deteriorating, and would require to be renewed.

The Council decided to ask Mr. May, Derry, to furnish a report on this matter.

1126/40. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE ALLEGED TO BE SUSTAINED TO CAR ON PUBLIC ROAD AT NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Kelly, N.T., Roshine N.S., Dungloe, stating that he had an accident with a car at Newmills on the 5th October due to the negligence of the Council's employees. There was a tree across the Main Churchill-Letterkenny Road, with no sign of any description to warn the public, though it was 11.40 a.m. at the time. A previous accident had been reported at Letterkenny Garda Station at 5 a.m. the same day. This meant a lapse of 7 hours without having anything done. His car was at present in Earl's Garage, Letterkenny, and he had to hire a car for his business. He would hold the Council responsible for all damages.

A further letter was read from Mr. Kelly enclosing account for £19 0 : 7 from Mr. A. Earle, Letterkenny, for repairs to his car.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Insurance Co.

1127/40. RESOLUTIONS FROM GLENCOLUMBKILLE PARISH COUNCILS RE REPAIR OF ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. William Cunningham, N.T., Cashel, Secretary, Glencolumbkille Parish Committee, stating that the Committee had decided to send the following resolutions to the Council:-

(1) "That we, the members of the Glencolumbkille Parish Council, call on the County Council to repair immediately the road from Malinbeg, through Malinmore, Glencolumbkille, Meenacross, to Ardara, and in view of the dangerous condition of these roads, particularly the Meenacross Road, and near the Rectory at Glencolumbkille, that we call on the Co. Surveyor to inspect these roads himself personally."

(2) "That as the road from Meenavean to Malinmore is in a wretched state of disrepair, and as it is one of the main arteries of traffic, we, the Parish Council, call on the County Council to repair this road at once."

(3) "That we, the members of the Glencolumbkille Parish Council, unanimously call the attention of the Co. Council to the dangerous condition of the roads in the Straboy Area, particularly from the Meenacross Post Office to Port, and we urge an immediate and generous repair scheme."

The County Surveyor stated that his Assistant reported that the roads mentioned were in a reasonable state of repair.

1128/40. REQUEST FROM GLENCOLUMBKILLE PARISH COUNCIL FOR WORKS TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. William Cunningham, N.T., Cashel, Secretary, Glencolumbkille Parish Committee, pointing out the absolute necessity for public works in that district if the people were to be tided over the emergency, because the majority of families, owing to their poor financial circumstances, are unable to put in any extra food supplies, and were only trying to make ends meet from day to day. The Parish Councils had sent resolutions to the Board of Works asking for the repair of the Piers at Malinbeg, Malinmore, and Lug-na-Druant, Doonalt, and also for a Drainage Scheme for the Malinmore River.

The County Surveyor stated that the unemployed in this district were being catered for under a Grant to be commenced shortly.

1129/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR WATER GRAVEL ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Quinn, Benmore, Commeen, Cloghan, stating that he was not satisfied in connection with his claim for compensation for water gravel taken from the lower portion of his holding, and he would like a further investigation made.

The County Surveyor stated that there was nothing to add to a previous report on the matter.

1130/40. APPLICATION TO HAVE FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTED FROM FROSSES
POST OFFICE TO THE GATE AT THE PAROCHIAL HOUSE.

A letter was read from Rev. F. Sheridan, Adm., and other residents of Frosses, asking for the allocation of a grant for the construction of a concrete footpath from Frosses Post Office to the Gate at the Parochial House. The path required would be about 80 yards long and 4 feet wide. The cost would be only about £22.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"While I would be anxious to facilitate the applicants, at the moment there is no money available. It may be possible to provide for this in the coming estimates."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor to keep in mind when preparing next year's Provisional Road Works Scheme.

1131/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT
DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Coulter, Dunkineely, applying for a refund of the deposit which he lodged in connection with road opening. He found that it was not necessary to interfere with the road surface.

The County Surveyor stated that the deposit had been refunded.

1132/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT
BALLYCONNELL, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Miss Mary Harkin, Falcarragh, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by her in connection with road opening at Ballyconnell.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor O'Donoghue stating that the roadway had been satisfactorily restored.

The Council instructed the County Surveyor to have the deposit refunded.

1133/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT
MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Meehan, Mountcharles, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening at Mountcharles.

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

1134/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. George Morrow, Craigroe, Donegal, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with road opening.

The County Surveyor stated that the deposit had been refunded.

1135/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT
KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Strain, Kilmacrenan, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with road opening.

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

1136/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis McFadden, Malinmore, Glencolumbkille, applying for a position as Flagman on one of the Council's Rollers.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1137/40. APPLICATION FROM DRIVER PATRICK O'DONNELL TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Driver, No. 30, Breaker, Barnesmore, stating that he was now over six years working in the Southern Division of the County, and it took all his pay to keep him and pay his travelling expenses home to Carndonagh at week-ends. He had been talking to Hugh McGlinchey, Driver, Breaker No. 8., and he was willing to change with him.

The County Surveyor stated that he would go into this question in a very short time, and the Council decided to leave the matter in his hands.

1138/40. APPLICATION BY FLAGMAN OF ROLLER NO. 14 FOR POSITION AS DRIVER OF ROLLER NO. 22.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Peoples, Flagman, Roller No. 14, Donegal, offering his services for the position of Driver of Roller No. 22. He had taken charge of No. 14 on several occasions in the absence of the Driver.

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

1139/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON MILFORD ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Logue, Gurtin, Ramelton, applying for a job on the Milford Road as surfaceman. He was in bad need of work.

The County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1140/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON BALLYMACOOL ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Crampsie, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny, applying for a job as surfaceman on the Ballymacool-Foxhall Road. He was a married man with a large family.

The County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1141/40. APPLICATION FROM MR. JOHN MCGHEE FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGhee, Coolvoy, Doochary, applying for a job as Flagman on one of the Council's Rollers. He had been working on roads for the past two years.

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

1142/40. APPLICATION FROM MR. JOHN P. KELLY FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Peter Kelly, Teevickmoy, Ballybofey, applying for a position as Flagman in any part of the County.

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

1143/40. APPLICATION FOR AMOUNTS OUT OF CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

<u>Stranorlar Area.</u>	
Repair of pipe damaged by flood on Road, Map No. 1376.....	£1 : 10 : 0.
Repair of Reelin Bridge damaged by flood, Map No. 1449.....	£4 : 0 : 0.
<u>Letterkenny Area.</u>	
Repair of pipe on No. 64, April 1938, Map No. 1130.....	£5 : 0 : 0.
<u>Inishowen Area.</u>	
Repair of sudden breach in "Brook Bridge", Map No. 613....	£40 : 0 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the amounts.

1144/40.

BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

The County Surveyor asked for permission to break the following Road Contracts:-

Lifford Area.

No. 8, April 1938, Map No. 1259, Contractor Thomas Mulrine.

No. 14, April 1938, Map No. 1259, Contractor Thomas Mulrine.

Aileach Area.

No. 39, April 1938, Map No. 784, Contractor William J. Arbuckle, £8:10.

Inishowen Area.

No. 13, April 1939, Map No. 86b., Contractor Dan Doherty, £10.

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

1145/40.

APPLICATION FROM COUNTY SURVEYOR FOR PERMISSION TO UTILISE
MONIES RESULTING FROM BROKEN ROAD CONTRACTS ON URGENT
REPAIRS TO ADJOINING ROADS.

The County Surveyor applied for permission to utilise sums of £8 :10 : 0 and £10, resulting from broken Road Contracts, on more urgent repairs to adjoining roads in the district.

The Council informed the County Surveyor that they could not accede to his request.

1146/40.

DAMAGE TO ROADS OWING TO HAULAGE OF BOG ORE.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have now received reports from all the Assistant Co. Surveyors dealing with the damage done to our roads by lorries engaged in the haulage of bog ore. In all but three districts the damage has been severe. I have gone through the various estimates, and have revised them so as to arrive at a figure, which will just barely keep the damaged roads intact, without considering the question of strengthening these roads to withstand the repetition of such traffic.

I estimate the amount of money to do this work at £2,000. If I had to make allowance for the strengthening of these roads to withstand this traffic, then the estimate would be many times greater than the figure I have arrived at."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1147/40.

APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER FOR LIGHTS AT ROSBEG AND DAWROS,
AND QUESTION OF PURCHASE OF PARAFFIN OIL.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Kearney, Rosbeg, Glenties, thanking the Council for his appointment as Caretaker of the Rosbeg and Dawros lights, and inquiring regulations for the time of lighting, hours, etc. He had examined the lamps, and had found that there was only one wick attached to each lamp, and also one globe. He expected the extra fittings would be supplied. He also wished to know how the oil would be supplied. He could get it delivered by the Oil Van from Killybegs.

The Council decided to refer the query about the lamps, wicks, etc., to the Board of Works, and to instruct Mr. Kearney to purchase the oil required from Mr. Michael O'Boyle, Merchant, Rosbeg, who would submit his accounts at the end of every quarter.

1148/40.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN ROSBEG AND
KILTOORISH.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Kearney, Rosbeg, Glenties, complaining of the condition of the road between Rosbeg and Kiltloorish. It was over two years since any work was done on this road.

The County Surveyor stated that his Assistant reported that this road was in fair order.

1149/40. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR FOR DUNKINEELY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siathchana, Letterkenny, stating that Garda P. O'Gallagher, Dunkineely, had been transferred from the district, and asking to have Garda Colman O'Casey, Dunkineely, appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector for the district.

The Council decided to appoint Garda O'Casey.

1150/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick E. Gillespie, Stranarva, Crolly, applying for a position as Ganger on Employment Schemes in Crolly District.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1151/40. PREPARATION OF THE NINETEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd October, 1940, F.100/40, enclosing copy of Circular Letter issued to the Registration Officer in connection with the preparation of the Nineteenth Register of Electors.

The matter was noted.

1152/40. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Kelly, Drumdoit, Castlefin, on behalf of road contractors in the area, asking to have the date of the Meeting fixed for certifying payments to Road Contractors postponed, as owing to the bad weather and the scarcity of labour they had not been able to have the metal spread.

The County Surveyor stated that he regretted he could not accede to the request asking to have the dates postponed for certifying payment.

Councillor Gallen raised the question of the times for payments to Road Contractors, and he stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion to have them paid quarterly in future.

1153/40. AMOUNT OWING BY THE COMMISSIONER ADMINISTERING THE AFFAIRS OF BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL.

Councillor Scott inquired if any monies had been paid since last Meeting on foot of the amount owing by Buncrana Urban Council.

The Secretary replied in the negative, and Councillor Scott spoke at length on the matter, and referred to recent Press reports on the subject. He also stated that the Commissioner had made no reference to the quotation from the Auditor's Report for the financial year ending 31st March, 1939, in which the Auditor stated that the rate was based on estimates that bore little relation to the requirements for the financial year.

Confirmed.

Wright of Mr. J. J. J. J.

Chairman of Co. Council.

26th November, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1940.

1154/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, Kelly (James), McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, and Wagentreiber.

1155/40.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle.

1156/40.

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 October, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

1157/40.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th October, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1158/40.

R E P O R T S O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th October, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 19th November, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1159/40.

R E P O R T S O F E N G I N E E R I N G S E R V I C E S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 29th October, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 19th November, 1940.

In connection with Minute No. 95/40, the Secretary read a letter from Mr. W. Watson, Donegal, applying for the position of Caretaker of the Explosives Magazine.

The Council decided to adopt the Committee's recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Patrick Furey, Donegal, to this position.
Minute No. 93/40 - Acquisition of Laghey Quarry.

Councillor Brady inquired if it was the intention of the County Surveyor to bring stones by lorry from Laghey Quarry to the Barnesmore District, where an equally good stone could be got, and where a number of carters would be thrown out of employment by the acquisition of this Quarry.

He proposed that this matter be referred back to the Engineering Committee for re-consideration.

Councillor McRory seconded the proposal.

The County Surveyor stated that he had gone carefully into this matter. He was not satisfied that granite was a good road surfacing material.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Report of the Committee be adopted. Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Brady's amendment was put to the Meeting, and on a show of hands eleven members voted for the amendment, and eleven members against the amendment. The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment.

REPORTS OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CONTINUED).

Councillor Scott's proposal that the Report of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 19th November be adopted was then put to the Meeting, and on a show of hands eleven members voted for the proposal, and twelve members against it.

As both Councillor Scott's motion and Councillor Brady's amendment had been lost, the Chairman ruled that the whole matter stand adjourned until the next Meeting of the County Council.

1160/40. REPORT OF PIERS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Myles proposed that the Report of the Piers Committee Meeting held on the 29th October, 1940, be adopted.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal, which was adopted unanimously.

1161/40. PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to authorise the payments to Road Contractors for the half-year ended 30th September, 1940, as recommended by the Finance Committee and as certified by the County Surveyor.

1162/40. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF TWO TEMPORARY ENGINEERS FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th November, 1940, stating that no objection would be raised to the appointment of two Temporary Engineers for work in connection with Employment Schemes on the same terms as last year, i.e. £5 : 5 : 0 per week chargeable to the schemes, and travelling expenses payable out of the Council's own funds. Normally, the appointments should be made after advertisement but as the schemes had already been started no objection would be raised on this occasion provided the County Surveyor was satisfied as to the suitability of the persons proposed by the Council.

The County Surveyor stated that he was not satisfied with one of the persons whom the Council, at their last Meeting (Minute No. 1056/40, proposed to appoint.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the person with whom the County Surveyor was satisfied be appointed, and that the question of filling the other vacancy be left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1163/40. EXECUTION OF RELEASE OF MORTGAGE ON THE HOLDING OF NEIL MCGREADY, MOUNTCHARLES, A BORROWER UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary stated that the holding of Mr. Neil McGready at Mountcharles had been sold, and that arrangements were being made to pay all monies owing by him to the County Council.

Mr. F. Gallagher, Solicitor, Donegal, submitted for execution by the Council Release of Mortgage on Mr. McGready's holdings.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Mahony, to execute, under Seal, Release of Mortgage.

1164/40. PROVISIONAL ORDER IN CONNECTION WITH BURTONPORT HARBOUR.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, six copies of an application for a Provisional Order under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour (Amendment) Act, 1861, for the purpose of varying and extending the limits of the Harbour at Burtonport.

1165/40. REQUEST FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERINARY DISPENSARIES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Carrick Parish Council, stating that the Carrick Parish Council wished to know why the Veterinary Dispensary at Carrick was discontinued, and would like to know if it could be re-established. The nearest Veterinary Surgeon for that district lived at Donegal, which was 28 miles distant.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Department of Agriculture for their sympathetic consideration.

1166/40. CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME - COMPLAINT RE
CONDITION OF WOODEN BRIDGE CROSSING THE RIVER AT
STRANAGARROW, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Sweeney, Drumnatinny, Falcarragh, referring to Minute No. 1059/40 of the 29th October, 1940, and stating that the other tenants affected by the Ray River Drainage Scheme refused to sign the required Agreement on the ground that the Bridge was for the use of five tenants only. It was hoped that the Council would at once exercise their powers in having the Bridge repaired as a general charge on the Scheme, and thus enable the five tenants now directly affected to save their crops.

Councillor McClafferty stated that on the 31st January, 1939, Mr. Sweeney appeared before the Council and asked them not to approve of any further expenditure on this Scheme, and the Council, at their Meeting that day, unanimously decided to invite the views of the parties concerned before incurring any further expenditure on this Scheme.

The Council unanimously decided to point this out to Mr. Sweeney. (52/39 C.C.)

1167/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF GATES ACROSS RAILWAY LINE ON ROAD
NO. 771.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd November, 1940, referring to the accident which occurred early this year at the Railway Level Crossing known as McCandless's crossing on Road No. 771 when a collision occurred between the Letterkenny-Derry train and a private car. A similar accident involving a motor lorry occurred at the same place in March, 1924. It was understood that when the Railway was constructed an accommodation crossing was provided and that subsequently the accommodation road was extended and that the repair of it was undertaken by the Donegal County Council about the year 1922. In the circumstances, it would appear that the Railway Co. were under no statutory obligation to provide guarded gates or a bridge. The Minister would, therefore, be glad to have the views of the Council as to the advisability of erecting a bridge over the railway line at this crossing.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting. It was also decided to send a copy of the letter to the Council's Solicitor.

1168/40. APPLICATION BY THE ASSISTANT SURVEYORS OF THE COUNTY FOR
AN INCREASED RATE OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter was read from the Assistant Surveyors of the County applying to have the rate per mile of Travelling Expenses increased from 4d. to 6d. They pointed out that within the past 18 months the price of petrol had advanced by about 50%, while the cost of new cars and re-placement parts had advanced by about 22½%. This meant not alone increased running costs, but increased cost of upkeep and increased cost of depreciation. They had estimated that on an average yearly mileage of 12,000 miles, the increase would be about £55, with every possibility of further increases due to war conditions.

Councillor Brady proposed that the matter be referred to the Sub-Finance Committee.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

1169/40. ESTIMATE FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF MAIN AND COUNTY
ROADS FOR THE YEAR 1941/42.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"When the estimate for the maintenance and repair of roads for the year 1941/42 is being considered, there are certain aspects of this matter which I would like you to consider when the estimate is being discussed. As you are aware, of course, on our work in maintaining and repairing roads and other public works in the County, we use considerable quantities of materials of all kinds, such as Tars, Bitumens, Cement, Coal, Petrol and Oils, Timber, Tools, re-placement parts for machinery, explosives, etc. We also have to pay large sums for the repair of machinery and for haulage. Very considerable increases in the cost of all these items have occurred since the outbreak of War. In order to give the Council an idea of what the extra cost of these materials means to us, I have taken the quantities of four of these items, viz., Tars and Tar Bitumens, Colfix (this is a bitumen), Cement and Coal used during the past year, with the prices ruling pre-War. I am assuming that similar quantities will be used during the coming year, and I have calculated the nett increase in the cost to us in these several items:-

The first table shows the total materials used on Grant and Direct Labour work. The second table shows the total materials used in Direct Labour work only:-

Table 1. - Grants and Direct Labour.

2792 tons Tar Bitumen (1939)	- 93s/7d per ton.....	£13,064.
2792 tons Tar Bitumen (1940)	- 140s/2d per ton.....	£19,567.
	Price Increase.....	£6,503.
240 tons Colfix (1939)	- 134s/6d	£1,614.
240 tons Colfix (1940)	- 193s/6d.....	£2,322.
	Price Increase.....	£708.
526 tons Cement (1939)	- 62s/3d.....	£1,637.
526 tons Cement (1940)	- 67s/6d.....	£1,775.
	Price Increase.....	£138.
1598 tons Coal (1939)	- 47/-.....	£3,755.
1598 tons Coal (1940)	- 64s/3d.....	£5,133.
	Price Increase.....	£1,378.
	TOTAL INCREASE.....	£8,727.

Table 2 - Direct Labour only.

Materials used in Direct Labour.		
1516 tons Tar Bitumen (1939)	- 93s/7d.....	£7,093.
1516 tons Tar Bitumen (1940)	- 140s/2d.....	£10,624.
	Total Increase.....	£3,531.
210 tons Colfix (1939)	- 134s/6d.....	£1,412.
210 tons Colfix (1940)	- 193s/6d.....	£2,031.
	Total Increase.....	£619.
215 tons Cement (1939)	- 62s/3d.....	£669.
215 tons Cement (1940)	- 67s/6d.....	£725.
	Total Increase.....	£56.
1106 tons Coal (1939)	- 47/-.....	£2,599.
1106 tons Coal (1940)	- 64s/3d.....	£3,553.
	Total Increase.....	£954.
	GROSS TOTAL.....	£5,160.

I have not made out what the nett increase would be in all the other materials used by us, and enumerated above, as the work involved in this calculation would be exceptionally difficult and involved, and would take a fairly considerable time. I am quite certain, however, that the nett increase in these other items would bring our total increase on all our works up to a figure of £12,000.

It will be appreciated, therefore, that in respect of the maintenance and repair of our roads, and assuming that even with the same monies available this year, as in previous years, that the effective work we can do on the roads will be reduced by an amount equivalent to £12,000 of work. I hope to offset this to some extent by increased efficiency in our methods of work, and in our outputs, but as will be seen, the position will still remain very serious. Any reduction, therefore, in the monies asked for will be fraught with grave danger to the condition of the roads and works throughout the whole County."

ESTIMATE FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF MAIN AND COUNTY
ROADS FOR THE YEAR 1941/42. (CONTINUED).

A letter was read from Councillor Baxter stating that at the consideration of the Provisional Road Estimate for 1931/42 he would raise the question of the state into which the County and back roads of the County were rapidly deteriorating.

In support of his letter, Councillor Baxter complained of the condition of the back roads of the County, and he stated that at Meeting after Meeting of the Council numerous letters were read complaining of the state of these roads. The Contract system should be restored as the present system was hopeless for these roads. He also stated that a lot of money was being spent on tar, and that this expenditure could be avoided if the Grants were diverted to the back roads of the County.

Councillor Blaney supported Councillor Baxter.

Councillor McIvor stated that he was surprised that the large amount of Grants received was not reflected in the road expenditure by the Council.

After further discussion, it was decided to refer the County Surveyor's estimate to a Meeting of the Economy Committee to be held during December.

1170/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN AT THE
JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

The Secretary again read the following report from the County Surveyor re above matter:-

"I inspected the proposed Bungalow site of Mr. Vaughan near Ballyshannon on the 20th September, and discussed the matter fully with Mr. Vaughan and his Solicitor, Captain Ramage, on the spot.

The decision as to whether permission should or should not be given for the building of the Bungalow depends solely on the simple issue as to whether, if the structure was erected, there would be a reasonable view for traffic using these roads. In my view in a matter of this kind, where the safety of the public is involved, no fine line of distinction as to what is safe or what is unsafe should be allowed. The 1925 Act takes care of this point when it lays down a distance of 90' within which structures cannot be erected without permission.

In the present case I inspected the site very carefully, and I have no doubt that were the Bungalow erected, there would not exist a reasonable view for traffic at this point. The corner is a dangerous one; the main road is not too wide, and the point that few people use the side road is, in my opinion, simply a matter of degree, and does not affect the main issue. If the Bungalow were erected a car on the Main Road - 22 to 25 yards from the corner - would only see a car on the side road about the same distance from the corner.

I beg, therefore, to report that permission to build should not be given. I regret very much I cannot facilitate Mr. Vaughan in this matter, but I have had to come to my conclusion solely with the interests of the public in view."

Mr. Ramage, Solicitor for Mr. Vaughan, again appeared before the Council in the matter.

After some discussion, Councillor McShea proposed that Mr. Vaughan be given permission to build the bungalow.

Councillor Houston seconded the proposal.

Councillor Myles proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be referred to the Chief Engineering Inspector of the Local Government Department.

Councillor Wagentreiber seconded the amendment.

The amendment was put to the Meeting, and eight members voted for it, and twelve members against it.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the motion carried by the same voting.

1171/40. LIFTING OF THE BURTONPORT EXTENSION RAILWAY LINE BY THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, stating that at a large and representative Meeting it was decided to lodge a protest against the closing of the Burtonport Railway, and the lifting of the rails.

A letter was also read from the Hon. Secretary, Meovagh Parish Council, protesting against the lifting of this railway line.

A deputation appeared before the Council in connection with the matter, of which Mr. Charles Boyle acted as spokesman.

Mr. Boyle stated that Railway charges for the transport of potatoes, turnips, etc. were 6s/6d per ton, and the lorry charges now were 30/- per ton. Rates on hardware had increased by about 140%. On last Fair day the rate for the transport of cattle from Meenaleck to Letterkenny was 5/- each, an increase of 1s/3d each from the previous Fair Day. The Government had asked the people to cut as much turf as possible. The people had co-operated with the Government, and now they were unable to dispose of their turf owing to transport charges. The Council should see that the people were protected from extortionate charges.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell stated that the Railway Line had been lifted with the permission and approval of the Government, who had actually granted an export licence for the rails.

Councillor Scott stated that the position was futile.

Councillor Brady stated that the problem which had confronted the Eire Government in connection with this line was one which had been going on for a long time. He submitted a report by a Mr. Joseph Tatlow on the working of this line. Mr. Tatlow's book was entitled "Fifty years of Railway Life," and it ended with the year 1920. It was evident from this Report that the finances of the Lough Swilly Railway were in a very serious condition many years ago.

After further discussion Councillor Baxter proposed that the matter be adjourned until Counsel's opinion had been obtained.

1172/40. PETROL RATIONING FOR THE COUNCIL'S PLANT.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies dated 24th October, 1940, P.40., stating that the next petrol rationing period would be for the months of November, December, and January, 1941. Local Authorities should furnish a statement setting out particulars of the vehicles and machines for which petrol would be required, and the minimum requirement for each vehicle and machine in each of the months. The barest minimum requirements only should be given.

1173/40. OFFICIALS WHO ARE AUTHORISED TO ORDER SUPPLIES OF OFFICIAL COMMODITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th October, 1940, C.P.224/40, asking to be furnished with a list of the Officials who were authorised to order supplies of commodities from Official Contractors, and their Official addresses.

1174/40. TRAINING OF FIREFIGHTING INSTRUCTORS FOR CITIES AND TOWNS IN WHICH STATUTORY A.R.P. SCHEMES WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 6th November, 1940, ARP.874., stating that a vacancy for Mr. G. V. McLaughlin, Town Surveyor, Letterkenny, had been reserved at the course of instruction in firefighting which would commence on the 25th November.

1175/40. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 18) ORDER, 1939.

Nine letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 18) Order, 1939.

1176/40. ARDUGHADH GREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNG DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 9adh Samhain, 1940, G.719/12/40, ag radh go gceaduiagheann an t-Aire do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 i gcoir costaisi reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach suas go dti an 30adh Shamhna, 1940.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £70,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mi na Nodlag, 1940.

Socruiagheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £70,000 suas go dti an 31adh Mi Na Nodlag, 1940.

1177/40. APPOINTMENT OF WEIGHMASTER FOR WEIGHBRIDGE AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th November, 1940, RV.221/12/7, relative to the appointment of a weighmaster for the weighbridge erected at Letterkenny under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, and asking to be informed of the amount of time per week which it is estimated the duties of the position will occupy.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th November, 1940, RV.221/12/7, relative to the appointment of a weighmaster for the weighbridge at Letterkenny, and stating that, in the circumstances, no objection is seen to the employment of Mr. Anthony Dawson. The arrangement proposed for his remuneration may be allowed to operate for a period of three months when the matter should be re-submitted with full particulars of the amount of the fees collected and time occupied during the period.

1178/40. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, FORMER ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter dated 22nd October, 1940, was read from the Local Government Department regarding the superannuation of Mr. Patrick Dawson, former Assistant County Surveyor, and enclosing fresh query form for completion.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th November, 1940, regarding the superannuation of Mr. Patrick Dawson, and stating that Mr. Dawson claimed that a Road Fund Bonus of £40 per annum should be taken into consideration in assessing his superannuation. In the amended query form submitted, the Road Fund Bonus for the year ended 31st March, 1939, was given as £20. The Minister would, accordingly, be glad to have the Council's observations on the matter.

The Secretary stated that the figures in this matter had now been agreed upon.

1179/40. LOAN OF £5.250 TO DEFRAY EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF AN IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY FOR LETTERKENNY MENTAL HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, dated 29th October, 1940, L.1936/7/40, Dun na nGall. Pd., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 6th July in regard to the Lough Salt Waterworks Scheme, and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the raising by the County Council of a loan of £5,250 to defray the expenditure in connection with the provision of an improved water supply for the Letterkenny Mental Hospital; the loan to be obtained from the Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., and to be re-payable over a period of 15 years with interest at the usual rate.

A letter was also read from the Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Dublin, enclosing Deed of Charge in connection with loan of £5,250 for Mental Hospital Water Supply.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to execute Deed of Charge under Seal.

1180/40. LAST INDEX MARK AND REGISTRATION NO. ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th October, 1940, asking to be furnished with particulars of the last Index Mark and Registration No. issued by the Council.

1181/40. APPOINTMENT OF A VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commission dated 30th October, 1940, L.S.15/1/19, referring to the Statutory Request for the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Milford District, and stating that the Commissioners regretted the delay in advertising the post. A difference of opinion in connection with the terms of the appointment had arisen between the Local Government Department and the Department of Agriculture, and the Commissioners were not in a position to advertise the post until these points were settled.

Councillor Baxter stated that it was a shame that it should take 18 months for two Government Departments to agree on the terms of this appointment. He stated that the ratepayers of the area were being inconvenienced.

1182/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Schemes for works at Tullylark and Slievebawn.

1183/40. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee held on the 15th October. At that Meeting the Committee decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until their next Meeting.

Councillor McIvor asked for a further adjournment of the following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name and that of five other members:-

"That Minute No. 396/40 of the County Council of the 30th April, 1940, adopting a Report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 23rd April, 1940, Minute No. 13/40, in connection with Office accommodation of the Committee of Agriculture, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

The Council agreed to adjourn the matter.

Councillor McIvor then proposed that the Council instruct the County Surveyor to inspect and report on the advisability of using a room or rooms in Lifford Courthouse for the purposes of the County Library Committee, and that his report be submitted to the Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture on the 17th December.

Councillor Scott suggested that when making the survey of the Courthouse the County Surveyor consider the suitability of any room or rooms there to which the Committee of Agriculture could be transferred, and he asked Councillor McIvor to amend his motion accordingly.

Councillor McIvor agreed and the motion was passed unanimously.

The County Surveyor stated that he was very busy at the moment and he suggested that the Council engage an outside Architect to do this survey.

The Council refused to agree to the suggestion of the County Surveyor.

Councillor Scott also proposed that the County Surveyor attend the Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture on the 17th December, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

1184/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT DRUNG, MALIN.

In the absence of Councillor Lynch, Councillor Cole proposed the following Notice of Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Brady, and passed unanimously:- "That the Board of Works be asked for a grant to make a new road leading off Lagg and Glacknabraide Road at Drung, Malin, about one mile in length."

1185/40. REQUEST TO HAVE MALIN STREET, MOVILLE, WIDENED.

Councillor Cole stated that there was a sum of £70 unexpended from Councillor McDaid's Councillors' Motions, and he proposed that this sum be used for the purpose of having Malin Street, Moville, widened.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1186/40. QUESTION OF PROVIDING NEW CRANE FOR PORTALEEN PIER.

The County Surveyor stated that he had invited estimates for the provision of a new crane for Portaleen Pier, but that he had received no replies.

The Council decided to let the matter stand adjourned.
(1053/40 C.C.)

1187/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. DANIEL DOHERTY ON THE ROAD BETWEEN GLENMAKEE THREE ROADS AND ALTASHANE THREE ROADS.

The Council again considered the following report from the County Surveyor regarding the above matter:-

"I inspected to-day the site of the building extension which Mr. Daniel Doherty proposes to carry out at his residence at Collin, Carndonagh. I met Mr. Doherty on the site and discussed the matter with him. This proposed building is at a very dangerous corner on the Carndonagh-Buncrana Road. At the moment the corner is blind due to a rather high hedge which completely shuts off the view. It was, therefore, difficult to see how much of the road was visible were this extension allowed. At the moment I am inclined to think that an obstruction to the view of users of the road would be caused by the building of this extension, especially as it had been proposed to widen the corner. The point that matters in this case is that I have under consideration at the moment a road diversion at this point. A survey has been made of this diversion, and I hope to come to a decision on this matter very shortly. If this diversion is made, as it appears likely at the moment it will be made, then I am of opinion that there might be less objection to the building extension proposed by Mr. Doherty.

I suggest, therefore, that the matter be left in abeyance until a decision is reached regarding the road diversion. I hope to be able to report on the matter at the next Meeting of the Council."

The County Surveyor stated that he had discussed the matter that morning with Mr. Doherty.

The Council agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor. (954/40 C.C.)

1188/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF BALANCE DUE ON ROAD CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Boyle, Ballyharry, Moville, re non-payment of balance due on last year's road contract. The Surveyor had informed him that the onus for non-payment of the amount rested on the Secretary. He was overcharged £2 for roller, and £1 was deducted for no reason whatever.

The Secretary stated that this man was under the impression that his Tender was for £25, but he submitted the original Bond which showed the amount of the Contract to be £24.

The Council decided to leave this matter in the hands of the County Surveyor. (1057/40 C.C.)

1189/40. DAMAGE TO ROADS OWING TO HAULAGE OF BOG ORE.

The Council decided to adjourn until their next Meeting the County Surveyor's report on damage to roads owing to haulage of Bog Ore. (1146/40 C.C.)

1190/40. RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF MR. BERNARD CANNON, GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Cannon, Gortahork, tendering his resignation as a member of the County Council owing to ill-health. He thanked the members of the Council for the kindness and consideration shown to him during his term of membership.

The Council decided to accept Councillor Cannon's resignation with deep regret, and they expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to health.

Councillor Houston proposed that the seat on the Council held by Mr. Cannon be declared vacant.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously. It was decided to fill the vacancy at next Meeting by the co-option of a qualified person from the County Electoral Area of Gienties.

1191/40. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PORCH AS AN ADDITION TO DWELLING-HOUSE AT BALLYLAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas J. McElwaine, Ballylar, applying for permission to erect a porch as an addition to his dwelling-house. The porch would extend towards the road by about 5'.

Councillor Baxter proposed that permission be granted on condition that Mr. McElwaine sign an undertaking to remove the porch at any time he may be called upon to do so.

Councillor Blaney seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1192/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING INTO THE TOWNLANDS OF STRANARVA OR MEENCORWICK.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Stranarva, Grolly, complaining of the condition of the road leading into Stranarva or Meencorwick. The Board of Works had already given four grants for this road, and the people now wanted the Council to take it over for maintenance.

The County Surveyor stated that the position at the moment was that the Council had not sufficient funds to maintain all the roads under their control, and that it would be impossible to take over all roads for which the Board of Works had given grants. He suggested that the Council apply for a further grant for the improvement of this road.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the County Surveyor's suggestion.

1193/40. SALE OF LANDS BY THE MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSES OF ERECTING THE NEW COUNTY HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, enclosing Conveyance of the lands sold by the Committee of Management to the Board of Health for the purpose of the new County Hospital, and Memorial, for sealing by the County Council.

The Secretary stated that the County Council had no authority to alienate any lands owned by them without the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1194/40. APPLICATION FOR HOLIDAY PAY.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGinley, Ganger, Carnamaddy, Cashelmore P.O., inquiring the regulations regarding holiday pay. He was working 8 months with the Council in 1938/39, and 6 months in 1939/40, and so far he had received no holiday pay.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter had been dealt with.

1195/40.

AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Secretary reported that as at 1st December, 1940, the following amounts would be due by the three Urban Councils in the County:-

Buncrana.....	£7,161	:14	: 9.
Bundoran.....	£1,896	:10	: 0.
Letterkenny.....	£1,388	: 0	: 0.

The Council noted the position.

1196/40.

EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Manager, Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Dunfanaghy, applying to have Paying Order No. 432 dated 5th April, 1940, in favour of Charles McGeever, Derryconnor, Gortahork, re-issued.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Thomas Swan & Co., Buncrana, asking to have Paying Order No. 20587 dated 25th August, 1939, in favour of John McKenna, Station House, Drumfrise, re-issued.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the issue of fresh Paying Orders in these two cases.

1197/40.

COMPLAINTS RE TARRING OF ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. M. J. Gallagher, Secretary, Kilmacrenan Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Parish Council:-

(1) "In view of the fact that, due to shortage of petrol supplies, motor traffic may be much curtailed, and that we may have to revert to the use of the horse and cart, which will be required for transport if and when an emergency occurs, we request the County Council to leave the roads in a more suitable state for use of horse and cart. We consider tar much too slippery, and suggest that the sides of the roads be coated with "chips."

A letter was read from Mr. Seamus O'Donnell, Secretary, Tormon Parish Council, stating that at a recent Meeting a resolution was passed pointing out that in case of emergency the present road surfaces were quite unsuitable for horse traffic. He was instructed to communicate with the Council with a view to having "screenings" made available so that roads might be rendered less slippery than they were at the moment.

The Council decided to refer these resolutions to the County Surveyor for his attention.

1198/40.

COMPLAINT RE PRICES OF OATMEAL AND OATS.

A letter was read from Mr. M. J. Gallagher, Secretary, Kilmacrenan Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Parish Council:-

"We protest against the high cost of living and call upon the Government to fix down prices immediately. Best oats, for instance, is only 11d. per ton delivered at the Mill. Fifteen stone of oats may be exchanged for 1 cwt. of oatmeal. This leaves oatmeal worth less than 1s/8d. per stone; yet it is being retailed at 3/- and 3s/6d per stone. The wide gap between the price the farmer receives for his ~~poor~~ and the retail price of bacon is equally glaring."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Prices Commission.

1199/40.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. William Gallagher, Drimlaghdrid, Lettermacaward, applying for the position of surfaceman on the road from the Bridge at Owenamara to Cloughwally Bridge. He had been the contractor on this road for the past ten years.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

1200/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY OWING TO CARRYING OUT OF DRAINAGE WORKS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that their client, Mr. Hugh Heraghty, Ballyheerin, had been with them complaining of serious injury being done to his property through the recent drainage works carried out in his locality from Ballyhork Lough to Mulroy Bay. Owing to the drainage works the water coming that way had been enormously increased with the result that a part of his land was flooded during rain, and his well of drinking water was also flooded and left quite incapable of use for domestic purposes. The river would need to be considerably deepened in order to let away this extra volume of water freely so as not to rise sufficiently high to flood his land and well. Nothing had been done in this direction in the part of the river adjoining his lands.

The County Surveyor stated that this work had been carried out with the aid of a Minor Employment Grant, and that the matter was one for the Commissioners of Public Works, Dublin.

1201/40. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Friel, Ballymagowan, Kerrykeel, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by him in 1933 in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council decided to inquire from the County ~~Solicitor~~ what amount of costs had been incurred in connection with the investigation of Mr. Friel's application.

1202/40. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT APHORT PIER, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 29th October, 1940, S.W.1/3/75, stating that representations had been received as to the necessity for carrying out improvements to the landing facilities at Aphort Pier, Arranmore, in the interests of the local fishing industry. The site had been inspected by their Engineer who reported that the Pier was in good condition, but that the storm wall at the approach end was very low, with the result that in bad weather the sea broke over it on to the pier deck. Their Engineer suggested that the raising of this wall by approximately 2' 6" over a length of about 150 feet would be a considerable improvement. A copy of a Plan was enclosed and they inquired whether the Council could arrange, under the supervision of the County Surveyor, for the execution of a suitable work on the general lines of the Plan, and costing not more than £110. In the event of this suggestion, meeting with the approval of the Council, the Parliamentary Secretary would be prepared to recommend the making of a grant of 75% of the cost of the proposed work, subject to agreement by the Council to contribute the balance of 25% of the cost, and to accept responsibility for maintenance of the Pier and improved storm wall.

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

1203/40. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, recommending Garda Patrick O'Donnell, Carrick, as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda D. O'Brennan, Carrick, who had been transferred from the district.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda O'Donnell.

1204/40. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR BUTT HALL, BALLYBOFEY.

An application was submitted for a Cinematograph Licence for the Butt Hall, Ballybofeey.

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

1205/40. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McNulty, Dromore, Killygordon, stating that the Assistant Surveyor would not give him work on the roads. He was discharged from the Army medically unfit. He had a wife and seven children and they were in starvation.

The County Surveyor stated that this man was unfit for work.

1206/40. PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas and Weights and Measures Section, 6, Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, dated 7th November, 1940, 67202, stating that in accordance with the terms of Section 79 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, as amended by Section 17 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1928, they had inquired into the matter of providing sets of date stamps, date punches, and date stencils for the use of Weights and Measures Inspectors for the year 1941. Provision for the supply of such equipment must be made by the Treasurer of each County and County Borough. For the year 1940 the cost of the articles was as follows:-

- (a) Punches - 4/- per set.
- (b) Sand blast stencils - 19s/6d per set.
- (c) Steel dies for sealing pliers - 9/- per set.

Mr. John A. Rooney, 8, College Street, Dublin, was prepared to supply the articles at the same price for the year 1941. In order that the articles might be available for the use of Inspectors on 1st January it would be necessary to issue instructions for the manufacture at an early date, and they wished to know if the Council was prepared to authorise them to proceed with the order at a total cost of £4 : 8 : 6.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the ordering of the equipment.

1207/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Cashelard, Cavangarden, applying for a job as Ganger on the road between Cashelard and Carricknahorna.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1208/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT CASHELARD.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Behey, Cavangarden, applying for a grant for the making of a new bog road in Cashelard Mountain. This bog road would be great benefit to the people of the district.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

1209/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick E. Gillespie, Stranarva, Crolly, again applying for a position as Ganger on Employment Schemes.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor O'Donoghue stating that there was no vacancy in the district.

The Council noted the position.

1210/40. GRANTING OF PENSION TO MR. LAWRENCE RYAN, FORMER TEACHER OF COMMERCE IN LETTERKENNY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Donagal Vocational Education Committee, stating that his Committee, at its Meeting on the 20th August, granted a pension of £36 : 9 : 8 to Mr. Lawrence Ryan, former Teacher of Commerce in Letterkenny Technical School.

The Council noted the matter.

1211/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF SLIPWAY AT POLL-NA-bPIOCH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th September, 1940, S.W.1/3/8, stating that following a communication from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture regarding the condition of the slipway at Poll-na-bPioch, Co. Donegal, an inspection was made, and they had been advised that the structure at present was not in good order, a number of items, viz., the re-construction of portion of the retaining wall, the repair of the boatyard and toe of the slip, and the removal of boulders from the fairway, being necessary to put the slip into proper condition. As the Council were responsible for the maintenance of this slipway, they would be glad to learn whether arrangements were being made to put the structure into a proper state of repair. They understood that the execution of the works mentioned would involve an expenditure approximating £300.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The slipway at Poll-na-bPioch has fallen into some disrepair in recent years. I understand it is very little used. It will take between £200 and £300 to repair the damage done. The question to be determined is, as to whether we should repair this forthwith, or allow the slipway to go into disuse. As this is an important decision, I would like to have consideration postponed until the next Meeting."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1212/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF SLIPWAY AT LUG-NA-DRUAN, GLENCOLUMBKILLE DISTRICT.

The Chairman proposed that the Council ask the Office of Public Works for a Minor Marine Grant for repairs to the slipway at Lug-na-Druan, Glencolumbkille District, which was considered by local fishermen to be the safest and most suitable landing-place in that district.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

1213/40. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR PAROCHIAL HALL, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Hall Committee, Dungloe, applying for a Cinematograph Licence for the Parochial Hall, Dungloe.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

1214/40. COMPLAINT RE ENCROACHMENT ON RIGHT-OF-WAY AT LETTERBRICK, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McGlynn, Letterbrick, Cloghan, stating that if the matter of the right-of-way at his house in Letterbrick was not settled satisfactorily before the end of October, it would be placed in the hands of a Solicitor. Any information given by Mr. Kelly in this matter was misleading.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I hope to arrive at a satisfactory solution to this question with Mr. McGlynn, and I think the matter may be left in my hands."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

1215/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM SELACIS-LETTERFAD ROAD TO MEENTACOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Dunlevy, Selacis, Letterbarrow P.O., stating that the County Road leading from the Selacis-Letterfad Road to Meentacor was in very bad need of repair. It had been unfit for use, and like the bed of a river during recent rainstorms.

The County Surveyor stated that this road was under contract, and that some repairs had been carried out to it recently.

1216/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT MIDDLETOWN, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McBride, The Bungalow, Middletown, Derrybeg, stating that the water from the public road at Middletown was coming down on his property and causing damage to his dwelling-house. He would be glad if the Surveyor would inspect this road.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter had been attended to.

1217/40. COMPLAINT RE SLIPPERY CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE FALCARRAGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard McCallion, Carrowcannon, Falcarragh, complaining of the slippery condition of the roads in that district, particularly the road between the Ray Bridge and Carrowcannon Cemetery. He recently met with what might have been a serious accident on this road, the surface of which was just like glass.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a matter dealing with our general policy regarding the tarring of roads. I have expressed my views in this matter on several occasions. However, an effort will be made to render the roads as non-slippery as possible."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

1218/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN GREEVEOUGHTER CROSSROADS AND GREEVEOUGHTER BOG.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McGowan, Greeveoughter, Rathmullan, complaining of the condition of the road between Greeveoughter Crossroads and Greeveoughter Bog. Water was destroying the road and the adjoining fields.

The County Surveyor stated that he would look into this matter.

1219/40. IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT AT POOLAWADDY LANDING-PLACE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 4th November, 1940, C.87.58/1/36, referring to Minute No. 688/40 regarding improvements at Poolawaddy Landing-place. Their Engineer had now inspected the landing-place, and he reported that the works sanctioned had been completed in a satisfactory manner. They would be glad if:-

- (1) The County Surveyor would furnish a certified statement of expenditure on the scheme;
- (2) The Council would sign and lodge with them a formal undertaking as follows:-

"The works at Poolawaddy Boatslip having now been completed by the County Surveyor to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby undertake to maintain the said works in future, in addition to the Pier which has already been formally transferred to the custody of the Council."

The County Surveyor stated that he was dealing with this matter, and that it could be left in his hands.

1220/40. COMPLAINTS RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE TOWNLANDS OF AUGHADAHOR LOWER AND AUGHADAHOR UPPER.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Gallagher, Greevy, Glon P.O., Kilmacrenan, drawing attention to the bad state of the following roads:-

- (1) The road branching off the main Carrigart-Creeslough Road at the Red Brae going to Aughadahor Lower, a distance of $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
- (2) The road branching off the main Carrigart-Creeslough Road at Mandy McGettigan's going to Aughadahor Upper, a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
- (3) The road branching off the Glen-Aughadahor Road at Crossroads to David Speer's, a distance of 400 yards.

The County Surveyor stated that repairs had been carried out to these roads as far as the money allowed permitted.

1221/40. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK AT LETTERCRAN, PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Cashelinney, Tievemore P.O., Pettigo, stating that he and his brother had been refused work on the Lettercran Road under Mr. Francis McGrath, Ganger. Six men were employed on this road, and only one of them had actually been unemployed.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1222/40. COMPLAINT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROADS, GWEEDORE AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Coll, Meenacung, Gweedore P.O., inquiring if it was young single men or ratepayers who should get work on Direct Labour as the names were not taken from the Labour Exchange. The ratepayers were inclined to believe that there was a lot of favour being shown.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I understand Mr. Coll did not apply for work. The selection of labour is, of course, a matter for the Assistant Surveyor."

The Council noted the report, and decided to take no action in the matter.

1223/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO SPRING OF CAR ON ROAD NEAR BALLINTRA.

A letter was read from Captain J. S. Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra, stating that he would be obliged by the County Council refunding him the cost of a new front spring for his car. The car was being driven carefully from his residence via Drumcroyle to the end of the County Road at Maxwell's. There were several water tables cut across the road similar to those on the Shannagh Road, of which he had already complained.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1224/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT ELEVEN BALLYBOES, GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McCole, Eleven Ballyboes, Greencastle, asking to have the road leading to his house finished, as it was very dangerous for himself and his family.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works.

1225/40. RETAINING WALL ALONG ROSBEG-KILTOORISH ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Kearney, Rosbeg, Glenties, stating that about 40 yards of retaining wall along the Rosbeg-Kiltoorish Road had been left unfinished. On a stormy day it was very dangerous for school-children, and something should be done to it immediately.

The County Surveyor stated that he would keep this work in mind when preparing next year's Road Estimates.

1226/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT GLENTHORAN, DUNLEWEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Teague McFadden, Dore, Bunbeg, stating that the road to Glenthornan, Dunlewey, was in a very bad state. He was completely stuck on it with his car some time ago.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1227/40. COMPLAINT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROADS, RAMELTON AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Logue, Gurtin, Ramelton P.O., stating that some time ago he complained about being refused work on roads. He had just been refused work again, and he wished to know the reason therefor.

The County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy at the time when this man was refused work, but he would be considered if his name was submitted by the Labour Exchange.

1228/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING.

A letter was read from Mr. David Quigley, Main St., Carndonagh, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with road opening.

The County Surveyor stated that this deposit had been refunded.

1229/40. REPORTS ON BOILERS IN LETTERKENNY AND BUNCRANA COURTHOUSES.

A letter was read from the Irish National Insurance Co., Ltd., 11, Dawson Street, Dublin, enclosing reports on Boilers situated at Letterkenny and Buncrana Courthouses. Regarding the Boiler at Letterkenny Courthouse their Engineer Surveyor recommended that the damper should be renewed and a temperature indicator fitted, as at present there was no means of ascertaining the temperature of heating water.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1230/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Jerry McGlynn, Meenachuit, Glenties, applying for a position as Ganger on Employment Schemes.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1231/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ACCOMMODATION ROAD AT GORTNASILLAGH, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Lyons, Gortnasillagh, Glenties, applying for a grant to make $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile of an accommodation road between the County Road at Letterilly near the houses of Andrew Lyons and B. McDyer.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works for consideration when allocating future Minor Employment Grants.

1232/40. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF WIDENING OF ROAD AT KEENAGH, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. John Platt, Keenagh, Malin, to write with reference to his claim for compensation in respect of the widening of a road at Keenagh. His client signed a consent to give a portion of ground at his door for the widening, but in addition to the ground given by the consent, there were four bends widened at the expense of his property and fences were erected thereon, and the material for the fences was taken from his lands. His client claimed £15 compensation for this, but so far no attention had been paid to his claim.

The County Surveyor stated that he understood that the Consent Form signed by Mr. Platt covered all the items mentioned by him.

On the proposal of Councillor Cole, the matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

1233/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE PARISH OF GLENVAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McGettigan, Secretary, Glenvar Parish Council, stating that he had been directed by the Parish Council to draw the urgent and immediate attention of the County Council to the splanable state of the roads in the Glenvar area. These roads were generally conceded to be amongst the worst and most dangerous in Ireland.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The roads are narrow and hilly, and the surface is being maintained as far as the money available will allow."

The Council noted the report.

1234/40. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John McKelvey, Derrynacarrow, Doochary, applying for a position as Flagman.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1235/40.

ELECTRICAL STORAGE BATTERY AT LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Thomas May, Derry, on his examination of the battery at Lifford Courthouse:-

"Two of the cells are out of action and will require renewal of both positive and negative groups. In seven of the other cells some of the positive plates are cracked on the edges showing that their further life will be very short. All the negative plates appear to be in good order. The remaining plates have still a certain life in them, but in view of the fact that some of them have already cracked, one would infer that the remaining positive groups are 'on their last legs.'"

It is possible, by a tight squeeze, that the battery as it stands would carry you through the winter. On the other hand, it is possible that the worst of the cells might give way at any time, and if they had to be cut out of circuit it would reduce your voltage seriously. In view of the difficulty of obtaining plates and slow delivery at the present time, I would suggest that a new set of plates should be ordered as soon as possible. If the battery is still hanging together when they arrive, they can be kept on hands until needed, as they will take no harm in stock provided they are kept dry.

If delay in ordering took place until some more of the cells broke down there would be a serious risk of your being afflicted with very bad light before delivery could be effected.

Meantime, I am obtaining a price for a complete set of positive groups, and will let you know the result as soon as possible, so that you may be in a position to put before the Council some idea of the cost involved."

A further letter was read from Mr. May stating that the cost of re-plating of the battery would be £160.

The Council decided to ask for other quotations for the re-placement of the plates.

1236/40.

INQUESTS ON BODIES WASHED ASHORE.

A letter was read from Dr. J. P. McGinley, Letterkenny, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution re inquests on bodies washed ashore. A few weeks ago he had a letter from the Minister directing him to hold inquests on these bodies for record purposes. He thought that if the local Garda Sergeant was ordered to report to the Registrar of Deaths in such cases it would be quite sufficient, but probably some amending legislation would be necessary. This could easily be done when the Dail would sit as it seemed preposterous to hold inquests and inquiries. What was done at Dunkirk? A suggestion on these lines should be put forward.

A letter was also read from Dr. S. P. Kerrigan stating that as Coroners they had to determine, when, where, and by what means, any unnatural death had occurred; and the obligation to hold an inquest or inquiry still arose in every such death. Neither the Coroners Act of 1887 nor the further Statute amending Act of 1927 could foresee a crisis like the present, when they are called upon to investigate many cases of tragic deaths of people, not our nationals, whose bodies had perished in sea warfare. He suggested to the Council that the Minister for Justice should be asked to pass a temporary modifying suspensory Act, limiting the holding of inquests or inquiries to such cases as were clearly our nationals, and that in other cases, e.g. cases of bodies washed ashore, the cause of death which was in most cases already obvious was of less necessary importance than the establishment for family and civil reasons of the identity of the deceased. He submitted that the latter could be better found by the Gardaí from any papers or clues on the person of the deceased, than by Coroner or Jury, whose charge it mainly was to find the cause of death.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the suggestions to the Department of Justice.

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1237/40. QUOTATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF WASTE PAPER.

The Secretary submitted quotations from Messrs. Morgan & Co., Derry, and from Messrs. M. Duane & Co., South Princes Street, Dublin, for the purchase of waste paper.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until a later date.

1238/40. FISHERY LIGHTS AT GLASAGH POINT, BUNBEG.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 15th November, 1940, C.90.1/1/36, stating that they had no observations to offer with regard to the appointment of Thomas Gallagher as Caretaker of the Fishery Lights at Glasagh Point. The lamps should be kept lighted each night from dusk to dawn during the fishing season. They had ordered an initial supply of $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen globes and wicks for the lamps, and these, when received, would be forwarded to the Assistant Surveyor. Subsequent supplies would fall to be provided by the Council as part of the normal maintenance of the lights.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Gallagher, Lunniaghmore, Derrybeg, refusing to accept the appointment as Caretaker of the Fishery Lights at Glasagh Point at remuneration of £2 per year.

The Council decided to offer Thomas Gallagher £3 per annum.

1239/40. FISHERY LIGHTS AT ROSBEG.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 15th November, 1940, C.90/5/1/36, regarding the Fishery Lights at Rosbeg, and stating that the supply of globes, wicks, etc., for the lamps, as required, would fall to be undertaken by the Council as part of the normal maintenance of the lights. In this connection they would refer to the Council's Minute No. 292/38 of the 29th March, 1938, wherein it was intimated that the annual cost of maintenance was estimated at £10. They had, however, ordered an initial supply of $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen globes and wicks, and these, when received, would be forwarded to the Assistant County Surveyor in whose district the lights were situate. The lamps should be kept lighted each night from dusk to dawn during the fishing season.

The Council noted the letter.

1240/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO MEENDERRY N.S.

A letter was read from the County Board of Health enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Board at which one of their Contractors reported that he could not get bread delivered at Meenderry N.S. owing to the bad state of the road leading to the School.

The County Surveyor stated that his Assistant reported that this road was not in very bad order.

1241/40. ACCOUNT FOR £7 : 19 : 0 FOR MATERIALS SUPPLIED TO BALLYSHANNON COURTHOUSE IN 1936.

A letter was read from Messrs. P. B. Stephens & Co., Ballyshannon, enclosing an account for £7 : 19 : 0 in respect of a new range and four barless fires supplied to Ballyshannon Courthouse in 1936.

The Secretary stated that these goods were ordered by Mr. John Caffrey, the former County Surveyor, just before he left the Council's service. For some reason or other the account was mislaid, but the Assistant Surveyor certified that the goods were supplied.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for an extension of time for payment of this account.

1242/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS AT GLASSAGH, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Miss Grace McBride, Glassagh, Derrybeg, applying for a grant for the cleaning of the river, which was destroying her crops, and for the making of a new road into her land.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works.

1243/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ACCOMMODATION ROAD AT STRABOY, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Straboy, Glenties, applying for a grant for the construction of one mile of accommodation road between the Main Road at Straboy and the Main Road at Tievebrack, through the lands of Mr. Peter Gildea, Straboy.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Grants.

1244/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McCauley, Gortgara, Arranmore, protesting against the condition of the road leading from the County Main Road on to the Chapel Strand. This road was in such a state that no traffic could come that way.

The County Surveyor stated that the roads here were somewhat narrow, but the surface was fairly good.

1245/40. APPLICATION TO PURCHASE FEW FEET OF GROUND AT CARNSHANNAGH, BURNFOOT.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Brown, Moness, Burt, stating that he had purchased the old School at Carnshannagh, Burnfoot, and he wished to convert it into a dwelling-house. He would be obliged if the Council would sell or lease him a few feet of ground in front of same.

The County Surveyor stated that this was an old Courthouse site, and he recommended that no action be taken in the matter.

The Council decided to refuse the application.

1246/40. QUESTION OF LICENSING EXPLOSIVES MAGAZINES AT LETTERKENNY AND DONEGAL UNDER THE EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

The Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to issue licences under the Explosives Act, 1875, in respect of the Explosives Magazines erected at Letterkenny and Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Minister for Justice for permission to issue licences in respect of these Magazines.

1247/40. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th November, 1940, RU/207/7, stating that the Minister had approved of a scheme of road works proposed to be carried out by the Council with the aid of a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1940/41. Works No. U.161.E. had been assigned to the Scheme. The grant was subject to the conditions governing recruitment and employment of labour as set out in the Department's letter of the 29th October, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th November, 1940, RU/207/12, enclosing copy of the Department's revised memorandum of the 29th October, 1940, governing the recruitment and employment of labour on Employment Schemes.

The letters were noted.

1248/40. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD FROM ARDNAGLASS TO GORTNAVILLY, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Samuel Stewart, Gortnavilly, Castlefin, stating that the farmers of Ardnaglass and Gortnavilly wished to have the new road from Gortnavilly to Ardnaglass finished as it was at present impassable owing to the wet weather.

Councillor Gallen proposed that the matter be referred to the Office of Public Works, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

1249/40.

BALLYNESS PIER, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis A. Carr, Secretary, Gortahork Parish Council, acknowledging receipt of extract from the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council regarding Ballyness Pier. As the cost of the repair would be as low as £70, the Parish Council wished the County Council to re-consider their decision. There were no other Piers in the locality. The nearest Piers were in neighbouring Parishes, and in an emergency they were too far away, as there was a probability that all lorry traffic would have to stop owing to lack of petrol, and the Lough Swilly Railway track was being removed in haste. The Pier was very useful in a previous emergency.

The Council decided to ask the Parish Council for what purpose this Pier would be used in view of the fact that Downings Pier was being used for the export of Muckish sand.

1250/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE CAUSED BY BLASTING OPERATIONS AT LAGG QUARRY.

Three letters were read from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, regarding blasting operations at Lagg Quarry, through which considerable damage had been and was being done to a field the property of Mr. John Tease.

The County Surveyor stated that he had dealt with this matter.

1251/40. ERECTION OF WALL AT TIERNALEAGUE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mrs. Conaghan, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh, applying for permission to build a wall on the site of an old fence opposite her new house at Tiernaleague.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to this application being granted, provided the wall was built in accordance with instructions.

1252/40. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR STONES AND GRAVEL ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mrs. Madge Bonar, Prucklish, Falcarragh, claiming the sum of £5 :15 : 0 for stones and gravel that were taken from her lands for repairing the Meenderry Road, which was at present under repair.

A further letter was read from Mrs. Bonar withdrawing her claim.

1254/40. PROVISION OF LIFE-BUOYS FOR PIERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor dated 6th November, 1940, referring to Minute No. 1083/40 regarding the provision of life-buoys, etc. at Donegal Quay, as recommended by the Department of Industry and Commerce, and asking to what account he could charge the cost of the life-buoys.

A further letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that he had asked for estimates for life-buoys, and that he had received for 32/- to 33/-, each, free of duty. He would require about one dozen.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

1255/40. FOOD AND DRUGS PROSECUTION IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLE OF WHISKEY.

A letter was read from Garda A. Sarsfield, Food and Drugs Inspector, Dungloe, referring to a sample of whiskey taken from Mr. John Gallagher, Burtonport, on the 9th September, and which was reported "Not Genuine." The case came before the District Justice but had been adjourned until the Court on the 13th December. In the meantime, Garda Sarsfield asked if he could have the Council's Solicitor's opinion on a point which had arisen.

The Council decided to let the District Justice decide the point at issue.

1256/40. APPLICATION TO HAVE NEW PAYING ORDER ISSUED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL ONE FOR £4 : 4 : 0, WHICH WAS ALTERED.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Kelly, Massinass, Creeslough, asking to have a new Paying Order issued to his son, Donal Kelly, in lieu of the original Paying Order for £4 : 4 : 10 which had been altered, and which resulted in Court proceedings.

The Secretary stated that on 23rd February, 1940, a Paying Order for £4 : 4 : 11 was issued to Donal Kelly. Donal Kelly altered the Paying Order to £4 : 14 : 11. The case came before the District Justice at Dunfanaghy District Court on the 24th April, 1940, when Kelly was fined £4 : 14 : 11.

The Council unanimously decided to issue a new Paying Order for £4 : 4 : 11.

1257/40. PREPARATION OF 19TH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th November, 1940, F.28663/40, Dun na nGall., sanctioning the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £30 in connection with the preparation of the 19th Register of Electors.

1258/40. MALINBEG BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from Mr. William Cunningham, Secretary, Glencolumbkille Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That we call immediately on the County Council to have the following repairs carried out to Malinbeg Boatslip:-

- (1) the existing Pier extended for 20 yards as already applied for;
- (2) a further extension to boat slide, and two extra skids inserted.

The County Surveyor stated that he would look into this matter.

1259/40. ERECTION OF FENCE ON THE LANDS OF MRS. JOHNSTON, TIRHOMIN, MILFORD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, referring to their letter of the 4th April, and the Council's Minute No. 489/40 in reference to the undertaking by the Council's Surveyor to erect a proper stone fence on the lands of Thomas Johnston, deceased, Tirhomin, Milford, in consideration of which promise the late Mr. Johnston gave gratis a portion of his land at a corner of the road on the way to Kerrykeel. At the April Meeting of the Council the Assistant Surveyor suggested that a wire fence be erected as a stone fence would leave the turn blind. They admitted that a stone fence erected on the site of the old fence might have this effect, but Mrs. Johnston was quite willing that the stone fence should be erected inside the corner of the land offered by her late husband.

The County Surveyor stated that he considered a post and wire fence most suitable in this case.

1260/40. REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT ALLOCATED TO CORK COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

"That we, the Cork County Council, hereby strongly protest against the action of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in reducing for the current financial year by a sum of £20,000 the County allocation out of the Road Improvement Grant, and we demand that a sum of £37,000 as allocated for the year 1939/40 be made available for Main Road Improvement in Cork County for the current financial year, as we consider that licence duties collected on motor vehicles should be mainly devoted to the improvement and upkeep of roads used by motor owners."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter pending notification of the allocation to Donegal County.

1261/40. PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST AID POST IN LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Dr. Bastible, County Secretary, Irish Red Cross Society, inquiring the position in connection with the proposed establishment of a First Aid Post in Letterkenny.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, A.R.P. Branch, dated 19th November, 1940, ARP/186, asking to be furnished with particulars of the A.R.P. Scheme the Council propose putting forward for approval by the Department. A number of queries are asked, and it is stated that while the assistance of bodies such as the Irish Red Cross Society is both required and appreciated in organising the First Aid Post, the Council, as the statutory local A.R.P. Authority, should maintain at least nominal ownership and control of the post, and particularly as regards supplies and equipment purchased from local or State funds. The services of the First Aid Post should be available for the treatment of casualties from any part of the County area which it is most practicable to have taken and treated there.

The Council instructed the Secretary to forward a copy of the Department's letter to the Town Clerk of Letterkenny, so that he could bring it before the Parish Council and the Urban Council, and the Red Cross Society.

1262/40. OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line over and along St. Catherine's Road from St. Columba's Industrial School to a point approximately 400 yards distant, at Killybegs.

Permission was granted on condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal, except in so far as State-aided Schemes and Schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas are concerned, to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

1263/40. REPAIRS REQUIRED TO COUNTY ROAD LEADING TO MORASS FERRY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"Councillor Blaney asked me to make an estimate for the raising of a section of County Road No. 274 leading to Morass Ferry, so as to prevent flooding by the tides. I have gone into the matter and estimated the cost of the work at £40."

The Council instructed the County Surveyor to include the work in next year's Provisional Road Works Scheme.

1264/40. QUESTION OF ACQUISITION OF PORTION OF GROUND IN BALLYSHANNON OWNED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The Board of Health own a plot of ground at West Port Street, Ballyshannon, fronting a site on which six new Labourers' Cottages are to be built. It would be advisable to take this plot of ground into the roadway, and I beg to ask the Council's permission to apply to the Board of Health for the taking over of this portion of ground for this purpose."

The Council unanimously decided to inquire from the Board of Health if they would be willing to give this plot of ground to the Council.

1265/40. CONTINGENCY FUND -- DRAINAGE WORKS REQUIRED AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I beg to apply for the sum of £10 from the Contingency Fund for the carrying out of work recommended by me at Keadue, and reported on in Minute No. 1124/40 G.C."

The Council decided to grant the application.

1266/40. REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY SURVEYOR FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE SERVICES OF MESSRS. MICHAEL A. DOHERTY AND A. N. DILLON AS ENGINEERS ON EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I beg the Council's approval for the continued employment of Messrs. Michael A. Doherty and A. N. Dillon as Engineers for a further period, not exceeding six months, at remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week in the case of Mr. Doherty and £6 : 6 : 0 per week in the case of Mr. Dillon."

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the continuance of the services of these Engineers.

1267/40. CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

Aileach Area.

To re-build pipe on road, Map No. 1082, D.L.....£4 : 10 : 0.

Glenties Area.

To build a pipe on County Road, Stracastle, Map No. 1444A....£5 : 0 : 0.

To build a pipe on County Road, Loughfad, Map No. 1433A....£5 : 0 : 0.

To build a pipe on County Road, Tullybeg, Map No. 1436.....£5 : 0 : 0.

To build a pipe on County Road, Cleengort, Map No. 1370....£5 : 0 : 0.

Repair of sudden damage to Road at Glengesh Hill,
Map No. 1654....£20 : 0 : 0.

Aileach Area.

Repair of sea wall at Millbay, Map No. 764.....£10 : 0 : 0.

Repairs to wing wall and retaining wall at Bridge,
Map No. 702.....£10 : 0 : 0.

Inishowen Area.

Repair of sudden breach on road, Map No. 454.....£20 : 0 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the applications.

1268/40. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE L.S.F. AT ATHLONE FOR MILITARY TRAINING.

Councillor Blaney raised the question of attendance of members of the L.S.F. at Athlone for military training. He stated that any members of the Council's Staff who were called up should be paid their ordinary wages. He proposed a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Councillor McClafferty, and passed unanimously.

1269/40. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR ROAD WORKERS.

The Council decided to allow road workers Wednesday, 25th December, and Thursday, 26th December, 1940, as Christmas Holidays. For the Office Staff, it was decided to leave the question of holidays in the hands of the County Secretary and the County Surveyor.

1270/40. MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME NO. 324. 1938/1939.

Councillor Byrne inquired why a Minor Employment Scheme No. 324 for a grant of £340 had not been carried out.

The County Surveyor stated that he would look into the matter.

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Confirmed.

M. O'Malley

Chairman of Co. Council.
31st December, 1940.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1940.

1271/40.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Crerand, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, Kelly (James), McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, McRory, Scott, and Walsh.

1272/40.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors O'Boyle and MacGreadie.

1273/40.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Cole and Mr. R. Marner, V.S., Carndonagh, on the death of Mr. Marner's 22-years' old daughter.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Scott, and passed in silence; all the members standing.

The Secretary also associated himself with the resolution. Councillor Cole suitably acknowledged.

1274/40.

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

Arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th November, 1940, Councillor Brady referred to Minute No. 1159/40. He stated that according to this Minute he understood that the entire Report of the Engineering Services Committee of the County Council of the 19th November, 1940, had been referred back, but on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Engineering Committee held on the 10th December only the item in connection with Laghey Quarry appeared for consideration.

The Chairman held that with the exception of Minute No. 93/40 re Laghey Quarry the entire Report of the Engineering Committee of the 19th November, 1940, had been adopted by the Council at their Meeting on the 26th November.

This matter having been disposed of, the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th November, 1940, were confirmed unanimously.

1275/40.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 26th November, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1276/40.

R E P O R T S O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Reports of the Meetings of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 26th November and the 17th December, 1940, were adopted unanimously.

1277/40.

R E P O R T O F L A W C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Meeting of the Law Committee held on the 10th December, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1278/40. REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
26TH NOVEMBER, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 26th November, 1940, was adopted unanimously.

1279/40. REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
10TH DECEMBER, 1940.

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 10th December, 1940.

Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that Minute No. 107/40 regarding the acquisition of Laghey Quarry be deleted from the Committee's Report.

Councillor Lynch seconded the proposal.

Speaking in support of his amendment, Councillor Brady stated that the stones from this Quarry would be used in the Barnesmore District, where there was plenty of stone available. Owing to the scarcity of Petrol the lorrying of these stones would be a very uneconomic measure.

The amendment was put to the Meeting, and, on a show of hands, seven members voted for it, and thirteen members against it.

The motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee was declared carried by the same voting.

1280/40. REPORT OF ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER,
1940. ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1941/1942.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Economy Committee Meeting held on 17th December, 1940.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal.

Speaking in favour of the adoption of the Report of the Committee, Councillor Baxter stated that something should be done to improve the back roads of the County. The money at present being spent on Minor Employment Schemes should be diverted to the improvement of the existing County Roads. He proposed that the County Surveyor ask each of his Assistants to bring in a report for the Annual Road Works Meeting on the condition of the back roads in the different areas.

Councillor Scott seconded this proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor McIvor stated that the Council should revert back to the contract system for County Roads.

Councillor Lynch stated that the system of grouping a number of roads together should be scrapped.

Councillor McCafferty proposed, as an amendment to Councillor Scott's motion, that the Report of the Committee be not adopted, and that the County Surveyor's estimate of £104,404 for road expenditure be allowed.

Councillor McShea seconded the amendment.

This amendment was put to the Meeting, and the following members voted for it:- Councillors Blaney, Cole, Myles, McCafferty, McShea, and Walsh. Total 6.

The following members voted against it:- Councillors Baxter, Brady, Byrne, Cramerand, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Lynch, Mahony, McGroa, Kelly (James), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, O'Brien, McRory, and Scott. Total 19.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Councillor Brady then proposed, as a further amendment, that the total reduction of £15,210, proposed by the Economy Committee, be taken off Main Roads, and that the County Surveyor's estimate of £53,000 for County Roads stand.

Councillor McRory seconded the amendment.

REPORT OF ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER, 1940. ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1941/42 (CONTINUED).

Several Councillors pointed out to Councillor Brady that by making this reduction of £15,210 in the proposed expenditure on Main Roads, the Council would lose a proportion of the Main Road Upkeep Grant which was based on 40% of the expenditure on Main Roads.

On Councillor Brady's amendment being put to the Meeting, the following members voted for it:- Councillors Brady, Cole, Houston, Lynch, McClafferty, McMenamin, and McRory. Total 7.

The following members voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Byrne, Crerand, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Kelly, (Edward), Mahony, Myles, McGree, Kelly (James), McFadden, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, Scott, and Walsh. Total 18.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Councillor Brady then proposed, as a further amendment, that of the total reduction of £15,210 proposed by the Economy Committee, a sum of £10,000 be taken off Main Roads, and £5,000 off County Roads.

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order, as according to Standing Order No. 58, no member shall move more than one amendment to the same motion.

Councillor McRory then proposed the amendment.

At this stage the County Surveyor intervened, and stated that he would have his provisional allocation of the amount allowed to him ready for the Annual Road Works Meeting. Any alterations the Council desired to make should be left over until then.

The Council agreed to the suggestions of the County Surveyor, and the Report of the Meeting of the Economy Committee of the 17th December, 1940, was declared adopted.

1281/40. PROPOSED LOWERING OF GLENCOVITT BRIDGE, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. W. T. McMenamin, Solicitor, Ballybofeey, stating that Mr. Michael Slevin, Glencovitt, Ballybofeey, had consulted him with reference to a notice dated 10th December, which appeared in the Press, intimating that it was the Council's intention to re-construct Glencovitt Bridge. His client pointed out that if the present level of the bridge was lowered in the slightest, his lands would be flooded.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

1282/40. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Grants for works at Castlefin; Drung; Stranarva; Eleven Ballyboes; Gortnasillagh; Straboy; Glassagh; and Cashelard.

1283/40. "WAR CLAUSE" WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd December, 1940, H.20753/40, Ilgh. (Pc.), enclosing specimen of "War Clause" which should be included in contracts for public works, to cover increases from date of tender on materials and labour,

1284/40. UNEMPLOYMENT (RELIEF WORKS) ACT, 1940.

A letter dated 18th December, 1940, was read from the Local Government Department forwarding for the consideration of the Council a copy of the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1940. A copy of the regulations made under that Act prescribing the form of vesting order was also enclosed.

The Act conferred on Local Authorities wider powers for the carrying out of such public works as from time to time be deemed necessary for the relief of unemployment. Local Authorities were aware of most of the needs of their localities, but before embarking on large schemes of public works it was desirable that surveys be made of their functional areas with a view to preparing programmes of suitable works.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

1285/40. PROPOSED PAYMENT OF SALARY TO MR. E. LENNON FOR THE PERIOD
FROM 3RD TO 24TH AUGUST, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th November, 1940, R/RS/7, referring to Minute No. 1029/40, and stating that the Minister had nothing to add to his letter of the 26th September in regard to the question of payment of Mr. E. Lennon in respect of the period, 3rd to 24th August, 1940.

1286/40. CLAIM OF MR. T. J. O'REILLY, CHIEF ASSISTANT CO. SURVEYOR,
FOR REFUND OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th November, 1940, R/RS/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 7th August with copy of Minute No. 752/40, regarding the claim of Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant Co. Surveyor, for refund of Motor Licence Duty, and stating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his decision as already conveyed.

1287/40. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR MR. P. J. SWEENEY, ACTING
ASSISTANT CO. SURVEYOR, KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 3rd December, 1940, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister raised no objection to the County Council's proposal to allow 7s/6d per week for the provision of Office accommodation at Killybegs for Mr. P. J. Sweeney, temporary Assistant County Surveyor.

1288/40. APPOINTMENT OF A COSTING CLERK FOR THE CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd December, 1940, G.8486/3/40, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 23rd November in regard to the appointment of a Costing Clerk, and stating that the existing staff of the Surveyor's Department should be adequate to carry out satisfactorily the duties of that Office, and he was not, accordingly, prepared to sanction the appointment now proposed.

The County Surveyor stated that he got in touch with the Department and explained the position to them, and he understood that they were now prepared to sanction the appointment.

The Council decided to refer the matter back for re-consideration.

1289/40. PROPOSED PAYMENT OF PENSION TO MR. L. RYAN, FORMER TEACHER
OF COMMERCE IN LETTERKENNY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from the Department of Education, Technical Instruction Branch, dated 6th December, 1940, 10179-40, regarding the proposal of the Vocational Education Committee to award a pension to Mr. L. Ryan, former Commercial Teacher, and stating that the Minister whose sanction to the proposal is required is the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to whom the matter had already been submitted.

1290/40. APPLICATION TO HAVE NEW PAYING ORDER ISSUED IN LIEU OF
ORIGINAL ONE FOR £4 : 4 : 0, WHICH WAS ALTERED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th December, 1940, G.30235/40, regarding the proposal to issue a new Paying Order to Mr. Donald Kelly in lieu of the original one which was altered, and inquiring on whose initiative legal proceedings were taken in this case, and also whether the Paying Order in question was cashed.

The Secretary stated that he had replied to this letter.

1291/40. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - DELAY IN SUBMITTING FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture asking to be furnished with Form T. 2/3 in connection with suspected case of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Mr. William McGlean, Ardvarnock, Convoys.

1292/40. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO GHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 9adh Mí na Nodlag, 1940, G.719/12/40, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall airiúghadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £70,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach go dtí an 31adh Nodlag, 1940.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Eanáir, 1941.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 31adh Eanáir, 1941.

1293/40. LICENSING OF EXPLOSIVES MAGAZINES ERECTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL NEAR DONEGAL AND LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 12th December, 1940, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 5th December relating to Explosives Stores erected by the Council near the towns of Donegal and Letterkenny, and stating that these Stores have been approved by the Inspector of Explosives and may be licensed as Division D. Stores.

The Council unanimously decided to licence these Stores, and to affix the Council's Seal to the Licences.

1294/40. TEMPORARY ENGINEERS EMPLOYED IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th December, 1940, R/RS/7, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter with copy of Minute No. 1266/40, and stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the retention of Messrs. M. A. Doherty and A. N. Dillon from expiration of last period sanctioned up to 31st March, 1941, in connection with Employment Schemes upon the terms previously sanctioned.

1295/40. VETERINARY DISPENSARY SERVICES FOR CARRICK AREA.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th December, 1940, E.5222/40, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter on the subject of Veterinary Dispensary Services in Carrick, and stating that the matter would be duly considered in connection with the proposed review of the Department's Veterinary Dispensary Scheme.

1296/40. INTEREST ON LOANS OUT OF LOCAL LOANS FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th December, 1940, H.5937/2/40, stating that it had been decided by the Minister for Finance that save where the terms of an existing Mortgage Deed or Charging Order precluded it, interest on every issue made out of the Local Loans Fund on and after the 1st December, 1940, shall be charged at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, irrespective of the purpose of the loan and whether it was authorised before, on, or after that date.

1297/40. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Garda Síochána, Ballintra, stating that an application would be made at Ballintra District Court on the 17th December, 1940, for the committal of children named Denis and Cecilia Maguire to Industrial Schools.

A further letter was read from the Garda Síochána, Ballintra, stating that Denis and Cecilia Maguire had been committed to Industrial Schools until 9th July, 1945, and 24th September, 1946, respectively.

1298/40. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON HIS AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE FOUR HALF-YEARS ENDED 31/3/1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th December, 1940, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Donegal County Council for the four half-years ended 31st March, 1940. The Report read as follows:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Donegal County Council for the four half-years ended 31st March, 1940.

I have disallowed a payment of £5, described as an ex-gratia allowance for expense incurred in the laying of pipes in a yard adjoining a public road. The pipes were laid for the purpose of disposing of surface water which drained into the yard from the road.

There is no evidence that the provision of the pipes was made necessary by any misfeasance on the part of the Council, and there is, therefore, no legal authority for any payment of compensation.

The general rates levied by the Council during the three-year period ended 31st March, 1940, were as follows:-

Year ended March 31st, 1938.....172 pence in the £.

Year ended March 31st, 1939.....181 pence in the £.

Year ended March 31st, 1940.....183 pence in the £.

An examination of the estimates shows that the increase in the rate is chiefly due to higher expenditure on repairs to Main and County Roads, the amount levied for this purpose having increased from £68,542 in 1938 to £76,404 in 1940. In the provision of schemes for the Relief of Unemployment the Council increased the contribution from the rates from £4,000 in 1938 to £6,006 in 1940. In the County Services Account an increase from 49.0 pence in the £. to 50.5 pence in the £, was caused by the increased cost of the upkeep of the Donegal Mental Hospital. The part of the rate applicable to the services administered by the Board of Health and Public Assistance increased from 58.4 pence in the £, to 60.7 pence in the £. during the three-year period.

The following table shows the state of the rate collection on the last day of the past three financial years:-

<u>Year ended.</u>	<u>Rates Uncollected.</u>
March 31st, 1938.	£41,659 : 15 : 9.
March 31st, 1939.	£42,359 : 10 : 5.
March 31st, 1940.	£49,774 : 5 : 7.

Bank interest paid in respect of Overdraft accommodation for revenue purposes was £1,714 : 1 : 9 during the year ended March 31st, 1939, and £1,838 : 1 : 3 for the year ended March 31st, 1940.

Insurance Policies have been paid up to date and Officers' Fidelity Bonds appear to be in order.

I forward herewith certified copies of the abstracts of the accounts, in which are incorporated the accounts of the County Library Committee."

The Council noted the report.

1299/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th December, 1940, G.30232/40, regarding the payment of an account of £7 : 9 : 0 of Messrs. P. B. Stephens & Co., Ballyshannon, for materials supplied to Ballyshannon Courthouse in 1936, and stating that, so far as the Minister may be concerned, he will raise no objection to the payment of this account.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd December, 1940, R/RM/7, stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the payment of 11s/1d to Mr. James Boyle, Lower Keadue, Burtonport, in respect of road work done in 1938.

1300/40. EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE OF IRISH LAND COMMISSION OFFICIALS.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 17th December, 1940, S.R.152/32, enclosing a list of Officials of the Irish Land Commission in Co. Donegal who claimed exemption from Jury Service for the coming year.

1301/40.

SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A notification was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Mountcharles on the 11th December, 1940, of lands in Meenawullaghan, now or formerly in the occupation of Brigid Meehan (Widow).

A notification was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ardara on the 18th December, 1940, of lands in Meenacurrin, now or formerly in the occupation of Thomas Heekin.

A notification was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ardara on the 18th December, 1940, of lands in Clogher East, now or formerly in the occupation of Patrick Scanlon.

1302/40.

INCREASED FREIGHT CHARGES ON TAR BEING DELIVERED AT BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 19th December, 1940, C.P.3057/2/40, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by Messrs. Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Co., 24, D'Olier Street, Dublin, Official Contractors for Tars Nos. 1 and 2 (Page 100), Official List, 1940/41, in support of their claim to an increase in the price of this commodity to cover increased freight rates which they had incurred in delivering supplies to the Council at Burtonport. This increase had taken place owing to the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co. closing the Letterkenny to Burtonport Extension as from the 3rd June, 1940, which now necessitated the use of road transport from Letterkenny to Burtonport, and, consequently, higher freight charges. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted justified an increase of 10s/3d per ton on the Official List 1940/41 price of the above-mentioned commodity in respect of supplies delivered at Burtonport on and after 30th July, 1940. It was understood that approximately 148 tons of tar ordered by the Council were delivered at Burtonport in the period, 30th July, 1940, to 5th September, 1940.

Councillor Scott stated that this increase would involve the Council in a sum of £75 :17 : 0, and he proposed that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to inquire how the increased charge of 10s/3d per ton was arrived at.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

It was decided to pay the amount involved.

1303/40.

EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 18) ORDER, 1939.

Eight letters were read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, stating that the Department had examined evidence submitted by certain Official Contractors in support of their claims to an increase in the prices of the commodities being supplied by them. The Department was of opinion that the evidence submitted in the cases referred to would substantiate the claims under the Emergency Powers (No. 18) Order, 1939.

1304/40.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AT CARRIGART AND ROSSNAKILL.

In the absence of Councillor Loughrey, the following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Baxyer, seconded by Councillor Mahony, and passed unanimously:-

"That the Council make arrangements for the verification of Weights and Measures at the Parochial Hall, Carrigart, and at St. Patrick's Hall, Rossnakill."

1305/40.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD IN FINTOWN DISTRICT.

Councillor Houston proposed, Councillor McClafferty seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council apply for a grant for the repair of the road leading from the Fintown-Doochary Main Road commencing at Glenleigh on the Fintown side of National School and going north past Neil McGill's to turbary land. This road would serve five families for turbary."

1306/40. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR AND THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Council proceeded to consider the following rescinding Notice of Motion signed by Councillor McIvor and five other members:- "That Minute No. 396/40 of the County Council of the 30th April, 1940, adopting a Report of the Engineering Services Committee of the 23rd April, 1940, Minute No. 13/40, in connection with Office accommodation of the Committee of Agriculture, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

The County Surveyor stated that he was being seriously inconvenienced by the Council's delay in dealing with this matter, which had now been under discussion for nine months. The position was becoming very difficult and unfair.

Councillor McIvor, Chairman of the Committee of Agriculture, stated that he had hopes of an amicable settlement being arrived at. His idea was that the Library Committee should be transferred to the Courthouse. The cost of the alterations required in the Courthouse would be about £300. The County Surveyor could then have the use of the rooms on the ground floor at present occupied by the Library Committee.

Councillor Scott stated, that as a member of the Library Committee, he could inform the Council that the Library Committee were going to object to being transferred to the Courthouse, and he thought that perhaps the rooms in the Courthouse could be altered to suit the Committee of Agriculture.

The matter was referred to the Committee of Agriculture for discussion at their Meeting on the 10th January, 1940.

1307/40. CO-OPTION OF A COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR THE COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF GLENTIES.

Councillor Houston proposed that Mr. Cormac Breslin, T.D., Bunbeg, be co-opted a member of the Council in place of Mr. Bernard Cannon, resigned.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1308/40. TERMINATION OF SERVICES OF DRIVER PATRICK O'DONNELL.

Councillor Lynch asked to have the following Notice of Motion re above considered. He stated that the Agenda was issued for this Meeting two days earlier than the usual time:-

"That we ask the County Surveyor for an explanation as to why Driver Patrick O'Donnell, Breaker No. 30, has got a notice terminating his service with the Council. The notice is signed by Mr. M. F. Cunningham, Assistant County Surveyor."

The County Surveyor stated that this man should have been dismissed many months ago. He was guilty of gross insubordination, and grave dereliction of duty. He had informed this man in writing that the next time he was guilty of insubordination he would be dismissed.

Councillor Lynch proposed that the County Surveyor be asked to reinstate O'Donnell.

Councillor Kelly seconded the proposal.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no intention of allowing this man to be reinstated.

The Chairman refused to accept Councillor Lynch's proposal in view of the County Surveyor's statements.

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the matter be discussed at the next Meeting of the Engineering Committee, and that Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, and O'Donnell attend the Meeting.

Councillor Walsh seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1309/40. DAMAGE TO ROADS CAUSED BY HAULAGE OF BOG ORE.

The Council adjourned until next Meeting consideration of a report from the County Surveyor on damage to roads caused by the haulage of bog ore. (1189/40 C.C.)

1310/40. PROPOSED ERECTION OF GATES ACROSS RAILWAY LINE ON ROAD,
MAP NO. 771.

The Council decided to ask the County Surveyor to submit to the next Meeting of the Law Committee a report re erection of gates on Road No. 771 at the Railway Level Crossing known as McCandless's Crossing, where a collision occurred last year. (1167/40 G.C.)

1311/40. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT APHORT PIER,
ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 29th October, 1940, S.W.1/3/75, stating that representations had been received as to the necessity for carrying out improvements to the landing facilities at Aphort Pier, Arranmore, in the interests of the local fishing industry. The site had been inspected by their Engineer who reported that the Pier was in good condition, but that the storm wall at the approach end was very low, with the result that in bad weather the sea broke over it on to the Pier deck. Their Engineer suggested that the raising of this wall by approximately 2' 6" over a length of about 150 feet would be a considerable improvement. A copy of a Plan was enclosed and they inquired whether the Council could arrange, under the supervision of the County Surveyor, for the execution of a suitable work on the general lines of the Plan, and costing not more than £110. In the event of this suggestion meeting with the approval of the Council, the Parliamentary Secretary would be prepared to recommend the making of a grant of 75% of the cost of the proposed work, subject to agreement by the Council to contribute the balance of 25% of the cost, and to accept responsibility for maintenance of the Pier and improved storm wall.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:- "I have examined the plans for the proposed improvements to Aphort Pier. I have no objection to undertaking this work on the lines suggested by the Office of Public Works at an estimated cost of £110, the Council's contribution to be £27 : 10 : 0."

Councillor Walsh stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion for next Meeting regarding the proposed contribution by the Council.

1312/40. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF SLIPWAY AT POLL-NA-bPÍOCH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th September, 1940, S.W.1/3/8, stating that following a communication from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture regarding the condition of the slipway at Poll-na-bPíoch, Co. Donegal, an inspection was made, and they had been advised that the structure at present was not in good order, a number of items, viz., the re-construction of portion of the retaining wall, the repair of the boatyard and toe of the slip, and the removal of boulders from the fairway, being necessary to put the slip into proper condition. As the Council were responsible for the maintenance of this slipway, they would be glad to learn whether arrangements were being made to put the structure into a proper state of repair. They understood that the execution of the works mentioned would involve an expenditure approximating £300.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"An inspection has been made of above slipway, and I am in agreement with the Office of Public Works regarding the nature, extent, and cost of the repairs and improvements required to put this slipway in good order. It appears, however, that this slipway is rarely used, and the local fishermen prefer to use the slipway at Lug-na-Druan, about a quarter of a mile away.

While the slipway at Poll-na-bPíoch is under maintenance by the County Council, that of Lug-na-Druan is under the control of the Office of Public Works. It would appear, as far as the local needs are concerned, that the repair of Lug-na-Druan would be the proper work to carry out. The important question to determine, however, is whether the Council should go to the expense of several hundred pounds for repairing a slipway which is not much used. This is a case where I should like to have the advice of the Council, particularly of those members who are intimately acquainted with the place and with the needs of the people."

The Council adjourned the matter until next Meeting for the views of the Chairman (Councillor McFadden).

1313/40. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR BUTT HALL,
BALLYBOFEY.

As requested by the Council, the County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Accompanied by representatives of the Butt Hall Committee I inspected the Hall in connection with application for Cinema Licence. I found that in a number of points the Hall does not comply with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act.

The Hall consists of Auditorium, Stage, and Balcony, with adjoining Supper Room and Kitchen. The existing exits to Balcony are totally inadequate, consisting of a narrow winding stairway, connecting Balcony with principal exit on ground floor. The Committee have arranged to have the necessary improvements carried out, and have decided to close the Balcony until these improvements are carried out.

In the Auditorium there are five exits, one of these opening off the stage. These, with the exception of one, all open out, and the Committee have made arrangements to have this one re-hung, so as to fulfil the requirements of the Act. These exits are not marked as such, but the Committee have agreed to have this matter put right immediately, and to supply adequate lighting over each exit.

The Operating Box is almost completely lined with Fire-resisting material. The improvements which I suggested were agreed to by the Committee.

I may add that the Committee were most helpful and are quite anxious to have the necessary improvements carried out without delay. On the Committee undertaking to close immediately the Balcony to the public, I would recommend that a temporary licence be granted pending the carrying out of the necessary improvements."

The Secretary stated that there was no provision in the Act for the granting of a temporary licence.

The Council unanimously decided to issue a licence with certain conditions attached; one of which be that the Balcony be closed to the public until the required improvements are carried out.

1314/40. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF WIDENING OF ROAD AT
KEENAGH, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. John Platt, Keenagh, Malin, to write with reference to his claim for compensation in respect of the widening of a road at Keenagh. His client signed a consent to give a portion of ground at his door for the widening, but in addition to the ground given by the consent, there were four bends widened at the expense of his property and fences were erected thereon, and the material for the fences was taken from his lands. His client claimed £15 compensation for this, but so far no attention had been paid to his claim.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until the Annual Road Works Meeting,

1315/40. PROVISION OF LIFE-BUOYS FOR PIERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Letters were read from the County Surveyor regarding the provision of lifebuoys at Quays throughout the County. He would require about one dozen, and the cost ranged from 32/- to 33/- each, free of duty. He wished to know to what account he could charge the cost.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the County Surveyor to purchase the life-buoys required.

1316/40. DATE OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING.

Owing to the number of other Meetings being held during the month of January, the Council unanimously decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for permission to hold the Annual Road Works Meeting on Tuesday, 28th January, 1941, the same day as the ordinary January Meeting of the County Council.

1317/40. APPOINTMENT OF MR. ALFRED GEORGE McLAUGHLIN AS ROAD MACHINERY FOREMAN.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commission dated 10th December, 1940, L.A.22.12.40., recommending Mr. Alfred George McLaughlin, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal, for the post of Road Machinery Foreman. A summary of Mr. McLaughlin's qualifications was appended, and it was stated that the appointment was subject to the terms of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. McLaughlin.

1318/40. PROPOSED PAYMENT OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. CAREY (NEE DOOGAN), FORMERLY A TYPIST IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th December, 1940, G.19786/2/40, stating that the maximum gratuity payable to Mrs. Carey (nee Doogan) in accordance with the terms of Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925, was £93 : 8 : 9, being one-twelfth of her average annual salary in respect of each completed year of service rendered. On receipt of a resolution of the Council awarding a gratuity not exceeding this maximum, the Minister would be prepared to accord his assent.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, the Council unanimously decided to award Mrs. Carey a gratuity of £93 : 8 : 9.

1319/40. ILLNESS OF MR. O'DONOGHUE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, DUNFANAGHY.

A Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. C. J. Coll, Greeslough, certifying that Mr. O'Donoghue, Assistant Surveyor, was suffering from influenza, and would be unfit for work from 16th to 23rd December, 1940, inclusive.

The Certificate was noted.

1320/40. LODGMET OF STATE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT AT INISHKEERAGH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 20th November, 1940, C.87.132/1/37, referring to Minute No. 1077/40 regarding sea wall at Inishkeeragh, Burtonport, and enclosing Payable Order for £152 : 5 : 0, representing the State contribution (75%) towards the cost of the work recently executed under the supervision of the County Surveyor.

The letter was noted.

1321/40. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT PORT, INVER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 5th December, 1940, C.87.152/1/38, referring to the Council's Minutes numbered 967/40 and 1048/40 regarding the improvement of landing facilities at Port, Inver, and stating that a grant of £352 from Employment Scheme Funds had now been sanctioned towards the cost of the proposed improvement works. They enclosed (in duplicate), Agreement, Plan, Specification, and Estimate for acceptance by the Council by means of a formal resolution. One copy of the Agreement should be signed by the Secretary, with one copy of the Plan, Specification, and Estimate, signed by the County Surveyor, and returned to them. The present season was unsuitable for the execution of the works, but, weather permitting, it should be possible to put them in hands towards the end of March next. A Receivable Order was enclosed to enable the Council's contribution of £118 to be lodged early in March.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the terms of the Agreement and to have it signed by the Secretary, and they also approved of the Plan, Specification, and Estimate, and instructed the County Surveyor to append his signature thereto.

1322/40. REPORT BY COUNTY SURVEYOR ON CARRYING OUT OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT LANDING-PLACES, BOATSLIPS, ETC.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"Before reporting on the question of the proposed improvement works at Port, Inver, as recommended by the Office of Public Works, I suggest that the Council should consider the general policy of carrying out such improvements to Harbours and Slipways, etc., and undertaking the future maintenance of the existing works, as well as the improvements.

We have already under maintenance over fifty Harbours, Slipways, etc., around our Coast, and we are being asked from time to time to take under our control and maintain further works which are at present being maintained by the Office of Public Works. In accepting the maintenance of these works the Council is undertaking a liability, the amount of which it is difficult to estimate, but it would be well to bear in mind that all these works are subject to heavy stress, and are liable to very serious damage resulting in considerable cost of repair. The improvements carried out, or suggested by the Board of Works, are in all cases very useful, and of benefit to the people using them. It is the question of accepting liability for the future maintenance that I would ask the Council to consider, as this is a matter of general policy."

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this report until their next Meeting.

1323/40. RE-PLACEMENT OF PLATES IN ELECTRICAL STORAGE BATTERY IN LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary stated that the following tenders had been received for the re-placement of the Plates in the Electrical Storage Battery in Lifford Courthouse:-

A. G. Bruty, 7/8, Eden Quay, Dublin.....	£151	:17	: 5.
Ampere Electrical Co., 57, Arran Quay, Dublin.....	£158	:17	: 5.
Ohloride Electrical Co., Clifton Junction, England...	£158	:17	: 5.
Pritchett & Gold, London.....	£158	:17	: 5.
Thomas May, Derry.....	£160	: 0	: 0.
Bective Electrical Co., Dublin.....	£162	: 0	: 0.
George D. Elliott, Castlefin.....	£162	: @	: 0.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the lowest Tender, that of Messrs. A. G. Bruty, 7/8, Eden Quay, Dublin.

1324/40. COMPLAINT RE EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES INSTEAD OF CARTS IN FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John McLoone, Secretary, Fintown Parish Council, forwarding copy of the following resolution passed at a recent Meeting of the Parish Council:-

"That Fintown Parish Council protest in the strongest possible manner against the employment of lorries instead of carts on road work between Fintown and Doochary, where the Quarry is less than a mile distant (in this case less than half a mile) from where the improvement is being made, as by dispensing with carts the work is held up, expense incurred in making lorries available and men left idle, though on three separate occasions since the carts were put off men were asked to present themselves, but had to return home when lorry had not arrived, and as a result these men go to swell the number of unemployed on the Register, whereas they could actually be employed at their own doors thus making lighter the burden of the taxpayer."

The County Surveyor reported that the carts in this area did not give satisfactory results.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1325/40. BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACT, INISHOWEN AREA.

On the application of the County Surveyor, the Council unanimously decided to break Contract No. 118, April 1940, Map No. 157, Inishowen Area.

1326/40. STOPPAGE OF WORK ON IRISH LAND COMMISSION ESTATES.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas McGinley, Derryhassen N.S., Downings, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by Meevagh Parish Council:-

"The stoppage of all work in the making of Bog Roads and in the division of turbary on the Leitrim and Barton Estates this winter will be a serious financial loss to a considerable number of wage-earners in this Parish, we, the members of the Meevagh Parish Council, earnestly impress on the Irish Land Commission the urgency of having work on these Estates re-started at once, so as to tide the workers concerned over the very critical period between now and Christmas."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Irish Land Commission.

1327/40. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ENGINEERS.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I wish to inform the Council that following their resolution at the last Meeting (Minute No. 1162/40), I have appointed Mr. C. J. McGrath as Temporary Engineer in connection with Employment Grants in the Killybegs District, as from the 16th December, 1940.

I have also arranged with the Council's approval to employ Mr. Sean Mulreany as from Monday, 6th January, 1941. Mr. Mulreany will also be employed in work dealing with Employment Grant Schemes.

In accordance with the Council's recommendation, Mr. W. A. Ewing, took up duty on the 5th December, and is working in the Dunfanaghy District on Employment Grants.

I have appointed Mr. Michael A. Doherty as Acting Assistant County Surveyor in place of Mr. P. J. Kelly, who has resigned. Mr. Doherty took up duty on the 12th inst."

The Committee approved of the report, and decided to apply for sanction to the employment of Messrs. McGrath, Ewing, Mulreany, and Doherty, at the usual remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week, and travelling expenses; the salaries of Messrs. McGrath, Ewing, and Mulreany to be chargeable to the Schemes.

1328/40. CONTINGENCY FUND.

The County Surveyor applied for the sum of £20 from the Contingency Fund for the repair of damage to road, Map No. 615, Aileach Area.

The application was granted unanimously.

1329/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN THE CREESLOUGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Brennan, Magherablade, Creeslough, drawing attention to the bad state of the road from the Contract Road at Ummorafad to the Contract Road at Magheraroarty. Bushes were growing over the road and the water-tables were full.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1330/40. COMPLAINTS RE CONDITION OF TEEVICKMOY ROAD, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas McMenamin, Kilross, Ballybofey, drawing attention to the condition of the Teevickmoy Road. No repairs had been done to this road for the past six years.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Coulter, Teevickmoy, Ballybofey, drawing attention to the dirty state of the Teevickmoy Road, on which it was impossible to walk owing to mud and water which had lodged it. The bog ore lorries had left it in a terrible condition.

A letter was read from Mr. James Bell, Teevickmoy, Stranorlar, complaining of the condition of the Teevickmoy Road.

The County Surveyor stated that the parties concerned had denied writing the letters.

1331/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO HOUSES AT BOHILLION, BURT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dan McLaughlin and P. Burns, Upper Bohillion, Burt, drawing attention to the bad condition of the road leading to their houses. There was from 10 to 18 inches of mud and water on this road. It was a County Road and was under contract. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1332/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT GLENVAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Dooney, Carrowreagh, Glenvar, drawing attention to water on the road near his house, which ran on to his street.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter had received attention.

1333/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM ERRITY TO GALDONAGH, MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Browne, Tullbegley, Manorcunningham, drawing attention to the neglected and filthy state of parts of the road leading from Errity to Galdonagh, which was a leading road to four places of Worship.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1334/40. PROPOSED STRAIGHTENING OF MAIN ROAD AT DERRYBEG CHAPEL.

A letter was read from Mr. Seán MacAodha, O.S., Secretary, Gweedore Parish Council, regarding the proposed straightening of the Main Road at Derrybeg Chapel. The Committee would do their utmost to secure the land required, and they had every reason to be satisfied that same would be available, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that the old road must remain open for the use of the Chapel where 2,000 people attended every Sunday. This being the case they were certain that the proposed straightening of the road would not put an end to accidents. People must use the old and dangerous hairpin bend to get to and from the Chapel. Therefore, the Committee still requested the Co. Council to widen the bridge and to remove the curve leading to the bridge. If this was done the Committee would do their utmost to secure the other land in question.

The Committee decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

1335/40. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the National Bank, Ltd., Glenties, enclosing Paying Order No. 1019 dated 28th May, 1940, in favour of James McCool, Loughfad, Clooney, which was now out-of-date, and asking to have it re-issued.

A letter was read from the Bank of Ireland, Ballybofey, enclosing Paying Order No. 1616 dated 28th May, 1940, in favour of Dan McMenamin, Corrairie, Welchtown, which was now out-of-date, and asking to have it re-issued.

A letter was read from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Ballybofey, enclosing Paying Order No. 1679 dated 28th May, 1940, for £5 in favour of Charles Bradley, Kinletter, Ballybofey, which was now out-of-date, and asking to have it re-issued.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the re-issue of Paying Orders in the three cases referred to.

1336/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Sweeney, Fallagowan, Arranmore Island, drawing attention to a piece of road in his locality between the bridge on the Lighthouse Road and Scoilt-na-Luinge, which was unfit for public use. This road used to be on the schedule, and it never was in such bad repair as it was at present.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was receiving attention.

1337/40. DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENINGS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Martin, Rock, Magheracar, Bundoran, applying for a refund of a deposit of £5 lodged in connection with road opening.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Gallagher, Magheraclogher, Derrybeg, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged in connection with road opening.

The matters were referred to the County Surveyor.

1338/40. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Gallagher, LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal, enclosing cheque for £423 : 9 : 3 in settlement of the amount due by Neil McGready, Mountcharles, to the County Council in respect of loan obtained under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. This amount included a deposit of £2 : 2 : 0 originally made by his client, and he now applied for a refund of this amount.

The Secretary quoted the following extract from the regulations governing the issue of loans:-

"With each application for a loan the sum of £2 : 2 : 0 must be lodged with the Treasurer. Where, after inquiry, it is found that no loan can be granted, and the application is held to have been made bona fide, the sum of £2 : 2 : 0 will be refunded."

In McGready's case the Secretary stated that the loan had actually been granted.

Councillor Scott proposed that the deposit be refunded.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1339/40. APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR A FOURTH YEAR BY A STUDENT IN THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward J. McDevitt, 158, Botanic Road, Glasnevin, Dublin, stating that he had been pursuing a four-years' Course in the Faculty of Agriculture, and he was given to understand that he was entitled to an extension for a fourth year, but as evidently this was a wrong impression on his part, he now applied for such an extension to enable him to complete his course.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the application be granted.

Councillor McIvor seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1340/40. CARETAKING OF FISHERY LIGHTS ERECTED AT GLASHAGH POINT, BUNBEG.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th December, 1940, inquiring if the Secretary was in a position to return completed forms of Query in connection with the appointment of Mr. Thomas Gallagher as Caretaker of the Fishery Lights at Glasagh Point, Bunbeg.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Gallagher, Lunniaghmore, Derrybeg, stating that he would not accept £3 per annum for caretaking the lights at Glasagh Point. The lowest sum he would accept was £6 per annum.

The Council considered that £6 per annum was an exorbitant figure, and they decided to invite other applications for the post at remuneration of £3 per annum.

1341/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT CAIRNHILL, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Crossan, Cairnhill, Letterkenny, complaining about the state of the road at Cairnhill. Some surface mud was removed but there was no stone put on it, with the result that the road was worse this year than it ever was.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter would receive attention.

1342/40. ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST AID POST IN LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Town Surveyor, Letterkenny, reporting that the only suitable available storage accommodation in Letterkenny for the A.R.P. equipment was at the old Workhouse premises, and he submitted estimates for certain necessary improvements.

A letter was read from Messrs. Lymac, Ltd., Letterkenny, offering to let subject to the sanction of the Minister two Stores over each other in the Workhouse premises, Letterkenny, for £50 per annum, free of rates, for the storage of A.R.P. equipment.

The Council decided to approve of the estimates for the improvements necessary, and they instructed Mr. C. V. McLaughlin, Town Surveyor, Letterkenny, to get into touch with Messrs. Lymac, and see if they would accept a reduced rent.

Later, Mr. McLaughlin reported that the lowest sum Messrs. Lymac would accept was £40 per annum, and the Council decided to pay this amount, subject to sanction of the Department.

1343/40. LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE - IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO MAKE IT SUITABLE FOR A FIRST AID POST.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Letterkenny, enclosing estimates for improvements required to Letterkenny Courthouse in order to make it suitable for a First Aid Post.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the estimates submitted.

1344/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD IN DUNKINEELY DISTRICT.

A petition was submitted from ratepayers of the Dunkineely District complaining of the condition of the road from the residence of John McGuire to the residence of Thomas Gaffigan. It is impassable to carts and cars, and almost so to pedestrians. Along the greater part of its course the water-tables are stopped up and large sheets of water remain on both sides.

The County Surveyor stated that this road was not a County Road, and it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Schemes.

1345/40. COMPLAINT REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF COUNTY DONEGAL RAILWAYS.

A letter was read from Mr. James McLoone, Secretary, Glenties Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Glenties Parish Council:-

"That we protested to the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding the inefficient management of the Donegal Railways, and got no acknowledgment. That we again draw attention to the inefficient condition of the whole service. That we emphasise the need for a thorough investigation from Headquarters into the general working of the Railway."

Councillor Houston spoke in support of the resolution from the Parish Council. He stated that this Railway was working at a loss, and that it was time an investigation was made into the running of it.

He proposed that the attention of the Department of Industry and Commerce be drawn to the conditions prevailing, and that they be asked to inquire into the situation.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

1346/40. BRIDGE AT STRANAGARROW, FALCARRAGH, ON THE CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Sweeney, Drumnatinny, Falcarragh, again asking the Council to repair bridge at Stranagarrow, Falcarragh, on the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme.

The matter was noted. (1166/40 C.C.)

1347/40. ERECTION OF FENCE ON THE LANDS OF MRS. JOHNSTON, TIRHOMIN, MILFORD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, acknowledging receipt of Minute No. 1259/40 re erection of fence on the lands of Mrs. Johnston, Tirhomin, Milford. They noted what was stated, but Mrs. Johnston would insist on the promise given to her late husband being fulfilled, namely, that a stone fence be erected. This could most certainly be done without obstructing the view in any way.

The County Surveyor stated that arrangements had been made to have this matter settled.

1348/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS LEADING TO MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. T. McFadden, Merchant, Dore, Bunbeg, complaining of the condition of the roads leading by Casholnagor Railway Station to Meenlaragh, also the road through Fanaboy to Dunlewey. The metal recently put on these roads should be rolled in.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1349/40. COMPLAINT RE TREATMENT OF CATHOLICS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Cahir Healy, M.P., stating that he had been asked by the Nationalist members of the Parliament and Senate of Northern Ireland to forward report of a Committee of the Y.M.C.A., Belfast, who were in touch with boys of all creeds. From this non-Catholic source an impartial light was cast upon the industrial conditions under which Catholic young people were growing up in the Six Counties as well as the handicaps they met with when seeking work.

The matter was noted.

1350/40. STORAGE OF POLLING COMPARTMENTS.

A letter was read from Mr. James F. O'Donnell, Burtonport, applying for payment for the storage of Polling Compartments for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Council decided to pay Mr. O'Donnell at the usual rate, and also to pay Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Killybegs, and Mr. James O'Donnell, Falcarragh, for the storage of Compartments.

1351/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT TOWER, PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Meehan, Tower, Pettigo, complaining of the condition of the road in the townland of Tower branching off the Ballintra-Pettigo Road between Rushin Three Roads and Tully. This road had been out of contract for ten years and was at present very dangerous for traffic.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor:-

"A short section only of the road referred to is a County Road, and this section will be included in the coming Road Works Scheme. There is at present no money available and the County section is not in the poor condition represented in letter."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter.

1352/40. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF HOUSE AT MILLSIDE, FINTOWN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rose Kelly, Millside, Fintown, complaining of the flooding of her house at Millside owing to the raising of the roadway. When there was rain her house was swimming with water. The road in front of her house should be levelled same as was done with the streets in front of the other houses along the roadway. She was the highest ratepayer around there and had got the least attention.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was not raised. The house was built too low.

The Council decided to deny liability.

1353/40.

OFFER TO SELL QUARRIES TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McDaid, Prucklish, Newmills, stating that he had two suitable quarries which he could let to the Council. They were convenient to the road and suitable for loading lorries.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1354/40.

APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKERS FOR EXPLOSIVES MAGAZINES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th December, 1940, R/IR/45, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 27th November relative to the appointment of Caretakers for Explosives Magazines, and stating that the necessity for the appointment of Caretakers had not been fully established. The Minister would like to be informed as to the reasons why the records referred to could not be kept by the responsible Officer of the County Council in charge of the distribution, etc., of explosives.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have two Explosives Magazines in the County; one outside Donegal Town, and the other outside Letterkenny. Each of these Magazines will hold approximately 2,000 lbs. of Explosives, in addition to quantities of Detonators, fuse, etc. The Magazine in Letterkenny is to store explosives for use in the whole northern portion of the County, and the Magazine near Donegal has to store explosives for the whole south of the County. I attach herewith a list of duties pertaining to the Magazine Caretakers, and also instructions to the Assistant Surveyors, concerning the procedure regarding the withdrawal of Explosives from the Magazine.

It is intended that the Caretakers in question should be the responsible Officers in charge of the distribution, etc., of Explosives. If these duties were placed on the shoulders of the local Assistant Surveyors it would, in my opinion, take up too much of the time of these Officers, who are already heavily burdened with the administration and execution of Direct Labour, Employment and Relief Grants, and also Board of Health work.

I am quite confident that the appointment of a special Caretaker for the Magazine is the proper way of dealing with this problem."

The Council decided to refer the matter back to the Department, and to ask them to re-consider their decision.

1355/40. COMPLAINT RE MANNER IN WHICH MINOR RELIEF SCHEME WAS BEING EXECUTED AT MEENACHUIT, GLENTIES.

Letters were read from Mr. Darby McGlynn, Meenachuit, Glenties, complaining of the manner in which a Minor Relief Scheme was being executed on a bog road going through his lands. His son would not be given a job as Ganger. The gang of 20 men were standing chatting and smoking, and wasting the money.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. McGlynn would not give his consent to the carrying out of this Scheme unless he got full-time employment on the Scheme, and the regulations did not provide for this.

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

1356/40.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1908.

A letter was read from Rev. P. O'Brien, C.C., Bunorana, applying for a Cinema Licence for the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh.

The application was granted unanimously.

1357/40.

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST-AID POST IN LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, approving of the improvements proposed for Letterkenny Courthouse in order to make it suitable for a First Aid Post. He also stated that some fifty Red Cross Workers in Letterkenny had secured their First Aid Certificates.

The letter was noted.

1358/40. CLAIM OF MR. JOHN BURNS, BALLEIGHAN, GREENCASTLE, FOR
PAYMENT FOR WORK ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DONE.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, stating that Mr. John Burns, Balleighan, Greencastle, had instructed him to re-lodge claim furnished to the Council on the 16th August last. His client states that he agreed to its being withdrawn on the previous occasion on receiving an assurance that the amount would be paid him, but that this assurance was not implemented.

Mr. Burns appeared before the Council in support of his claim.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was decided to refer the matter to the Engineering Committee, and to request Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Burns to attend.

1359/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT DYSART,
LETTERBARROW.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell, Dysart, Letterbarrow, applying for a grant for the completion of the Dysart Road. A grant was given last year, but the most important part of the road still remained to be done.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

1360/40. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTES - COMPLETION OF WORKS BY THE
31ST MARCH, 1941.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th December, 1940, RU/207/16, referring to the grants allocated to the Council out of the Employment Schemes Votes, and pointing out that a condition of the Grants required the completion of the works in time to permit of the final payments being made prior to the 31st March, 1941. A form was enclosed for a return of all Grants allocated in respect of which final payments were made subsequent to the 31st March. Where, owing to exceptional circumstances, it was thought that it would not be possible to complete any of the works already sanctioned prior to the 31st March, 1941, a statement setting out the circumstances and the estimated unexpended balance at that date should be furnished.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

1361/40. EXPENDITURE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, Air Raid Precautions Branch, dated 21st December, 1940, ARP/186, referring to the provisions of Section 35 of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, which empowered the Minister for Defence to pay out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas grants towards approved expenditure on Air Raid Precautions by Local Authorities. The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared, after the expiration of the first six months of each financial year to make a payment on account of the total grant estimated to be payable for the whole year. This payment on account would be not more than two-thirds of the estimated total grant.

The letter was noted.

1362/40. PROPOSAL TO HOLD A MONTHLY FAIR IN MALIN TOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Byrne, Secretary, Malin Parish Council, stating that it was proposed to hold a monthly fair in Malin on the last Friday of every month beginning with the last Friday of January, 1941.

The letter was noted.

1363/40. CARETAKING OF FISHERY LIGHT AT BREAGHY HEAD.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the Fishery Light at Breaghy Head had now been completed. Some years ago the Council decided to appoint Mr. Thomas Stewart as Caretaker of the Lights, and he wished to know if this resolution still held good.

The Council decided to appoint Mr. Thomas Stewart as Caretaker and to adjourn the question of his remuneration pending hearing from the Board of Works.

1364/40.

ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from Mr. P. McGlinchey, V.S., Letterkenny, applying for two weeks' annual leave from 3rd December, and stating that he had arranged with Mr. Marner, V.S., Carndonagh, to carry out his duties.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Marner, V.S., Carndonagh, applying for two weeks' leave from the 18th to the 31st December, and stating that he had arranged with Mr. McGlinchey, V.S., Letterkenny, to carry out his duties.

As the Veterinary Inspectors concerned had taken their leave before the County Council had time to consider the applications, the Council unanimously decided to refuse to grant the leave, and decided to instruct the Inspectors concerned in future to apply in good time for a County Council Meeting.

1365/40.

RESOLUTION FROM CO. DONEGAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION RE REPAIR OF ROADS, ETC.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Crossan, Secretary, Co. Donegal Farmers' Association, Letterkenny, enclosing copies of the following resolutions:-

(1) "That we protest against the deplorable state of repair of second and third class roads throughout this County. We demand that the former system of road repair by contract be brought into operation at once as we consider the latter system to be both economic and satisfactory."

(2) "That Surveyors' estimate for same be not less than 7/- per ton for broken stones inclusive of all work for twelve months."

(3) "That we strongly urge the screening of the edges of all Main Roads of a width suitable for horse-drawn vehicles as they are most dangerous in the present slippery condition and must be avoided whenever possible."

(4) "Furthermore, County Council denies liability for accidents to farmers' horses through slippery condition of road surface. We now inform the said Council if this grievance is not remedied within a reasonable time we shall hold them responsible for such accidents in the future."

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1366/40.

REQUEST TO HAVE COUNTY ROAD REPAIRS BY MEANS OF A MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. James McSheffrey, Claremont, Castleary P.O., enclosing memorial as follows from a large number of ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers and householders, residing at Ballyrattan, Clare, and Tullyally, in the Electoral Divisions of Castleary and Redcastle, hereby request the Council to expend £200 to cut the hill on Road, Map No. 372. We trust the Council will make representations to the Office of Public Works to have this work done as it is most necessitous."

It was decided to inform the people concerned that the Office of Public Works would not give grants for the improvement of existing County Roads,

1367/40.

OBJECTION TO CARRYING OUT OF MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME IN THE TOWNLAND OF CORREFFRIN, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter Dunnion, Correffrin, Ballybofeigh, stating that it was proposed to make a new road through his land in the townland of Correffrin. The making of this road would cut up five of his best fields. He bought these fields at a very high price, and he refused to allow them to be cut up by the making of a road. He did not give his consent to the making of a new road, but when the project was first mentioned about four years ago he agreed to give his consent to the repair of a laneway.

On the motion of Councillor McMenamin it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for their attention.

1368/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-EXPENDITURE OF MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME
ON THE DREENAN-GLENCOVITT ROAD, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Maggie Gillespie, Dreenan, Ballybofey, stating that some time ago there was a grant allocated for the repair of the Dreenan-Glencovitt Road, but owing to Michael Slevin not giving his consent for it the proposal was turned down. The road was impassable at the moment.

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

1369/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD AT ARDUN, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Gallagher, Ardun, Glenties, complaining of the state of the Mullanmore and Ardun Road which was repaired last year. The principal part of this road had been left unrepaired, and was now in an awful state.

Councillor Houston proposed and it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

1370/40. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE BY ARMY LORRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Patton, Ballyhenny, Ramelton, stating that a bad break had been caused in the fence along the County Road on his lands. This was caused by an Army Lorry, and, as a result, all his cattle were straying on to the road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1371/40. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE IN MAY, 1940, AT
GLENTOGHER, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Private B. Gallagher, Dunsandle House, Athenry, Co. Galway, stating that he worked for five days under Ganger J. J. Doherty at the Crooked Bridge at Glentogher, six miles outside Carndonagh. When he was home last he met Ganger Doherty who told him that if anyone inquired if he (Gallagher) got paid for this work that he was to say he did get paid. The work was done in May, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly, it was decided to refer this matter to the Engineering Committee, and to request Ganger J. J. Doherty to attend the Meeting of that Committee.

1372/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF MANORCUNNINGHAM-GLENMAQUIN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. William A. Lecky, Trainavinney, Knockbrack, drawing attention to the deplorable state of the road which runs from the Manorcunningham-Glenmaquin Road. Owing to the recent rains traffic of any kind on it was impossible.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1373/40. COMPLAINT RE OBSTRUCTION ON ROAD AT STRANARVA, CROLLY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick E. Gillespie, Stranarva, Crollly, stating that Hugh Sweeney, Road Contractor, had a stack of turf built on the side of the road which was causing a great obstruction to traffic. He was thrown off his bicycle and could have been badly hurt. He also wished to know if anything more was going to be done about taking over the road leading into Stranarva.

The Council unanimously decided to call on Hugh Sweeney to remove the stack of turf referred to by Gillespie.

1374/40. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED
BY CAR ON THE MEENGLASS ROAD, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. W. T. McMenamin, Solicitor, Ballybofey, stating that he had been instructed by Garda P. D. Mulligan, Ballybofey, to apply for the sum of £5 in respect of damage and loss sustained by him through the Council's neglect in the non-repair of the public road leading from Ballybofey to Meenglass as a result of which his client's motor-car was badly damaged on the 17th December.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1375/40. DAMAGE TO TELEGRAPH POLES AT DRUMANEANY, FINTOWN.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that it had been brought to his notice that the Telegraphs were damaged on the Ballybofey-Burtonport Road at Drumaneany on the 9th December as a result of blasting operations carried out by the Council. When the cost of repairing the damage had been ascertained an account would be forwarded to the Council.

The letter was noted.

1376/40. ACQUISITION OF PORTION OF GROUND AT LIFFORD OWNED BY MESSRS. WHITE & CO., STRABANE.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 16th December, 1940, stating that Messrs. Magee & Son, Solicitors for Messrs. White, Lifford, Lifford, were arranging to have Conveyance and Memorial in connection with the acquisition of lands at Lifford by the Council executed by Messrs. White. Messrs. Magee approved of the draft Conveyance "subject to payment by the Council of the Vendors' costs." He received no instructions as to this. It would be realised, however, that the purchase money was very small, and Messrs. Magee had agreed to accept a compromise figure of £3 : 3 : 0 for their work in the matter. The normal approval fee is £3 : 3 : 0, and, in these circumstances, he thought they were entitled to the amount claimed. In view of this he would be glad if the Council would forward him a Paying Order for £13 : 3 : 0 to discharge purchase price and costs.

The Council decided to forward a Paying Order for £13 : 3 : 0 to the Council's Solicitor.

1377/40. COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF REMOVAL OF BUNDORAN PROJECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 11th December, 1940, stating that he would be glad to be furnished with cheque for £43 : 6 : 0 to discharge compensation in connection with the removal of projections in Bundoran in the following cases:-

Compensation, Medlock premises.....	£20 : 0 : 0.
Same, Feely's premises.....	£17 : 0 : 0.
Fees, Messrs. Reid & Sweeney.....	£3 : 3 : 0.
Fees, Mr. Ramage.....	£3 : 3 : 0.

The Council decided to forward a Paying Order for £43 : 6 : 0 to the Council's Solicitor.

1378/40. COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF REMOVAL OF BUNDORAN PROJECTIONS - THOMAS McDONNELL.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 19th December, 1940, referring to the removal of projections in Bundoran in the case of Thomas McDonnell. The Agreement in this matter was now ready for signature by the parties and he wished to have draft in his favour for the full amount, or, alternatively, a draft in favour of Thomas McDonnell for £55 : 0 : 0, and one in favour of Mr. Ramage, Solicitor, for £5, plus £3 : 3 : 0 to cover his costs. A dispute had arisen between Thomas McDonnell, the owner, and his brother, the occupier, as to the division of the compensation, and as to the right of Mr. P. E. Rogers, Solicitor, to act for both parties. The matter, however, was not one for the Council, and would not interfere with the completion of the Agreement.

The Council decided to forward a draft for £63 : 3 : 0 to the Council's Solicitor.

1379/40. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT BALLYHEERIN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Kerr, Lurgacloghan, Ballyheerin, stating that a road was being made into his lands under a Relief Scheme. Four days were spent on a part which had already been made, and the part that needed it most was left untouched, with the result that the road was of no benefit to him.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

1380/40. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN GLENCOLUMBKILLE AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. William Cunningham, Secretary, Glencolumbkille Parish Council, enclosing letter from the residents of Kiltyfannet complaining of the condition of the roads in that area, particularly the road leading to Furt from the Lougherahirk Crossroads.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1381/40. SEEDS AND FERTILISERS (SUPPLY) ACT, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th December, 1940, Circ. No. 116/40, stating that the Minister had received representations that the special facilities authorised by the Seeds and Fertilisers (Supply) Act, 1940, for the supply of seed potatoes, wheat, oats, and barley seeds and fertilisers to cultivators of land who could not obtain supplies out of their own resources should be continued in the forthcoming season. The Minister, accordingly, desired every County Council to consider as early as possible whether there was need for a seeds and fertilisers scheme in the County, and, if there was, to adopt a scheme.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1382/40. APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON ROADS.

The Council decided to refer the following applications to the County Surveyor:-

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Letter from Mr. Charles McLean, Garvan, Cloghan, applying for a position as Ganger on Relief Schemes.

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1384/40. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

A letter was received from Messrs. McDonagh & Co., Garndonagh, applying for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

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