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COPY MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF QUARTERLY MEETING
OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 24th DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 1925.

ATTENDANCE.

The members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke,
Gallagher (A), Lynch, McGoldrick, Kelly (H.J.), Myles,
O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), and Quigley.

CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick, it was resolved - "That we desire to convey to Mr. Edward Gallen - a member of this Council - our sincerest sympathy in his recent sad bereavement caused by the death of his wife".

The resolution was passed in silence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Before proceeding to confirm minutes of previous meeting a letter was read from Councillor McDermott referring to minute in regard to the appointment of an Architect in connection with the rebuilding of workhouses in Tirconail and stated that he did not second the resolution proposing that the remuneration to the architect be 5% on the outlay.

Councillor Lynch said to insert his name as seconding the resolution in lieu of Councillor McDermott. This was agreed to. The Chairman amended the minutes in this respect. The minutes were then confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The reports of the undermentioned committees, were unanimously adopted.

FINANCE ----- MEETING HELD 17th FEBRUARY, 1925.

PROPOSAL ----- MEETING HELD 17th FEBRUARY, 1925.

SECRETARY'S ESTIMATES.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick, the Secretary's Estimates in respect of financial year ending 31st March, 1926, as amended by the Finance Committee at a meeting held on 17th February, 1925 were unanimously adopted.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT.

Proposals for payment in respect of salaries etc. Quarter ended 31st December, 1924, were confirmed.

TREASURERS ADVICE NOTES.

Treasurers Advice Notes were submitted and signed.

ADVERTISING THE ATTRACTIONS OF TIRCONAILL.

A letter, dated the 19th February, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the proposal of the Tirconail County Council to strike a rate for above purpose and stating that there is at present no statutory authority empowering a County Council to strike a rate for this purpose. There is however a section in the Local Government Bill at present before the Oireachtas to enable this to be done.

In this connection the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Kelly (H.J.) was withdrawn:-

"That this Council instructs its Secretary to include in the coming Estimates £1 in the £1 for the purpose of advertising the attractions of Tirconail".

TIRCONAILL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly (John) seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), Mr. Manus MacCreadie, The Hotel, Milford, was appointed a member of Tirconail County Board of Health.

BROKEN DOWN BRIDGES - CROLLY BRIDGE.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), it was unanimously resolved that the reconstruction of Crollly Bridge be proceeded with forthwith.

OTHER BROKEN DOWN BRIDGES.

It was also unanimously resolved that the work of rebuilding all the other broken down bridges in Tirconail be commenced at once.

On the suggestion of Mr. Steadman it was decided that any expenditure incurred prior to receipt of the Government Grant be paid out of Revenue and subsequently recouped to the County Council.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT, 1923, -
DAMAGED BRIDGES --.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads, enclosing forms upon which application may now be made for recoupment of the amount expended up to 31st January last under above Act.

The Secretary said that on receipt of letter he transmitted the forms to County Surveyors for completion.

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MECHANICALLY
PROPELLED ROAD VEHICLES.

A letter on above subject was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads.

The Secretary said it was imperative that the Council's Stone Breakers should be licensed. This did not apply to the Steam Rollers.

The County Surveyors were directed to attend to the matter.

PROSECUTIONS.

A discussion arose as to the appointment at previous meeting of the Taxation Officer to appear on behalf of the County Council at District Courts to prosecute motor owners for breaches under the motor car Acts and it was pointed out that in the interests of the Council their Solicitor should conduct such cases as Law points.

points might arise from time to time that would require his assistance, otherwise the District Justice in some cases might decide against the Council, and it was also pointed out that the costs would be defrayed by the parties prosecuted.

MINUTE ---- It was decided that the Solicitor to the County Council, instead of the Local Taxation Officer, appear at District Courts to prosecute in all cases against motor owners - the Secretary to furnish the former with particulars of cases in which the County Council decide to institute proceedings.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT GRANTS.

A letter from the Department of Local Government, Roads, stating that directions have been given for the payment of £796. in respect of Ministry of Transport Grants (Grant No.p.24) and adding that this amount together with the sum of £2,004 already paid represents the full amount allocated in respect of these Grants, the accounts in connection therewith should now be closed, was read.

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1924.

A letter from the Department of Local Government enclosing a copy of above Act, was read.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick, it was unanimously resolved to request the Ministry of Local Government to sanction a loan of £13,000:0:0 under above Act, said loan to be obtained from the Treasury of the County and repaid with interest within a term of fifteen years.

DISTRICT HOSPITAL BALLYSHANNON.

A letter from the Department of Local Government, enclosing, for the information of the Tirconail County Council, a copy of the Order made by the Minister on the 15th January last approving of the continuance of the District Hospital at Ballyshannon, was read.

PUBLIC ANALYST.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, referring to the County Secretary's letter relative to the question of sanction to the appointment of Mr. J.F. O'Leary, 4 Ringsend Road, Dublin, as Public Analyst for Tirconail County and stating that no documentary evidence of qualification has yet been furnished to the Department. The Secretary said he wrote Mr. O'Leary on receipt of the Ministry's letter and received a reply stating that he was furnishing the information sought for.

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government relative to the further postponement of the Local Elections fixed for March 19th, and enclosing a provisional draft of the County Electoral Areas, giving the number of Councillors assigned to each area:-

DONEGAL-----	9
GLENTIES-----	7
LETTERKENNY-----	7
MILFORD-----	5
BUNCRANA-----	8

CLAIM FOR INTEREST.

A letter, dated 13th February, 1925, from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister will not raise any objection to the payment of the amended claim for interest, amounting to £26:11:2 submitted by the Hibernian Bank Limited in connection with money due to them by the late Board of Guardians of Dunfanaghy Union, was read, and payment ordered.

*Minister for Roads
Roads (Housing Dept.)
written to 2/14/25*

MAINTENANCE OF SESSIONS COURTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department regarding the maintenance of Sessions Courts at Malin, Moville, and Burnfoot, and stating that it was not understood by the Minister that they were not the property of the County Council.

PROPOSED PAYMENT TO THE WIDOW OF THE LATE Mr.M.J.CUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, regarding the proposal of the Tirconail County Council to make a payment of £200 to the widow of the late Mr. M.J. Cunningham, and stating that the Minister cannot alter his decision already conveyed to the County Secretary. Sanction by the Minister to an illegal payment would not render it legal.

re MAIN ROAD RUNNING THROUGH LOUGHROS POINT.

A letter from the Secretary of a representative meeting in Cranogbois N.S. (Loughros Point School Area) in connection with relief grants and requesting the County Council to send one of their surveyors to inspect the main road running through Loughros Point with a view to having recommendations made for obtaining a portion of relief grant (now available), was read, and the matter referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

ROAD BETWEEN DUNGLOE AND DUNGLOE ROAD STATION.

A letter from the secretary, Burtonport Central Committee Cumann na nGaedeal stating that he has been directed to bring under the notice of the County Council that there is not sufficient road metal for steam rolling the road between Dungloe and Dungloe Road Station, was read, and matter also referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

SEED SUPPLY OF OATS AND POTATOES.

Copy resolution passed by Letterkenny Rural District Council: "That application be made to the Government for a seed supply of oats and potatoes this year for this area," having been read, Councillor McGoldrick said the matter, so far as the whole County was concerned, was receiving the attention of the Government.

PROPOSED PIER AT THE THORN, NEAR LETTERKENNY.

The following resolution passed by Letterkenny Rural District Council was unanimously adopted: - "That the resolution of the Urban District Council and the residents of the district recommending the construction of a Pier at the Thorn, near Letterkenny, be approved of and that the County Council be requested to use its influence in having same carried into effect".

BREAKING OF STONES BY HAND LABOUR.

Copy resolution passed at a meeting of Killygordon Cumann na nGaedeal Committee: - "That the stones piled in this district for breaking should be broken by hand labour so as to relieve the existing acute distress," having been read, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said he had made an offer to pay at the rate of 2/- per ton.

PROPOSED BRIDGE AT THE RAMPART, DUNGLOE.

A letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cruckamore Cumann na nGaedeal Committee on the subject of the building of a suitable bridge at the Rampart, between Dungloe and Burtonport, was read, and no action taken.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Glenties Cumann na nGaedeal Central Committee relative to:-

- (1) the deplorable condition of the road leading from Millbridge through townlands of Meenahalla, Durrian, Meenanal, and Strasalla and
- (2) inquiring why not one shilling has been spent on the roads of the Glenties parish from the Road Board Grant - from the nearing of Ardara parish at the Mines to Gweebarra bridge - including the Glenties bridge.-

The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

COURT ARRANGEMENTS AT BUNBEG.

A letter, dated 18th February, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that representations have been made that the present District Court arrangements at Bunbeg involves the sittings being held on licensed premises and requesting that steps be taken immediately to provide proper accommodation.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with the District Court Clerk on the matter with a view to ascertaining if suitable premises are available in the district, and their location.

BUNCRANA PIER.

A letter from Mr. Patrick Porter, Hon. Secretary (pro-tem) Buncrana Pier Committee relative to the urgent necessity of having a small portion of the Pier, where there is a heavy run of the tide (about half a ship length) protected with timber or concrete in order that vessels can lie alongside while discharging cargo, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for his attention.

RATHMULLAN PIER - WOODEN EXTENSION.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, submitting the terms on which the County Council could take over the wooden extension to the pier at Rathmullan. The Commissioners would grant the use of the extension temporarily to the County Council on their entering into an agreement with the Board of Works (a) undertaking to be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the structure, including the making good of all damage, however occasioned, to the satisfaction of the Board's engineer; (b) indemnifying the Board for all claims arising from the user of the extension; and (c) providing for the resumption of possession by the Board on reasonable notice, if required, in connection with the oil installation or works of development.

A deputation from the residents of Rathmullan, consisting of Messrs E. Deeny, Patrick Callaghan, and Hugh O'Donnell, came before the Council, and urged the taking over of the pier extension.

Mr. Hugh O'Donnell said that the County had already lost £150 in dues on this winter's fishing through not being able to use the extension.

The Chairman - Don't the fish go to Buncrana Pier, and we don't actually lose?

Councillor McGoldrick favoured the taking over of the structure, and suggested that the County Council be indemnified against loss by insurance.

Mr. P. Callaghan said that the extension would be a great source of revenue.

Councillor Myles said that, in the event of Lough Swilly being used again by the British Admiralty, they would want the use of that extension. "Are we," he asked, "in the meantime to maintain this pier for the British Government? That is what it means. I think our Board of Works should keep it for the British Government. It is the subject of an international agreement, and the Council should not be held responsible for it."

The Government should keep it. It's life would not be more than ten years."

Mr. Deeny ---- If it was outside Ballyshannon or Killybegs you would very soon take it over. No people have been worse treated than we have been for the past couple of years.

Mr. Steadman (County Surveyor) --- If a vessel got into difficulties and struck against the structure it would be liable to go. The taking over of the pier would be a very big item. They might have it one year and not the next.

In reply to Councillor Myles, Mr. Steadman said that it was problematical if the structure would last for over eight years. The piles are of pitch-pine.

Councillor Kelly (H.J.) proposed that this question be referred to the Irish Board of Works for consideration, and that the County Council recommend that the people of Rathmullan be facilitated in getting the use of the pier.

Councillor Myles seconded.

Councillor McGoldrick proposed that they take over the pier on the terms specified by the Government. Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) seconded.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) --- Why should we take over a rotten structure that is ready to fall down? If it was an entirely new building it would be a different thing.

The following voted for Councillor McGoldrick's amendment:- Councillors McGoldrick, O'Donnell (Hugh), and Quigley.

For the original proposal the following voted:- Councillors Myles, Boyle, Kelly, Lynch, O'Donnell (J.F.), and the Chairman.

The original proposal was accordingly carried.

Councillor McGoldrick proposed that they ask the Board of Works for definite terms, and point out that the reason why they did not take the structure over on the present terms was that they were too onerous. This was passed.

RATHMULLAN PIER COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick, seconded by Councillor Bonner, the following persons were appointed members of Rathmullan Pier Committee:-

Very Revd. J. Archdeacon Gallagher, P.P., Rathmullan,
 Revd. J. Brewster M.A., Rathmullan,
 Revd. Mr. Noblett, The Rectory, Rathmullan,
 Brigadier General Bushe, Drumhalla House, Rathmullan,
 Charles L. Batt, Rathmullan House, Rathmullan,
 Edward Deeney, Pier Hotel, Rathmullan,
 Edward Deeney, Kerr's Bay Road, Rathmullan,
 Charles Reynolds, Kerr's Bay Road, Rathmullan,
 Patrick O'Callaghan, Pier Road, Rathmullan,
 John H. Patton, Pier Road, Rathmullan,
 Michael Deeney, Creevary, Rathmullan,
 Hugh O'Donnell, Arms Hotel, Rathmullan,
 Thomas Ward, Rathmullan,
 James Canning, Rathmullan,
 John McGarvey, Main Street, Rathmullan,
 P.J. O'Donnell, Main Street, Rathmullan (Secretary).

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT IN LIEU OF SALARY.

An application by Mr. Patrick McGeehan, ex member of the Council's Clerical Staff, for a grant in lieu of salary from the date he went off work and pending the fixing of his superannuation, having been considered, it was decided, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, to allow him £20:0:0, this amount to be deducted from his pension, when fixed and sanctioned by Local Government Ministry.

TIRCONAILL MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was received from Councillor Anthony Gallagher tendering his resignation as a member of the Mental Hospital Committee.

The resignation was accepted.

ESTATE OF Mr. JOHN QUINN DECEASED.

A letter from P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenmy, who is acting for the Executor of the Estate of Mr. John Quinn, deceased - formerly Porter of Stranorlar Workhouse - relative to the payment by the County Council of the Gratuity (£327:5:0) recommended by them on 12:6:'23 in this case.- It was decided to issue a Paying Order for this amount in name of the Executor.

re Mr. JOHN DURNEEN, DECEASED.

A letter from Mrs M. Durneen, widow of the late Mr. John Durneen, who was recommended by the County Council on 12/6/'23 a gratuity of £56:0:0 in respect of services rendered as Porter at Ballyshannon Workhouse, having been read, the secretary said that the late Mr. Durneen not having been in office at the date of the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, was not entitled to a gratuity.

INCREASED JURISDICTION.

A letter from the District Court Clerk, Milford, stating that District Justice Walsh has made Milford a centre for increased Jurisdiction for the Court Districts of Drum, Milford, and Rathmullan, in consequence of which the former has found it necessary to engage a private office to transact Court business and requesting the County Council to allow him a small rent and fuel allowance, was read. It was decided not to accede to the request.

re DISEASE (FLUKE).

A Report of Sergeant, Civic Guard, Doochary, re disease (Fluke) in sheep in townland of Commeen was submitted.

EXPLOSIVES.

A letter from the Brigade Quarter Master, Western Command, Finner Camp, appending particulars of Explosives transferred to Buncrana Camp on 10/2/'25, was read.

The question of the difficulty of getting explosives for the use of the road contractors was referred to by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.). The contractors could not get them, while their brothers in the Land Commission could get any amount of explosives.

Mr. Steadman said that he wrote and asked that a quantity of explosives be left at the different Civic Guard Barracks, but he was unable to have that done. No action was taken.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT.

A letter from Mr. Wm. T. MacMenimen B.A., Solicitor, Ballybofey, applying on behalf of Michael Marley of Cloghan, for payment of £20:0:0 being the amount claimed by the latter in respect of repairs done to a bridge on the county road at Falgarrow in the Cloghan District, having been read, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said that Marley carried out temporary repairs to this bridge and subsequently repaired it under a contract with the County Council, he (Mr. Caffrey) was enquiring into the matter and would report to the County Council in due course.

ROAD BETWEEN CLONMANY AND LENAN FORT.

In accordance with notice of motion Councillor Quigley asked the County Surveyor what progress had been made in the work of improving the road between Clonmany and Lenan Fort. What was the nature of the work being done to it and what sum had been paid in wages to the workmen and what for supervision on part of the County Officers. Mr Steadman furnished the information sought for. He explained what was done and what was going to be done. ~~and Councillor expressed satisfaction~~

TRUNK ROAD GRANT - PARISH OF GWEEDORE.

A letter from the Department of Local Government, Roads, forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. M. Doogan, Secretary, Distress Committee, Gweedore, complaining of the delay in having the portion of the Trunk Road Grant for the parish of Gweedore Expended etc. having been read, Mr. Steadman County Surveyor explained that the work regarding the two trunk roads referred to was in progress, and in regard to the direction that the Trunk road should take he was in favour of via Crolly, Gweedore Station, The Mines to Gortahork, and not in favour of the Derrybeg and Glenhola route.

re BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, FLAGMAN.

Mr. Steadman reported that he had sent word to Bernard McLaughlin to take up Flagman to No. 17 Breaker.

EXPENDITURE OUT OF TRUNK ROAD GRANT.

Councillor McGoldrick referred to the progress being made in connection with expenditure under above Grant, adding that it was possible that any balance remaining unexpended at the expiration of the current financial year might as in the case of the "Relief of Distress Grant" revert to the Government. He moved that the County Surveyors make an effort to expend all they possibly can between now and the 31st March next.

Councillor Bonner seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Steadman County Surveyor said that much delay occurred in delivery of the new road machinery which was ordered through the Trades Department. As a result the work under the Trunk Roads Scheme could not be proceeded with as soon as might have been.

This should be taken into consideration by the Local Government Ministry, Roads Department.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD IN CASHEL, MIDFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

A letter from Mr. Bertram Barton, Solicitor, Portsalon, stating that he has been consulted by Mr. Thomas McGrenaghan of Cashel, Kindrum, Letterkenny, who is anxious to take over the contract for a new road in Cashel, at present held by Mr. Forrian, and before making any arrangements Mr. McGrenaghan wishes to know if the County Council will extend the time so as to make it possible for him to complete the work, having been read, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that it was a matter for arrangement between the contractor and Mr. McGrenaghan. It was decided not to vary the time for the completion of the work.

A letter was read from Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, applying to the County Council for permission to use as offices, at a rent to be fixed by the Council, portion of the premises let by the latter body to the District Nursing Association, Letterkenny, (now vacant) and forming part of a house held by the Council from Mrs Catherine Mulhern.

It was agreed to let to Mr. Ward the portion of the premises referred to at a rent of £10:0:0 per annum.

DISUSED WORKHOUSES IN TIRCONAILL.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government in regard to the question of the disposal of disused workhouse buildings in Tirconail. It was requested that the Department be furnished with suggestions as to what purpose these buildings could be applied.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said that they should utilise the buildings for factories. They should start factories on a small scale.

The Chairman said he would quite agree if they could get the money.

Councillor Bonner said that they all agreed with Councillor O'Donnell's suggestion if they had the means to carry it out. If they got a number of people with sufficient public spirit they could start some kind of an undertaking.

Councillor McDermott asked if the Government was going to guarantee the loan.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said thousands were being spent in Tirconail in the "dole" and in relieving distress. There was no money being spent on productive work. He thought that if £5,000 or £10,000 were spent on factories it would be of greater value than £50,000 given for "doles" and the relief of distress.

The Chairman pointed out that he had stated in Dublin that the Government should provide one-half of the money for work for the people. In that way they could get rid of the "dole". As long as it lasted there would be no satisfaction in this country.

Councillor Lynch said Messrs Spillers & Bakers were looking for premises in Letterkenny, and another firm in the same town was looking for premises to start a bakery. Premises were wanted for a foundry and other buildings were also required.

Councillor Lynch proposed, and Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded, that advertisements be inserted in the Press pointing out that the premises were available for sale.

The motion was passed.

PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

An account, as under, furnished by Mr. Michael Flood, Diamond, Donogal, in respect of road machinery supplied to Tirconail County Council, was submitted, and payment passed subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, Roads.

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ONE FORD TRACTOR LESS WHEELS - ENGINE No. 387803 -----	134:5:0
ROAD ROLLER ATTACHMENT -----	180:0:0
TRACTOR PULLEY -----	6:0:0
SUPPLYING AND FITTING CANOPY ON TRACTOR, AS PER	
INVOICE -----	14:0:0
CARRIAGE etc. FROM DUBLIN TO CROLLY -----	13:3:4
TOTAL -----	347:8:4

REBUILDING OF COURTHOUSES IN TIRCONAILL.

A letter, dated 21st February, 1925, G6951/'25 was read from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the appointment of Mr. W.J. Doherty as Architect in connection with the rebuilding of courthouses and stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the Council's proposal in the matter and adding that while, in the circumstances the Minister is willing that the work is entrusted to an independent Architect, he considers it should be possible to arrange for a more moderate rate of remuneration.

In this connection a letter from Mr. W.J. Doherty C.E. 12 Castle Street, Derry, relative to his appointment by the Tirconail Council as Architect in connection with the rebuilding of courthouses at Donegal, Buncrana, and Carndonagh, at a remuneration of 5% on the outlay and adding that he takes it vouched travelling expenses would also be allowed, was read, Mr. Doherty, who was in attendance stated that this is the rate of remuneration payable under the Rules prescribed by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland and that even he were willing he could not agree to any other terms.

The Council decided to allow Mr. Doherty travelling expenses (vouched) in addition to 5% on outlay, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry.

PROVISION OF A SOLICITOR'S ROOM IN NEW COURTHOUSES AT BUNCRANA AND CARNDONAGH.

A Memorial signed by a number of Solicitors practising in Tirconail was submitted requesting that a Solicitor's room be provided in the new courthouses at Buncrana and Carndonagh with suitable accommodation.

The matter was referred to the Architect Mr. Wm.J. Doherty.

STATE OF THE RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted return showing the condition of the Rate Collection from which it appeared that fourteen of the thirty seven Rate Collectors in the County had not closed their accounts for the year 1923 - 1924, and consequently had not commenced their collections for the current year. In the districts of these officers sums amounting to £10,864-8-4 shown as outstanding on the 24th February, 1925 in respect of the former period. The Secretary reminded the Council that at their meeting held on the 27th January, 1925, they had decided to remove from office all Collectors who had not lodged their full warrants for the year in question by the 21st February, 1925, and the Local Government Ministry, he further pointed out, had in communication since received, strongly urged the adoption of drastic action in these cases. The Ministry, he added, called special attention to the large sum shown as uncollected in the district of Collector McGowan, and stated that this officer should be required to close his 1923 - 1924 warrant by the 31st March, 1925.

Collectors Moore, McHugh, Logue, and McGlinchey were in attendance and the two first named on behalf of all the Collectors in Glenties Rural District stated that conditions in this area were such that it was impossible for them to close their accounts at the present time. Mention was made by these officers of large sums still owing to themselves in respect of previous collections which had been closed; of the difficulties experienced not only in distraining goods but in realizing assets where seizures had been

been effected; and of the inconvenience arising from pounds not being provided. Collector McGowan, Stranorlar Rural District, who was also present, endorsed the statements of the two collectors named.

Councillor McGoldrick, T.D. said that in view of the statements now made by these officers, and which appeared to him to be in accordance with the facts the Council had no option but to extend the time for the completion of the past year's collections in their districts, but, having regard to the Council's financial position any further concession should be made only on certain conditions.

He accordingly moved:-

That the Council's previous decision to remove from Office Collectors who failed to close their accounts for the past year by the 21st ultimo be not enforced but that the time for the completion of their accounts be extended to the 30th April next, subject to the Collectors entering into agreements through the Council's Solicitor to lodge their full warrants on or before that date, the books for the current year not to be issued meanwhile and that any Collector who fails to comply with the foregoing be automatically dismissed at the end of the period mentioned. This was seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) and passed unanimously.

The Collectors present expressed their willingness to enter into the agreements mentioned.

SANCTION OF COLLECTORS POUNDAGE EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF COLLECTOR MANUS J. O'DONNELL.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning payment of poundage fees to Collectors who had already closed their warrants for the year ended the 31st March, 1924 and the first moiety of the current year's rates. The Ministry refused to approve payment to Collector Manus J. O'Donnell for the half year ended the 30th September, 1923 until he has closed his warrant for the half year ended the 31st March, 1924.

Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, who appeared on behalf of Mr. O'Donnell stated that the latter was tendering his resignation as Collector that day in order to take up another position and he wished to point out that in addition to lodging his full warrant for the half year ended September, 1923 Mr. O'Donnell had placed to the credit of the County Fund £1,539-3-2 in respect of the half year ended March, 1924. He therefore, asked the County Council to request the Local Government Ministry to reconsider their decision in the case.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Local Government Ministry to authorise payment of poundage to Mr. O'Donnell for the half year ended the 30th September, 1923.

INCREASED POUNDAGE TO COLLECTOR MCGINTY.

The Secretary submitted letter dated 11th February, 1925 from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the latter, if the Tircenail County Council so agree, will be prepared to sanction an increased poundage of 1/- to Collector Charles McGinty in respect of future warrants, if he lodges one third of the first moiety and arrears on or before the 1st August, and in addition to having lodged a sum equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears by the 30th September, he lodges one third of the second moiety on or before the 1st January in each year and closes the full amount of his warrants as required by his bonds - his ordinary rate to remain as at present 10/-.

Mr. McGinty who was in attendance stated that it would be extremely difficult to comply with the conditions governing the proposed

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proposed increased remuneration, and he requested the Council to recommend the Ministry to alter their terms by substituting the 31st August and 31st January for the 1st August and 1st January as the respective dates for the payment of one third of the first and second moieties of the rate commencing with the year 1924 - 1925.

The Council on the motion of Councillor McGoldrick T.D. seconded by Councillor Bonner, decided to recommend the Ministry to sanction the alteration in dates specified.

POUNDAGE FEES TO ex-COLLECTOR DUNNION AND COLLECTOR MCGOWAN.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning payment of poundage fees to Messrs Dunnion and McGowan in respect of their collections and lodgments of rates for the three half years ended 31st March, 1922 as recommended by the County Council in May 1924.

Ex-COLLECTOR MCGLINCHY'S SUPERANNUATION.

The Secretary submitted letter dated 9/2/25 from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning the superannuation allowance of £41:10:6 to Mr. Francis McGlinchey, ex-Rate Collector, in view of the Council's testimony that he was a whole time officer.

SCHEDULES OF UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Secretary submitted schedules of uncollected rates for the following collection districts:-

COLLECTOR'S NAME	No. of DISTRICT	PERIOD
Denis Callaghan	8	31:3:24
William Bonner	22	30:9:23
William Bonner	22	31:3:24
Michael Deery	23	31:3:25
Charles Dawson	25	30:9:24
Charles Dawson	28	30:9:24
J.J. McAteer	31	31:3:24

It was decided to strike off as irrecoverable and refund to Collectors the rates on derelict buildings and on ruins and such other items as appeared from the evidence furnished to warrant the adoption of that course, the remaining sums to be refunded and carried forward for subsequent collection, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

PERSONAL SECURITY : COLLECTOR E.J. DOHERTY.

The Secretary informed the Council that Collector E.J. Doherty had failed to provide Personal Security under the Public Bodies Order, 1904 as required by the Council and by the Local Government Ministry, and had ignored communications addressed to him in the matter from both the Council Office and from the Council's Solicitor. It was decided to extend the time for the completion of Personal Bond in this case to the 30th April, 1925, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES.

The Secretary informed the Council that the following Rate Collectors had closed their accounts for the periods specified:-

Name of Collector	No. of District	Period
Denis Callaghan	8	Half Year 31/3/'24
William Bonner	22	Year 31/3/'24
Charles Dawson	25	Half Year 30/9/'24
Charles Dawson	28	" " 30/9/'24

It was unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry of Local Government to sanction payment of ordinary poundage fees in the above cases.

ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION : COLLECTOR DEERY.

The Secretary informed the Council that Collector Michael Deery had closed his accounts for the year ending the 31st March, 1925 on the 17th February, 1925. This the Council considered highly satisfactory, and they again requested the Local Government Ministry to sanction payment of additional penny remuneration in respect of this Collector's warrant for the year ended the 31st March, 1924, as recommended by the Council at their meeting held on the 23rd September, 1924.

POUNDAGE FEES ON ARREARS OF RATES COLLECTED AND LODGED - COLLECTOR O'KANE.

The Secretary informed the Council that Collector O'Kane collected and lodged rates for the year ended the 31st March, 1924 amounting to £30:1:9 which had previously been refunded but which were referred to him for subsequent collection with the approval of the Local Government Ministry. It was decided to allow him the usual poundage, amounting to 15/- on these arrears, subject to the sanction of the Department named.

re COLLECTOR MANUS J. O'DONNELL.

The Secretary submitted letters from the Local Government Ministry regarding the contemplated departure of Mr. Manus J. O'Donnell from the County to take up another position and the proposed appointment of his brother as Deputy Collector under the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1904. He also submitted letters returned from Collector O'Donnell's sureties in the matter. ^{Received}

Since the receipt of the foregoing communications, and subsequently to the issue of the Agenda for that meeting, the Secretary stated he had received a communication from Mr. M.J. O'Donnell tendering his resignation as Collector. Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, who appeared on behalf of Mr. O'Donnell requested the Council to relieve him of all further responsibility in respect of arrears of rates in his district for the half year ended the 31st March, 1924 amounting to £699:19:2. This the Council declared to do, notwithstanding the existence of a Personal Bond in the case, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

The Council also directed the Secretary to advertise the vacancy at the existing poundage rate with the view to a new appointment being made at next Council meeting to be held on 24th March, 1925.

re COLLECTOR Wm. HOLMES'S APPOINTMENT.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Ministry regarding the undertaking given by Mr. Wm. Holmes - recently appointed Rate Collector - to reside within the Collection District as soon as he can obtain a house therein.

re PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF Mr. NEIL BLANEY
AS POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Ministry refusing to sanction the proposed appointment of Mr. Neil Blaney as Rate Collector in the County. The Ministry's decision was based on Mr. Blaney's action in attending, when still a member of the National Army, an ~~Executive~~ ^{Irish} meeting in Dublin contrary to orders, and subsequently taking his discharge from the Army to join the opponents of the State. The Ministry stated that following a raid by National Soldiers on Mr. Blaney's premises after the outbreak of hostilities Arms and ammunition were found, and Mr. Blaney was court-martialled and sentenced to death. This sentence was afterwards commuted to seven years penal servitude.

The Chairman said that having regard to the terms of the Ministry's letter, the Council had no option but to order a new appointment.

Councillor Boyle said this matter had been discussed by the General Council of County Councils, and it was agreed that no person should be penalised for the action he took in connection with events following the Treaty. Mr. Blaney should not be penalised and the County Council should adhere to their decision.

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) agreed. The Council were not dealing with Mr. Blaney directly. They had sureties responsible for the custody of Public Money.

Councillor McGoldrick T.D. said the Ministry would not sanction Mr. Blaney's appointment, and it was a question of whether the Council were going to have a Collector or not.

Councillor Boyle moved that the Local Government Ministry be again asked to sanction Mr. Blaney's appointment.

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded the motion.

Councillor McGoldrick T.D. moved as an amendment that the position be re advertised with the view to making a new appointment at next Council meeting.

Councillor Bonner seconded the amendment.

VOTING.

FOR THE MOTION ----- Councillors Boyle, Gallagher (A.),
and McDermott. - 3.

AGAINST ----- Councillors Clarke, Myles, McGoldrick,
Kelly, Lynch, and Bonner - 5

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) did not vote, and Councillors Quigley and O'Donnell (Hugh) had left the meeting.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

re ex-COLLECTOR HUGH BROWNE.

The Secretary submitted a further report to the Council regarding the failure of Mr. Hugh Browne, former Collector of Poor Rate for No.26 district, to lodge sums amounting to £508-5-4 which it was alleged were paid to him in respect of rates for the year ended the 31st March, 1924, but for which official receipts were not issued. The payments in most cases were alleged to have been made by either Cheque or Bank draft. The Secretary added that his inquiries had not as yet been completed, but he anticipated being in a position to submit a full statement at an early date to the Solicitor to the Council as directed by the latter at their previous meeting.

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The Council expressed approval of the Secretary's action in the matter.

ex-COLLECTOR MULHERN'S CLAIM FOR POUNDAGE.

A letter dated 18th February, 1925 was read from the Ministry of Local Government sanctioning the proposed payment of £33:12:9 in full settlement of ex Collector Mulhern's claim for poundage.

Confirmed.

W. J. O'Leary Chairman

24/3/25

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THE  
3rd MARCH, 1925 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING - THE  
SITUATION ARISING FROM THE FIRE IN COUNCIL OFFICES AT LIFFORD.

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ATTENDANCE.

The members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Gallagher  
(Anthony), Kelly (John), Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McDermott,  
McFadden, McGoldrick, McShane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Duffy and  
Phelan.

CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported that when he was called to the building at three o'clock on the morning of the fire his office was a mass of flames. When he communicated with Derry Fire Brigade he understood they would be able to come in half an hour, but they did not arrive for two hours, having had a breakdown on the journey. At that time the main building was doomed. Had they been able to come in half an hour Mr. Black's office and many important documents could have been saved. The Strabane Brigade were communicated with, and some members of it arrived on the scene. They could only look on, their hose being of no avail in the absence of water hydrants in the town. Valuable assistance was rendered both by the Civic Guard in Lifford and by the Royal Ulster Constabulary from Strabane.

The fire evidently started in the flue in his office. An examination showed that the flue had been defective for a considerable time, and had been patched up with old crockery pipes. The insurance assessors had also come to the conclusion that the fire was the result of a defective flue. The building was insured for £7,500, and the furniture, fixtures, stationery etc. for £1,000. The insurance had been trebled three months ago.

The property of the Tuberculosis Committee, which was also damaged, was insured for £150 and that of the Insurance Committee for £200. The Carnegie Library was insured for £2,500. There was no extinguishing apparatus of any description on the premises.

The secretary said he notified the Insurance Company on morning on which fire took place on opening of Telegraph Office at Lifford.

Councillor Bonner said it was fortunate for the Council that the secretary in December last had drawn their attention to the inadequacy of the insurance on the County Buildings.

The chairman remarked that in the matter of assistance the name of their secretary stood out in bold relief.

The chairman said it was very gratifying to think that such useful assistance had been rendered from across the Border. That was a sort of neutral territory, and it was pleasing to know that on such an occasion no one considered what side of the Border anyone belonged to, but everyone did his best to help.

Councillor McGoldrick said this is the spirit of true Christian Charity.

The secretary added that there was ample room in the Grand Jury Room for the officials to carry on their work

#### NATURE OF COUNCIL'S LOSS.

Councillor Myles inquired the nature of the Council's loss. The Secretary said practically all the records, apart from the rates records, had been lost. These included all the minute sheets since the beginning of the Grand Jury, the paying sheets, all statutes, local government regulations, sanctions, communications, and road contractors' bonds

#### RECONSTITUTION OF THE POSITION.

Councillor McGoldrick moved that the secretary be given instructions to reconstitute the position as far as possible, procuring documents where possible from the Local Government Department, and that the Council consider the question of the reinstatement of the building and the claims for insurance. Councillor Bonner seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor O'Duffy referring to the question of reinstatement, said this was not the time to go to the expense of erecting new buildings. The money received from the insurance company should be devoted to the relief of the rates, which were at the moment very high.

The Chairman ruled that the matter was not in order.

Councillor O'Mahony said the Chairman had ruled very drastically on the point.

Councillor A. Gallagher suggested that the money should be applied to the former loan for purchasing seed potatoes.

#### FUTURE PRECAUTIONS.

Councillor Myles said the Council should take some precautions against the Courthouse being burned. He therefore moved that the Secretary be authorised to make such provision as he thinks fit to cope with any fire that might take place in the Courthouse. That he get a number of fire extinguishers and one length of Canvas Hose, and that he take steps to have a water hydrant erected convenient to the building; also that the Stranorlar Rural District Council be requested to assist the County Council in the matter of the erection of a Water Hydrant.

Councillor Bonner seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

Councillor McGoldrick proposed that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Civic Guards, Royal Ulster Constabulary, and Derry and Strabane Fire Brigades, the Secretary, and all who assisted at the fire, adding that notwithstanding provisional barriers, Christian charity still abounded, and had been well exemplified on this occasion all round.

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSESSOR.

The Secretary said it would be necessary to appoint some person as Assessor in addition to the County Surveyor. He had received a communication from a Belfast firm offering to act as the Council's Assessors in regard to the Insurance Claim arising out of the fire.

Councillor O'Duffy said the rates of the County were already high enough. He saw no call for an assessor when the Council had their own surveyors.

Councillor Bonner pointed out that this work required a great amount of technical knowledge, and the money would be well spent.

Councillor Bonner moved that the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary, in conjunction with Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, to appoint whatever firm of Assessors they think proper.

In the event of the Secretary finding any difficulty in making such an appointment that he summon a meeting of the Standing Committee for the purpose.

On the motion of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided that an Assessor be appointed from the Free State.

The Secretary said the firm in question had offices both in Belfast and Dublin, and that a Belfast firm was acting for the Insurance Company.

OFFICIALS SALARIES.

Councillor McDermott said he thought that in view of the high rates of the county a reduction should be made in the salaries of some of the officials - a reduction for a couple of years - and the money thus saved applied to the relief of the rates, which would enable the Council to get a little on its feet again, instead of being harmful to the officials a reduction in their salaries would do some of them good.

The Chairman ruled that the matter was not in order.

*Confirmed,*

*Chairman*

*24/3/25*

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS

HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1925.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Coll, Gallagher (A.), Gallen, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McCool, McDaid, McDermott, McGoldrick, McNally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley.

Mr. J. McGrath, Local Government Inspector and the Solicitor to the Council, were also present.

CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Clarke and subsequently Councillor Bonner were moved to the chair.

MINUTES.

On the minutes of previous meeting being submitted for confirmation Councillor Quigley took exception to the words "and Councillor Quigley expressed satisfaction" in Minute (page 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), re improving the road between clonmany and Leenan Fort, and said he did not express satisfaction.

The chairman, with the consent of the Council, amended the Minutes in this respect by striking out the words complained of. The Minutes were then confirmed.

PROPOSED BOATSLIP AT BALLYWHORISKEY, FANNET.

In accordance with notice of motion duly given Councillor McGoldrick moved - "that an application be made to the Irish Land Commission to have a small boatslip constructed at Ballywhoriskey, Fannet," - adding that this was a matter of urgent necessity. As far as he understood the Council had no funds to do the work themselves and it was their duty as County Councillors, - in view of the number of people effected, and the serious character of the distress that existed generally - to take immediate steps to preserve the fishing industry.

Councillor O'Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

re PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A notice of motion in the name of Councillor Kelly (John) "That a member of the County Council be appointed in place of Mr. Wm. Gallagher, resigned," having been read, Councillor Gallagher (A.) said that owing to the close proximity of the Local Elections it was scarcely worth while to make any appointment.

Councillor McGoldrick moved that Mr. James Greene, Glenwar, be appointed in the place of Mr. Gallagher. They had no County Councillor in the Rathmullan area, and it was absurd that they had not.

Councillor Gallagher (A.) said that he represented this area.

The chairman ruled that the Council were not in order until Councillor Kelly (John) moves his motion. The latter Councillor not being present the matter was postponed.

Secretary Irish  
Land Commission  
written to 30/3/25

re BURNING OF PORTION OF COUNCIL OFFICES AT LIFFORD.

A telegram was read from Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) which was received late for submission to the Council at a special meeting held on the 3rd March, on above subject, and pointing out that while temporary Offices were available at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, he hoped that no further cost be incurred in the provision of Offices.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said that they should not expend any money while those premises at Letterkenny were available.

The Chairman said the Council had not decided what they were going to do. Meanwhile the clerical work was being carried on in the Courthouse.

re APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

Letter dated 25th February, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the documents submitted by Mr. J.F. O'Leary, who was appointed Public Analyst by the County Council, do not furnish sufficient evidence that he possesses the necessary qualifications for the appointment as required by the advertisement issued by the County Council on the 3rd October last.

A letter was also read from Mr. O'Leary, 4 Ringsend Road, Dublin, regretting that his qualifications did not fulfil the requirements of the Ministry. He referred to their circular of the 11th January, 1922, under which the appointment was made. On that occasion he satisfied the requirements.

Regarding the new qualifications that are required he wrote to the Ministry but got no satisfactory reply.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by the Chairman, it was unanimously decided to re-advertise the position.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

On the recommendation of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, the following Sergeants were appointed Food and Drugs Inspectors:-

NAMES  
Patrick Ballentine  
Thomas Cunnane  
John Nolan  
James Healy  
James Hartigan

DISTRICTS  
Letterkenny  
Raphoe  
Dunfanaghy  
Bundoran  
Buncrana

Forms of appointment were submitted and signed by the Chairman.

COURT ARRANGEMENTS AT BUNBEG.

A letter, dated 18th February, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that representations have been made that the present District Court arrangements at Bunbeg involves the sittings being held on licensed premises, and requesting that immediate steps be taken to provide proper accommodation.

The Secretary said that, as directed at the previous meeting, he communicated with the District Court Clerk on the matter with a view to ascertaining if suitable premises were available in the district and their location, he (the Secretary) received a reply referring him to Messrs Doogan, Meenderrygamph and Daniel Coll, Magheralogher. He wrote to them and received replies which he read.

Councillor McDermott said an advertisement should be issued inviting quotations from those in a position to rent suitable premises for a District Court, to include rent, providing fuel, and keeping premises clean. Councillor Gallagher suggested that in addition the Secretary write the local Clergy and Civic Guard requesting them to furnish particulars of suitable premises. This was unanimously agreed to.

# APPOINTMENT OF Mr. J.J. CAFFREY AS ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

Letter dated 2nd March, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating that the Minister cannot see his way to sanction the appointment by Tirconail County Council of Mr. J.J. Caffrey as Assistant County Surveyor; also copy resolution passed by Killybegs Cumann na nGeadeal appealing to the County Council and Ministry of Local Government, Roads, to reconsider this matter and have Mr. Caffrey's appointment sanctioned.

Mr. Maguire, solicitor, who represented Mr. Caffrey, asked the Council that the Ministry be requested to reconsider their decision.

Councillor Myles - I propose that we ask the Department to reconsider their decision. I think this is a rather funny thing. We had this matter up before us at a recent meeting, and the voting was carried through, with the result that Mr. Caffrey was appointed. Now we have got a letter from the Department saying he is not sanctioned, and they give no reason whatsoever. It is for us to send this matter back. We are at least entitled to know why our decision is not justified.

Councillor McCool seconded the motion.

The Secretary mentioned that he had just received a letter from the Ministry stating that while in ordinary circumstances they were not disposed to sanction the appointment of an assistant surveyor whose father was County Surveyor in the same county, they had, on representations being made to them by Mr. Caffrey, jun., reconsidered their decision to sanction the appointment in view of the fact that Mr. Caffrey had stated that his training had been directed towards qualification for the position of Surveyor.

This letter was considered satisfactory, and the discussion ended.

## BONUSES.

A circular letter, dated 3rd March, 1925, from the Local Government Department on above subject, was read.

## APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SHERIFFS.

Replying to a communication in connection with the appointment of Messrs T.Corr and J.T. Prout as Assistant Under Sheriffs for County Donegal, the Minister of Justice replied stating that one-half of the salary of Messrs Corr and Prout was payable by the State Exchequer and the other half by the County Council. The appointments, unless renewed, would expire in June next, and the salary (inclusive of bonus and expenses) of each assistant was at the rate of £500 per annum. The duties of Messrs Corr and Prout were confined to the enforcement of Court judgments. The reason why two assistants were appointed for County Donegal was that the county had the largest volume of unexecuted Court judgments in the Free State, amounting to 700, and the Minister was being pressed to put an end to that state of affairs.

Councillor O'Mahony said he did not see why the County Council should pay these officers when they were not required. There was never any demand for their appointment. The Sub-Sheriff had said that if he had a few extra bailiffs that was all he required. The people of the county were harassed enough without two gentlemen being sent down from Dublin to lift decrees. The County Council did not want them. There were decree lifters enough without them.

Councillor Gallagher (A.) said it was a question of creating two positions.

Councillor Bonner said the Minister had the power to make the appointments and, they having been made, the Council were powerless for the present.

It was decided to intimate that the Council would not favour the reappointment of these two officials when their appointments expired.

Mr. J.J. Caffrey written to 1/4/25.

Extract sent to Minister Dept. of Justice, 1/4/25

expired next June.

RATHMULLAN WOODEN PIER EXTENSION.

Further letter, dated 11th March, 1925, from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, with reference to the County Secretary's letter of 6th instant and stating that prior to its receipt another communication was received by the Parliamentary Secretary Professor J.M. O'Sullivan, from Mr. P.J. McGoldrick, T.D., relative to the terms upon which the Board would be prepared to grant the use of the wooden extension to the Pier at Rathmullan to the Feroonaill County Council. In view of the various points raised in these two letters the Board are having a careful engineering examination made of the extension after which they hope to be able to reply to the County Secretary in detail, was read, as was also the reply here referred to.

Councillor McGoldrick said that he would like to get more definite information as to what their liability in the matter was.

The Chairman - I think they should have replied giving us the information we asked for.

Councillor Myles - I think the Board of Works evaded the question altogether. There was no direct answer to the question we asked them.

Councillor McGoldrick said that they required to know what their liability in the matter was.

Councillor O'Mahony - Didn't they say that it was unsafe for drifters, and it is for drifters you want it?

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) - And if made suitable it will mean much expense.

Councillor Myles - It is an admitted fact that the people of this district should have some facilities. The Board of Works had to maintain the extension under the Treaty for the British in the event of certain things happening. I don't think it would interfere very much with the Board of Works' liabilities if they gave us the use of this pier free. The only question I can see that is likely to cause any trouble is the drifters bumping against the extension. From the reports I have had I don't think it is a suitable pier for drifters.

Councillor McGoldrick - I am still of the opinion that we are in duty bound to take over this pier. The district has no facilities at the present time, and the Board of Works will not give any facilities. We must first see what are our liabilities. I would ask them to clearly state what our liabilities will be.

Chairman - You are not bound to take it over at so many thousand pounds.

Councillor Gallagher (A.) - If it was in order it would be another matter.

Councillor Myles said he did not think anyone would agree that there were twenty years' life in this extension.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to write the Board of Works stating that the County Council are of opinion that the use of the extension should be given for the benefit of the people of the neighbourhood without placing any responsibility on the County Council owing to the present financial state of the Council, and that in the event of the Board of Works not agreeing to this that they clearly state what the County Council's liabilities will be.

Councillor Bonner said he thought it would be only a waste of time to send that letter. Their Government were bound to maintain their pier along with several others around the coast, for the purpose of supplying oil to the British Navy. There was no use in winking at the facts. The Government were not going to hand over that pier in any manner the Council liked. If they wanted to facilitate the people let them put a proposal before them that they would accept. They would make absolutely no progress if they continued on the lines they had adopted.

Secretary Board of Works 30.3.25

BUNCRANA PIER.

Councillor McGoldrick asked that the standing orders be suspended in order to introduce a Deputation from the Buncrana Urban Council and Pier Committee in regard to the present condition of the above Pier.

Mr. Porter headed the deputation and pointed out that the extension was in a very dangerous state, and unless something was done there would shortly be no pier. Mr. Steadman would tell them what would be required. The County Council got £100:3:3 in dues for nine weeks' fishing there. Before the war they took in £500 for the County Council. Mr. Porter then gave details of the amount of money expended in the county as a result of the pier being used for the fishing. There was £1,890 paid out in wages in the season.

The Chairman - Who made the pier?

Mr. Porter - The Government. In reply to a further question by the Chairman, he said that the pier was a valuable asset, which they got free of cost.

Councillor McDermott - Will that pier be the property of the Tirconnaill County Council?

Councillor McGoldrick - Yes.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) pointed out that within the past twelve or fourteen years the Council had expended £1,500 for the construction of a pier at Buncrana. He would like to know how many boats using the pier were owned by the local people, or how many local people used the pier. Was it for the Scotch fleet that they were going to tax the ratepayers of Donegal? Wasn't it time enough to come to the rescue of the Scotch fishing fleet when they provided for their own? There was not one crew from Buncrana. They would not go out to fish. They were too well off there. From Buncrana to Killybegs they had 2,000 fishermen standing idle for the want of boats, gear, nets etc.. Would any sensible man give away the ratepayers' money for the support of a Scotch fishing fleet?

Councillor McGoldrick - I made the matter perfectly clear that it was not the ratepayers' money. It is to borrow money on the security of the fees with a view to doubling the amount of the fees.

Councillor Quigley said they should subscribe to get a fishing fleet of their own. He would subscribe £500 himself for that purpose, and let every other member of the Council do the same, and they would soon have a fleet.

Councillor Myles said he would like to know if any estimate of the amount required was made out.. He hoped the day was not far distant when they would have their own fleets of fishing boats. It did not matter whether they were Scotch fleets or Hindoo fleets as long as the people in the district were benefiting by their use of the pier.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) - They spend very little of it here.

The Chairman pointed out that the ports of Belfast and Derry were kept up by the vessels coming from other places. He proposed that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting, the County Surveyor in the meantime to prepare a report embodying particulars of the repairs required and the estimated cost.

*Adjourned*

*Extract sent to Mr. Steadman 2/11/28*

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said that if they spent £100,000 they would not make it a proper fishing place. If they had a fleet the same as the Scotch fleet they could manage.

Councillor O'Mahony seconded the Chairman's proposition, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen it was decided that a return be furnished showing the average Dues collected at this Pier for a number of years.

Councillor McGoldrick said £500 was given in dues to the County Council to relieve the rates. He proposed that they capitalise one half of this amount on which they could borrow £5,000 to be expended on the pier, the money to be repaid in 25 years. By carrying out the improvements they could increase the industry, so that the dues would reach £1,000 per annum. On that course being adopted the ratepayers would not be asked to pay anything..

Councillor Quigley seconded the motion.

Councillor Gallen thought a notice of motion would require to be lodged before the latter proposal could be considered. The Chairman and other Councillors concurred.

Councillor McGoldrick in consequence withdrew his motion.

#### COAST ROAD FROM DUNGLOE TO CROLLY.

Letter dated 5th March, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads, regarding the classification of the coast road from Dungloe to Crollly and stating that the application by the Tirconail County Council will be placed before the Roads Advisory Committee for consideration in due course.

#### re PROPOSED SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES TO MESSRS MICHAEL & EDWARD O'CALLAGHAN.

Letter dated 5th March, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads, stating that the addition of years for superannuation purposes to an Officer's service should only be allowed in the case of specially meritorious service and requesting to be furnished with a statement showing what special considerations warrant the addition of years in the cases of:- Messrs Michael and Edward O'Callaghan, late Assistant County Surveyors to the Tirconail County Council.

Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, who appeared on behalf of the Messrs O'Callaghan, said that Michael O'Callaghan had 36 years unblemished service to the Council and had to retire owing to failing health. Mr. Edward O'Callaghan had given 24 years service, and his health was completely shattered in the service of the Council.

It was decided to reply accordingly to the Local Government Ministry, Roads, and at the same time to state that the County Council unanimously adhere to their previous decision on the matter as contained in page 8 of Minutes of Proceedings of meeting of County Council held on 25th November, 1924.

#### Mr. M.J. DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR; APPOINTMENT SANCTIONED.

Letter dated 6th March, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads, stating that the Minister has sanctioned the appointment by Tirconail County Council of Mr. M.J. Dawson as Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £175 and bonus of £40:10:0 per annum together with an allowance for travelling expenses at the rate laid down in circular letter R/106 of the 26th August, 1924, and adding that the allowance for travelling expenses is subject to revision.

*Mr. Patrick Porter, Buncrana  
written to 6/4/25 to furnish  
a return of Dues*

*Minutes for Road Road,  
Roads, written to 2.4.25.*

RENT OF PORTION OF LETTERKENNY WORKHOUSE.

Letter dated 9th March, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry enclosing a cheque for £100:0:0 in respect of rent of portion of Letterkenny Workhouse which has been let to Messrs A.A. Watt & Company, Derry, having been read, it was decided to accept the amount as one year's rent from the date on which the premises were taken over by Messrs A.A. Watt & Company.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COMPENSATION ACT, 1923.

Letter, dated 11th March, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Finance pointing out that the second moiety (£4,020:5:1) of the amount payable to the Exchequer for the current financial year under the provisions of the Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923 is due for payment by 15th instant.

Councillor Myles said the Minister of Finance owed the Tirconail County Council between £30,000 and £40,000 in Grants and he objected to the money now claimed being paid until this matter of grants due to the Council was settled, and the money paid. He moved accordingly.

Councillor Gallagher (A.) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

LIMITS OF ROAD EXPENDITURE - YEAR 1924 - '25.

Letter, dated 14th March, 1925, from the Local Government Department, Roads, enclosing copy of the Order made by the Minister consenting to the limits of Road Expenditure proposed by the County Council in respect of the financial year ending 31st instant, was read.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Letter, dated 26th February, 1925, was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce enclosing the account of the contractors - Messrs De Grave Short & Coy. Limited for £281:19:6 for the supply of the necessary local standards and sub-standards required under the Weights and Measures Acts, and accounts from the Superintendents Garda Siochana, Sligo and Letterkenny for 11/7 and £3:2:0 respectively, in connection with the transport of the Weights and Measures sub-standard supplied. Payment was ordered.

DISUSED WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS IN TIRCONAILL.

Letter dated 16th March, 1925, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the question of the disposal of disused Workhouse buildings in County Tirconail, and stating that the Minister will bear in mind the views of the County Council in this matter, but he would point out again that in view of the opinion of the Attorney General referred to in his letter of the 13th ultimo, it would be necessary to comply with the procedure laid down in the State Lands Act which involves obtaining the approval of the Dail and Senate was read, and consideration postponed for the present.

NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS GRANT.

Letter dated 16th March, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister has authorised the issue to the Tirconail County Council of a Paying Order for £61:0:0 as a second instalment of recoupment from the National Tuberculosis Grant in respect of the current financial year.

Minister of Finance  
writes to 2.11.25

Paying Order  
issued

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY : PROSECUTIONS.

| INDEX LETTER | No.  | Owner's Name and Address                | Date of Offence | Remarks                                            |
|--------------|------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <u>1925</u>  |      |                                         |                 |                                                    |
| UI           | 949  | Samuel Cochrane<br>Waterside, Derry     | January 29      | Duty paid on 1/2/'25                               |
| IH           | I333 | James Corrian<br>Rosnakill              | February 18     | Duty not yet paid                                  |
| IH           | I241 | John Harkin<br>Cashel, Carn-<br>donagh. | February 10     | Quarterly Licence issued<br>19/2/'25               |
| IH           | I444 | B. McDevitt,<br>Glenties.               | January 27      | Tax applied for by<br>letter dated 22/1/'25.       |
| IH           | I050 | same                                    | " " 27          |                                                    |
| IH           | 93   | Dr. J. Gordon,<br>Ballyshannon.         | " " 27          | First application made<br>by letter dated 14/2/'25 |
| UI           | I072 | J. McMenamin,<br>Waterside, Derry       | February 10     | No Licence taken out yet.                          |
| JI           | 2700 | Neil, Doherty,<br>Greencastle.          | February 18     | Application made by<br>letter dated 19/2/'25.      |
| UI           | 827  | Hugh McGonigle,<br>Buncrana.            | January 27      | Application dated<br>2/2/'25.                      |
| IH           | 2003 | Patrick Doherty,<br>Umgal, Malin.       | January 29      | Application dated<br>6/2/'25.                      |

It was unanimously decided to institute proceedings through the County Council's Solicitor in each case.

COUNTY COUNCIL V JAMES O'DONNELL  
HACKNEY FORD No. III5, INDEX MARK IH.

The report of the Council's Solicitor in above case was submitted. The Solicitor stated that the District Justice fined the Defendant the full penalty viz:- £20 and recommended a mitigation. Mr. O'Donnell was in bad health on the particular occasion, and overlooked applying for a licence. The Council's Solicitor further stated that Councillors Gallagher (A) and O'Donnell (J.F.) interviewed him that morning on the matter when it was arranged to recommend to the County Council that the fine be mitigated on payment of £6 costs.

It was unanimously decided to adopt the recommendation.

JAMES BOYCE (JOHN) V COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council's Solicitor reported that this case (which was a claim for £10 damages for trespass and flooding by reason of diversion of water on the Plaintiff's lands) was disposed of at Letterkenny when the circuit Judge awarded the Plaintiff 1/- damages. The Council's Solicitor stated that the County Council approved of a contract for building a pipe across the county road although at the time the Plaintiff lodged a complaint with the County Council against the making of the pipe.

The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor to take the necessary action with a view to putting the matter in order.

Sols. to Co. Council written to 28.3.25.

Ex tract sent to Sols. Co. Council 3/4/25.

re Dr. S. KERRIGAN, CORONER.

A letter was read from Dr. S. Kerrigan, Killygordon, on the subject of the payment to him by the County Council of remuneration as Coroner for the District of Raphoe from date (21/9/'24) of death of his predecessor until date (25/11/'24) of appointment by County Council.

Councillor O'Flaherty said that as Dr. Kerrigan was Deputy Coroner for the late Coroner for the District of Raphoe he is entitled to receive remuneration in respect of the period above referred to and he moved that payment be made, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

re DISPENSARY AT ARRANMORE.

Letter from Secretary Tirconail County Board of Health forwarding copy of letter received from Mr. Bernard McGill, Arranmore, relative to Dispensary there, was read.

APPLICATION FOR PIECE OF WASTE GROUND.

Application by - Emily Elliott, Curraghmore, Ballybofey, for a piece of waste ground at the head of the town of Stranorlar on which to build a shop (Drapery), was considered, and not acceded to.

PERMISSION TO USE PORTION OF A FOOTPATH.

Letter from Mr. Patrick J. McNelis, Ardara, requesting permission to use portion of the footpath and roadway in front of his house in Main Street, Ardara, while carrying out same repairs, was read, and permission sought for granted.

CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS IN NAVENNY STREET, BALLYBOFEY.

On the motion of Councillor O'Mahony the County Surveyor was directed to furnish the County Council with a report in regard to the condition of above footpaths.

CONDITION OF STEPS.

Councillor O'Mahony said that opposite the residence of a Mr. Crumlish, Main Street, Ballybofey, there were steps from the roadway up to the footpath which were dangerous to pedestrians. He moved that the County Surveyor furnish the County Council with a report on the matter. This was agreed to.

re SCARCITY OF FUEL AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

Copy resolution passed by Ballyshannon Rural District Council relative to the condition of the very poor in this district who are suffering from want of fuel, and who are in great need owing to the scarcity of food supplies, was read.

ROAD CONTRACTORS BONDS.

Letter from Mr. George Dunnion, Clerk, Donegal Rural District Council relative to Road Contractors Bonds which were destroyed by the recent fire at County Council Offices, Lifford, and suggesting that posters be put up directing contractors to attend at Rural District Council Offices for the purpose of signing new Bonds, having been read, the Council decided that they had evidence to show that the Bonds had been duly executed therefore fresh Bonds were not required.

*Dr. Kerrigan written to 6/11/24  
Minister for Local Govt  
written to 30/3/25.*

*Mr. McNelis written to 28/3/25  
6/11/24*

*Ex Road Dept to  
Mr. Caffrey County  
Surveyor 6/11/25*

*Ex Road Dept to  
Mr. Dunnion  
6/11/25*

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES.Mr. MICHAEL DEENY.

A claim by Mr. Michael Deeny, Creevary, Rathmullan, for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Collector of Poor Rate in Tirconail County, was submitted. Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared on Mr. Deeny's behalf and stated that the latter was an existing Officer under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. Length of service 38 completed years. His average salary and pensionable emoluments for the three years terminating on the quarter next preceding the date of his resignation was £131:17:7. He therefore asked the Council to add 2 years to length of service and grant him an allowance equal to two-thirds of the latter amount.

It was unanimously decided that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry Mr. Deeny be granted an allowance equal to  $\frac{19}{30}$  of his average salary and pensionable emoluments = £83:10:5.

Mr. PATRICK MCGEEHAN.

A claim by Mr. Patrick McGeehan, 149 Main Street, Strabane, for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as a member of Tirconail County Council's Clerical Staff, was also submitted.

Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared in support of Mr. McGeehan's claim and stated that the latter had 25 completed years service. His average salary for the three years terminating on the quarter next preceding the date of the termination of his position was £287:13:4. He asked the Council to add 8 years to length of service and grant him a yearly allowance equal to  $\frac{11}{20}$  of the latter amount -- £158:4:4.

Councillor Gallen said added years was a matter for consideration.

On the motion of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor McCool, it was unanimously resolved to add 8 years to length of service.

It was further unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Bonner, - "That Mr. Patrick McGeehan who has devoted his whole time to the service of Tirconail County Council, and who was at the date of the termination of his position incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency, be granted an annual allowance of £158.

re TREASON FELONY BILL.

A resolution adopted by the Kildare County Board of Health condemning the above Bill because it must only result in turmoil and bloodshed, was considered.

Councillor Gallen proposed that it be adopted.

Councillor Phelan seconded.

The Chairman said it was a political matter and should not be discussed, he therefore proposed as an amendment, a direct negative.

Councillor Gallen said it was a question of right. This Bill has been opposed by every section in the Dail and the strangest opposition came from one of the Chairman's own friends, Major Bryan Cooper.

Councillor Lynch seconded the amendment.

\* VOTING.

FOR THE MOTION ----- COUNCILLORS Gallen, McDermott, O'Flaherty, and Phelan, - 4.  
AGAINST ----- COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, Lynch, Mahony, and O'Donnell (Hugh). - 5!

Councillor Gallagher (A.) did not vote.  
The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Claim sent to Ministry for Local Govt 6/4/25

(II)

ROAD ENGINE No. 17.

A letter from Mr. George McDermott, Driver of above Engine, relative to the discussion that took place at previous meeting of the County Council in regard to the appointment of Mr. Bernard McLaughlin, Drumcairn, Manorcunningham, as Flagman on same Engine and Stating that McLaughlin came to him on 17th February to take up duties but did not seem much interested and of his own free will he started for home next morning, *was read.*

re CROLLY BRIDGE.

*Mr. P. M. Gallagher written to 6/4/25*  
A letter from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, General Merchant, Crollly Bridge requesting payment in respect of repairs carried out by him to Crollly Bridge, and stating that the £50 agreed upon by the County Surveyors as the amount he would be entitled to would only represent half of what he was out of pocket in keeping this bridge standing and in repair although tumbled on two separate occasions after the first repair, having been read, Mr Steadman suggested that whenever the Council are in a position to start the contract to build the bridge the money could be paid. It was decided to leave the matter over until next meeting.

re "FORDSON ROLLER".

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

I beg to state that the Fordson Roller has been at work on the roads in the Rosses for the past three months. The work it is doing compares favourably with that of any of the other rollers. Unfortunately, owing to the nature of the roads in this neighbourhood and the smoothness of the wheels of the Roller, it will not be practical to have a van to work in conjunction with this machine. The driver is willing to continue on without either flagman or sleeping van, provided the County Council increase his wages to enable him to pay his lodgings. As this will mean a considerable saving to the County Council I would suggest that consideration be given to the application.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), it was unanimously resolved that the Driver of this machine be paid 10/- weekly in addition to his present salary to enable him to pay his lodgings.

ROAD BETWEEN LEENAN FORT & CLONAMNY.

A letter was read from Revd. James McGuire P.P., Clonmany, complaining about the state of above road.

Councillor Quigley also complained that the road was not properly repaired. The road was hard in centre and soft at sides and in some places narrow. Shore gravel was used in the repair and this class of material would not sink into the road surface with the result that when a horse and cart were employed only half loads could be drawn. Motorists and cyclists also experienced difficulty in using this road.

*Ex tract sent to Mr. Steadman 6/4/25*  
Mr. Steadman explained that he had experienced very great difficulty in obtaining £2,500 from the British War Office in respect of the damage to the road between Buncrana and Clonmany and Clonmany and Leenan. There were conditions attached to that grant, and if the Council had taken cognisance of them they would not accede to Mr. Quigley's proposal at a former meeting that £750 should be spent in the district of Leenan. The major portion of the money was granted for the repair of other parts of the road to which infinitely greater damage had been done than at Leenan. Mr. Steadman added that he proposed expending £400 on the road at Leenan.

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For the purpose of seeing what was best to be done in the circumstances it was decided to leave the matter to a small Committee consisting of Councillors Quigley, Lanigan, Bonner, and McGoldrick T.D. in conjunction with Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, the latter to arrange day of meeting.

#### REPAYMENTS OF LOANS.

Claims by the Treasurer of the County for payment of Principal and Interest due on 31st instant in respect of the undermentioned Loans were submitted and payment ordered except in case of the first mentioned Loan which is repayable by the Ministry of Local Government, Roads.

| PARTICULARS                  | LOAN   | PRINCIPAL | INTEREST |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|
|                              | £      | £:s:d     | £:s:d    |
| ROAD MACHINERY               | 6,440  | 322:0:0   | 189:11:7 |
| SEED SUPPLIES                | 12,000 | 3,000:0:0 | 208:7:2  |
| ADDITIONAL SEEDS<br>SUPPLIES | 740    | 123:6:8   | 5:9:0    |

#### CLEANING SURFACE OF BUNCRANA PIER.

Claim for £10:16:0 by Mr. William McLaughlin, Red Row, Buncrana for sweeping and cleaning surface of Buncrana Pier during the Winter Fishing from 26th January until 7th March, 1925 @ 36/- per week was submitted. The Secretary stated that McLaughlin had been paid £7:10:0 on Mr. Steadman's certificate for 30 days @ 5/- per day.

#### LECTURESHIP IN IRISH MUSIC : SECTION 10 (2) of the IRISH UNIVERSITIES ACT, 1908.

Letter from the Irish County Council's General Council re Lectureship in Irish Music and asking if the County Council are prepared to contribute a sum, not exceeding £10 per annum, to maintain this Lectureship, having been read, it was unanimously decided to reply in the affirmative.

#### re SEEDS SUPPLIES.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Donegal Rural District Council, enclosing a memorial re seeds required by small farmers in certain parts of Donegal Rural District.

The Secretary was directed to state in reply that the County Council have decided not to formulate a Seed Supplies Scheme this year.

In this connection the Local Government Inspector said that the Department of Agriculture were supplying seeds at reduced rates.

#### FUEL FOR ARRANMORE ISLAND.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said that on the Island of Arranmore there were 700 or 800 idle for want of work, no fuel was available and none of the fuel being distributed by the Government in other parts of Tirconnaill had reached the Island.

The Local Government Inspector said that the matter was receiving attention and he hoped the quantity assigned to Arranmore would soon be ready for distribution.

Secretary's Office  
County Council  
6/4/25

re ERECTION OF A SLIP AND A PIER.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) asked that the Irish Land Commission, as the successors to the C. D. Board, be requested to have a slip erected at Leabgarrow and a Pier at Chapel Strand. This was agreed to.

PLANS OF DONEGAL COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Wm. J. Doherty, Architect, Derry, submitted the plans of above courthouse. Councillor Myles said, as a member of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider the plans etc., he approved of them and moved that Mr. Doherty immediately consult the other members of the Committee and if they finally approve of the plans that Mr. Doherty have an advertisement issued at once inviting tenders for the rebuilding of these premises. Tenders to be considered by the County Council at their next meeting.

Councillor Bonner seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

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re TRADE DEPARTMENT.

Copy resolution passed by the Joint Committee of Monaghan Mental Hospital - "That we request our representatives in the Dail to oppose the Bill to legalise the Trade Department", was read.

Councillor Bonner said local bodies were not bound to purchase their requirements through the Trade Department. If they can buy at the same prices locally they can do so, - all other things being equal.

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WATER SUPPLY : GLENTIES COURTHOUSE.

A letter from the Courtkeeper at Glenties re bringing of the water into the Courthouse there, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

re GRATUITY TO NURSE CRERAND (NOW DECEASED).

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McGuire, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, applying to the Tirconail County Council for a sum of £483, being the amount of gratuity awarded to Miss Mary Alice Crerand (now deceased) who was appointed a Nurse at the Donegal Union Hospital on the 2nd September, 1912 and held the position at the abolition, and enclosing a copy of Miss Crerand's Will.

The Secretary was authorised to pay the amount on production of Probate.

Mr. M. O'CALLAGHAN : TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Form R.I. furnished by Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Acting Assistant Surveyor, for the period from 1st September, 1924 to 28th February, 1925, was submitted. Mr. O'Callaghan said he did not own a motor car and could not hire one for less than 8d per mile, he asked the County Council to approve of his travelling expenses being calculated at this rate.

On the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Mahony the request was acceded to subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, Roads.

re ERECTION OF A FOUNTAIN AND A CALVARY.

Permission was granted to erect a Fountain and a Calvary along the county road between Milford and Kerrykeel.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to interview the Revd. Hugh Gallagher, P.P., Tamney, on the matter.

CONDITION OF A BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Councillor McNally desiring to know the reason for the rejection of a proposal to repair a bridge on the county road passing through his farm at Three Trees. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to furnish the Council with a report on the matter at their next meeting.

TUBERCULOSIS INSTITUTE AT LETTERKENNY.

Letters from Dr. Regan, Tuberculosis Officer, Tuberculosis Institute, Letterkenny, relative to the granting by the County Council of rooms in the above Institute - formerly occupied by the nurse employed by the Letterkenny District Nursing Association - to Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, as an office, also a letter from Mr. Ward on the matter were read.

Mr. Ward, who was present, stated that the Lease of this house had expired and the County Council were now holding the premises as yearly tenants, adding that he did not wish any friction with the County Council. At the previous meeting the latter decided to let the rooms to him at a yearly rent of £10 and he would abide by any decision they came to on the matter.

After due consideration the Council unanimously decided to adhere to their previous decision, viz:- that the rooms in question be let to Mr. P. J. Ward at a yearly rent of £10.

Ex hact Deut to  
Mr. Co. Surveyor  
6/14/25

Ministry (Roads)  
written to 30/3/25

Rev Hugh Gallagher  
P.P. written to 30.3.25

Mr. Steadman  
written to 6/14/25

Ex hact Deut to  
Dr. Regan 6/14/25

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR  
No. 30 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Applications were submitted from the undermentioned persons for the position of Rate Collector for above Collection District.

| NAME                | ADDRESS                  |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Denis Diver         | Drim, Glen, Creeslough.  |
| Patrick McGinley    | Kilmacloo, Creeslough.   |
| John McClafferty    | Milford.                 |
| Edward C. O'Donnell | Knocknabollan, Termon.   |
| John B. O'Donnell   | Cashleenan, Kilmacrenan. |

| APPLICANT           | PROPOSED BY<br>COUNCILLOR | SECONDED BY<br>COUNCILLOR | REPRESENTED BY<br>SOLICITOR |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Denis Diver         | McGoldrick                | Bonner                    | -----                       |
| Patrick McGinley    | Bonner                    | O'Duffy                   | Mr. Wm. Kelly               |
| Edward C. O'Donnell | Gallagher (A.)            | O'Duffy                   | Mr. P.J. Ward               |
| John B. O'Donnell   | Lynch                     | Phelan                    | Mr. J. Malseed              |

VOTING.

For Diver ----- Councillors McGoldrick and Quigley - 2.  
 For McGinley ----- - 0.  
 For O'Donnell (Edwd.C.) - Councillors Bonner, Coll Gallagher (A.),  
 Gallen, Mahony, McCool, McDaid, McNally,  
 O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.),  
 O'Duffy and O'Flaherty. - 12.  
 For O'Donnell (John B.) - Councillors Clarke, Lynch, Myles and  
 Phelan. - 4.

Councillor McDermott did not vote.  
 The Chairman declared Mr. Edward C. O'Donnell duly elected  
 subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government  
 and Public Health.

# RECONSTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS LOST IN THE RECENT FIRE AT COUNCIL OFFICES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was decided to ask Mr. O'Keeffe, at present Commissioner in Offally, to visit the County Council Offices at Lifford for the purpose of advising the Secretary with reference to the reconstruction of documents lost in the recent fire, the Council agreeing to pay his travelling expenses and a sustenance allowance of 25/- per day.

## APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR No. 29 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Applications were submitted from the undermentioned persons for the position of Rate Collector for above Collection District.

| NAME                  | ADDRESS                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Frank J. McBride      | Aughadreena, Rossnakill |
| Wm. J. McGrory        | Killygarvan, Rathmullan |
| Hugh Dorrian (Junior) | Rossnakill, Letterkenny |
| Brian Sweeney         | Corry, Portsalon        |
| James McCaffrey       | Creeslough, Letterkenny |
| Neil Blaney           | Rossnakill              |
| James Deeney          | Creevary, Rathmullan    |

  

| APPLICANT         | PROPOSED BY<br>COUNCILLOR | SECONDED BY<br>COUNCILLOR | REPRESENTED<br>BY SOLICITOR |
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| Hugh Dorrian jnr. | Lynch                     | Mahony                    | Mr. J. Malseed              |
| James McCaffrey   | O'Duffy                   | Myles                     | Mr. P.J. Ward               |
| Frank J. McBride  | Coll                      | McDaid                    | -----                       |
| Brian Sweeney     | McGoldrick                | Coll                      | -----                       |
| James Deeney      | Bonner                    | McGoldrick                | Mr. Wm. Kelly               |
| Neil Blaney       | Phelan                    | McCool                    | -----                       |
| Wm. J. McGrory    | Bonner                    | McGoldrick                | -----                       |

## VOTING.

For Dorrian ----- COUNCILLORS Lynch, Mahony, O'Donnell (H.),  
O'Donnell (J.F.). - 4.  
For McCaffrey ----- COUNCILLOR O'Duffy. - 1.  
For McBride ----- COUNCILLOR Coll. - 1.  
For Sweeney ----- COUNCILLORS Myles, and McGoldrick. - 2.  
For Deeney ----- COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, & McNally. - 3.  
For Blaney ----- COUNCILLORS Gallen, McCool, McDaid,  
McDermott, O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley - 7.  
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For McGrory -----  
Councillor Gallagher (A.) did not vote.  
Messrs McCaffrey, McBride, Sweeney and McGrory dropped out.  
A vote was then taken as between Messrs Dorrian, Deeney, and

Blaney.  
For Dorrian ----- COUNCILLORS Lynch, Mahony, McGoldrick,  
O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), and  
O'Duffy. - 6.  
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For Blaney ----- COUNCILLORS Coll, Gallen, McCool, McDaid,  
McDermott, McNally, O'Flaherty, Phelan and  
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McDermott, McNally, O'Flaherty, Phelan,  
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Councillor Gallagher (A.) did not vote.  
It was decided to re-advertise the position. Appointment  
to be made on 28th proximo.

#### PERSONAL SURETIES.

The Council accepted Messrs P. McFadden T.D., Glen, Creeslough,  
and John McCafferty, Drumbrick, Termon, as Mr. O'Donnell's  
proposed Personal Sureties in the sum of £118 in addition to pro-  
posed security by the Hibernian Insurance Company Limited in the  
sum of £1,831.

#### RESIGNATION AND SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL

Mr. John B. O'Donnell tendered his resignation as Collector  
for No.13 District and this was accepted subject to his closing  
his collection for the past year. Subsequently Mr. O'Donnell  
asked the Council to allow him to withdraw the resignation.  
This was acceded to on the motion of the Chairman seconded by  
Councillor Gallagher (A.).

#### PREMIUM ON A COLLECTOR'S BOND.

The Council ordered payment of Premium (£20:8:6) on Bond of  
Rate Collector Holmes.

#### CLAIM FOR A SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

A claim for a superannuation allowance by Mr. Francis Dunnion,  
Ex-Rate Collector, was submitted and consideration adjourned until  
next meeting.

#### RATES DUE BY Mrs BRIDGET GALLAGHER, MEENLARAGH.

Letter was read from Collector J.B. O'Donnell enclosing  
communications received by him from Resident Medical Superintendent  
Tirconail Mental Hospital, and Mrs Bridget Gallagher, Meenlaragh  
regarding rates due by the latter for period ended 31st March, 1924.

Mrs Gallagher in her letter stated that she refused to pay her  
rates in consequence of her having to pay the expenses in con-  
nection with the conveyance of her daughter (Kate Gallagher) to  
the Mental Hospital at Letterkenny in July, 1923. This expend-  
iture, she contended, should be borne by the County Council.  
It was decided to inform her that she must pay her rates and to ask  
her to furnish the Secretary, County Council with particulars of  
the expenses incurred as above stated.

#### COLLECTORS APPLICATION FOR REMUNERATION.

Letter, dated 26th February, 1925, was read from Local Govern-  
ment Ministry regarding application by Rate Collectors in the  
County that their remuneration for the current year be based on the  
amounts of their warrants as originally made out. The Council  
decided not to accede to the Collectors application.

#### re PAYMENT OF FEES TO DEPUTY COLLECTOR BROWNE.

Letter, dated 4th March, 1925, from the Local Government  
Ministry refusing to sanction payment of poundage fees to Deputy  
Collector Browne in respect of No.26 Collection District in view of  
the fact that a large sum is still showing as outstanding in the  
area for year ended the 31st March, 1924, was read.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted letter dated 12th March, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry regarding the rate collection in the County. It was decided to defer further consideration of the matter until the April meeting of the Council, up to the end of which month the collection period had already been extended for certain Districts, subject to the Ministry's sanction.

POUNDAGE FEES ON ARREARS OF RATES COLLECTED  
AND LODGED : COLLECTOR DEERY.

The Secretary informed the Council that Collector Michael Deery collected and lodged rates for the year ended 31st March, 1924, amounting to £21:2:10, which had previously been refunded but which were referred to him for subsequent collection with the approval of the Local Government Ministry. It was decided to allow him the usual poundage, amounting to £1:1:2, on these arrears, subject to the sanction of the Department named.

SCHEDULES OF UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Secretary submitted schedules of uncollected rates furnished by Collectors Philip Cassidy and Joseph Gorman for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1924, and it was decided to strike off as irrecoverable and refund to these Collectors the amounts claimed except item No. 363 on Mr. Cassidy's return, the receipt for which has not been furnished.

REFUND IN RESPECT OF HOLDING THE VALUATION OF  
WHICH WAS REDUCED ON APPEAL.

The Council authorised the Secretary to refund proportionate amount of rates paid in respect of the Butt Hall, Ballybofey, the valuation of which had been reduced on appeal by the Commissioner of Valuation.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES.

The Secretary informed the Council that Collectors Philip Cassidy and Joseph Gorman had closed their collections for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1924, and it was decided to recommend the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of ordinary poundage in these cases. The Secretary further stated that Collector McNulty had lodged his warrant for the year ended the 31st March, 1924 for No. 32 District, less £3:7:2 on a holding which had been returned for revision, and the result of which he had now made known to the Collector. The Council also decided to pay ordinary poundage on this collection subject to the Ministry's sanction, but conditional on Mr. McNulty lodging the sum specified forthwith.

ARREARS OF RATES : INVER DISTRICT.

The Solicitor to the Council reported with reference to the collection of arrears of Rates in the Inver District that his predecessor had been unable to obtain service of about 500 processes which he had issued, owing to conditions then prevailing in that area, and these claims had now been passed on to him for recovery of the amounts. He stated that recently he went into these Demands with the former Collector, who was unable to furnish him with the names of present occupiers. He (Mr. McMullin) now asked the Council to direct the present Collector - who was under no obligation to collect these arrears - to furnish him with.

with the names of the present occupiers of holdings in respect of which these arrears had accrued.

The Council directed the Secretary to request the present Collector to furnish the information sought for to Mr. McMullin.

# ALEXANDER WEIR AND COMPANY LIMITED

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## DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Solicitor to the Council submitted a report in this case stating that Wm. Doherty of Cornashesk, Road Contractor, assigned to Messrs A. Weir & Company, Limited, Auctioneers, Strabane the sum of £20 - payable on foot of a road contract of which due notice of the contents was given to the Council, subsequently the Northern Banking Company Limited, Raphoe, - to whom Doherty owed a certain amount, - marked Judgment against Doherty, and then obtained in the High Court of Justice in Saorstad Eirean an order to garnishee the money payable to Doherty by the County Council. The Garnishee Order was duly served on the Council and Mr. Wm. Black, Acting Secretary to the Council at the time, thought the Garnishee Order, by reason of being an Order of the High Court, took precedence to the assignment to Messrs Alexander Weir & Company Limited and when the money became payable to Doherty he (Mr. Black) forwarded the Paying Order for £20 to the Solicitor for the Northern Banking Company Limited.

Messrs A. Weir & Company Limited now claim payment from the Council and threaten proceedings in default of immediate settlement.

### ADVICE.

"Messrs A. Weir & company Limited ought to have been paid the money which was paid to the Northern Banking Company Limited. They are entitled to succeed on proceedings brought against the Council to recover same, as the Council is responsible for the acts of its servants in the matter. Messrs Weir & Company should therefore be paid the amount before costs are incurred." This was agreed to.

### CONTRIBUTION TO RAMELTON DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

On the recommendation of the Tuberculosis Committee the Council unanimously decided to contribute £25 per annum to above Association for the part-time services of their Nurse in connection with Tubercular cases in the district, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

### TRUNK ROAD SCHEME : KILLYGORDON DISTRICT.

The Secretary on bringing before the Council a letter received from Mr. Matthew McGranaghan, Secretary for the Killygordon Branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers in regard to the class of men employed under the above scheme.

The Chairman remarked that all the communications, if read, would take up a long time, and suggested that Mr. McGranaghan make a statement instead.

Mr. McGranaghan insisted that the communications be read, and called for an investigation as to how the Trunk Road Scheme was being worked.

The Secretary explained that the workers employed on the Trunk Road Scheme at Kilton had ceased work, their reason being that they were ordered by Mr. McGranaghan to do so, who alleged that part of the work was being done by a Mr. Harpur, who should not have been engaged, as he was a large farmer and contractor, and not entitled to be employed on relief works. Mr. McGranaghan had called

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had called on the workers not to work while Harpur was employed there. The result was that the machinery was taken away. Mr. McGranaghan then wired to the County Surveyor, who, after inquiries, sent the machinery back, and Mr. McGranaghan arranged to have the workers ready to start work on the arrival of the machinery. The workers turned up with their carts ready to do the work, but the machinery was not there. Mr. McGranaghan was claiming that the workers should be paid for the day they were there when the machinery had not turned up.

Mr. McGranaghan said that the secretary should also have stated that part of the complaint was that Harpur was working free on relief work.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said he had sent a foreman to get the work started, and when he arrived there he was asked to join a labour union, but he refused, as he was only going to stay for a few days. The foreman left the district, and he (Mr. Caffrey) saw Mr. O'Flaherty, a member of the Council, and Mr. McGranaghan who decided to start work at once. Mr. Caffrey went to Stranorlar, and told the man in charge to return with the machinery. One of the workmen at the steam roller took ill, and this man and his flagmen had to leave to go to the hospital. The driver of another roller started work on the following Monday morning. The men were now at work, and there was no friction. There was no necessity for an inquiry.

Mr. Patrick Kelly, R.D.C., Ballyarrell, Killygordon, who was present, said that the machinery was standing idle for eight days, and he contended that whoever was responsible should be made pay the damage.

Mr. Callaghan, Deputy Surveyor, said that Harpur was the contractor for portion of the road concerned.

Councillor Bonner said that altered the situation. Mr. McGranaghan could not revolutionise the whole system in operation in the county since this grant came into force. It was obvious that Harpur was not giving his services gratis. As a County Councillor he (Councillor Bonner) would take strong exception to Mr. McGranaghan interfering in his district under such circumstances.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said that Mr. McGranaghan had taken up too much of their time.

It was decided to accept the statements of the County and Deputy Surveyors that there was no need for an inquiry.

#### BLIND PENSIONS ACT, 1920.

Letter dated 5th March, 1925, from the Local Government Department drawing the attention of the County Council to the provisions of section 2 (1) of the Blind Pensions Act, 1920, regarding the making of arrangements for promoting the welfare of blind persons resident in the county, and stating that the Minister would be glad to receive the views of the Council on the subject, having been read, Councillor Gallen said that Inspectors recently sent round deprived a good many people of pensions with the result that they have to seek maintenance from Tírconail County Board of Health.

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor McGoldrick, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (A.) that the above Act be construed so that those partially as well as completely blind be entitled to the benefits provided thereunder. Further, that any person who holds a Certificate of the Dispensary Doctor for the district in which he resides that he is unable, in consequence of failing sight, to perform any work, should also be entitled to a pension.

Confirmed,  
*James Cleary* Chairman.

*Minister for Local  
 Govt. written to  
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A SPECIAL MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON THE 28th DAY OF APRIL, 1925.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Coll, Gallen, Kelly (Henry J.), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McDermott, McGoldrick, McNally, McShane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley.  
The Solicitor to the Council was also present.

CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Boyle, Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

MINUTES.

On the minutes of previous meeting being submitted for confirmation Councillor McGoldrick said he wished the minute on page six re Buncrana Pier altered from "Councillor McGoldrick in consequence withdrew his motion" to "the consideration of Councillor McGoldrick's motion was postponed pending County Surveyor's Report". This was agreed to.

re PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF  
THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The consideration of a notice of motion in the name of Councillor Kelly (John):- "That a member of the County Council be appointed in place of Mr. Wm. Gallagher, resigned" was, in his absence, postponed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

Copy of above Act was submitted.

LOCAL ELECTIONS ORDER, 1925.

Copy of above Order was also submitted.

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

A circular letter dated 9th April, 1925, from Local Government Department on above subject was read.

ADVANCE TO RETURNING OFFICER.

At the request of the Secretary an advance of £100 was made to him as Returning Officer, under article 6 (3) of the application of Enactments Order.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

A memorandum dated 24th March, 1925, from the Assistant Commissioner Intermediate Education, in regard to University Scholarship Examinations, was submitted.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Phelan it was decided to refer the memorandum for consideration

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to the Scholarships Committee, a meeting to be summoned at an early date for that purpose.

#### DEFAULTING LAND ANNUITANTS.

Lists of Defaulting Land Annuitants in Tirconail received from the Irish Land Commission, were submitted.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick seconded by the Chairman, the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the local papers that the Council would, at their next meeting, consider the question of publishing a list of all defaulters unless in the meantime the amounts outstanding had been paid..

#### DAMAGED BRIDGES.

A letter, dated 2nd April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, enclosing an Order for £1,163:10:0, being in final settlement of the claim in respect of certain destroyed and damaged bridges in the Northern Division of Tirconail.

#### MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT GRANT.

A letter, dated 8th April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, enclosing an Order for £1,296:0:0 in respect of Ministry of Transport Grant No. P.23. Reference No. A5939.

#### REMUNERATION.

A letter dated 26th March, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the remuneration of 5% on the outlay and vouched travelling expenses being paid to Mr. W.J. Doherty, Architect.

#### PROPOSED BOAT-SLIP NEAR DOWNINGS.

A letter dated 27th March, 1925, from the Department of Fisheries, Dublin, relative to a Petition received by the Tirconail County Council from the fishermen at Downings praying for the erection of a boat-slip nearer to the fishing beds, and stating that in view of the very good facilities already existing at Downings the Minister would not feel justified in recommending an expenditure from public funds upon such a project, was read.

#### LICENCES FOR FISHING.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said that an amendment was proposed to the Fisheries Act, 1925, increasing the rate of licence for fishing, which, in his opinion, would be disastrous to inland fisheries so far as the Board of Conservators were concerned. He proposed a resolution protesting against the amendment, and pointing out that the suggested increase would result in great loss to the revenue of the Conservators, and would create a larger number of poachers.

Councillor Phelan seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

#### PENAL INTEREST CHARGEABLE ON LOANS.

An Order, dated 30th March, 1925, made by the Minister of Finance under Section 80 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as adapted, in regard to Penal Interest chargeable on loans made by the Commissioners of Public Works (which are in arrear for more than 31 days next after the date on which the sum became due) and incurred by the undermentioned Local Bodies, was submitted.

W. W. A. Doherty  
inferred  
27/3/25

Extract sent to  
Minister for Fisheries  
Dublin 8/5/25

Minister of Finance  
written to  
25/3/25

TIRCONAILL MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.....£ 4:16:8  
 STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.....£199:11:10.

A letter was read from the Resident Medical Superintendent of the former body stating that arrangements were being made to have payment made at the next meeting of the committee.

A letter was also read from the Clerk of the latter body intimating that it was decided not to pay the amount and to request the Minister of Finance to waive payment of this sum. The Council decided to support the decision of the Rural District Council in the matter.

#### UNQUALIFIED MIDWIVES.

A letter, dated 1st April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, transmitting, for the consideration of the Tirconaill County Council, Extract from a report received from Dr. R.P. McDonnell, Medical Officer, re unqualified midwives practising in Tirconaill.

The Secretary was directed to state in reply that the County Council are doing all they possibly can to prevent unqualified midwives in Tirconaill from practising.

#### SURVEYOR'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter, dated 3rd April, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating that the Minister cannot sanction the payment by Tirconaill County Council of an allowance per mile for travelling expenses higher than the scale laid down in circular letter R/106 of the 26th August, 1924, was read. In this connection a further letter from Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Letterkenny, asking the County Council to request the Local Government Ministry to reconsider their decision in the matter was also read and no action taken.

An account of travelling expenses amounting to £91 furnished by Mr. A.W. McLaughlin, Assistant Surveyor, Carndonagh, in respect of the period 1st August, 1924 to 31st January, 1925 was submitted. Mr. McLaughlin, who was present, said he furnished the Secretary County Council with particulars of his travelling expenses on Form "R.I." during month of February last but he understood this form was destroyed in the fire which recently occurred in the Council Offices.

It was decided to pay the amount, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry, Roads.

#### re PAYMENT OF REMUNERATION.

A letter, dated 6th April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister sees no objection to the payment of remuneration to Doctor S. Kerrigan, Killygordon, as Coroner for the District of Raphoe from the 21:9:'24 to the 25:11:'24.

#### GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

The Secretary submitted a statement re Grants received since date of last meeting.

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for services under the sale of Food and Drugs Acts may be taken as £40 to £50 per annum.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Kelly (H.J.), it was decided to advertise for a Public Analyst at a salary of £50 per annum, appointment to be made at next meeting.

#### CLAIM FOR A SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

A letter, dated 15th April, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry forwarding, to be laid before the Tirconail County Council, copy of a letter which the Ministry received from Mr. James Boyle, regarding his claim to superannuation allowance as late clerk of the Dunfanaghy Union, and stating that the question of granting a superannuation allowance is now a matter for the County Council; also letter from Mr. Boyle requesting that his claim be taken into consideration by the latter body, having been read, the Secretary said the claim could not be considered until the June meeting, meanwhile, five weeks notice would require to be given to each member of the County Council of the proposal to consider the claim.

#### LABOURERS ACTS : OUTSTANDING LOANS.

A schedule, dated 17th April, 1925, was submitted from the Local Government Ministry showing particulars of amounts remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer contribution to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding loans under the Labourers Acts charged on the following Rural Districts in Tirconail:-

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|-------------------|------------|
| BALLYSHANNON..... | £ 34:13: 7 |
| INISHOWEN.....    | 40: 9: 2   |
| LETTERKENNY.....  | 59: 4:11   |
| STRANORLAR.....   | 180:12: 6  |

#### COURT ARRANGEMENTS AT BUNBEG.

A letter from Local Government Ministry re court arrangements at Bunbeg, and letters from those in the district having suitable premises for letting, having been read, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) seconded by Councillor Mahony, to accept the quotation of Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, i.e. rent £10 yearly to include heating, lighting and cleaning.

#### COURTHOUSES AT DONEGAL, BUNCRANA AND CARNDONAGH.

Plans in connection with the rebuilding of the above Court-houses, which were approved of by the sub-committee appointed by the County Council, were handed in by Mr. Wm.J.Doherty, Architect, and on the motion of Councillor McGoldrick T.D. seconded by Councillor Myles T.D. he was authorised to forward them to the Local Government Ministry for sanction and when approval obtained to have a notice inserted at once in local papers inviting tenders for the execution of the work.

#### CROLLY BRIDGE.

A claim by Mr. Patrick Gallagher, General Merchant, Crollly Bridge, for payment in respect of repairs carried out by him to Crollly Bridge was considered, and on the motion of Councillor Phelan seconded by Councillor O'Duffy, it was unanimously decided to pay him the sum of £50 being the amount to which he is entitled as estimated by Messrs Steadman & Caffrey, County Surveyors, all the material at the bridge to become the property of the County Council, the County Surveyors to have an undertaking to this effect signed

*Mr. Michael Doogan  
9 Mr. Patrick Boyle  
10 C.C. written to  
of 5/25*

*Minister for  
Local Govt written  
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*Mr. Patrick Gallagher  
written to  
of 5/25*

signed by Mr. Gallagher before payment is made.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) inquired of Mr. Steadman when the work of rebuilding above mentioned structure would be commenced and urged that there be no further delay in having the work carried out. The latter said nothing could be done until the weather settled. He hoped, however, to have a start made by the 1st May.

#### DAMAGED BRIDGES.

Councillor O'Duffy inquired of Mr. Steadman when the damaged bridges in the Northern Division would be rebuilt. Mr Steadman said the work would be started as soon as possible.

#### NON-COMPLETION OF A NEW ROAD.

A letter from Mr. Bertram Barton, Solicitor, Portsalon, with reference to the non-completion of the new road from Cashel to Gortnatra in the Fanad West Electoral Division, Milford Rural District, having been read, it was decided to institute proceedings through the Council's Solicitor against the contractor and sureties.

#### CHILDRENS ACT, 1908.

Notices under the Childrens Act, 1908 received from Sergeant Thomas Dewally, Civic Guard, Ballybofey, and Mr. Patrick Dorrian, District Court Clerk, Milford, were submitted.

#### FLOODING.

A letter from Mr. James Boner (James), Lower Keadue, Burtonport, relative to the damage caused to lands by flooding, having been read, it was decided that to remedy the matter a proposal to have a pipe built would require to be passed by the Rural District Council.

#### RAMELTON DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

A letter, dated 16th April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, relative to the proposal of the Tirconail County Council to contribute the sum of £25 per annum to the Ramelton District Nursing Association in respect of the part-time services of their nurse for attendance on Tuberculous patients in the district, and requesting to be furnished with particulars of the name and qualifications of the nurse employed by the District Nursing Association.

The Secretary said he wrote the Hon. Secretary to the Association on the matter and received a reply that no nurse had been appointed pending the decision of the County Council regarding the giving of a contribution towards her part-time services, and now that the Council had acquiesced in the matter a fully qualified nurse would be appointed at an early date.

#### PAYMENTS.

Certain payments out of General County Fund Account were ordered to be made and Treasurers Advice Notes duly signed.

#### MONEY DEFERRED.

A letter from Mr. James Dorrian, Cashlings, Kilcar, relative to the sum of £12:17:8 deferred by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, on foot of a road contract, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey for a report.

ESTABLISHING OF A FAIR.

A letter was read from Mr. John L. O'Hanlon, Merchant, Meenagown, Lettermacaward, relative to the proposed establishing of a fair at his premises in Meenagown, and soliciting the County Council's support. The Council decided they had no power in the matter.

CONSTRUCTION OF A MOUNTAIN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Ward, Gortgara, Arranmore, re construction of a mountain road for the use of the inhabitants of the townlands of Gortgara, Fallagowan, and Cloughcor.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) the County Surveyor was directed to visit Arranmore Island and furnish the County Council with a report on the matter.

DEFECTIVE PIPE.

A letter from Miss Catherine Boyle, Boyle's Hotel, Dungloe, stating that owing to a defective pipe on the street of Dungloe her premises are, from time to time, badly damaged, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor for attention.

GRATUITY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles L. Callaghan, Stranorlar, relative to the gratuity recommended by the County Council in respect of services rendered by him as Clerk of Stranorlar Union. It was pointed out that Mr. Callaghan was clerk to the Committee of Management of the Mental Hospital at Letterkenny prior to being appointed Clerk of Union and this should count as continuous service as a public officer.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter until next meeting, Mr. Callaghan meanwhile to furnish the Secretary with a statement showing period employed at Mental Hospital and the yearly salary and emoluments he was in receipt of.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

A letter was read from Mrs Margaret McMenamin, Glenfin Street, Ballybofey, with reference to her claim for compensation in respect of her daughter's (deceased) services as a nurse in the Workhouse, Stranorlar.

Councillor McGoldrick said the deceased having been in impaired health at the time her services were dispensed with under the Amalgamation Scheme the claim could be sustained under the Union Officers Superannuation Act, instead of under the Local (Ireland) Act, 1919, he therefore moved that the claim be considered by the County Council at their next meeting. This was agreed to.

CONDITION OF A ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Kelly, Grocer, Carrowblagh, Portsalon, relative to the bad condition of the county road leading from Portsalon through Upper Carrowblagh. The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman for attention.

SHEEP DIPPING.

The following members of the Council were appointed a sub-committee to formulate a Sheep Dipping Scheme for current year at a meeting to be held on 14th May, 1925:-

Messrs Clarke, Gallen, Lynch, McCool and O'Donnell (Hugh).

*Mr. Dan McElwee  
written to 8/10/25*

It was decided to invite to the meeting the members of the Deputation from sheep owners who attended before the committee in 1924 when a Sheep Dipping Scheme was being drawn up.

#### INSPECTION OF SHEEP AT FAIRS.

The question of inspection by the Council's Veterinary Inspectors of sheep at fairs during present year was referred to the sub-committee for consideration.

#### CONDITION OF A PUMP.

*Mr. R. Thompson  
written 8/10/25*

A letter was read from Mr. R. Thompson, Ballintra, stating that the Ballintra pump was out of order with the result that there was no water in the town. The Secretary said the matter was one for the Rural District Council to deal with and he had written Mr. Thompson to that effect.

#### PUBLICATION OF NOTICES re RATES.

Quotations, as under, for publication of notices:-

- (1) "INTENTION TO MAKE RATES" and
- (2) "RATES HAVING BEEN MADE"

were submitted, and the lowest accepted.

DERRY JOURNAL LIMITED.....£7: 0: 0 each insertion  
DERRY SENTINEL.....£6:10: 0 " " "

In this connection Councillor Mahony said a very large amount was annually paid by the Council for advertising. He thought the matter should be gone into as he was confident a great saving could be effected. It was decided to leave consideration of the matter to the new Council.

#### LETTING OF LANDS.

*advertising  
incurred  
8/10/25*

The Secretary was directed to issue an advertisement inviting proposals for the letting of lands, until 31st December next, at Workhouse Buildings in Tirconail for grazing purposes, and he was authorised to accept the highest proposal.

#### ROAD - BALLYLIFFIN VILLAGE TO SHORE.

*Mr. Doherty  
written to 8/10/25*

A letter was read from Mr. John M. Doherty, Secretary Development Committee, Ballyliffin, drawing attention to state of above road.

Mr. Steadman said the Council at a former meeting decided to request the Irish Land Commission as successors to the Congested Districts Board, to give a contribution towards the repair of this road but the request was not acceded to, he intended getting the new contractor to bring forward at once the quantity of material he has to supply with a view to having it rolled in along with the metal which the former contractor did not spread.

#### CONVEYANCE OF A PATIENT TO MENTAL HOSPITAL.

*Mr. Gallagher  
written to 8/10/25*

A letter was read from Mrs Bridget Gallagher, Meenlara P.O., Tirconail, enclosing particulars of expenses incurred by her in connection with the conveyance of her daughter to the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, in July, 1923.

Councillor Mahony said that in cases where the Civic Guard take patients to the Mental Hospital the expenses incurred are borne by the County Council and in other cases by the relatives or

or friends of the patient and as it would appear the present case came under the latter category no action should be taken. This was agreed to.

#### CLAIM FOR PAYMENT.

*Mr. Diver written to 9/5/25*  
A letter was read from Mr. James Diver, Coshelundy, Bunbeg, complaining that he has not received payment for the road metal spread on the Knockastalar road. Mr. Steadman said that Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, who was acting as Assistant Surveyor in that district, did not include Mr. Diver's name in sheets for payment, and that he (Mr. Steadman) would deal with the matter when next payments were being made.

#### WORKMENS COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

*Mr. Loughrey written to 9/5/25*  
A letter from Mr. Joseph Loughrey, Solicitor, Derry, enclosing copy application for Arbitration for compensation under the Workmens' Compensation Act, 1906, with copy Notice of Inquiry, dated 9th March, 1925, in the case Bernard McLaughlin V County Council, having been read, it was decided to deny all liability in the matter.

#### LIMIT OF ROAD EXPENDITURE.

Copy resolution passed by Milford Rural District Council requesting the County Council to apply for sanction for £400 in excess of the limit on road expenditure for ensuing financial year to enable the District Council to carry out some necessary repairs on roads, was read, and no action taken, as the matter should now emanate from the County Council under the Local Government Act, 1925.

#### RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master at Rathmullan reporting damage to fender piles and stone work of Pier, etc. No action taken.

#### FLOODING OF LANDS.

*Mr. Doherty written to 9/5/25*  
A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Doherty, Clougherna, Carndonagh, complaining of damage done to a field, his property, in the townland of Cashel by surface water from county road. The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman for attention.

#### APPLICATION FOR A PRESS.

An application by Mr. Wm. Arthur, District Court Clerk, Lifford, for a press in which to keep books and records, was considered, and Mr. Steadman directed to provide one.

#### DAIL LOAN OF £2,350.

*Chas. Glenties R.D. Council written to 9/5/25*  
Copy resolution of Glenties Rural District Council, re Dail Loan of £2,350 obtained by Tirconail County Council in October, 1921 for Glenties Union, having been read, consideration was postponed in the absence of Councillor McGill, Chairman of the Rural District Council.

LIMIT OF ROAD EXPENDITURE.

A resolution of Glenties Rural District Council - "That the Limit of Road Expenditure for Glenties Rural District has been exceeded in respect of current financial year no proposals for works be considered at forthcoming half yearly meeting" - was read.

ROAD CONTRACTS.

A resolution of Glenties Rural District requesting the County Council, on the recommendation of Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, to approve of the tenders accepted by the former Council for roads Nos. 25, 26, 30 & 240 which were subsequently rejected by the County Council on 16th December last, was read.

ROAD IN INNISFREE ISLAND.

A memorial was read from the inhabitants of Innisfree Island, situated two miles from Burtonport, requesting the County Council to grant them the convenience of roads to get manure to their crops and facilitate them in their fishing operations.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), the County Surveyor was directed to visit the Island and furnish the County Council with a report on the matter at next meeting.

PERMISSION TO MAKE A PIPE.

An application by Mr. John McNelis, Common, Ardara, for permission to make a pipe under the main road at his premises in the townland of Common, to enable him to drain a garden at the roadside was acceded to, subject to the approval of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

CONDITION OF A ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Boyle, Arranmore, relative to the bad condition of the road from Leabgarrow to Arranmore Lighthouse. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for attention.

TAKING UP DUTY BY ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

Mr. Steadman reported that Mr. J.J. Caffrey took up duty on the 14th April, 1925, as Assistant County Surveyor in the place of Mr. Edward O'Callaghan, resigned, and that he is residing at Buncrana, as arranged; also that Mr. M.J. Dawson took up duty on 13th April, 1925 in the place of Mr. Michael O'Callaghan; that so far he has been unable to get a house at either Creeslough or Dunfanaghy, the location for his residence, either place being the most central for the area he has to look after, it is very important that he should get into residence at one of these places at the earliest date possible.

HEAVY MOTOR TRAFFIC.

Mr Steadman reported as follows:-

GENTLEMEN,

The damage caused to the roads by the traffic of heavy lorries and the consequent large increase in the cost of maintenance is a matter requiring consideration.

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The roads until eight or nine years ago had been gradually been made up to carry a class of traffic very different from that now prevailing. In fact a cart carrying a ton was considered to be quite a heavy load, nevertheless these same roads without further strengthening were suddenly called upon to carry lorries weighing 5 tons with loads of from 5 to 6 tons and travelling at a rate of 15 to 20 miles per hour. The result of such traffic is apparent to everyone and the additional demand on the ratepayers for coping with the injury arising is a serious matter.

When a railway is contemplated the people comprising the Company expecting to gain thereby, have not only to make the track or road but maintain same. This has to be done in addition to providing the Rolling Stock.

If a railway were relieved of the annual outlay on maintenance, in the same way as the owners of heavy lorries who use our roads, it would be able to reduce freights from 50% to 60%, a benefit that would be felt, not only by a few, but by the entire community.

Contrast these conditions with those that prevail in the case of owners of heavy lorries - they merely supply the Rolling Stock and the ratepayers are, under the existing state of affairs, called upon to find the money for, not only making an adequate track or road, but in addition they are called upon to maintain it. This annual maintenance through suddenly subjecting roads to traffic of a nature they were never constructed to carry means, that the ratepayers are called upon to find three or four times the money for maintenance that was required for the same roads prior to 1915 and with it all there is the greatest difficulty to get even as fair a surface as formerly. And for what return? Merely that a small fraction of the Community, (the owners of heavy lorries and those availing themselves of such transport), might gain somewhat in the matter of convenience, for nothing else is passed on to the community as lorry freights are usually sufficiently high to cover both railway freights and terminal charges.

The railways are in existence and they provide a track suitable for the carrying of heavy traffic moreover they are struggling as I have shown against unfair conditions.

Steps should be taken that would result in all heavy traffic being carried by railways - not a very difficult matter - and so relieve the ratepayers of a heavy burden for which they get no recompense. If this were done freights could, as a condition, be lowered. Traders would only require light motors or carts at terminals and short lengths only of roads leading to stations from towns would receive extra traffic.

Such short lengths could be speedily dealt with and the Trunk Roads when put in order by the annual Grants coming to the County, supplemented from the rates, could be kept in fair order for longer periods with a much smaller outlay than is at present required. A scheme worked out on some such lines would lead to the improvement and maintenance of roads with considerable relief to the ratepayers. Struggling railways would be aided by receiving all heavy traffic and the State would not be called upon to provide grants to anything like the same extent to help such railways tiding over annual deficiencies.

The owners of light motors from whom the Motor Tax in the main is derived, and from which tax Grants are made to County Authorities for road improvement, are not receiving the benefit they should owing to the destruction caused by heavy lorries. Moreover the tax on heavy lorries is nothing like in proportion to the damage caused by them.

In brief if the owners of heavy lorries were called upon to make and maintain a track or road such traffic could not exist.

It only exists through the ratepayers being required to provide these facilities.

In densely populated highly industrial countries other factors enter but even there much is to be gained by at least the long distance heavy traffic being diverted to the railways.

It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until next meeting. The question being of public interest the Secretary was directed to send Report to the Press.

BRIDGE & CULVERT IN TOWNLAND OF THREE TREES.

Mr Steadman reported as follows:-

GENTLEMEN,

To make sure of the full extent of the complaint made by Councillor McNally at last meeting I called upon him when in that direction and found that in addition to the bridge I inspected another culvert in need of some repairs. These I will arrange to get carried out in the course of a week or so when I get through with the work connected with my District Council meetings.

LENAN ROAD.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

GENTLEMEN,

I inspected the Lenan road complained of at last meeting and found that the gravel had in some places been spread too thickly. I have had this rectified by removing portion and distributing same on other portions of the road requiring repair.

The traffic, I noticed, is using this section of the repaired road in preference to an alternative route which would indicate that there is nothing that can reasonably be complained about.

CLERKS IN COUNTY SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT.

It was unanimously resolved to request the Local Government Ministry to sanction the continuance to 31st December next of appointment of Messrs Dan Kelly and Patrick McDermott as clerks in County Surveyors Department.

SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES.

A letter, dated 22nd April, 1925, F18249/1925, Tirconail County, was read from the Local Government Ministry in regard to the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places as recently arranged by Tirconail County Council, and stating that the latter body should give this draft scheme a most detailed examination.

The Secretary was directed to state in reply that the Council in formulating the scheme had in view the necessity of affording ample facilities to all electors to record their votes, especially those aged and infirm, who would be unable to travel long distances; that in the limited time now available the Council felt they could not reconsider the scheme and therefore requested the Ministry to approve of it.

It was decided that in the event of the Ministry being unable to do so the Secretary be authorised to make arrangements to carry out the forthcoming Local Elections in accordance with the scheme hitherto in force in Tirconail.

On the suggestion of Councillor Gallen the Secretary, as  
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#### TRANSFER OF OFFICERS.

A circular letter, dated 21st April, 1925, Reference No. GI54777/1925, was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health on above subject, and referred to the new Council for consideration.

#### BLIND PERSONS' ACT.

A letter dated 24th April, 1925, I7939/1925, Miscellaneous, from the Local Government Ministry (Old Age Pensions Branch) referring to the resolution of the Tirconail County Council on the subject of the grant of Pensions under above Act and stating that the Minister regrets that he is unable to alter the present standard of medical certification in Blind Pension Appeal cases, was read.

#### SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES.

A letter dated 21/4/'25 was read from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning superannuation allowances to Messrs Michael & Edward O'Callaghan for services rendered as Assistant County Surveyors in Tirconail County.

In the case of Mr. Edward O'Callaghan the Minister stated that he could not assent to the payment of a greater superannuation allowance than £110 per annum, and in sanctioning this amount he is allowing an addition of seven years to Mr. O'Callaghan's service. The Council's proposal to add sixteen years to this officer's service for superannuation purposes could not be approved.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick T.D., it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Local Government, Roads, to reconsider their decision in the matter of superannuation of Mr. E. O'Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, as recommended by this Council, and that this Council further recommend that said superannuation be granted on the basis of two-thirds of the average of his salary and pensionable emoluments for the last three years of his service.

#### re PATRICK MCGEEHAN.

A letter dated 24th April, 1925, GI6282/1925, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the superannuation of Patrick McGeehan of the Council's Clerical Staff and stating that the Minister is not prepared to sanction the amount proposed. In view of the circumstances connected with the termination of Mr. McGeehan's services (on whose behalf it is noted medical testimony has been submitted that he is no longer fitted for service owing to bodily infirmity) the Minister sees no reason why he should be granted more than the usual pension which his service would warrant, i.e.  $\frac{25}{60}$ ths of his average emoluments or £120 per annum.

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On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously resolved to ask the Minister for Local Government to approve of a superannuation allowance of 25/60ths of his average emoluments, plus 3 added years.

#### TIRCONAILL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter dated 25/4/'25 was read from the Secretary, Tirconail County Board of Health appending statement showing the state of the Board's a/c on the 31st ultimo and requesting the Council to make a grant of £7,500 to cover liabilities on the latter date. The Secretary was directed to state in reply that the County Council, owing to the lack of funds, are not at present in a position to accede to the Board's request.

#### OVERDRAFT.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was unanimously decided to request the Local Government Ministry to sanction an overdraft of £40,000 being obtained from the Treasurer of the County.

#### APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE WASTE GROUND.

An application by Mr. Joseph Robinson, Stranorlar, for permission to use a small piece of waste ground in front of his house in Stranorlar, was considered and permission refused.

#### RUBBER WASHED ASHORE.

A letter from Mr. Wm. Grant, Assistant Officer, Cloughfin, Clonmany, re square block of rubber washed ashore, weighing about 4 stone, and requesting to know what to do with it, having been read, it was decided to refer him to the Custom Authorities.

#### VALUATION OF DAMAGE TO LAND.

A letter was read from Mr. P.M. Ward, Ramelton, enclosing valuation of damage at Frablin Quarry. It was decided to defer consideration of the matter until the valuations also made by Messrs Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, and McCrea, Auctioneer, had been received.

#### re BRIDGE AT THE RAMPART.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Sweeney, Secretary, Cumann na nGaedeal Committee, Cruckamore, Dungloe, regarding the bridge at the Rampart, between Dungloe and Burtonport. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for a report.

#### BUNCRANA PIER.

A letter from Mr. C. Moran, Harbour Master, Bunrana, stating that Fender Piles are urgently required for the Pier, having been read, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor reported as follows:-

GENTLEMEN,

I inspected Bunrana Pier and found that considerable damage had been done to the fender piles; also fastenings and other parts of the structure - this has been brought about through the unreasonable use of the pier by the fishing boats, it indicates that no control or authority has been exercised by the Harbour Master to insure, as is his duty, that the boats taking advantage of

of this pier approach same with some degree of care and caution. Unless steps are taken to secure that a Harbour Master enforces proper control, similar to that exercised by Harbour Masters in other places, I fail to see how, in the near future, a heavy outlay can be avoided. I have put in hands some of the most urgent repairs necessary but not to any large extent.

It was decided to inform the Harbour Master that he must enforce proper control at the Pier in future otherwise the Council will be compelled to take serious notice of his neglect of duty in this respect.

#### PROPOSED LOAN OF £5,000 FOR BUNCRANA PIER IMPROVEMENTS.

With regard to the Council's proposal at their previous meeting to carry out improvements on the pier at Buncrana, the County Surveyor, Mr. Steadman reported that he had not yet completed his investigations. He added that unless the harbour master enforced proper control over the fishing boats using the pier very heavy expenditure would be necessary.

Councillor McGoldrick said that it was very necessary in the interests of the ratepayers who wanted relief to develop the resources of the county. He therefore proposed that this County Council apply to the Local Government Ministry for sanction to a loan of £5,000 to be obtained from the Treasurer of the county on the security of the £500 per annum which they would at least get as Dues at Buncrana Pier every year (if the fishing industry was developed they would bring the dues up to £1,000 per annum), said loan, with interest, to be repaid within a period of 25 years.

Councillor Kelly (H.J.) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

It was decided that the County Surveyor's Report and estimate be considered at next meeting, meanwhile, that the Secretary prepare a Return of the dues collected at Buncrana Pier for submission at meeting.

#### RATHMULLAN PIER.

A deputation from Rathmullan appeared before the Council in regard to the proposed taking over from the Board of Works of the Rathmullan Wooden Pier Extension, but as the Council had not received a reply from the Board regarding certain points on which they desired information it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until next meeting.

#### LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY AND DREDGING OF BURTONPORT HARBOUR.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) drew attention to the promise of financial support to the Derry and Lough Swilly Railway Company. He said that the Free State Government had made an offer of £7,000 towards the working of the line. He understood that a deputation of the directors went to the Northern Government, who gave them a promise of another £7,000. The people of West Donegal, for whom the line from Letterkenny to Burtonport was built, were very much concerned about the working of this railway. They were afraid that unless something was done, within a year or two the railway would be scrapped, as motor cars and motor lorries were taking its place. The County Council should do something to try and keep the railway opened. He had received a letter from the West Donegal Sand and Mineral Syndicate asking that something be done to make the harbour at Burtonport safe for vessels to come in there. Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) added that they got a promise some time ago that dredging operations would be carried out at Burtonport, and he proposed that the Board of Works be requested to send

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a dredger to Burtonport at the earliest possible moment.

The Chairman - Do you want to put that on the rates of the county?

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said that there was no necessity to put the expense on the rates. There was almost £12,000 to their credit in respect of the original grant. The work was on foot in 1920, when the project was stopped owing to the state of the country. They wanted the work started.

The Chairman said he quite agreed with the proposal, but Councillor O'Donnell could have got to the matter quite easily without referring to the Railway Company.

Councillor O'Duffy seconded the proposition which was passed unanimously.

#### CONDITION OF A ROAD.

Councillor O'Duffy drew attention to the condition of the road near Dunfanaghy which, he said, was impassable at the present time, he wired Mr. Steadman but received no reply. It was a main road from Letterkenny around to Burtonport. People coming from devotions on Sunday had to wade to their knees in water. He moved that immediate steps be taken by Mr. Steadman to have the road put in proper order.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said he did not neglect to take action in regard to a telegram he had received from Councillor O'Duffy about the road in question. He passed on the wire to the Assistant Surveyor responsible. He was doing his best, and he recognised the urgency of the matter just as much as Co. O'Duffy.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

#### CONDITION OF A ROAD AT BLOODY FORELAND.

Councillor McGoldrick directed attention to the road at Bloody Foreland, and urged that it should be put in good condition.

Mr. Steadman said the difficulty of it all was the want of money. The road is hardly able to bear a cart not to mention those heavy vehicles. He would however have some repairs carried out as soon as possible.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL'S ROAD MACHINERY, etc..

Councillor McDermott asked Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, (a) how many rollers, breakers and trucks were employed in carrying out the work on the trunk roads; (b) who are the actual owners of these machines and their respective addresses; (c) how much money is expended on them; (d) by what authority was the work discontinued from Lifford to Ballinaleck (this work was arranged by the County Council and the Department's engineer, and £1,700 authorised to be expended); (e) who is responsible for stopping the work from the Hollands to Lifford.

Mr. Steadman - So far as the North Division of the county is concerned, the answers to Councillor McDermott's queries are as follows, exclusive of county plant: - (a), 4 rollers, 5 stone-breakers, 2 lorries or waggons; (b) Mr. J. McMenamin, 18, Dungiven Road, Derry; Mr. J. Tracey, 13, Meehan's Row, Derry; Mr. H. Cummins, Coleraine; Messrs. G. Gregg, Larne; Mr. T. Ellis, Derry; Mr. Sherrard, Derry; (c), hire of a roller is £2 per day and coal, breaker £2:15 per day and coal, lorry - dependent upon the number of journeys made and the rate per ton, which depends on the distance (it might be taken at about £3 per day); (d), it appears to have been by the authority of the men engaged in the carting of the stone, backed up by others, who should, as a matter of

of prudence, have made more than one-sided inquiries if they were able to render any advice; (e) I am not aware of any road scheme having been formulated for work between Hollands and Lifford, hence the question of stoppage does not arise.

Councillor McDermott said that the relief schemes should not be for the great capitalists to the disadvantage of the poor.

Councillor O'Duffy said he was under the impression that the work was going on. Within earshot of Mr. McDermott's house there were rollers and machinery working.

Councillor McDermott - Did you inquire how many lorries are lying down there? Some of them are lying there like lumber on the road.

Mr. Steadman said that near the Swilly Bridge there were two rollers, and the material for the road had to be broken by stone-breakers and then carted down to the place where the roller was working. He put on a second roller in order to hasten the work, and as they were not getting anything like sufficient material by means of the carts he employed a motor lorry that was working on an adjoining job near Newtoncunningham. When the lorry arrived the carts drew off from the work. A little further on a stone-breaker was brought to a standstill, and things took on an aspect that Mr. Kelly deemed it advisable to withdraw the plant from the road. The men, he understood, wanted the work to go on at a slower rate, and did not wish any other plant employed. Mr. Steadman added that he then went to another of their works - a trunk road work - taking with him a lorry. The lorry was held up. He had a talk with the men who related to him some of the things he had already mentioned. He told them that if they interfered in any way with the County Council plant they would only weaken any case they might put forward before the County Council. The Council were paying 8/- a day for carting, and it turned out a very dear way. The proposition he made to the men was that they were free to cart away as heretofore at the rate of 8/- and cart as much as they were able, and that the lorry would be used to supplement the supply so as to keep the roller going. But he was met with a blank refusal. That happened on Saturday, and he asked them to carry on for the two days - Saturday and Monday - and keep the plant employed in as much as they had to pay for it. He ordered a waggon himself, and proceeded to have it loaded, but the men would not allow the waggon to be loaded. If that kind of action was to be tolerated all he could say was, "Good-bye to all attempts at carrying on work on any economic basis." If the men had a grievance they had no right to take such high-handed action.

Councillor Gallen said the matter had been put before him in a different light. The men were employed at 8/- per day, and they were drawing three loads per day; and that they were required to draw four loads per day. That was the origin of the trouble, he was informed. He thought the matter could easily be settled.

In reply to questions, Mr. Steadman said the cost of the transport of the stone by the lorry worked out at about 2/- a ton, including the men employed to load and unload it. Taking the three loads brought down by each cart the amount would not exceed 35 cwt., and certainly not more than two tons.

Councillor Bonner inquired if the Trunk Road Grant would revert to the Government if not expended within the financial year.

Councillor McGoldrick said he believed that Mr. Steadman was quite right and quite justified in taking the steps he did in order to get the work done quickly. If it was not done before the end of the financial year the danger was that the money would revert back to the Department if it was not expended.

Subsequently.

Subsequently some of the men concerned appeared before the Council. Mr. Steadman said he was prepared to pay them at the rate of 3/- per ton (24 cubic feet) for drawing the road material.

The men expressed satisfaction and said they would proceed with the work.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY : PROSECUTIONS.

| INDEX LETTER | No.  | OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS                                                 | DATE OF OFFENCE | REMARKS                                 |
|--------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| I H          | 1068 | James Molloy,<br>Ardara.                                                 | 16/3/'25        | Tax not paid for quarter ended 24/3/'25 |
| I H          | 643  | Daniel McNelis,<br>Ardara.                                               | 19/4/'25        | Licence issued 20/4/'25                 |
| I H          | 894  | Harry Spence,<br>Ardara.                                                 | 19/4/'25        | Licence issued 22/4/'25                 |
| I H          | 1092 | Patrick Green,<br>Shanlough,<br>Glenties.<br>Mr. Corr,<br>Under-Sheriff. | 24/4/'25        | No application yet made for licence.    |

It was unanimously decided to institute proceedings through the County Council's Solicitor in each case.

COUNTY COUNCIL V JAMES DORRIAN, ROSSNAKILL.

Councillor Coll proposed the mitigation of the £20 penalty imposed on Mr. James Dorrian, Rosstown, at Milford District Court on 14th April, 1925, provided that the defendant agrees to pay costs (£2;0;0) and motor duty from 1st January last.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor McGoldrick moved a direct negative, the Chairman seconded.

VOTING.

FOR THE AMENDMENT.....COUNCILLORS Clarke, Gallen, McGoldrick, O'Donnell (Hugh), & O'Flaherty. - 5

AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS Bonner, Coll, Kelly (H.J.), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, McNally, McShane, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, Phelan and Quigley. - 12.

COUNCILLORS Boyle, Myles and McDermott had left the meeting. The amendment was declared lost.

COUNTY COUNCIL V NEIL DOHERTY, GREENCASTLE.

In this case a letter was read from the defendant as was also a letter from Messrs Roberts & Sons, Derry, from whom the car was purchased.

Councillor Bonner explained that Mr. Doherty paid the Duty on an old car which is now useless and that he (Mr. Doherty) was of opinion the Duty could be transferred to a new car which he subsequently purchased.

It was decided under the circumstances to direct the Council's Solicitor to withdraw the prosecution.

COUNTY COUNCIL V PAT McGLINCHEY, STRANORLAR.

In this case the explanation given for failure to pay Licence Duty at proper time was considered satisfactory and proceedings withdrawn.

COUNTY COUNCIL V JAMES O'DONNELL - I H. III5.

The Council's Solicitor reported that the above-named had paid £6 costs of prosecution.

RESULT OF PROSECUTIONS.

The Solicitor to the Council submitted reports conveying Result of Prosecutions in cases recently ordered by the Council.

re MOTOR PROSECUTIONS.

A letter dated 24th April, 1925, R/MT/7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that under section 39 of the Local Government Act 1925 the Garda Siothchana can prosecute in respect of Excise offences under the Finance and Roads Acts 1920, but this does not affect the powers and duties of the County Council to prosecute in the case of Excise offences.

The power of the County Council to mitigate a penalty imposed as a result of legal proceedings instituted by them is not affected by the Act of 1925 but the Council have <sup>no</sup> power to mitigate a penalty imposed as a result of legal proceedings instituted by the Garda Siothchana.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A letter dated 23rd April, 1925, was received from the Ministry drawing attention to the Budget speech of the Minister for Finance, from which it would be noted that the Agricultural grant was being doubled, and that legislation would be introduced to enable the benefit of the increased grant being allowed to agricultural ratepayers in the present year of assessment. Arrangements should be made accordingly to amend the rate-books, demand notes, and receipts already prepared so as to allow a further deduction in respect of lands equivalent to the full normal amount of the agricultural grant in addition to the allowance already made. The Ministry consented to the temporary employment of such suitable necessary clerical assistance as may be requisite for the purpose. The Minister expects that the substantial benefit to agricultural ratepayers now afforded by the Government will be reflected by a prompt recognition on their part of their civic responsibilities in the payment of all rates due. The Minister, when recommending the issue of instalments of the grant, will have regard to the position of each county as shown by the rates at the time collected and outstanding.

The Secretary stated that as the Council having already made a reduction of £56,000 in the current year's estimate on the assumption that the ratepayers could not afford to pay a higher "General" rate than 10/- in the £ the additional grant should not be applied to a further reduction of the rate on agricultural land. The reduction already made will place the Council in a serious financial condition. To mitigate this, to some extent, he recommended that the Estimate be increased by the amount (£21,000) of the Grant and that this sum be allocated to the following services:-

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH..... | £8,000 |
| MAIN ROADS.....             | 5,000  |
| MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL       |        |
| CHARGES.....                | 8,000  |
| TOTAL.....                  | 21,000 |

In reply to the Chairman, he said that the County Council based the estimates on the capability of the people to pay, and not on the amount required to run the County Council.

Councillor McGoldrick, T.D., said that he did not see eye to eye with the secretary's recommendations. They did cut down the estimates undoubtedly, as the secretary stated. They did so with a view to insisting upon the bedrock of economy being reached during the coming year. Now this unexpected money that they were to receive on account of the agricultural grant should, according to the secretary, be placed opposite this money that they had cut off the estimate, and that it should not be given to the agricultural interests in the community. He proposed that this grant be given to the agricultural community, and that it should not be sent to the various institutions to make up what is expected to be a deficiency in their funds for the coming year. The grant should be given, he added, in addition to what they had taken off the rates for the benefit and relief of the agricultural community. It was absolutely imperative that the rates should come down, and that the institutions that are empowered to levy rates must learn to understand what is the reasonable capacity of the ratepayers to pay in these distressful times. Councillor McDermott seconded.

In reply to Councillor McDermott, the Secretary said that this was an additional agricultural grant, which had been given this year for the benefit of the ratepayers.

Councillor McDermott asked would the grant come.

The Chairman said that it would.

Councillor McDermott - It is a case of live horse and you will get oats.

Councillor O'Mahony - You must give the oats time to ripen.

Councillor Gallen said that the County Council decided on reducing the estimates of the County Board of Health, but no explanation was given as to how such a reduction was to be made. It was absolutely futile reducing the estimate if they did not point out to those running the institution how they are to proceed.

The Chairman said that as far as he knew there was no effort whatever made to show under what heads the reductions were to be made. They simply wiped out three figures without going into details at all.

Councillor Gallen pointed out that last year Mr. O'Farrell insisted on reducing the estimates by £4,000, though according to the facts at his disposal he should have increased them by £5,000.

Councillor McDermott said that they should collect their debts.

The Chairman explained that last year they cut down the rates by one half. Now that deficit had to be paid in seven instalments, which would be added to the following years' rates. The cutting down of the rates this year would leave an enormous deficit for the following years. He did not think that the matter was gone into accurately at the time. It was simply done by a stroke of the pen.

The Chairman then proposed as an amendment that the Council accept the recommendations made by the Secretary. Councillor Boyle seconded.

#### VOTING.

FOR THE AMENDMENT.....COUNCILLORS Boyle, Clarke, Coll,  
Gallen, Mahony, Myles, O'Donnell (J.F.),  
O'Flaherty & Phelan. - 9.

AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS Kelly (H.J.), Lanigan Lynch,  
McDermott, McGoldrick, McShane,  
O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Duffy ' Quigley -9.

Several Councillors contended that the Chairman had a casting vote, and as he was in favour of the amendment it was passed.

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The Chairman said it was stated at a previous meeting that he had no casting vote, at any rate he would put the motion to the meeting.

FOR THE MOTION.....COUNCILLORS Coll, Kelly (H.J.), Lanigan, Lynch, McDermott, McGoldrick, McShane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Duffy & Quigley - 10.  
AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS Boyle, Clarke, Gallen, Mahony, Myles, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Flaherty and Phelan. - 8.

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

#### MAKING OF RATES.

Proposed by Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Clarke and unanimously resolved - That the Council of the County of Tirconail hereby make Rates on the property Rateable thereto in the several Rural Districts in the County under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and of Acts incorporated therewith, for the service of the year ending the 31st day of March, 1926, leviable in two half-yearly moieties, together with arrears, provision being also made for the repayment of the Seed Loan.

And it is further resolved - That the Warrants for the collection of the first and second moieties, together with arrears of previous Rates and Seed Loan, as above specified, be signed and sealed with the seal of the Council and issued to the Collectors for the several Collection Districts; also that the annual Estimate and Demand upon Bundoran, Buncrana, and Letterkenny Urban District Councils in respect of the above financial year be signed and the seal of the County Council affixed thereto, and that as required by Article 97 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904 the Secretary of the Council be authorised to appoint Deputies for the various Rural Districts for the purpose of examining the books of the several Collectors of Poor Rate for those Rural Districts in respect of the Financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

#### ASSESSMENT OF INCOME TAX.

Consideration of Demands for payment of Income Tax on the Interest accrued on the County Council a/cs. and in respect of Harbour Dues collected - Period:- Years ended 5th April, 1921, and 1923 respectively, was deferred until next meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR  
No. 29 COLLECTION DISTRICT.**

Before proceeding to consider applications for the position of Rate Collector for above Collection District a letter, dated 22nd April, 1925, GI4686/1925, was read from the Local Government Department on the subject, pointing out that further delay in making the appointment could only prejudice the very unsatisfactory position as regards rate collection generally. The Minister has given his reasons for not sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Neil Blaney. Preference should be given to ex-Service men.

Applications were received from

| NAME                 | ADDRESS              |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Michael Joseph Boyce | Moorvæew, Ramelton   |
| James Deeny          | Creevary, Rathmullan |
| Hugh Dorrian, junior | Rossnakill           |
| Neil Blaney          | Rossnakill           |
| Bryan Sweeney        | Corry, Portsalon     |
| Francis McAteer      | Ray, Rathmullan      |

| APPLICANT            | PROPOSED<br>BY COUNCILLOR | SECONDED<br>BY COUNCILLOR |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| James Deeny          | Bonner                    | O'Duffy                   |
| Hugh Dorrian, junior | O'Mahony                  | Lynch                     |
| Neil Blaney          | Phelan                    | Coll                      |
| Bryan Sweeney        | McGoldrick                | Myles                     |

Mr. Blaney said that he wished to withdraw his application, and he would be grateful if they would give him permission for doing so. He felt deeply grateful to the proposer and seconder of the motion that he be appointed. He was fully aware of the fact that if he complied with certain regulations under the old Local Government Act he could secure that appointment by an overwhelming majority. He was not, however, prepared now, or at any future date, to sacrifice principle to expediency. (Hear, hear). The regulations of that Act were an insuperable barrier to him accepting the position. He felt bound in honour to withdraw his application. He was aware that there were a great number of members of the County Council who, though he did not comply with those regulations, would give him their undivided support. That also was a deciding factor in urging him to withdraw, as he did not think it would be fair on his part to seek the support of those who, by supporting him, might jeopardise their means of livelihood. He felt bound to take this line of action, and he begged to thank all those who had supported him in the past, and who would support him again under certain conditions.

Mr. McAteer also withdrew his application.

VOTING.

FOR DEENEY.....COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, Kelly (H.J.),  
Lanigan, McNally, McShane, O'Donnell (Hugh)  
& Quigley. - 8.

FOR DORRIAN.....COUNCILLORS Boyle, Coll, Lynch, Mahony,  
O'Donnell (J.F.)

O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty & Phelan - 8  
FOR SWEENEY.....COUNCILLORS Myles and McGoldrick - 2.  
Councillor Gallen did not vote and Councillor McDermott was absent.  
Mr. Sweeney dropped out and a vote was taken as between Deeney and Dorrian.  
FOR DEENEY.....COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, Kelly (H.J.), Ianigan, Myles, McNally, McShane, O'Donnell (Hugh) & Quigley. - 9.  
FOR DORRIAN.....COUNCILLORS Boyle, Coll, Lynch, Mahony, McGoldrick, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty & Phelan. - 9.

Councillor Gallen did not vote and Councillor McDermott was absent.

As an equal number of members supported the two applicants, the Chairman asked if the applicants would toss to see which would fill the appointment, but this was not agreed to.

The Chairman asked Councillor Gallen if he would vote, and he replied that he would not. Councillor Gallen added that he had no complaint to make with the majority of the members, but there was one man who seemed to be dictator and grand high humbugger.

Councillor Lynch suggested that the names be sent to the Ministry, and that they be requested to make the selection.

It was decided to re-advertise the position, appointment to be made at next meeting.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES - MULHERN AND DUNNION.

An application for a superannuation allowance for services rendered by Mr. Michael Mulhern, Bundoran, as Poor Rate Collector, was submitted. Mr. Michael Maguire, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, appeared on behalf of the applicant and handed in a memorial signed by certain substantial ratepayers in Bundoran (Rural) Electoral Division supporting Mr. Mulhern's application, accompanied by a medical certificate to the effect that Mr. Mulhern was in impaired health at the time he ceased to act as Collector.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly (H.J.), seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was decided to consider Mr. Mulhern's application for a pension at meeting to be held on 16th June next.

It was also decided that an application by Mr. Francis Dunnion for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Poor Rate Collector be considered at same meeting, meanwhile, that five weeks' notice be given to each member of the County Council of the proposal to consider both applications.

#### CHANGES OF NAMES OF OCCUPIERS IN RATE BOOKS. ACT 23, V.I.T., Cap. 4, Sec. 6.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was unanimously resolved that changes of names of occupiers notified to the Council Office be made in the current year's Rate Books under the above Act.

#### COLLECTOR HOLMES'S APPLICATION FOR INCREASED POUNDAGE.

An application by Mr. Wm. Holmes, Poor Rate Collector, for an increase in his poundage from 6d to 1/- in respect of his collection for the year ended the 31st March, 1925, and previous arrears was submitted. No action was taken in the matter.

COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR TO APPEAR ON BEHALF OF  
COLLECTORS FRIEL AND J.B. O'DONNELL.

Collectors Friel and John B. O'Donnell requested the Council to instruct their Solicitor to appear in court on their behalf in certain cases for recovery of uncollected rates. The application of the former related to arrears due on a vacant house, the owner of which resided in Northern Ireland, the present occupier refusing to meet the claim. The application of Collector O'Donnell related to eight or ten cases of arrears in No. 13 District for which he had only been appointed Collector last year. The Council acceded to both applications.

COLLECTOR E.J. O'DOHERTY'S PERSONAL SECURITY.

The Secretary submitted letter dated the 25/3/'25 (GI3I6I/I925) from the Local Government Department regarding the failure of Collector E.J. Doherty to complete his Personal Security. Communications in the matter were also read from the Collector and the Council's Solicitor. The latter stated that the bond had now been completed, and would be forwarded to the Council in due course. The Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

LETTER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY re  
COLLECTOR MICHAEL O'DONNELL.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Department enclosing copy of a communication addressed by that body to Collector Michael O'Donnell regarding the unsatisfactory state of his collection. Regarding the Collector's complaint that the Council's Solicitor had not assisted him in the recovery of sums due by persistent defaulters, the Secretary stated that he had been in correspondence with their legal adviser who informed him that proceedings in a number of cases would be instituted without further delay. The Council approved of the adoption of this course.

APPOINTMENT OF COLLECTOR E.C. O'DONNELL.

The Secretary submitted letter dated the 3/5/'25 (GI48I8/I925) (Tirconall County) from the Local Government Department sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. Edward C. O'Donnell as Rate Collector for No. 30 Collection District in the County.

ADDITIONAL PENNY POUNDAGE FOR YEAR  
3I/3/'24 - COLLECTOR DEERY.

The Secretary submitted letter from Local Government Ministry dated 24/3/'25 (GI3I77/I925) refusing to sanction an additional penny poundage to Collector Michael Deery in respect of his warrant for the year ended the 3I/3/'24.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Kelly (H.J.), it was unanimously decided to recommend the Department to re-consider their decision and to approve of the proposed payment. Collector Deery, who was present, stated that the uncollected rates which were included in his lodgments represented 75% of his fees since 1919.

INCREASED REMUNERATION TO COLLECTOR MCGINTY.

The Secretary submitted letters dated the 24/3/'25 and 2/4/'25 (GI3162/1925 and GI4655/1925) from the Local Government Department agreeing to an extension of dates in relation to proposed increased poundage for year ended the 31/3/'25 to Collector McGinty but refusing to sanction a similar variation of their original order as regards subsequent years. The Secretary pointed out that Mr. McGinty had not the requisite proportions of his warrant lodged by the specified dates to permit of increased poundage being allowed for the past year; and in this connection he submitted letter from Collector McGinty stating that he had been unable to comply with the Department's conditions owing to the late date on which his warrant was issued. In view of this fact, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Bonner, to recommend the Department to sanction the increased poundage in this case for the period in question.

SCHEDULES OF UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Secretary submitted schedules of uncollected rates for the following Collection Districts:-

| COLLECTOR'S NAME  | No. of DISTRICT | PERIOD             |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Robert Mulhern    | 2               | Year 31/3/'24      |
| Thomas Flood      | 6               | " 31/3/'24         |
| John B. O'Donnell | 13              | Half-year 30/9/'23 |
| Joseph McGlinchey | 14              | Year 31/3/'24      |
| Bernard Browne    | 36              | Half year 31/3/'25 |

It was decided to strike off as irrecoverable and refund to Collectors the rates on derelict buildings and on ruins, and such other items as appeared from the evidence furnished to warrant the adoption of that course. All other items were disallowed.

The foregoing ruling in the cases of Collectors J.B.O'Donnell and McGlinchey is conditional on their closing forthwith their collections for the respective periods specified.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

It was unanimously decided to recommend the Department to sanction payment of ordinary poundage to all collectors who had closed their accounts by the 30th April, 1925 in respect of years ended the 31/3/'23, 31/3/'24 and 31/3/'25, the recommendation in regard to the first mentioned period applying only to the case of Robert Mulhern, Ardfarna, Bundoran, who lodged the balance of that year's arrears on the 28/5/'24.

COLLECTORS CLAIM FOR POUNDAGE ON THEIR ORIGINAL WARRANTS FOR YEAR 31/3/'25.

Arising out of entry in Minutes of Proceedings of Tirconail County Council on the 24/3/'25, the Secretary submitted letter from Collector John Gillespie, Ballyshannon, Secretary of the Tirconail Poor Rate Collectors' Association, requesting the County Council to receive a deputation on behalf of the Association in regard to the Collectors claim for payment of poundage on their original warrants for the year ended the 31/3/'25. The Council having acceded to this request, Mr. Gillespie on behalf of the deputation, asked the Council to furnish to the Local Government Department the statement requested by the latter showing the earnings

earnings of the Collectors for each of the past five years.

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Kelly (H.J.) it was decided to furnish return in question to the Department.

CLAIM FOR POUNDAGE BY ex-COLLECTOR McCOLE.

A claim by Mr. James McCole, ex-Collector of Poor Rate, for poundage on £1,588:4:6 rates collected and lodged for the half year ended the 31st March, 1922, was submitted. Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared on behalf of Mr. McCole.

The Council decided to adhere to their previous decision to defer consideration of the matter until the completion of the collection of the arrears of rates in the district now in progress.

COLLECTION OF THE RATE.

The Secretary submitted letter dated the 24/3/'25 (GI3I92/1925) from the Local Government Department reluctantly sanctioning the Council's proposal to grant Collectors to the 30/4/'25 to close their collections for the year ended the 31/3/'24, but only on the distinct understanding that if they failed to do so the Council's decision to remove them from office will be immediately enforced, and the Collection Books forthwith taken up.

The Secretary mentioned that notwithstanding the assurances previously given on behalf of the collectors concerned to have their full warrants lodged within the time specified, the collections up to the present had not been completed in nine districts excluding districts No.26 and 30 for which new collectors had been appointed.

Messrs P.J. Ward and Wm. Kelly, Solicitors, who appeared on behalf of the nine Collectors referred to, and all of whom were present, asked that the Council's order automatically dismissing them be altered, and that the time limit be extended by another month. Both Solicitors stated that these Collectors were doing their best to close their accounts.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council could not go back on their resolution in the matter.

Councillor McGoldrick T.D. stated that these Rate Collectors had gone a considerable way to meet the requirements of the Council, and he thought they might defer dismissing them.

The Chairman said he thought there was no other way out of it.

Councillor McGoldrick T.D. said that the Local Government Department were not the supreme body, they might sanction or refuse to sanction the Council's decisions but the Council should use its own discretion.

The Chairman pointed out that Councillor McGoldrick suggested the passing of the original resolution.

Councillor Bonner asked what kind of a situation would arise if that resolution were acted upon.

The Chairman reminded Councillor Bonner that he had supported Councillor McGoldrick's resolution.

Councillor Bonner admitted that he did, but now that a great effort was being made to comply with it they should give the Rate Collectors an opportunity of completing their task. They should not, at the same time, give the Rate Collectors the idea that the Council was not going to enforce their decision. There were some Collectors who had done their best, and if they sent men down from the Ministry they could not do any better.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick T.D., seconded by Councillor Kelly (H.J.), it was decided to extend the time for completing the collections by another month.

*Confirmed,*

*James Bonner* Chairman  
26/5/25

COUNTY OF TIRCONAILL : SHEEP DIPPING, etc.

A meeting of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE appointed by the County Council for the purpose of:-

- (1) formulating a Sheep Dipping Scheme, and
- (2) considering the question of inspection of sheep at fairs by the County Council's Veterinary Inspectors,

was held in the Courthouse, Lifford, on Thursday 14th May, 1925.

ATTENDANCE.

The members present were:-

Councillors Clarke, Gallen, Lynch and O'Donnell (Hugh).  
Messrs Daniel McGlinchey, Cloghan, and John McLoone, Glenties, representing sheep owners in the County, were also present.

CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Gallen, Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

ORDERS.

The following orders prescribed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland were submitted:-

Sheep Dipping -(Ireland) Order of 1915.  
" " " " -(Ireland) Order of 1915 amendment Order 1924.  
" " " " -(Appointment of Inspectors) Order of 1915, &  
" " " " -(Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916.

SCHEMES.

Copies of Sheep Dipping Schemes in force in Counties Galway, Roscommon, Tyrone, and Derry were submitted and read by the Secretary, subsequently the Sub-Committee proceeded to draw up a Scheme for Tirconail.

SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTORS.

Mr. McGlinchey said that so far as sheep owners were concerned they considered Sheep Dipping Inspectors served no purpose and that the supervision of the Dipping of Sheep should be carried out by the four Veterinary Inspectors in the service of the Council in conjunction with the Civic Guard.

The Chairman said that under the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915, it was obligatory on the County Council to appoint Inspectors temporarily to enable proper supervision to be maintained on behalf of the local authority with a view to securing the effective dipping of sheep in their district under the principal Order.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Lynch, it was decided to recommend the appointment of 10 Sub-Inspectors, one for each Rural District in the County, as originally constituted.

### REMUNERATION.

It was also decided to recommend that each Sub-Inspector be paid the sum of £25 for properly supervising the dipping of sheep within his area under the supervision of the Council's Veterinary Inspectors during the dipping periods - 1st June until 15th November. In the event of a sub-Inspector, on the report of a

Veterinary Inspector, not performing his duties satisfactorily the Council to have the right to withhold payment to such extent as they may deem necessary.

### DIP AND BATH.

It was recommended that sheep owners supply their own Dip and all labour, cartage etc. and pay 1d for each sheep dipped in the Council's bath - the Inspector to be responsible for the care and custody of the bath.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIP.

Notices of intention to dip received by the Civic Guard under article 3 of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915 shall forthwith be transmitted by them to the Dipping Sub-Inspector for the district instead of to the Clerk of the Local Authority.

### CERTIFICATES.

Each Sub-Inspector to be supplied by the Council with a stamp and this stamp must be affixed to each certificate of Dipping, else the certificate is not complete and will not be accepted as a proof of having the work done - all stamps to be the property of the County Council and returned to the County Secretary at the end of the Autumn Dipping period.

Where stamps have been used for the purpose of deception, they shall be recalled and the Sub-Inspectors concerned immediately dismissed.

The Civic Guard to be requested to see that all those exposing sheep at fairs for sale have Sheep Dipping Certificates bearing the stamp of the Dipping Sub-Inspector.

### DUTIES OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

(1) To examine and report, free of charge, all outbreaks of infectious Diseases of Animals in his District (as included in schedule under the Diseases of Animals Acts) and take the necessary steps to safeguard all stock and stamp out the disease.

(2) To visit each sub-Inspector in his area at least once during each Dipping period and make an inspection of the Council's Baths.

(3) To make a yearly report in the month of November and place same before the County Council, giving details of outbreaks of disease, how dealt with, and results, and also reporting on the sub-Inspector's care of the baths and general.

### DUTIES OF SUB-INSPECTORS.

(1) To superintend Sheep Dipping as far as possible, keep an accurate account of his work and monies (if any) received, including total number of sheep dipped during the summer and autumn dipping periods under the heads - Dipped in owner's bath and Council's bath respectively, and at the expiration of each of above periods furnish the County Secretary with a return embodying this information, and accompanied by amount of fees received; stamp certificates for all who have dipped their flocks under his supervision, report to the Veterinar Inspector if he suspects any

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any sheep of having scab, and also make inquiries and report to the Council on any suspected cases of infectious diseases in any animals in his area and the names and addresses of sheep owners who neglect or refuse to dip.

(2) To supervise personally all dippings for scab in his area as ordered by the Inspector.

The sub-Inspector shall be responsible to the Veterinary Inspector for the health of the stock in his area as far as reports are concerned, and the Veterinary Inspector shall be responsible to the County Council.

#### re SCAB IN SHEEP.

In cases of an outbreak of scab in sheep, the owners will be obliged under penalty to report same to the sub-Inspector who will immediately report to the Veterinary Inspector, and if on examination, it is found that scab exists, the Inspector will issue the necessary isolation orders and take steps at once to have the sheep dipped, under the special supervision of the sub-Inspector as often as he (the Inspector) thinks necessary and at the necessary intervals.

#### PROSECUTIONS.

In the event of any sheep owner refusing or neglecting to dip his flocks the County Council will institute proceedings against him according to law.

#### INSPECTION OF SHEEP AT FAIRS.

The Veterinary Inspectors in the County, appointed under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts, shall be directed to attend the fairs during current year as arranged for year 1924, for the purpose of inspecting sheep to ascertain if they are free from sheep scab.

The foregoing Scheme is to be taken as applicable to present year only. It is hoped that next year, as a result of the working of this Scheme, a more comprehensive one will be formulated.

*Amendment*  
*Baths to be conveyed at Council's*  
*expense.*  
*Two dippings, in year only.*

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adopted by Co. Council

James L. Lusk Chairman,

Confirmed,

Chairman

A QUARTERLY MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY
COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, 26th DAY OF MAY, 1925.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Coll, Gallagher (A.), Gallen, Kelly (John), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McCool, McDernott, McGoldrick, McNally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley.

CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Mahony, Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

The Reports of the undermentioned Committees were unanimously adopted.

FINANCE - Meeting held 19th May, 1925.

PROPOSAL - " " " " 19th " " "

In this connection the report of the Sheep Dipping Committee meeting held 19th May, 1925, was also adopted with the following amendments:-

(a) Baths to be conveyed from one Dipping centre to another at the expense of the County Council, and not to be a charge on sheep owners.

(b) Dipping centres to be fixed by Sub-Inspectors.

SUB-INSPECTORS.

On the suggestion of the Secretary it was decided to re-appoint the Inspectors who carried out the duties during the Sheep Dipping periods last year.

REBUILDING OF A WALL.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the County Surveyor be directed to have the County wall at Infirmary, Lifford, rebuilt. Mr. Steadman said he would have the work carried out under Sudden Breach Order.

BURTONPORT HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

A letter dated 15th May, 1925, was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, relative to the improvement of Burtonport Harbour - estimated cost £10,800. Of this sum £8,500 will be made available by the Ministry of Finance for the carrying out of the proposed works, provided that the County Council will agree to provide the balance (about £2,300) of the contribution promised by them for the 1914 Scheme, and maintain the works when completed..

In this connection, in accordance with notice of motion duly given, Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) moved - "That the Tirconail County Council do hereby agree to provide the balance (about £2,300) of the contribution promised by them for the 1914 Burtonport Harbour Improvements Scheme, making the total amount £10,800, and that the Council

*Manager's Report
Burtonport 24/5/25
Secretary's office of
Public Works
written to 26/5/25*

Council will agree to maintain the works when completed."
That a loan of £2,300 be obtained from the Board of Works, or otherwise and repaid, with interest, within a period of 20 years, and that the works, when completed, be maintained by the Council.

Councillor Bonner seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

COURTHOUSE AT LIFFORD.

In accordance with notice of motion Councillor Bonner^{moved} - "That Mr. William Doherty, Architect, Derry, be instructed to submit estimates to the Council showing:-

(a) the amount of expenditure necessary to reconstruct the Courthouse at Lifford to make it suitable for County Council Offices and

(b) the amount of expenditure necessary to rebuild the County House for the same purposes.

Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) seconded, and Councillor McGoldrick T.D. supported the motion.

Councillor Mahony proposed as an amendment that the matter be left to the new Council for consideration. Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

For.....Councillors Coll, Gallagher (A.), Kelly (John), Lynch and Mahony. - 5.

Against.....Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Gallen, Lanigan, Myles, McCool, McDermott, McGoldrick, McNally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley. - 14.

The Chairman declared motion carried.

TRUNK ROAD GRANT - £450,000

PROVISIONALLY ALLOCATED TO TIRCONAILL CO. COUNCIL £21,060.

A letter dated 29th April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating, for the information of the Tirconail County Council, that the sum of £21,060 has been provisionally allocated to the Council from the Trunk Road Grant of £450,000 for the improvement of Trunk Roads.

A letter, dated 22nd May, 1925, was also read from the Local Government Ministry, (Roads), stating that the Minister at present can make no alteration in the existing classification of Trunk Roads, but he will raise no objection, if the Tirconail County Council so decide, to expend some portions of the Grant of £21,060 recently notified, on the improvement of the following roads:-

1. Ardara Road Station via Killybegs, Carrick to Glencolumbkille, back by Mallinmore.

2. Dungloe to Crolly via Burtonport, Kincasslagh & Annagry.

3. Crolly via Dore School, Middletown, Brinlack, Knockfola, Meenacladdy, Derryconnor and Gortahork

and adding that the application of the County Council for a revision in the classification of some of the Trunk Roads will be considered with the question of the general revision of the classification of the roads of the Saorstát.

It was unanimously decided that one-half (10,530) of the former amount be allocated to the Northern and Southern Divisions of the County respectively.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Mr. Steadman submitted a scheme recommending that the proportion of the grant for his division be allocated as follows:-

Mr. Wm. Doherty written to 20/5/25

Minister for Local Govt. Roads written to 8/6/25

follows:-

<u>RURAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	£ :s:d
DUNFANAGHY.....	2,000:0:0
INISHOWEN.....	3,150:0:0
LETTERKENNY.....	2,100:0:0
MILFORD.....	2,100:0:0
STRABANE No. 2 (North Division).....	1,180:0:0
	<u>10,530:0:0</u>

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Mr. Caffrey recommended that proportion of the Grant for his division be allocated as follows:-

<u>RURAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	£ :s:d
BALLYSHANNON.....	2,000:0:0
DONEGAL.....	2,500:0:0
GLENTIES.....	3,530:0:0
STRANORLAR.....	2,500:0:0
	<u>10,530:0:0</u>

Having regard to the allocation of the Grant to Trunk Roads in each Rural District suggestions were made by certain members of the Council regarding roads which should be included in the schemes.

After a prolonged discussion, in which several Councillors took part, it was decided to approve of the allocation of the Grant by the County Surveyors to the respective Rural Districts in the County and to leave the selection of the Trunk Roads on which the Grant is to be expended to the County Surveyors. The latter Officials were authorised to transmit their schemes, when completed, to the Ministry of Local Government (Roads) for approval.

ROAD BETWEEN CLADY AND LIFFORD.

Councillor Gallen drew special attention to the Trunk Road between Clady and Lifford which he said was in a very bad state of repair owing to the traffic, under the Customs Regulations having been diverted from the Strabane Clady Road to this road. He moved that when the latter road was being repaired under the Trunk Road Scheme the footpath be done away with so as to give additional width to the road. This was agreed to and Mr. Steadman was directed accordingly.

HEAVY MOTOR TRAFFIC.

Councillor McDermott drew attention to the damage done to County roads by heavy motor traffic. He thought immediate action should be taken to remedy this matter.

ROAD BETWEEN CROAGHAN AND GAMBLE'S ROCK.

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) submitted a memorial form residents in Milford Rural District regarding the repair of above road.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor McGoldrick, that when the County Council are in a position to deal with roads generally this road receive specially attention.

RATHMULLAN WOODEN PIER EXTENSION.

A further letter dated 1st May, 1925, 7407/'25, was read from the Board of Works on the subject of the taking over by Tirconail County Council of the Wooden Pier Extension at Rathmullan.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was resolved that this County Council take over said Pier

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Pier extension on the conditions embodied in the Board of Works letter aboved referred to.

In this connection letters were read from the Hon. Secretary, Rathmullan Pier Committee, and Mr. Edward Deeny, Pier Hotel, Rathmullan. The latter, who was present, said that £94 or £95 had been granted by the British Admiralty for damages caused to the old stone Pier at Rathmullan. It was suggested that this sum should be expended on the wooden extension in repairing the flooring.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick, Mr. Steadman was instructed to inspect the wooden extension and submit a report and estimate to the next meeting. It was further resolved that the Council's Harbour Master be authorised to collect the dues from the present date.

BUNCRANA PIER.

As directed at a previous meeting Mr. Steadman submitted a report on the repairs necessary to be carried out at above Pier, and said as they would be of a recurring nature the best thing would be to secure a loan of £2,000 to be gradually paid off by means of dues collected at this Pier.

Councillor McGoldrick T.D., considered the security of the dues would be sufficient to raise the loan of £5,000 already agreed upon at previous meeting, and by expending that amount the revenue of the port would be doubled, and the rates of the county would be relieved. Although he was in sympathy with the development of the fishing industry all round, he felt that it was not altogether fair to ask the ratepayers of the county to bear the expenses necessary for the development of the industry. The industry was a national asset and ought to be used for national purposes, and he thought that the harbours should be in the control and custody of the State.

Mr. Steadman's report was adopted.

With regard to that portion of Mr. Steadman's report re the Harbour Master's failure to carry out his duties in certain respects this matter was referred to the Buncarna Pier Committee to make whatever recommendations they deem necessary

GREENCASTLE PIER.

Councillor Bonner inquired if the County Surveyor had any report in regard to the pier at Greencastle.

Mr. Steadman said that the difficulty complained of by the fishermen at Greencastle was that they were unable to reach the pier for berthing purposes when the tide was low. This was due to a bank of sand at the outside of the pier head. If a sum of £400 could be obtained a channel might be cut through this bank about four feet deep, but the prospect of such channel being maintained afterwards without recurring expenditure was not in his opinion encouraging. Possibly the Fishery Commission might, if the matter were brought under their notice, aid in the matter, as they would doubtless be able to control suitable plant for economically carrying out work of this nature.

Councillor Bonner proposed that the Secretary be directed to ask the Board of Works to send their dredger along, adding that there is sufficient water at the port for the fishing boats, but when they get to the nose of the pier there is a bank, and they cannot get over that bank unless at high tide. They should have some immediate relief. It is a very urgent matter, as the fishing season will begin in about three weeks' time. Councillor Quigley seconded the resolution which was unanimously passed.

HOUSING ACT, 1925.

A circular letter, dated 7th May, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government, enclosing, for the information of the Tírconnaill County Council, copy of the Housing Act, 1925, which passed into

*Mr. Steadman
written to 6/6/25*

*Buncarna Pier Committee
written to 6/6/25*

law on the 17th ultimo.

SUPERANNUATION OF Mr. PATRICK MCGEEHAN.

Ministry written to 20/5/25
A letter, dated 7th May, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry regarding the superannuation of Patrick McGeehan of the County Council's Clerical Staff, and stating that the Minister sees no reason for altering his decision in the matter.

It was decided to pay Mr. McGeehan, forthwith, his superannuation allowance from 27th January last, being the date on which the Secretary's Report, re office staff, was submitted to the Council, and to recommend the Minister for Local Government to sanction payment from date of Mr. McGeehan's suspension, viz.: - 1st December, 1924.

PURCHASE OF ROAD PLANT.

A letter, dated 9th May, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, stating that in future, before any commitment is entered into for the purchase of Road Plant by the Tirconnaill County Council, whether out of Loans or Revenue, particulars of the Plant proposed to be purchased should be furnished to the Department.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Ministry written to 20/5/25
A letter, dated 28th April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry on the subject of the "Agricultural Grant" and stating that the Minister intends introducing a Bill seeking the authority of the Oireachtas for power to direct the application of the increased Grant for the relief of agricultural land from rates in such manner as he may consider proper where the increase would show a surplus on the method of normal allocation, and where a Council may not have made full provision for their estimated requirements in this year's rates the Minister also proposes to seek power to direct the application of the increased Grant towards meeting the deficit in current expenses or otherwise as he may think proper; also letter dated 16th May, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry stating that having regard to the information furnished by the Secretary, Tirconnaill County Council, in response to the Ministry's circular of 28th ultimo the Minister directs that the increase in the Agricultural Grant be applied towards meeting the deficit in the amount provided in the rates for current expenses.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick T.D., seconded by Councillor McDermott, it was unanimously resolved that this Council adhere to previous resolution to apply the increased Agricultural Grant to the benefit of the agricultural community and not to apply it to meet the deficiency in the funds of the Council for the current year.

In this connection a resolution passed by Inishowen Rural District Council protesting against the proposal of the County Council to expend the additional Agricultural Grant in any way but as intended by the Government, to give relief to the rates on agricultural land, was read.

SUPERANNUATION TO Ex-COLLECTOR DEENY.

Ministry written to 20/5/25
A letter, dated 22nd April, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry in regard to the claim for compensation for superannuation of Mr. Michael Deeny for services rendered as Rate Collector in Tirconnaill County and inquiring if he devoted his whole time to the service of the County. The fact that Mr. Deeny was an existing Officer under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 is not in itself sufficient to warrant the grant of a pension unless he devoted his whole time to the service of the County.

Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, Ramelton, appeared on behalf of Mr. Deeny and said that his client was appointed almost forty years ago, and

and having carried out his duties as a Rate Collector efficiently and that as such his services being at all times at the disposal of the County Council he (Mr. Kelly) would impress on the latter body the fact that Mr. Deeny was a "whole time officer".

Certain Councillors expressed the opinion that Mr. Deeny was not a "whole time officer". Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) proposed that Mr. Deeny be considered as a "whole time officer". Councillor Gallagher (A.) seconded. A vote was taken for or against the resolution

FOR.....COUNCILLORS Bonner, Boyle, Coll, Gallagher (A.), Kelly (John), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McNally, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty & Phelan. - 14.

AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS Clarke, Gallen, McCool, McDermott, McGoldrick, O'Donnell (Hugh), & Quigley. - 7.

The resolution was declared carried.

LIMITS OF ROAD EXPENDITURE.

A letter, dated 13th May, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads, with reference to previous correspondence relative to Limits of Expenditure, and stating that the Minister is advised that by reason of the repeal of Sub-Section (2) of Section 27 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the transfer of the road business of Rural District Councils under the Local Government Act 1925, it is no longer necessary to make an Order sanctioning the Limits of Expenditure applied for.

LOAN OF £13,000.

A letter, dated 14th May, 1925, from the Ministry of Local Government, Housing Department, sanctioning a loan of £13,000 for the purpose of the Tirconail County Council's Local Assistance Scheme under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, was read.

CLERKS IN COUNTY SURVEYORS' DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Department of Local Government, Roads, stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the Tirconail County Council retaining Messrs Dan Kelly and Patrick McDermott as Clerks in the County Surveyor's Department at a salary of £3 per week each up to 31st December next, was read.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

Applications were received from the undermentioned persons for the position of Public Analyst for County Tirconail, but regretting they could not accept a salary less than £100 per annum:-

Phyllis Ryan, Public Analyst, 91 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin,
Bernard G. Fagan, Public Analyst, City Laboratory, Chatam Row, Dublin.

The Secretary said the position was advertised at a salary of £50 per annum.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick T.D., seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was decided to re-advertise the position at a salary of £75 per annum.

re CONSTRUCTION OF COURTHOUSES.

Mr. Wm. J. Doherty, Architect, 12 Castle Street, Derry, wrote intimating that, as directed by the County Council at their previous meeting, he had forwarded Plans of Donegal, Buncrana, and Carndonagh Courthouses to the Minister for Local Government for approval. He called at the Local Government Ministry's Offices on 6th May, 1925 and learned from the Chief Engineering Inspector that it was the Board of Works who would deal with the plans, he (Mr. Doherty) on same

Mr. Wm. J. Doherty, Architect, 12 Castle Street, Derry, wrote to 28/5/25

same date lodged the plans with the latter body and had not since heard from them on the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Myles T.D., seconded by Councillor McGoldrick T.D., it was resolved that the moment sanction to Plans has been received that tenders for the work be immediately invited by the architect.

GRATUITY TO Mr. CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN.

A claim for a gratuity by Mr. Charles L. Callaghan, Stranorlar, for services rendered as Clerk of Stranorlar Union from 29th December, 1919, was submitted.

Mr. J.F.A. Simms, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared on Mr. Callaghan's behalf.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) it was unanimously resolved, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government to grant him a gratuity of £444, being the amount which the County Council at a meeting held on 12th June, 1922, recommended should be paid to this ex-Official.

GRATUITY - NURSE McMENAMIN (DECEASED).

A letter was read from Mrs Margaret McMenamin, Glenfin Street, Ballybofey, regarding the compensation for her daughter who acted as Nurse in the Workhouse, Stranorlar, from 1st September, 1919.

Councillor Gallen said this was a case deserving special consideration.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick, seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was unanimously resolved to grant a gratuity of £175 for services rendered by Nurse Marian McMenamin (now deceased) in the Workhouse, Stranorlar, from 1st September, 1919 until the date when the County Council's abolition of Workhouse Scheme came into operation.

CLAIM FOR A REFUND OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A further letter from Mrs Bridget Gallagher, Meenlara P.O., in regard to her claim for a refund of travelling expenses incurred in connection with the conveyance of her daughter to the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, in July, 1923, was read and consideration adjourned until next meeting.

INCOME TAX.

A claim for payment of Income Tax for the years ended 5th April 1921 and 1923 respectively, was submitted and consideration postponed until next meeting, meanwhile the Secretary write the Income Tax Inspector, Letterkenny, on the matter.

DAIL LOAN OF £2,350.

A resolution of Glenties Rural District Council, re Dail Loan of £2,350, obtained by Tirconail County Council in October, 1921 for Glenties Union was submitted, and in the absence of the Chairman of the Rural District Council consideration was further adjourned.

ROAD CONTRACTS.

A resolution of Glenties Rural District Council - "That the County Council be requested to approve of the tenders accepted by the former body for roads Nos. 25, 26, 30 & 240 which were subsequently rejected by the County Council at half-yearly meeting held on 16th December, 1924 was read. (This is in order to avoid confusion as the roads are at present in charge of no person)

On the motion of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor Gallen, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

McMenamin written to 20/5/25

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LETTING OF LANDS.

Proposals for letting of lands attached to workhouse buildings in Tironaill were submitted from the following persons and the highest proposal in each case accepted:-

WORKHOUSE BUILDING AT	NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON PROPOSING	AMOUNT OF PROPOSAL
Glenties	Patrick McGlynn, Glenties	£8:15: 0
Carndonagh	John McLaughlin, Chapel Street, Carndonagh.	4: 0: 0
---Do---	Eugene McLaughlin, Ballyloskey	3: 5: 0
Milford	Joseph Cullen, Workhouse, Milford.	3:10: 0

In this connection a letter dated 20th May, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the proposal of the Tironaill County Council to let for grazing purposes up to 31st December next, on the usual conditions the lands attached to the workhouse buildings in the County.

LANDS ATTACHED TO WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS AT LETTERKENNY.

Councillor Mahony said that the above lands contain about a rood of ground and is situated between the District Hospital and the old Workhouse, and Dr. McGinley informed him that it is a pleasant place and necessary for convalescent patients to walk about it. He (Councillor Mahony) therefore moved that this field be not let. Councillor Phelan seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT.

A resolution of Glenties Rural District Council was submitted asking the County Council to give favourable consideration to a request by Patrick McCool of Nairn, that something be done for him in connection with contract No. 505 (a new road) which he took at £45. He has already put out over 400 tons on road and £20 has been paid and £25 deferred. He had done twice as much work already as the amount of money given for this road.

The County Surveyor said the contract was taken for too little money. No action was taken.

CONTROL OF DOGS ORDER.

A letter from Mr. John S. Weir, Drumbuoy House, Lifford, requesting the County Council to consider the question of applying the "Sundown" Order for dogs in Tironaill having been read Councillor Gallen said that a large number of sheep had been worried in the Lifford District.

Councillor Myles moved that the County Council make Regulations applicable to the Lifford Police District.

Councillor McDermott protested on the grounds that whatever Regulations might be made should apply to the whole county.

Councillor Bonner seconded the motion which was passed and the Secretary directed to communicate with the Department of Agriculture as to the form of Regulations which would be approved.

DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

Copy letter addressed by Galway County Council to the Secretary, Irish Land Commission, Dublin, impressing upon the latter the necessity

Dept. of Agriculture
Written to 20/5/25

Secretary Salway
Co. Council
written to 28/5/25

necessity for the immediate appointment of a Solicitor who will give his whole time to the recovery of arrears due by Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants was read and adopted.

PERMISSION TO OPEN A COUNTY ROAD.

Mr. Mr. S. Lee
written to
28/5/25

An application by Mr. Hugh McGill, Glenties, for permission to open the county road for the purpose of laying pipes to convey the water to two houses in townland of Drumnasillagh, having been considered, the application was acceded to, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

An application by Mr. Leo Mulhern, Holyrood House, Bundoran, for compensation for services rendered as School Attendance Officer in Strabane No. 2 Rural District was submitted.

Mr. Mulhern, who was present, said he had 19^{II}/₁₂ years service and his yearly salary was £46:10:0. The compensation he asked for was payment of his salary from the period in respect of which he received the last payment to present date.

It was decided to defer consideration of claim until next meeting, meanwhile, the Secretary to communicate with the Right Revd. Monsignor O'Doherty, Strabane, - a former member of the Committee - requesting him to furnish, for the information of the Council, particulars as to the cause of the Committee ceasing to act.

PERMISSION TO ENTER A QUARRY REFUSED.

Right Rev. Monaghan
written to
28/5/25

A letter from Mr. J. Long, Cappry, Ballybofey, stating that there is a quarry on Mr. James Cassidy's land out of which material for road No. 302 (for which he is contractor) has always been taken and that the latter now refuses to allow the quarry to be used having been read, the Council considered this was a matter for Mr. Long to take whatever action he deems necessary.

Mr. Long
written to
28/5/25

PERMISSION TO OPEN COUNTY ROAD.

Mr. Cunningham
written to
28/5/25

An application by Revd. C. Cunningham P.P., Glenties, for permission to open the county road in two places, between the chapel gate and the corner of the barrack in townland of Drimnasillagh, to enable him to connect the Parochial House and Barracks with the new water main in Glenties, having been considered, permission was granted, subject to the approval of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

DEFECTIVE GRATING.

Mr. Campbell
written to
28/5/25

A letter was read from Mrs Annie Campbell, Burtonport, complaining of the flooding of her yard and premises caused by a defective grating on the county road opposite the entrance to her yard. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for attention.

COSTS DUE BY LATE GUARDIANS LETTERKENNY UNION.

Letters from Messrs E. McFadden & Coy., Solicitors, Letterkenny, enclosing Bill of Costs, amounting to £14, due to them by the Guardians of Letterkenny Union having been read, the Secretary said he had a letter from the ex-Clerk of above Union requesting that the Bill of Costs be sent to him to certify it as a copy of the original furnished.

It was decided to defer consideration of the Bill until the certificate had been attached.

IMPROVEMENT OF LAND : NEW DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. John McIntyre, Town Surveyor, Letterkenny, appeared before the Council and submitted a memorial from certain ratepayers and farmers living in the townlands of Rossgier etc., Stranorlar Rural District, and Dispensary District of Castlefin, requesting the County Council to foster a scheme under the new Drainage Act now before the Dail to apply to the memorailists' holdings in said Drainage area. Estimated cost of improvements £583. This sum to be obtained by a loan.

A map indicating lands to which proposed scheme is applicable was also submitted.

Councillor McDermott, one of the memorailists, explained to the Council the benefits that would be derived from the scheme if approved.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was unanimously decided to adopt scheme.

TREASON BILL.

A resolution passed by County Dublin County Council condemning the Treason Bill was read.

CLAIM FOR POOR RATES.

A claim for £1:4:2 Poor Rates due by the Guardians of the Ballyshannon Union on lands attached to Kinlough Dispensary was considered and payment approved.

RECEPTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CHILDREN NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OF AGE IN THE COUNTY HOME.

A letter, dated 20th May, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry, giving notice to the County Council of the Minister's intention, after the expiration of the period of one month, provided for in Section 5 (2) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, to amend and modify the County Scheme so as to provide for the reception and maintenance in the County Home of children not exceeding 3 years of age, and to direct that such amendment and modification shall take effect as from 1st July, 1923, was read.

OVERDRAFT.

A letter dated 23rd May, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning a temporary overdraft of £40,000 on account of the Tironaill County Council to the 30th September next, at rate of interest already arranged.

CROLLY BRIDGE : CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

A letter from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Merchant, Crollly Bridge, inquiring when the amount (£50) of compensation granted to him by the County Council for repairing Crollly Bridge would be paid, having been read, it was decided that payment be made at next meeting.

REBUILDING CROLLY BRIDGE.

Mr. Caffroy, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to state that four tenders have been received for the rebuilding of above bridge. These are as follow:-

Messrs Patrick Gallagher, Crollly.....	£650
James Sweeney, Burtonport.....	575
Daniel Dorrian, Mountcharles.....	450
Loughlin Dowra, Co. Leitrim.....	390

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The lowest tender is subject to not being able to begin the work before August.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), seconded by Councillor Lanigan, it was decided to accept the tender of Mr. Daniel Dorrian, Mountcharles, on condition that he starts the work at once and completes it within six weeks.

FLOODING OF LANDS.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick Gallagher, Ballintra, Arranmore, relative to damage done by floods and requesting that a wooden bridge be erected. No action was taken.

DISTRICT COURT AT GWEEDORE.

A letter was read from Mr. W.H. Hunt, Gweedore Hotel, relative to the court business for Bunbeg District having been transferred from his Hotel to other premises in the district, was read.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER, 1925.

Copy of above Order, dated 30th April, 1925, made by the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, was submitted.

OFFICE REQUIRED.

A recommendation by the County Donegal Joint Technical Instruction Committee that the County Council provide an office in Lifford in order that more effective control and supervision of the work of the Technical Schools and classes may be exercised, was unanimously adopted.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY : PROSECUTIONS.

INDEX LETTER	No.	OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	OFFENCE
IH	I073	George Kyle, Portsalon.	26:4:'25	Duty not paid
IH	899	John Byrne, Meenacross.	6:5:'25	-----Do-----

It was unanimously decided to institute proceedings through the Council's Solicitor in each case.

In this connection it was reported that Mr. Harkin, Carnadonagh, was recently fined £10 by the District Justice for an offence under the Motor Car Acts. In September last he was convicted for a similar offence and fined £20 which he paid.

On the motion of Councillor Lanigan, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), it was unanimously decided to accept £1 and costs in the case.

**APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR
No. 29 COLLECTION DISTRICT.**

Before proceeding to consider applications for the position of Rate Collector for above Collection District, a letter, dated 13th May, 1925, G21477/1925 Tirconail County, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that the Minister regrets to learn that the Council have not yet made suitable arrangements for the collection of the Rates in this District. The resulting interruption of the Collection imposes a serious responsibility on the Council and the Minister trusts no further delay will ensue.

Applications were received from:-

NAME	ADDRESS
HUGH DORRIAN (junior)	ROSSNAKILL
FRANCIS McATEER	RAY, RATHMULLAN
BRIAN SWEENEY	GORRY, PORTSALON
JAMES DEENY	CREEVARY, RATHMULLAN.

APPLICANT	PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR	SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR
HUGH DORRIAN, junr.	MAHONY	O'DONNELL (J.F.)
FRANCIS McATEER	COLL	PHELAN
JAMES DEENY	BONNER	O'DONNELL (HUGH)

VOTING.

FOR DORRIAN.....COUNCILLORS Boyle, Gallagher (A), Mahony, McCool, McDermott, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, and O'Flaherty. - 8.
FOR McATEER.....COUNCILLORS Coll, Kelly (John), McGoldrick, and Phelan. - 4.
FOR DEENY.....COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, Lanigan, Lynch, Myles, McNally, O'Donnell (Hugh), and Quigley. - 8.

COUNCILLOR Gallen did not vote.

Mr. McAteer dropped out and a vote was taken as between Dorrian and Deeny.

FOR DORRIAN.....COUNCILLORS Boyle, Coll, Gallagher (A.), Kelly (John), Lynch, Mahony, McCool, McDermott, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, and Phelan. - 12.
FOR DEENY.....COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, Lanigan, Myles, McGoldrick, McNally, O'Donnell (Hugh), and Quigley - 8.

Councillor Gallen did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Dorrian, Junior, duly appointed Rate Collector subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

PERSONAL SURETIES.

Mr. Dorrian submitted the names of John Friel, Farmer, Rosstown, & John Gallagher, Hotel, Letterkenny, as his Personal Sureties in the sum of £79:0:0. These were accepted by the Council as satisfactory.

McCarthy written to 24/5/25

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated the 9th instant (G224I3/1925 Tirconail County), from the Local Government Ministry regarding the unsatisfactory state of the rate collection in the County to the 30th ultimo. The letter pointed out the large sum then outstanding which compared unfavourably with the condition of the rate collection at the corresponding date last year. The Council's attention was also called to the failure of certain collectors to close their accounts for periods ended the 31st March, 1924, particular mention being made of James McGowan, Patrick J. McHugh and Edward J. Doherty, in whose cases special reports were requested by a specified date. In the remaining instances, the Ministry reluctantly sanctioned the Council's proposal extending the time for the completion of the 1923 - 1924 collections to the 30th instant.

The Secretary informed the Council that, on receipt of the Ministry's letter, he had communicated by registered post with all the collectors whose accounts to the 31st March, 1924 had not been closed, acquainting them of the position, of the number, the following have since lodged their full warrants for the periods specified.

No. 13	John B. O'Donnell	-	Half-year ended	30/9/'23
"	I4	Joseph McGlinchey	-	Year ended 31/3/'24
"	I5	Patrick J. McHugh	-	" " " 31/3/'24
"	20	Edward J. Doherty	-	" " " 31/3/'24

In the last mentioned case, the cheque for the outstanding rates, which was endorsed "good" by the Bank on which it was drawn, was handed in this morning by Mr. Doherty. The Collecting Books and Warrants for the year ended the 31st March, 1925 had been despatched to Collectors McGlinchey (No. I4) and McHugh (No. I5 & I8), but it was for the Council to decide whether a similar course should be adopted in the case of Collector Doherty who had not lodged the arrears in question within the time stipulated by the Ministry.

As regards Collector McGowan, the Secretary reported that he had not as yet closed his accounts for the year ended the 31/3/'24. He had attended once only at the deputy checker's office for the examination of his accounts since the 22nd ultimo, as a result of which he lodged £206:11:2 in respect of an ascertained collection of £225:4:6. This officer's record was unsatisfactory, and no adequate reason for the non-completion of his collection had been furnished.

Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, on behalf of Collector McGowan, asked the Council to allow this collector to continue in office to the 16th prox, which he understood was the date fixed for next Council meeting. His Personal Sureties, for whom Mr. Kelly stated he also appeared, were in favour of this further extension being allowed. While he was not in a position to give a definite undertaking, he could at least assure the Council that every effort would be made in the interval to lodge the full warrant, and the Collector would undertake to conform with the requirements of the Public Bodies Order, 1904 as regards his accounts.

COUNCIL'S RULINGS ON ABOVE MATTERS.

The Council decided, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry, to allow ordinary poundage to:-

No. 13	Collector J. B. O'Donnell	for the half-year ended	30/9/'23
"	I4	Joseph McGlinchey	for the year ended 31/3/'24
"	I5	Patrick J. McHugh	" " " 31/3/'24
"	20	Edward J. Doherty	" " " 31/3/'24

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The Council also decided to issue to the last named his books and warrant for the year ended the 31/3/'25.

In the case of Collector McGowan, the Council further decided to recommend the Local Government Ministry to allow him to continue in office to the 16th prox., on the terms stated by his Solicitor.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 16 - ROGER LOGUE.

Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, on behalf of Collector Logue, informed the Council that this officer would be unable to close his collections for periods ended the 31st March, 1924 on the 30th instant, as already fixed by the Council. This officer experienced considerable difficulty in collecting rates in the district, especially amounts assessed on certain islands. He was, however, prepared to lodge forthwith the full levy for the year ended the 31/3/'24, but a similar undertaking could not be given as regards previous arrears charged in his warrant.

The Secretary stated that he had received a report from the Deputy Checker, Mr. McNelis, stating that Mr. Logue had exhibited considerable slackness in the discharge of his duties, and that if he had set about his work in a proper manner, the whole collection could be completed in a fortnight. Mr. McNelis further stated that the Arranmore, Iniskeeragh and Inisfree Islanders whom he recently called upon, appeared anxious to discharge their liabilities. The Secretary added that he had called the attention of Mr. Logue to this matter, and received from him the following reply:-

"I beg to contradict the statement of Mr. M'Nelis, deputy checker. He stated that he travelled the islands of Inisfree, Iniskeeragh and Arran, and that the people were all anxious to pay their rates. Mr. M'Nelis called in Arran, one day last week, canvassing for county councilships at the forthcoming elections but he did not call in Inisfree or Iniskeeragh. Of course, when he forwarded the report to the County Council Office he was not aware that I had all the ratepayers in Inisfree before the Court three months ago, and the Justice adjourned all the cases to enable them to put their grievances before the County Council. At the last Court in Dungloe a letter was handed to the Justice on behalf of the islanders, and a further adjournment was granted. I objected to this, and asked for a decree, but the Justice refused, but gave them instructions to pay their rates before the next Court. I travelled Arran Islands four times, and gave them every opportunity to pay. The names of all the defaulters are in the hands of Mr. McMullin, Solicitor. I could not get a boat to go to Iniskeeragh. I tried Burtonport and Arran, but the boatmen refused. I then sent the demand notes by post, and offered to meet the islanders in Arran, but they abused the postman, with the result that he had to clear for his life, and returned the demand notes. On the last Court day I had over eighty defaulters summoned, so I think it is hardly fair for Mr. McNelis to say that I am slack in the discharge of my duties."

After considerable discussion, it was decided to recommend the Ministry to allow this Collector to continue in office to the 16th prox. the date fixed for next Council meeting, on the understanding that, in the meantime, he closes the collection for the year ended the 31/3/'24, this not to be considered as relieving him of his legal obligation in respect of previous arrears. The Council, however, would be prepared, on the lodgment of all rates covered by his warrant, to give exceedingly sympathetic consideration to all claims for refunds vouched by the Collector on the prescribed forms.

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The Council's Solicitor, Mr. McMullin, who was in attendance, informed the Council that Mr. Logue had furnished to him the names of three defaulters only for the purpose of proceedings in the Courts. Civil Bills were issued by him against the parties, but the cases were adjourned, as the Collector stated he was making out a further list which, however, he had not supplied up to the present. Mr. McMullin informed the Collector that he (Mr. McMullin) would not put the County Council to the expense of being legally represented at Dungloe in putting through only three cases.

DISTRICT No. 19 - COLLECTOR MICHAEL O'DONNELL.

The Council's Solicitor informed the Council that there was no Civil Bill Officer for the Divisions of Kilcar, and Carrick, in consequence of which he was unable to institute proceedings against defaulters in the district of Collector Michael O'Donnell as instructed by the Council. On Mr. McMullin's recommendation, the Council unanimously decided to request the Clerk of the Peace, Court House, Lifford, to appoint forthwith a Civil Bill Officer for the areas mentioned.

In consequence of the delay in bringing defaulters to Court, Collector Michael O'Donnell made an application for a further extension of time for the completion of his collection for periods ended the 31/3/'24. The Council, in view of Mr. McMullin's statement in the matter, decided to allow Mr. O'Donnell to continue in office until the 16th prox., the date fixed for next Council meeting.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

The County Council, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Gallen, unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry of Local Government to sanction payment of ordinary poundage to all Collectors who had closed their accounts to the 30th May, 1925 in respect of years ended the 31/3/'24 and 31/3/'25.

TIME FIXED FOR LODGMENT OF WARRANTS FOR
YEAR ENDED 31/3/'25.

The Council decided to extend the time for the completion of the collection of the rate for the above year to the 30/6/'25, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF £150 OVERLODGED -
COLLECTOR MULHERN.

The Secretary submitted application from Mr. Robert Mulhern, Ardfarna, Bundoran, for refund of £150 overlodged in respect of his collection for the year ended the 31/3/'24. The Secretary stated that this was a duplicate lodgment, but no explanation had been furnished by either the Collector, or Deputy Checker, as to how it occurred. It was decided to refund the amount.

RESIGNATION OF COLLECTOR ROBERT MULHERN.

A letter was submitted from Mr. Robert Mulhern, Ardfarna, Bundoran, tendering his resignation as Collector for Bundoran Rural Electoral Division.

The Secretary intimated that all rates in this district to the 31/3/'24 had been lodged, and that the collecting books for the year ended the 31/3/'25 had not been issued. It was decided to accept the resignation and to advertise the vacancy at the present poundage rate with the view to making a new appointment under the Public Bodies Order, 1904, at the next Council meeting to be held on the 16th June, 1925.

SCHEDULES OF UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Secretary submitted schedules of uncollected rates for the following collection districts:-

<u>COLLECTOR'S NAME</u>	<u>No. OF DISTRICT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Patrick J. McHugh	15	Year 31:3:'24
John Farren	21	" 31:3:'25
William Gallagher	24	Half-year 31:3:'25
James Friel	33	" " 31:3:'25
Denis O'Kane	34	" " 31:3:'25
Charles McGinty	37	Year 31:3:'25

It was decided to strike off as irrecoverable, and refund to Collectors, the rates on direct buildings and on ruins, and such other items as appeared from the evidence furnished to warrant the adoption of that course, the remaining items to be refunded, and carried forward for subsequent collection, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

AMENDMENT OF RATE BOOK - SECTION 4 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COLLECTION OF RATES) ACT, 1924.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from Collector Hugh McNulty, Knocknafeugh, Ballymore, Letterkenny, from which it appeared that Dr. McCloskey is the occupier of premises in the townland of Carrigart at present rated in the name of the Guardians of Milford Union, and as legal proceedings may have to be resorted to by the Collector to enforce payment of arrears of rates on the property, it would be necessary to have the Rate Book amended under the above Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was decided to authorise the Collector, or his legal adviser, to make the necessary application in the case under the statute quoted.

ADDITIONAL PENNY POUNDAGE FOR YEAR 31/3/'24 -
COLLECTOR MICHAEL DEERY.

The Secretary, at the request of Councillor McGoldrick T.D., again brought before the Council, Collector Deery's application for an additional penny poundage on his warrant for the year ended the 31/3/'24. Councillor Quigley stated that this was an exceedingly good Collector, and the Ministry should not withhold sanction of the proposed payment. He moved that the Ministry be again requested to re-consider their decision in the case. This was seconded by Councillor Lanigan, and passed unanimously.

Confirmed,

James Bonner Chairman

A HALF YEARLY MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON THE 16th JUNE, 1925.

*Copy minutes
sent to Co. Surveyor
Local Govt. minutes
Lab. Co. Council and
each member of 1/10
Council
11/7/25.*

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, Gallen, Kelly (Henry J.), Lanigan, Lynch, Myles, McCool, McDermott, McGoldrick, McNally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley.

The Solicitor to the Council was also present.

C H A I R M A N.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor McNally, Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

M I N U T E S.

On the minutes of previous meeting being submitted for confirmation Councillor Lynch said that in the minute on page 12 re appointment of a Poor Rate Collector for No. 29 Collection District, he is recorded as having voted for James Deeny, one of the candidates for the position of Rate Collector instead of for Hugh Porrian junior. The Chairman, with the consent of the Council, amended the minutes in this respect. The minutes were then confirmed.

TREASURERS ADVICE NOTES.

Treasurers Advice Notes were submitted and signed.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

Recommendations by certain Rural District Councils in the County as to Proposals for (1) Maintenance Works and (2) New, Special and Miscellaneous Works were submitted. The Secretary said that similar recommendations had been received from Inishowen Rural District Council but the time was too short to have them printed for submission at that meeting.

Councillor Lanigan said that consideration of all the recommendations should be deferred until next meeting.

Councillor Lynch proposed that all the recommendations be taken into consideration at that meeting. Councillor McDermott seconded.

Councillor Lanigan moved as an amendment that consideration be postponed until next meeting. Councillor Bonner seconded.

A vote was taken on the motion.

FOR.....COUNCILLORS Gallen, Lynch, McDermott, McNally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty and Phelan. - 7
AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS Bonner, Clarke, Kelly (H.J.), Lanigan, Myles, McCool, McGoldrick, O'Donnell (J.F.), and Quigley. - 9.

The Chairman declared amendment carried.

OBJECTION.

Consideration of a letter from Mrs Mary Harkin, Ballinakilla, New Mills, Letterkenny, objecting to the building of two pipes. Proposal No. 1284, Letterkenny Rural District was adjourned.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

Letters from Clerks of certain Rural District Councils in the county relative to the formulating by those bodies of Proposals for Works in view of the fact that their functions in the matter terminated on the 31st March last, were read.

LOUGHDERG ROAD.

A resolution passed by Donegal Rural District Council in regard to the present condition of the Loughderg road having been read Councillor Kelly (H.J.) said this road was in very bad need of repair and urged that something be done at once to have it put in order.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, suggested that an application be made to the Local Government Ministry (Roads) for a portion of the Trunk Road Grant.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) proposed, Councillor Kelly (H.J.) seconded, and it was unanimously decided to request the Ministry of Local Government (Roads) to give a Grant of £1,000 towards the repair of the road in question. Copy of this resolution was ordered to be sent to each T.D. for Tirconaill.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The following letter dated 3rd June, 1925, G.26402/1925, Tirconaill County, was read from the Local Government Ministry with reference to the additional Agricultural Grant:-

"The County Council should understand that the increase in the agricultural grant promised by the Government had not yet been given statutory effect, and that consequently they have no legal power to apply such grant (if advanced) towards the reduction of the current year's insufficient rates. The Council's resolutions of the 28th April and 26th ultimo are accordingly ultra vires. In the Bill which will shortly become law legalising increase in the grant the Government have decided to take powers not to advance the increased grant towards reducing the rates in counties where sufficient provision for the financial requirements for 1925 - '26 has not otherwise been made. This is the case in Tirconaill, where a deficit of over £50,000 may be anticipated, and it should be clearly understood that the supplemental grant will not be advanced in relief of the insufficient rates struck. An immediate special meeting of the Council should forthwith be convened to reconsider the question, and the result should be communicated by telegram."

The Secretary said when he received that letter he wired to the Ministry stating that a meeting of the Council was to be held on the 16th instant. They wired back in reply that that would do, but that the new rate books must be ready by July 15th.

Councillor McGoldrick - It appears from that most confusing and conflicting communication that this season the agricultural grant will not be available for the benefit of this year's rates. When the labourer had got a free breakfast table, and the wealthy man had his income tax reduced, it was felt that a quid pro quo should be given to the agricultural ratepayer.

The Secretary - Between the Council's instructions and the Ministry I do not know what to do. You cannot hold up the rates. Should the Council pass a resolution going back on their original estimates?

The Chairman - I propose that we go back to the old estimates.

Councillor Gallan - Everything stands as it stood before.

The Chairman - Then we stand by the rates already set out.

Councillor

No money wired to 17.6.25

Councillor McDermott - That does not include the £21,000.
The Secretary - No.

ROAD CONTRACTORS CLAIMS re DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

Mr. T.E. Conaghan, Solicitor, Londonderry, appeared on behalf of six road contractors from the Fahan, Burt, and Burnfoot districts who, he said, had only received part payment for their work, a certain amount being deferred.

Councillor McGoldrick remarked that in some cases with which he was familiar the contractors had done their utmost to complete their contracts, but had been handicapped owing to their inability to obtain a steam-roller from the County Council. He thought in these circumstances no money should have been deferred.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said no contractor had been deprived of an opportunity of fulfilling his contract. Some contractors had provided a certain amount of metal, and they were well paid for what they had done. When the work was completed they would be paid in full.

Mr. Conaghan said his clients did not receive a proper opportunity of completing their contracts. Every application that was made for a stone-breaker had been consistently turned down.

Mr. Steadman - There is no obligation on the Council to supply a stone-breaker.

Mr. Conaghan said there was apparently only one way in which this matter could be settled, and that was through a court of law, with the County Surveyor in the witness box.

The Chairman - Take advantage of the court of law and go there.

Mr. Conaghan said he did not see why Mr. Steadman's word should be taken against the word of the contractors.

The Chairman - We have not heard the contractors. We have heard nothing yet but your statement.

Councillor McGoldrick suggested the appointment of arbitrators to consider the matter.

Councillor Myles - If these men have a grievance they will find the District Justice the cheapest arbitrator they can get. There is no reason why we should have a County Surveyor if we have to tell him he is wrong.

Mr. Steadman said it was most unreasonable that he should be called upon without a moment's notice to give information about particular road contracts.

The Chairman - It would be absurd to ask us to appoint an arbitrator over the head of the County Surveyor. I think the court of law is the best course.

Councillor McGoldrick said the County Council, he had no doubt, would have to pay the costs if the cases were taken into court, because he felt sure the contractors would be able to make out a convincing case.

Mr. Steadman - What right have you to anticipate the result in favour of the contractors? Maybe I could make out a case. You have no right to decide the cases until they are tried.

Mr. Conaghan suggested that the County Council should allow their Solicitor to accept short service of a civil bill so that the matter could be decided at the forthcoming Court.

The suggestion was adopted.

STAFF ORGANISATION.

A letter dated 4th June, 1925, G 25790/1925, Tirconail County, was received from the Local Government Ministry, enclosing a copy of their Inspector's report regarding staff organisation in Tirconail.

The Secretary explained that this was just a technical report dealing with the duties of the staff, etc.. He and some members of the staff had a number of objections to lodge against some of the proposals made, and he suggested that he and some of the other parties concerned should take the matter up with the Ministry.

Adverting

Adverting to his report on January 27th last, in which he recommended that three officials, along with Mr. James Kelly and Mr. Patrick McGeehan, be superannuated, the Secretary recommended that Messrs James Dowds, Francis Dorrian, and Hugh Quigley be also superannuated, the superannuation to date from September 1st next. He suggested a scale of payment for any temporary staff that might be appointed.

Councillor Myles congratulated the Secretary on his report, but drew his attention to the fact that in some other counties the appointment of temporary officials had not had a very satisfactory result.

Mr. T. Conaghan, Solicitor, who appeared on behalf of Mr. Dowds, said he was one of the first men to enter the staff, and he had been in the employment of the County Council since its establishment in 1899. It was well defined law that as long as an officer of a County Council was not guilty of misconduct and was efficient he could not be dismissed, nor could he be suspended, unless and until he desired to be relieved of his position.

Councillor Gallen said the matter was not in order for consideration at that meeting as the Inspector's report had not been circulated and the Secretary's report was not on Agenda Paper.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) suggested that the matter be left over for the new Council. Councillor McDermott seconded.

Mr. Conaghan said he had no objection to this course, but would point out that any attempt to oust Mr. Dowds would be strenuously opposed in every way possible within the limits of the law.

The Chairman - You don't mean to tell us that the County Council or any other body of the kind has not power to reduce their staff if they wish to do so.

Councillor McGoldrick proposed as an amendment that the Secretary's recommendations be adopted forthwith.

The Chairman seconded the amendment.

The Secretary remarked that in every other county, except Westmeath, most of the work in connection with the rates was done by temporary officials.

Mr. Thomas Elliott, Solicitor, announced that he appeared on behalf of one of the other officials concerned.

A vote was then taken.

FOR THE AMENDMENT COUNCILLORS Clarke, Lynch, McGoldrick, and McNally. - 4.

AGAINST COUNCILLORS Gallen, Kelly (H.J.), Myles, McCool, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.) O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley. - 9.

COUNCILLORS Bonner, Lanigan, and McDermott did not vote.

The Chairman declared motion carried.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the Inspector's Report re staff organisation and a copy of his (the Secretary's) Report to each member of the new Council.

TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS.

MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING EXAMINATIONS.

Councillor Gallen referred to the confusion which existed in regard to University Scholarships granted by the County Council. No instructions, he said, had been given at the beginning of the year as to the basis of the examinations, and certain residents of the county who were in educational establishments in the Six Counties were in a quandary as to what examinations they should enter for. Some had entered for the matriculation, because that was the basis on which scholarships were awarded in Fermanagh, and he believed in Mayo. Others in educational establishments in the Six Counties had entered for the matriculation examinations in the Twenty-six Counties, and some had probably had gone on for the senior leaving certificate in the Six Counties. If the senior leaving

leaving certificate was to be taken as the basis on which scholarships were awarded, a number of people would probably be deprived of scholarships. Some action should be taken by the Scholarships Committee to remove the confusion which exists in the minds of students. It might be possible to bring about an arrangement whereby those who entered for the matriculation examination would be made eligible if that were not the proper examination.

The Chairman agreed with the suggestion which was referred to the Scholarships Committee.

COUNTY SCHEME.

A letter dated 24th May, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, stating that the Minister deems it necessary, in view of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1925, to amend the County Scheme by revoking certain articles and substituting other articles.

MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VEHICLES.

A letter dated 28th May, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) concerning the use of mechanically propelled vehicles on unsuitable public roads, and drawing attention to the provisions of Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, and Article 5 (3) of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1903.

Councillor Gallen - Heavy motor traffic and heavy rail traffic will have to come under one authority.

Councillor Myles - This is a very important subject, and we will have to be perfectly sure of what class of traffic we are dealing with.

The Chairman said they should do something to prevent the roads from being destroyed.

The matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

SICK AND DESTITUTE POOR, ETC..

A letter dated 25th May, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Government of An Saorstát has established a Commission with the object of devising permanent legislation for the effective and economical relief of the sick and destitute poor, including the insane poor, and to enquire into the laws and administration relating thereto, and enclosing a list of queries which the Commission would be glad if the Tirconail County Council would take into consideration and furnish replies thereto as soon as possible. The matter was referred to the new Council for consideration.

PENAL INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

Letter dated 2nd June, 1925, from the Department of Finance, on the subject of the Order made by the Minister under Section 80 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 as adapted, providing for the deduction from Local Taxation Grants payable to the Tirconail County Council of sums due to the Commissioners of Public Works by the Tirconail Mental Hospital Committee and Stranorlar Rural District Council in respect of Penal Interest on Local Loans was read and no action taken.

PROPOSED SHELTER WALL AT NEWBRIDGE NEAR RATHMULLAN.

A letter dated 4th June, 1925, was read from the Department of Fisheries, stating that the Minister is prepared to recommend the Government to make a grant of half the cost of constructing a shelter wall at Newbridge, near Rathmullan, provided that such Grant does not exceed £400, and that the remainder of the cost will be met by.

by the County Council, and that the plans of the work are approved by this Department.

On the motion of Councillor McGoldrick, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was unanimously decided to direct Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, to prepare plans and an estimate of the probable cost which is not to exceed £700, and that of this amount the Council agree to contribute £350 towards the proposed structure. The latter amount to be obtained by a loan from the Board of Works, repayable, with interest, within a period of 15 years. Plans of the work to be sent to the Department of Fisheries for approval.

*Mr. Dawson's
written to
14/7/25*

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

Three applications were received for the position of Public Analyst for County Tirconail, but as none of the applicants would accept the position at the salary of £75 per annum as fixed by the Council, it was decided to re-advertise the position at a yearly salary of £100 - Appointment to be made at next meeting of the Co. Council.

*appointment
sent to papers*

CONVEYANCE OF A PATIENT TO MENTAL HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from Mrs Bridget Gallagher, Meenlara P.C., Tirconail, relative to her claim for a refund of £2:17:0 travelling expenses incurred by her in the conveyance of her daughter (Kate Gallagher) to the Mental Hospital at Letterkenny in July, 1923, as was also a letter from the Superintendent, Civic Guard, Dungloe, stating that Miss Gallagher was committed on 13:7:23 on Form D and the Gardai supplied the escort on request and that from the Medical Certificate on the Form D it would appear that the committal form for a dangerous lunatic would have been more applicable in this case than the form which was used. It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Gallen, to pay the amount, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

*Ministry written to
21/6/25*

INCOME TAX.

A claim for payment of Income Tax, amounting to £95:5:0, in respect of the years 1920/'21 and 1922/'23 was submitted, and it was decided to pay the amount.

*Paying order
submitted
29/6/25*

DAIL LOAN OF £2,350 : GLENTIES UNION.

A resolution of Glenties Rural District Council re Dail Loan of £2,350, obtained by Tirconail County Council in October, 1921 for Glenties Union, was read.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

Application by Mr. Leo W. Mulhern, Holyrood House, Bundoran, for compensation for services rendered as School Attendance Officer in Strabane No. 2 Rural District, and letters from the Right Revd. Monsignor O'Doherty P.P., Strabane, and Revd. W.J. Latimer, Moneydilly Manse, Aghadowey, Co. Derry, former members of the Committee, as to the cause of the Committee ceasing to act, having been read, it was decided to ask Mr. Mulhern to furnish the Council with full particulars of his claim.

*Mr. Mulhern
written to
21/6/25*

COSTS - LETTERKENNY UNION.

Letters from Messrs E. McFadden & Coy., Solicitors, Letterkenny, enclosing Bill of Costs, amounting to £14, due to them by the Guardians of Letterkenny Union, were submitted. It was decided to pay the amount, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry.

*Bill of Costs
sent to Ministry
22/6/25*

REPAIRS TO CROLLY BRIDGE.

Mr. Gallagher written to 11/7/25
It was decided to pay the sum of £50 to Mr. Patrick Gallagher of Crollly Bridge as compensation for repairing above bridge. Paying Order to be issued when Mr. Gallagher has signed the agreement as arranged at a previous meeting of the Council.

POSTING NOTICES.

Mr. Coyle written to 11/7/25
A letter from Mr. Bernard Coyle, Bill Poster, I Erne Street, Ballyshannon, claiming £1 for posting up Sheep Dipping Notices in Ballyshannon Rural District in July of last year, was read and payment refused.

CONDITION OF A ROAD.

A letter from Mr. John Ward, Gortgara, Arranmore, relative to the condition of the road in the townland of Falgowan was read.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said that the White Cross and C.D. Board respectively, contributed towards the repair of portion of this road and that it would take £80 to complete the work. It was decided to refer the matter to the new Council for consideration.

TIMONEY'S BRIDGE.

The Menember for Local Board (Roads) written to 11/7/25
An application by Mr. M. Marley, Gortness, Cloghan, for payment of £20 for erecting, - some months ago, - a temporary bridge at above bridge was submitted.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said that it took about £20 to carry out the repairs executed by Mr. Marley.

On the motion of Councillor McDermott, seconded by Councillor McCool, it was decided to pay the amount.

COUNTY HOUSE FIRE : LIFFORD.

The Secretary reported that the Insurance Company had made an offer of £3,250 for the above building which was recently destroyed by fire and £2,000 for the contents.

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick, it was unanimously decided to accept the offer for the contents.

With regard to the offer for the burned building Mr. W.J. Doherty, Architect to the Council, mentioned that there was a difference of £750 between his estimate and the Council's Assessors.

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor McNally, it was decided to appoint a Committee consisting of the Architect, the Secretary and Chairman of the Council to confer with the Assessor as to the acceptance or otherwise of the Insurance Company's offer. In this connection Mr. W.J. Doherty, Architect, submitted Estimates re proposed construction of the Courthouse at Lifford to make it suitable for County Council Offices and the rebuilding of the County House for the same purpose.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter until the Council's claim against the Insurance Company had been settled.

re DAMAGES FOR REMOVAL OF STONES.

A letter from Mr. Joseph Loughrey, Solicitor, Derry, on behalf of Mr. Patrick Doherty of Meenagory, Buncrana, stating that Mr. Steadman has placed several men with stone breakers on Doherty's farm and has been removing and quarrying stones from off his farm for past two years in respect of which he now claims damages from the County Council having been read, the matter was left in the hands of the Solicitor to the County Council to take whatever action he deems necessary.

IRISH COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL -
AFFILIATION FEE.

An application by Secretary, Irish County Council's General Council, for payment of £20 affiliation fee of Tirconail County Council with the General Council for the year 1925 - '26 was submitted and referred to the new Council for consideration.

CONDITION OF A COUNTY ROAD.

A letter from Mr. John Kelly, Carrowblagh, Portsalon, relative to the bad condition of the county road leading from Portsalon through Upper Carrowblagh was marked read.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY AT LETTERKENNY.

*Mr. Dawson
written to
11/7/25*
A letter from Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, requesting to be informed whether the County Council's Surveyor or any of his Assistants have yet inspected the offices let to him (Mr. Ward) at the Tuberculosis Dispensary, Port Road, Letterkenny, having been read, Mr. Ward, who was present, said that portion of the ceiling of one of the rooms fell and he only wished the premises inspected and a note taken of the damage by an official of the County Council before he goes into possession. The matter was referred to Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, for his attention.

FLOODING OF PREMISES.

*Mr. Mulhern
written to
11/7/25*
A letter from Mr. Patrick Mulhern, the Corner House, Dungloe, complaining of the flooding of his premises owing to defective pipes on the street at Dungloe near his premises and also a letter from Dr. Gardiner, Dungloe, on the subject having been read the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for his attention.

CLAIM FOR A SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

*Mr. Boyle
written to
11/7/25*
A claim by Mr. James Boyle, Falcarragh, for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Clerk of Dunfanaghy Union was submitted and consideration postponed until he had furnished Seed Returns to County Secretary.

A report from Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, re parties cutting down sides of roads; also removing screenings was submitted and on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Myles, prosecutions, through the Council's Solicitor, were ordered in each case.

HEAVY MOTOR TRAFFIC.

Mr. Steadman, in the course of a report regarding heavy lorry traffic, emphasised the fact that according as sections of the leading roads are improved by grants and county funds so is the speed of such vehicles increased, "and," he added, this factor is naturally augmenting their destructive effect upon roads. One frequently hears the statement that lorry traffic is come to stay. I have no doubt it will so long as the authorities, who might move with effect in the matter, remain apathetic. As pointed out previously, the ratepayers are paying stiffly for maintaining a track for such heavy lorries, and nothing is passed on to them for so doing. Were the heavy lorries taxed in anything like to the proportion of the destruction they cause then the most of such traffic would pass to the natural track already in existence for it -
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namely, railways - which have their track both to make and maintain, plus local taxation. Were this brought about, it would not only lessen the drain upon the ratepayers in any county, but the light traffic, which pays the greater proportion of the motor taxes, would reap the advantage of a better surface on roads."

It was ordered that a copy of Mr. Steadman's report be sent to the Roads Department, Dublin, as well as a copy of his former report on the subject, and also to each County Council in Southern Ireland.

LIMITING SPEED OF MOTOR CARS.

Mr. Minister for Local Govt. Roads written 11/12/25
Councillor Myles mentioned that in Ballyshannon and Bundoran the local authorities had imposed restrictions on motor cars, which had been duly ratified by the County Council and forwarded to the Local Government Department for their approval. No reply had as yet been received from that Department, however, and as a result the people who lived in the towns mentioned would be in a helpless position were it not for the efficiency of the Civic Guards. He moved that the Local Government Department be asked why they had not forwarded their sanction to the proposed restrictions. The resolution was passed.

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Department written to 11/12/25
A letter was read from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, requesting that the County Surveyor be asked to take such steps as may be necessary with a view to ensuring that roads and lands in the control of the County Council will, as far as practicable, be kept cleared of noxious weeds (thistle, ragweed and dock) throughout the present season. The County Surveyors were directed to attend to the matter.

ADJUSTING OF CERTAIN ASSISTANT SURVEYORS SALARIES.

An application by the Assistant County Surveyors in the Southern Division of the County to have their salaries adjusted owing to their respective districts having been enlarged to the extent of upwards of 80 miles was submitted.

Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared on the Assistants behalf.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Lynch, the matter was referred to the new Council for consideration.

re Mr. MICHAEL DEENY : SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

Mr. Deeny written to 11/12/25
A letter dated 8th June, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government sanctioning the superannuation allowance of £83:10:5 to Mr. Michael Deeny late Rate Collector.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

Payments of principal and interest to the Treasurer of the County in respect of the undermentioned loans were ordered to be made:-

	£: s: d
DAIL LOAN.....	310:16:6
REPAIRS TO REDCASTLE MOVILLE ROAD.....	241: 5: 3
LOAN IMPROVEMENT TO BURTONPORT HARBOUR.....	140: 0: 4

MOTOR PLATES SUPPLIED.

Paying a total of £22:9:10 on 20/6/25
Payment of £2:9:10 was ordered to be paid to Messrs Maguire & Gatchill Limited for Motor Plates supplied.

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

Applications on behalf of the Postmaster General for permission to the placing of overground telegraphic lines along

(a) cross road from Downings - Carrigart Trunk Road to Junction with pathway leading to No. 1 man's house, Downings, &

(b) West Side of Market Place, Raphoe, were considered and acceded to subject to approval of County Surveyor.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT.

A letter from Mr. James Diver, Coshclaudy, Bunbeg, complaining that payment has been withheld in respect of a contract in his name, having been read, the County Surveyor said he was dealing with the matter.

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture on the subject of the Regulations proposed to be made by Tirconail County Council for the control of dogs in the Lifford District, and enclosing a copy of the Regulations which were made by the Donegal County Council in 1914, and which can now be made applicable to Lifford District, was read. The regulations, as amended, were approved.

re PATRICK MCGEEHAN : SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

A letter dated 13th June, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry regarding superannuation of Mr. Patrick McGeehan and stating that the pension of £120 per annum requires formal sanction and a resolution of the Council should accordingly be submitted awarding that amount; and that such resolution may specify the 1st December, 1924, as the date from which the pension is to run.

On the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Lanigan, it was unanimously resolved that a pension of £120 per annum be granted to Mr. Patrick McGeehan for services rendered as a member of the Council's Clerical Staff, to date from 1st December, 1924, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

NURSE M.A. McMENAMIN : SUPERANNUATION.

A letter dated 13th June, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry regarding the application of the Tirconail County Council for sanction to the payment of a gratuity in respect of the loss of employment of Nurse M.A. McMenamin, in the Workhouse, Stranorlar, and stating that the Minister's sanction would not legalise this gratuity as the Council had no authority to grant it since Miss McMenamin did not hold office on the passing of the Local Government Act of 1919.

LOAN OF £5,000 FOR BUNCRANA PIER.

A letter was read from the Treasurer of the County intimating that the proposed loan of £5,000 for improvements to the Bunrana Pier cannot be entertained, the term of repayment being spread over too long a period.

It was decided to make application to the Board of Works for said loan.

SHEEP-DIPPING INSPECTORS.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture sanctioning the appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Tirconail County, was read.

FACTORY & WORKSHOPS ACTS 1901 - 1920 - PEERS.

Letters from the Department of Industry and Commerce re requirements at certain Piers in Tirconaili under the Factory and Workshops Acts 1901 - 1920, were read, and the matter referred to the County Surveyors for attention.

A letter from Mr. James Naish, ex School Attendance Officer, Carrigans, claiming compensation was read.

It was decided to request Mr. Naish to furnish full particulars of his claim.

PROPOSED TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN BUNCRANA.

A letter from Mr. James O'Neill, Secretary, Technical Committee stating that with the sanction of the Department of Education his Committee have agreed to take a Lease of premises in Bunrana for the purpose of establishing a Technical School. The Lease to be for 20 years with the option of surrender at the end of each term of five years and the annual rent £50.

The Council approved of the proposed arrangement.

EPIZOOTIC ABORTION ORDER OF 1925.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture enclosing copies of the above Order was read and referred to the New Council for consideration.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health relative to the annual meeting of the Tirconaili County Council which by order of 28th March last has been fixed as 6th July.

ROAD KINCASSLAGH TO CROLLY.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) submitted a letter from the Mullaghduff Central Branch of the Cumann na nGaedheal with reference to the state of the road from Kincasslagh to Crolli, of which residents of the districts complained, as well as the main road from Gweedore to Burtonport and Dungloe. In some places one of those roads was only seven feet wide. Some defective parts of the road were deathtraps to strangers in the winter months. At the same time it was pointed out that money was being lavishly spent on another road. Last year £1,000 was given as a Government Grant for the road complained of, but not one penny was expended on the road. They were now informed that there was another allocation of £500 for this road from Kincasslagh to Crolli, and they requested that the money be devoted to the purpose for which it was given before all the men from the district had gone away to Scotland.

No action was taken, it being pointed out that no money was available at the present for that purpose. As soon as money would be available the road would be attended to.

DISTRICT COURT PREMISES FOR BUNBEG DISTRICT.

A letter dated 27th May, 1925, was read from Mr. W.H. Hunt, Gweedore Hotel, referring to the Court for that district being transferred from his hotel to other premises in the district, and stating that according to the terms of agreement letting the premises six months' notice was required and as the court sittings are definitely transferred without notice being given he would be glad to

to receive cheque for £15, being one year's rent and six months in lieu of notice.

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), it was decided to pay Mr. Hunt six months' rent in lieu of notice and the rent up to date of vacation of premises on obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

CHILDRENS ACT, 1908, SECTION 74 - 6.

A notice dated 13th May, 1925, under above Act, was submitted from Mr. James O'Donnell, District Court Clerk, Ballyshannon.

CLAIMS FOR SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES.

A claim by Mr. Michael Mulhern, Bundoran, for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Collector of Poor Rate in Tirconnell County was then taken into consideration.

The Secretary submitted a Sealed Order of the Local Government Ministry, dated 1st October, 1923, dismissing Mr. Mulhern from office.

Mr. Maguire remarked that, notwithstanding the circumstances of Mr. Mulhern's dismissal, he had paid up everything he owed. He was appointed in the year 1901 and had 22 years service. The sealed order had been issued at a time when there was a little default, but that had been made good.

Mr. H.J. Kelly said when that Council recognised the Dail and repudiated the authority of the British Local Government Department Mr. Mulhern's resignation was in the hands of the Secretary. At every meeting almost Rate Collectors' resignations were being handed in. Some may have been bona fide enough, but others were prompted by no other motives than cowardice. They nearly all refused to take the risks incidental to the collection of the rates at that time. Things were really getting so serious from the point of view of the ratepayers, as well as from the patriotic point of view, that he found it necessary to get a resolution passed to the effect that the Council would refuse to accept any further resignations from Rate Collectors at that time. At that time Mr. Mulhern's resignation was about to come before the Council. He was in ill health, but when it was explained to him that all the collectors were handing in their resignations, and that the Council were consequently in difficulties, like a patriotic man he agreed to continue in office. It would be very unfair to place him in a worse position than the cowards who had resigned, being afraid to face the music, and were now enjoying fat pensions. He proposed that the Secretary ascertain what would be a fair pension and that the Local Government Board be asked to pass it.

Councillor Lanigan seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The Secretary said that Mr. Mulhern's average salary and pensionable emoluments for the three years terminating on the quarter next preceeding the date of his dismissal was £49:17:6.

Mr. Maguire asked that 8 years be added to length of service and granted an allowance equal to half of his average salary and pensionable emoluments - £24:18:9.

The Council unanimously resolved that the Local Government Ministry be asked to sanction the latter amount.

A claim by Mr. Francis Dunnion of Stranorlar for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Collector of Poor Rate in Tirconnell County was also submitted.

The Secretary said that at a meeting of the County Council held on 20th February, 1923, Mr. Dunnion having failed to lodge the outstanding Rates in his collection district for the half year ended the

the 31st March, 1922, and amounting to £831:0:3, and not being in a position to give an undertaking that the amount in question would be lodged with the Treasurer, it was unanimously decided to suspend Mr. Dunnion from Office under the terms of Article 89 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904. In a letter dated 30th March, 1923, the Ministry of Local Government confirmed the suspension.

Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, who appeared on Mr. Dunnion's behalf, said that Mr. Dunnion was appointed in the year 1906 and had 16 years' service. His average salary and pensionable emoluments for the three years terminating on the quarter next preceding the date of the termination of his duties was £243:0:11. He asked that Mr. Dunnion be granted an allowance equal to 16 of the latter amount.

⁶⁰ The Council unanimously resolved to grant a superannuation allowance of £64:16:0 per annum, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

CLOSING OF ROADS TEMPORARILY.

A letter dated 23rd May, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, referring to Section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and enclosing a copy of regulations made by the Minister with regard to the closing of roads temporarily.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR
No. 2 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The only application for this appointment was received from Mr. John Gillespie, Ballyshannon, who is the existing Collector for Nos. 1 and 3 Collection Districts in the County.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Myles, Mr. Gillespie was unanimously appointed Collector for No. 2 District, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, conditional on his perfecting Personal and Guarantee Society Bonds in sums of £100 and £759 respectively.

Mr. Gillespie named as his Personal Sureties, Messrs George White and Nixon Anderson, Main Street, Ballyshannon, and these the Council considered acceptable on assurances given by members present at the meeting.

The Secretary stated that the Hibernian General Insurance Company Limited would issue the Guarantee Bond on the usual terms.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted return showing the state of the rate collection from which it appeared that sums amounting to £4,898:8:6 and £28,622:14:5 were outstanding on the 16th instant in respect of the years ended the 31:3:'24 and 31:3:'25 respectively. For the former period, Collectors Harvey, J.B. O'Donnell, Logue, Michael O'Donnell and James McGowan have not closed their accounts, and the warrants in these cases for the year ended the 31:3:'25 have not been issued. Collectors Holmes and E.C. O'Donnell, who have received the books for this year, are charged with the collection of previous arrears not recovered by their respective predecessors.

The present condition of the rate collection the Secretary considered exceedingly unsatisfactory, and none of the officers, he reminded the Council, to whom further extensions of the collection period had been given on the 26:5:'25 had closed their accounts. In one of these cases, namely that of Collector McGowan, a special report was being laid that day before the Council.

A letter received from Collector Harvey, in which he stated he had been ill, was read. Collector Logue made a statement regarding the difficulty of collecting, especially on the islands, arrears of rates which had accrued prior to his taking up duty, and which were included in his warrant for the year ended the 31:3:'24. He expressed his willingness to lodge the full sums due on the mainland for the year ended the 31:3:'24 if allowed a reasonable time within which to do so, but could give no undertaking as to the immediate collection and lodgment of rates for this year and previous arrears on the islands under existing conditions.

The Secretary pointed out that Collector Logue's present proposal fell far short of the undertaking given by him to the Council on the 26:5:'25, as recorded in the Minutes of that date.

No communications were received from Messrs J.B. O'Donnell or Michael O'Donnell; as regards the latter, however, the Council's Solicitor stated that legal proceedings were being taken by him against a number of defaulters in the district. For that reason he suggested this officer should be continued for the present. In the district of Collector Harvey, action was pending in the Courts in a specially selected number of cases for recovery of arrears due prior to the 1:4:'23 under the Council's Direct Collection Scheme. It might ultimately be necessary to resort to the Collection of Rates Act, 1924 in this area, and, therefore, he considered that the question of dispensing with Collector Harvey's services should be postponed until the next Council meeting.

After considerable discussion the Council, on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Quigley,
unanimously

unanimously decided to make the following recommendations to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:-

- (1) To continue Collector Harvey in office until date of next Council meeting.
- (2) To call on Collector J.B. O'Donnell to lodge his full warrant for the half year ended the 31:3:'24 on or before date of next Council meeting.
- (3) To call on Collector Logue to lodge the total assessments on the mainland portion of his district for the year ended the 31:3:'24 on or before date of next Council meeting, and all previous arrears on the same area on or before the 31:8:'25; and to lodge the full amounts outstanding on the islands in his district for the year ended the 31:3:'24, and previous arrears on or before the 31:8:25.
- (4) To extend the time for the completion of the collection of the rate in the district of Collector Michael O'Donnell for the year ended the 31:3:'24, and previous arrears to the 31:8:'25.

SECRETARY'S REPORT re COLLECTOR MCGOWAN.

Mr. Henry McGowan, brother of Mr. James McGowan, Rate Collector handed in at the County Council Office on the 15:6:'25 the latter's Collecting Books for the year ended the 31:3:'24. I at once telegraphed Mr. Charles Callaghan, Clerk, Rural District Council, Strahorlar, who is the Deputy for the district under the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and on his arrival a careful examination of Mr. McGowan's accounts was made.

Mr. McGowan's warrant for the period in question amounts to £8,212:2:0, of this sum £7,042:0:2 has been lodged leaving £1,170:1:10 outstanding. The latter amount includes £619:8:2 for which the relative official receipts had been removed from the Books prior to their receipt in the Council Office. The official receipts for the balance, amounting to £550:13:8 have not been issued.

The Council hold a Bond in this case from the Hibernian Insurance Company Limited for £3,005, and a Bond under the Public Bodies Order, 1904 from Mr. Henry McGowan, Knock, Ballybofey and Mrs Margaret McGowan, Ballybofey for £1,008.

This morning Mr. Henry McGowan handed in a letter dated the 15th instant from Mr. James McGowan tendering his resignation as Collector.

I have reason to believe that the latter has absconded, and I recommend the Council to suspend him from office under the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and at the same time to authorise their Solicitor to take such action both civil and criminal, as may be necessary on behalf of the Council under the terms of the Personal and Guarantee Bonds in the case.

I desire to call attention to the fact that some time ago, the Council by resolution relieved the Collector's two original Personal Sureties of their obligations, but the Local Government Ministry has not sanctioned this change. I suggest that the Council's Solicitor be requested to advise the Council as to the present legal position of these former sureties in relation to the Collector's default.

COUNCIL'S DECISION IN THE ABOVE MATTER.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick T.D., it was unanimously decided:-

- (1) To suspend Mr. James McGowan from office as Rate Collector under Art.89 of the Public Bodies Order 1904
- (2) To call on the sureties to lodge the outstanding rates in the district.

- (3) To instruct their Solicitor to take such action, both civil and criminal, as may be necessary under the Guarantee Bond and the two Personal Bonds referred to in the Secretary's report.
- (4) To authorise the Secretary to prosecute inquiries, and furnish all such evidence to the Council's Solicitor as the latter may require in the case.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION OF
1924 - 1925 COLLECTION OF RATES.

A letter dated the 10:6:'25 (G26639/1925) was submitted from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning an extension of time to the 30:6:'25 for the closing of the 1924 - '25 warrants. No further leniency, the Ministry stated, should be shown to the Collectors who have not closed by that date. T.D.,

On the motion of Councillor Myles/seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was decided to further extend the time for the lodgment of these warrants to the 31:7:'25, this also to apply to the arrears for the period ended the 31:3:'24 in the cases of Collectors Wm. Holmes and E.C. O'Donnell.

re PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF Mr. HUGH DORRIAN Junr.
AS RATE COLLECTOR FOR No. 29 DISTRICT.

A letter dated the 10:6:'25 (G26523/1925) was submitted from the Local Government Ministry enclosing form of Declaration under Section 7I of the Local Government Act, 1925, and stating that Mr. Hugh Dorrian junior, should be required to provide at least Personal Security in the sum of £200. The Ministry also called attention to Mr. Dorrian's answers to query 7 (a) and (b) in form relating to his proposed appointment, and intimated that it had been brought to the Department's notice that Mr. Dorrian is engaged in retail trade and resides on licensed premises.

The Secretary stated that he had transmitted copy of the Ministry's communication to Mr. Dorrian whose reply dated the 13:6:'25 is as follows:-

" Your letter to hand on the 12th instant. The Minister for Local Government has been noticed that I am engaged in retail trade and reside on licensed premises. Well, as regards that it is my father who has the licensed premises and I am only there as a boarder for the present. My trade is motoring. I will attend at meeting on the 16th instant, and I will give you full particulars re above on that day."

Mr. Dorrian, who was in attendance, stated he was looking out for a house in which to reside, and was prepared to subscribe the required declaration and provide the increased personal security.

On the motion of Councillor McDermott, seconded by Councillor Lynch, it was decided to request the Ministry to sanction the appointment of Mr. Dorrian on the foregoing terms.

ADDITIONAL PENNY POUNDAGE FOR
YEAR 31:3:'24 - COLLECTOR MICHAEL DEERY.

A letter was submitted from the Local Government Ministry dated 26:5:'25 (G24823/1925) enclosing copy of communication addressed to Collector Michael Deery refusing to sanction an additional penny poundage on his warrant for the above year.

The Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

CLAIM FOR POUNDAGE BY Ex-COLLECTOR McCOLE.

A claim by Mr. James McCole, Ex Collector of Poor Rate, for poundage on £1,588:4:6 rates collected and lodged for the half year ended the 31st March, 1922, was submitted, but consideration of the matter

matter was deferred until the completion of the collection of the arrears of rates in the district.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF COUNCIL FUNDS.

The Secretary suggested that the Council give him authority to swear, at any time, information against any officer of the Council whom he is satisfied has embezzled funds belonging to the Council. Under the existing procedure he has to submit information in the first instance to the Council, and await instructions, before taking action.

The Council recommended that the matter be referred to the new Council at their first meeting.

APPLICATION BY COLLECTOR FARREN FOR INCREASED POUNDAGE.

Collector John Farren, Buncrana, applied for an increase in his poundage from 8d to 1/-.. The matter was referred to the new Council at their first meeting for consideration.

FAILURE OF THE CLERK OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, DUNFANAGHY, TO FURNISH RETURNS OF SEEDS SUPPLIED TO OCCUPIERS AND CULTIVATORS.

The Secretary stated that Mr. James Boyle, Clerk of the Rural District Council, Dunfanaghy, has not furnished returns of seeds supplied to occupiers and cultivators in Dunfanaghy Rural District under the Council's Scheme of last year. He was repeatedly called upon to supply these returns, and the matter had been reported to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to the Local Government Inspector. The amounts due by the persons who received the seeds require to be inserted in the Rate Book for the current year, and it is absolutely essential that the returns be furnished without further delay. He recommended the Council to instruct their Solicitor to take such legal action as would compel the Clerk of the District Council to discharge his obligations in this matter forthwith.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly (H.J.), seconded by Councillor McGoldrick T.D., it was decided to adopt the Secretary's recommendation.

RATES ON HOUSES OF TOWN TENANTS, BALLYSHANNON.

The Secretary submitted the following letter dated the 12/6/'25 (H.457/10960/1925, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners) addressed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Town Clerk, Ballyshannon

THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVT. & PUBLIC HEALTH,
HOUSING DEPARTMENT?
UPPER MERRION STREET,
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
12th JUNE, 1925.

Ref. No. H.457/10960/1925.
BALLYSHANNON TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

A Dhuine Uasail,

With reference to the Memorial submitted to the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners by the tenants of certain houses provided by the Commissioners under the housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts relative to the payment of the rates assessable on the houses, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is open to the Commissioners with the acquiescence of the County Council, to make arrangements for the collection of the Poor Rate in weekly instalments by the Rent

Rent Collector. Such instalments, however, should not be included in the Rent and accounts should be kept by the Rent Collector for crediting the tenants with the instalments so paid. All sums collected by the Rent Collector in respect of Poor Rate should be lodged by him forthwith with the County Council.

It is also open to the Commissioners to increase the weekly rents so as to include the Town Rate.

Mise le meas,

RUNAIDHE.

The Town Clerk,
BALLYSHANNON.

The Council decided to acquiesce in the arrangement proposed, except that the instalments of rates received by the Rent Collector instead of being lodged direct with the County Treasurer, should be handed over to the Council's Rate Collector whose official receipt will be a complete discharge of each tenant's liability.

PAYMENT TO DEPUTY CHECKERS.

The Secretary was authorised to pay the fees prescribed under the Public Bodies Order, 1904 to Deputy Checkers in respect of Collection districts in which Collectors accounts had been completed to date.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 35.

The Council, on the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor McGoldrick T.D., directed the Secretary to issue an advertisement inviting applications for the position of Rate Collector for the above district at the existing poundage, the appointment to be made by the new Council on the 6th prox.

It was decided that the person appointed must provide security on the terms already fixed.

Re APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL BILL OFFICER FOR DISTRICTS OF KILCOR AND CARRICK.

Arising out of entry on Minutes of Proceedings of the Council on the 26/5/'25, the Secretary submitted letter from the Clerk of the Peace, Lifford, stating that the appointment of Civil Bill Officer did not rest with him, but with the Circuit Court Judge to whom he would mention the matter.

The Council's Solicitor advised that the matter be referred to the Minister for Justice, and the Council decided to adopt that course.

UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Secretary submitted schedules of uncollected rates for the following Collection Districts:-

COLLECTOR'S NAME	No. OF DISTRICT	PERIOD
JOHN GILLESPIE	1	Half-year 30:9:'24
JOHN GILLESPIE	3	" " 30:9:'24
P. J. SWEENEY	10	Year 31:3:'24
PATRICK MOORE	17	" 31:3:'24
Wm. O'DONNELL	27	Half-year 31:3:'25

It was decided to strike off as irrecoverable, and refund to Collectors, the rates on derelict buildings and on ruins, and such other items as appeared from the evidence furnished to warrant the adoption

adoption of that course. As regards the claim made by Collector Sweeney to treat all items on his returns as irrecoverable, the Chairman intimated that this course could not be followed. He considered, however, that the rates on vacant District Council Cottages might be returned to the Ministry as uncollectible.

UNCOLLECTED RATES - DISTRICT OF COLLECTOR
J.B. O'DONNELL.

A letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 12:6:'25 (G.28353/1925) intimating that he was not satisfied with the reasons given for the non-collection of the amounts set out on the schedules furnished by Collector J.B. O'Donnell for the half year ended the 30:9:'23, and that he could not approve of the items being struck off as irrecoverable. He would not, however, object to refund the amounts provided the latter were carried forward for future collection, and the circumstances of the islanders further investigated.

The Secretary stated that the rates on Tory, and certain other islands in this Collection District had been treated as irrecoverable since the coming into operation of the Local Government Act 1898, and he was assured that the Grand Jury, in their time, had also failed to levy the amounts.

The question of resorting to extreme measures to recover these rates had been considered in 1913, and although arrangements were actually made, through the former Local Government Board, with the British Admiralty to provide a Gun-boat, or War-ship, to afford protection to the former Collector, the project was finally abandoned.

It was decided to return Collector O'Donnell's sheets to the Ministry with a recommendation that the Council's rulings thereon be sanctioned.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEWLY-ELECTED
TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COURTHOUSE,
LIFFORD, ON MONDAY 6th JULY, 1925.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

- 1 COUNCILLORS Baxter, Black, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Edward), Doherty (Patrick), Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (William), Gallagher (Francis), Solicitor, Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McBride, McCauley, McClafferty, McCreadie, McFadden, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, Quigley, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Walker.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

- 2 Each member signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office on taking his seat as a County Councillor.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

- 3 On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Flood, Councillor Gallagher (Francis) occupied the chair while the Chairman for the ensuing year was being appointed.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

- 4 Councillor Gallagher (Francis) proposed that Councillor Michael Og MacFadden be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor Mahony seconded.
Councillors Clarke and Gallen supported the motion which was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.
Mr. James Dunlevy, Solicitor, Donegal, who was present, congratulated Councillor MacFadden on his appointment.
The newly appointed Chairman returned thanks.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

- 5 Councillor Cole proposed that Councillor Quigley be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor McCauley seconded.
Councillor Myles proposed that Councillor Clarke be appointed. Councillor Hamilton seconded.

V O T I N G.

FOR COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY.....COUNCILLORS Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Cole, Doherty (Edward), Doherty (Patk.), Flood, Gallagher (William), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Holmes, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, McBride, McCauley, McClafferty, McCreadie, McFadden, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, and Sweeney. - 27.
FOR COUNCILLOR CLARKE.....COUNCILLORS Baxter, Black, Clarke, Gallagher (Bernard), Hamilton, Myles, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 8.

COUNCILLOR

COUNCILLOR Quigley did not vote.
COUNCILLOR Quigley was declared duly elected, and thanked
the Council for the honour conferred upon him.

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M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

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COMMITTEE REPORT.

The report of Committee appointed by the County Council to consider offer by Insurance Company in respect of Burned County House and recommending the Council to not accept less than £3,750, was submitted.

The Secretary read a letter from the Council's Assessors stating that they had had two meetings with the Insurance Company's Assessors and the latter have finally agreed to recommend a sum of £3,510 in settlement of the loss of the County House, adding that this was their final offer and in the opinion of the Council's Assessors, should be carefully considered before refusal by the Tirconail County Council.

On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Gallen, the offer of £3,510 was unanimously accepted by the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

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TIRCONAILL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

NAME	ADDRESS	ELECTED FOR COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF
COUNCILLORS:-		
Patrick Quigley	Carrickabraghey, Ballyliffin	Buncrana
Francis Gallagher, Solr.	Main Street, Donegal.	Donegal
Kenny J. Brennan	Dungloe	Glenties
Eugene Mahony	Letterkenny	Letterkenny
Manus Andrew McCreadie	Milford	Milford
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.		
Daniel Boyle (Edward)	Kincasslagh, Tirconaill	
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Ballindrait	
William Gallagher	Moness, Burt.	
Edward Gallen	Broomfield, Urney, Strabane	
James Sproule Myles T.D.	Carrickboy, Ballyshannon.	

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TIRCONAILL MENTAL HOSPITAL.

NAME	ADDRESS.
COUNCILLORS:-	
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Strabane.
Patrick John Cole	Bridge Street, Carndonagh.
Edward Doherty	Rathdonnell House, Letterkenny.
Edward Gallen	Broomfield, Urney, Strabane.
Robert Holmes	Mondooey, Manorcunningham.
Patrick Mulreany	The Green, Killybegs.
James Sproule Myles T.D.	Carrickboy, Ballyshannon.
Denis McCauley	James Street, Moville.
Henry McNulty	Ballybofey.
Charles McPhelimy	Lismullyduff, Crossroads, Killygordon.
James F. O'Donnell	Lackbeg, Burtonport.
Neal Sweeney	Drumbarran, Ardara.
Rev. John O'Doherty Adm..	Letterkenny.
Rev. John McCafferty P.P.	Stranorlar.
Rev. J. Burns, C.C.	Cashelmore.
Rev. A.P. Conneff, B.A.,	Ramelton.

NAME	ADDRESS
Samuel Alexr. Baxter	Milford
Neal Blaney	Rossnakill
Daniel Boyle (Edward)	Kincasslagh
Kenny J. Brennan	Dungloe
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh
Patrick John Cole	Bridge Street, Carndonagh
Patrick Doherty	Umgall, Malin.
Bernard Gallagher	Kilclooney, Narin, Glenties.
Edward Gallen	Broomfield, Urney, Strabane.
John Stewart Hamilton	Brownhall, Ballintra.
Robert Holmes	Mondooey, Manorcunningham.
Patrick Kavanagh	Sladrin, Buncrana.
Patrick Loughrey	Kerrykeel
Eugene Mahony	Letterkenny
Patrick Mulreany	The Green, Killybegs.
Thomas McShane	Dunkineely.
Patrick O'Brien	College Street, Ballyshannon.
William H. Wagentreiber	Lifford.
James Alexander Walker	Carntullagh, Killybegs.
Rev. James Maguire P.P.	Clonmany.
Rev. Daniel Reid C.C.	Carndonagh.
William Boreland	Tamney.
Patrick Coyle	Kilmacrenan.
Samuel Donaldson	Glenafton, Welchtown.
James Green	Glenvar, Letterkenny.
Edward Griffin	Carrigart.
William Holmes	Ballybogan, Lifford.
William T. Huey	The Grove, Ture.
John Kelly	Kill, Glen, Creeslough.
Andrew Lowry	Mullaghaney, Ballindrait
Henry McDevitt, N.T.	Cloughfin, Urney, Strabane.
Patrick McGeehan	Fintown.
Hugh O'Donnell	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Ballindrait.
William O'Donnell	Rushfield, Buncrana.
Samuel Patterson	Drumoghill, Manorcunningham.
Robert Scott	Tulnaree, Carndonagh.
Jeremiah Sheils	Kerrykeel.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said the meetings of the County Council and this Committee were held on the same date. He suggested that the latter Committee should be summoned for an hour earlier.

It was decided to leave the fixing of hour of meeting to Committee.

NAME	ADDRESS	ELECTED FOR COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF
Patrick John Cole	Bridge Street, Carndonagh	Buncrana
Patrick Kavanagh	Sladrian, Buncrana	" "
Patrick Doherty (John)	Umgall, Malin	" "
John Stewart Hamilton	Brownhall, Ballintra	Donegal
Patrick Mulreany	The Green, Killybegs	" "
Thomas McShane	Dunkineely	" "
Patrick O'Brien	College Street, Ballyshannon	" "
James Alexr. Walker	Carntullagh, Killybegs	" "
Daniel Boyle (Edward)	Kincasslagh	Glenties
Kenny J. Brennan	Dungloe	" "
Bernard Gallagher	Kilclooney, Narin, Glenties	" "
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Strabane	Letterkenny
Edward Gallen	Broomfield, Urney, Strabane	" "
Robert Holmes	Mondooey, Manorcunningham	" "
Eugene Mahony	Letterkenny	" "
William H. Wagentreiber	Lifford	" "
Samuel Alexr. Baxter	Milford	Milford
Neal Blaney	Rosnakill	" "
Patrick Loughrey	Kerrykeel	" "

LOCAL PENSION.

All the members of the Council.

Councillor Gallen referred to the difficulties experienced in regard to applicants in getting proof of their age accepted. He knew of cases where applicants were over seventy years of age and the pension refused, with the result that these people were thrown on the local rates. He considered that some protest should go forth from that Council in regard to this matter. The ratepayers were being badly penalised as the result of the harsh and unfair regulation in regard to the proof of age.

Councillor McPhelimy agreed, and said he also knew people over seventy years of age who had been refused the pension because they could not produce documentary proof of their age.

On the suggestion of Councillor Gallen, it was decided to forward a Minute recording the Council's protest to Councillor Myles who is a member of the Commission dealing with the subject.

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Extract sent to
Councillor Myles
29/7/35

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PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES.

BALLYSEANNON.

NAME	ADDRESS
Very Rev. Canon McDonnell P.P.	Bundoran
Very Rev. Canon McGinley P.P.	Ballyshannon
Rev. Canon Tarleton B.A.,	----Do----
Rev. J. Timoney C.C.	St. Joseph's, Ballyshannon
Edward Daly (Town Clerk)	Bundoran
P.H. Daly	Main Street, Ballyshannon
Major J.S. Myles T.D.,	Ballyshannon
Robert Neely	Rockville, Ballyshannon
Patrick O'Brien	College Street, Ballyshannon.

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DONEGAL.

NAME	ADDRESS
Right Rev. Monsignor Walker P.P. V.G.	Donegal
Rev. D. Kelly B.A.	The Rectory, Donegal
Francis Campbell	Bridge Street, Donegal
James Diver	Brownhall, Ballintra
Michael Dunnion	Cullinbuoy, Barnesmore
Daniel J. Flood	Pettigo
Francis Gallagher, Solicitor,	Donegal
Patrick Gillespie, Spirit Merchant,	Donegal
John Kennedy	Drimark, Donegal

DUNFANAGHY.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. H. Canon Kerr P.P.	Derrybeg
Rev. H. McDwyer P.P.	Gortahork
Rev. P. Carr C.C.	Derrybeg
Rev. J. McAteer C.C.	Falcarragh
Rev. F.W.C. Wallace	The Manse, Ballymore
B. Campbell N.T.	Derrybeg
J. Ramsey	Dunfanaghy
J. McNulty	---Do---
P. McLaughlin	Falcarragh

GLENTIES No. 1.

NAME	ADDRESS
Very Rev. E. Canon Maguire D.D., P.P.	Carrick
Very Rev. John Canon Doherty P.P.	Ardara
Very Rev. John Canon Sweeney P.P.	Killybegs
Rev. C. Cunningham P.P.	Glenties
Rev. A. Logue C.C.	Glenties
Rev. S.R. Fleming	Killybegs
Rev. A.N. Mac Tier	Ardara
Peter Gallagher,	Post Office, Glenties
Patrick Mulreany	Killybegs
Michael O' MacFadden	Kilcar
Dr. J.J. McNelis	Glenties
Patrick O Byrne	Killybegs
Neil Sweeney	Drumbarran, Ardara.

GLENTIES No. 2.

NAME	ADDRESS
Very Rev James Canon Scanlon	Dungloe
Very Rev P. Canon McCafferty	Burtonport
Daniel E Boyle	Kincasslagh
John E. Boyle	Dungloe
Kenny J. Brennan	Dungloe
Charles Dunlevy	Calhame Annagry
Patrick Gallagher	Calhame, Annagry
Hugh Roe O'Donnell	Arranmore
James F. O'Donnell	Burtonport.

INISHOWEN No. 1.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. James Maguire P.P.	Clonmany
Rev. Patrick Conway C.C.	--Do--
Dr. Daniel Doherty	--Do--
Hugh C. Harkin	--Do--
Patrick Lynch	Binion, Clonmany
John McCarron	Cleagh, Clonmany
Patrick Quigley	Carrickabraghey, Clonmany.

INISHOWEN No. 2.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. William Doherty P.P.	Buncrana
Rev. John Lagan C.C.	--Do--
Rev. R.P. Meredith M.A.	--Do--
Rev. George Moody	--Do--
Thomas Baldrick	Linsfort, Buncrana
William Doherty	Buncrana
Patrick Kavanagh	Sladrin, Buncrana
Patrick J. McGoldrick T.D.	Buncrana
Patrick Porter	--Do--

INISHOWEN No. 3.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. Michael McGeown P.P.	Carndonagh
Rev. B. McWilliams P.P.	Culdaff
Rev. Robert Morrison	Carndonagh
Rev. Charles Duncan	---Do---
W.F. Anderson	Hollymount House, Carndonagh
Patrick Diver	Carrowmore, Culdaff
J.F. Doherty	Chapel Street, Carndonagh
Frank J. Lanigan	Carndonagh
John Reid	---Do---

INISHOWEN No. 4.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. Michael Sheerin P.P.	Moville
Rev. Bernard Smith C.C.	Ture
Rev. Joseph McCorkell	Moville
Rev. Richard S. Benson B.A.	Moville
John Cavanagh	Greencastle
James Elkin, senior,	Turmone, Lecansey
Denis McCauley	James Street, Moville.
James P. McIvor	Carrowkeel, Quigley's Point
James McLaughlin	Malin Road, Moville.

LETTERKENNY.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. John O'Doherty, Adm.,	Letterkenny
Rev. Ross Miller	Hillmount, Letterkenny
Ven. Archdn. Henry St.G.McClenaghan	Murrac -a- Boo, Letterkenny.
Thomas Crossan	Seacor, Breenagh, Letterkenny
Edward Doherty	Rathdonnell, Letterkenny
Robert Holmes	Mondooey, Manorcunningham
Eugene Mahony	Letterkenny
Hugh McFadden	Breenagh
Cornelius McGinley	Churchhill, Letterkenny

DERRY No. 1.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. Michael O'Mullin P.P.	Fahan
Rev. Thomas McConnellogue C.C.	Burt
Rev. B.A. Smith C.C.	Iskaheen, Ture.
Rev. H. O'Donnell	Fahan
John Bradley	Ture
William Gallagher	Mulaney, Burt
Wm. Thomas Huey P.C.	Drumskellan, Ture
Joseph McArthur	Carnamaddy, Burt
James McNally	Three Trees, Quigley's Point

DERRY No. 2.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. J.R. Sides B.A.	Newtowncunningham
Rev. S.J. Parker	The Manse, Newtowncunningham
John Black	Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham
Hugh Connaghan	Newtowncunningham
John Devenny P.C.	Colehill, Newtowncunningham
James Devenny	Newtowncunningham
James F. Glenn	Moyle, Newtowncunningham
Dr. Wm. Rankin P.C.	Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham.

MILFORD.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. J. Byrne P.P.	Carrigart
Rev. J. Dunleavy P.P.	Termon
Rev. Hugh Gallagher P.P.	Tamney
Samuel Alexander Baxter	Milford
Neal Blaney	Rossnakill
Samuel Davidson	Ardnaree, Ramelton
Patrick Loughrey	Kerrykeel
Manus A. McCreadie	Milford
A. McElwee	Milford

STRABANE No. 2.

NAME	ADDRESS
Right Rev. Monsignor Doherty P.P.	Strabane
Rev. James Black	Donoughmore, Castlefin
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh
James Harte	Lifford
Andrew Lowry	Argery, Ballindrait
Edward Lynch	St. Johnston
John McDermott	Rossgier House, Rossgier, Ballindrait.
Henry McDevitt N.T.	Cloughfin, Urney
Wm. H. Wagentreiber	Lifford

STRANORLAR.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. A. Gallagher P.P.	Cloghan
Rev. John McCafferty P.P.	Stranorlar
Rev. C. Byrne C.C.	Crossroads, Killygordon
Rev. James Curry	Stranorlar
Rev. R.W. Wright M.A.	Stranorlar
James Magee	Hotel, Ballybofey
James McCool	Kinnaderry, Welshtown
Henry McNulty	Ballybofey
Charles McPhelimy	Lismullyduff, Crossroads, Killygordon

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FINANCE AND PROPOSAL.

NAME	ADDRESS
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Ballindrait
Edward Doherty	Rathdonnell House, Letterkenny.
Daniel Joseph Flood	Main Street, Pettigo
Francis Gallagher, Solicitor	Main Street, Donegal
Edward Gallen	Broomfield, Urney
Eugene Mahony	Letterkenny
Patrick Mulreany	The Green, Killybegs
James Sproule Myles	Carrickboy, Ballyshannon
Denis McCauley	James Street, Moville
Manus McCreadie	Milford
Henry McNulty	Ballybofey
James F. O'Donnell	Lackbeg, Burtonport
James Alexander Walker	Carntullagh, Killybegs
and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.	

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE.

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On the suggestion of the Secretary the following were appointed a sub-committee of the Finance Committee to deal with payments to road men out of Trunk Road Grant etc..

NAME	ADDRESS
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Strabane
Edward Gallen	Broomfield, Urney, Strabane
Charles McPhelimy	Lismullyduff, Crossroads
Wm. H. Wagentreiber	Lifford.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

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All the members of the Agricultural Committee.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NAME	ADDRESS
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Strabane.
Patrick John Cole	Bridge Street, Carndonagh
Eugene Mahony	Letterkenny
Henry McNulty	Ballybofey
Hugh O'Donnell	Port Hall, Clonleigh
Neal Sweeney	Drumbarran, Ardara
Rev. H. McDwyor P.P.	Gortahork
Rev. Hugh Gallagher P.P.	Tamney
Rev. P. Conway C.C.	Clonmany
John McDermott	Rossgier House, Rossgier, Ballindrait
Andrew Lowry	Argery, Ballindrait
William McGill	Fintown
Miss Brenan	Lifford
Mrs Simms	Combermore, Lifford
Mrs Wagentreiber	Lifford

6x/4 act sent to Mayor
Myles 17/7/25

Councillor Gallen said the Tuberculosis Acts were very unsatisfactory in their operation. There were often cases that should get domiciliary treatment in their own homes, and if taken early could be cured, but the committee could not order this treatment in the cases of persons who were not insured, and this was a point which, by means of a special minute of the Council, should be brought under the notice of Councillor Myles as a member of the Commission dealing with Poor-law and kindred matters, so that he could deal with it at his discretion. The fact that these people could not get this domiciliary treatment reacted on the Home Committee, who had to give relief, whereas the money could be more effectively spent in domiciliary treatment. This was agreed to.

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INSURANCE.

NAME	ADDRESS
Rev. Hugh Gallagher P.P.	Tamney
Rev. Patrick Canon McCafferty P.P.	Burtonport
James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Ballindrait
Eugene Mahony	Letterkenny
Patrick F. McGlinchey	Raphoe
Hugh O'Donnell	Porthall, Clonleigh, Ballindrait
Wm. H. Wagentreiber	Lifford
Mrs McFadden	Conneyburrow, Lifford
Mrs A Wagentreiber	Lifford
Mrs Simms	Combermore, Lifford

SCHOLARSHIPS/

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SCHOLARSHIPS.

NAME	ADDRESS
Very Rev. Canon Maguire, D.D. ✓	Carrick
Rev. Hugh Gallagher P.P. ✓	Tamney
Rev. James Maguire P.P. ✓	Clonmany
Rev. John McCafferty P.P. ✓	Stranorlar
Rev. P.D. McCaul ✓	President, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny
Rev. Hugh McDwyer P.P. ✓	Gortahork
Rev. Michael McGeown P.P. ✓	Carndonagh
Very Rev. Canon McGrath ✓	President, St. Macartan's College, Monaghan
Rev. John McShane ✓	President, St. Columb's College, Derry
Rev. Michael Sheerin P.P. ✓	Moville
Rev. P. O'Kieran P.P. ✓	Pettigo
<i>Derry</i> Rev. James O'Kane P.P. <i>2/7</i> ✓	Melmount, Strabane
Rev. Daniel Reid C.C. ✓	Carndonagh
Rev. J.M.A. Beattie ✓	Convoy
Rev. W.H.F. Garstin ✓	Lifford
W. Taitt B.A. ✓	Head Master, Prior Schools, Lifford
J. Burrows M.A. ✓	Head Master, Royal School, Raphoe
<i>E. J. Allen Broomfield</i> James Clarke	Port Hall, Clonleigh, Ballinacorney
Manus A. McCreadie	Milford
Thomas McShane	Dunkineely
Wm. H. Wagentreiber	Lifford

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GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

The Chairman and Councillor Clarke were appointed as the Council's representatives on the General Council of County Councils.

18

PROPOSALS FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS etc..

The lists of Proposals for (1) Maintenance Works and (2) New, Special and Miscellaneous Works recommended by certain Rural District Councils in the County were then taken into consideration. BALLYSHANNON.

All the proposals on list were approved. DONEGAL.

Nos. 4, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 were rejected. Remaining proposals approved. INISHOWEN.

Nos. 267, 284, 288, 301, 312, 314, 324, 357, 373, 377, 378 were rejected. No. 338 was put in County Surveyor's charge. Remaining proposals approved. No. 318 for building a bridge in Meenletterbale, at a cost of £70 was approved, subject to the Trustees of Meenletterbale Mountain and Mossyglan respectively lodging £40 to the credit of the County Council's Account. The balance (£30) to be defrayed by the Rural District. LETTERKENNY.

Nos. 1266, 1277, 1279, 1284, 1288, 1289 and 1290 were rejected. Remaining Proposals on list were approved.

In this connection a letter was read from Mrs Mary Harkin, Ballinakilla, New Mills, Letterkenny, objecting to the building of two pipes - Proposal No. 1284 - which was rejected.

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Nos. 285, 291, 297 were rejected. Nos. 292, 293, 294, 296, 298 and 299 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor. Remaining proposals approved.

19

SEALING OF BONDS.

It was unanimously resolved that the seal of the County Council be affixed to all bonds in connection with proposals approved at this meeting.

20

RELIEF OF THE SICK AND DESTITUTE POOR etc..

A letter dated 25th May, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Government of An Saorstát has established a Commission with the object of devising permanent legislation for the effective and economical relief of the sick the destitute poor, including the insane poor, and to inquire into the laws and administration relating thereto and enclosing a list of queries which the Commission would be glad if the Tirconail County Council would take these queries into consideration and furnish replies thereto as soon as possible.

Councillor Gallen said that he considered that as the Tirconail County Board of Health had directed their Secretary to attend before the Commission no action was necessary to be taken by the County Council. This was agreed to.

Extract sent to
Local Govt. Ministry
20/7/25

21

CLERKS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The consideration of a letter dated 21st April, 1925, from the Ministry of Local Government referring to the provisions of Section 82 of the Local Government Act, 1925, from which Rural Councils will observe that all officers in their present employment become automatically transferred to the service of the County was postponed until next meeting.

Ministry
written to
15/7/25

22

re DEFERRED PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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

"GENTLEMEN,

I beg to state that owing to the County Stone Breakers being engaged at Trunk Road Grants some of the contractors stone could not be broken in time for the Rural District meetings many payments had to be deferred. Since these meetings took place the stone breaker has been available and the contracts in many cases have been completed.

As it would be a hardship on some contractors to remain without their money for six months could not these deferred sums be paid in the case of any contract terminating in March last?"

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said he had a few similar cases.

The County Surveyors were directed to prepare lists of payments for submission to the County Council at next meeting.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.

23

A letter dated 12th June, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, regarding the unexpended balance of £250:16:9 of the Provisional Government Unemployment Grant and requesting to be informed why this sum has not been expended on the approved Works and when, if at all, it is expected that the balance will be expended.

The Secretary said he sent a copy of this letter to the County Surveyors and both replied that the balance was being expended.

RURAL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS ORDER, 1925.

24

A circular letter, dated 20th June, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry enclosing a copy of the above Order made by the Minister on the 12th idem which preserves the continuity of the present system of accounting during the period from the 22nd June, 1925 to the "appointed date", 1st October next, when the Rural Districts finally cease to exist ^{as} administrative ~~arrangements~~. Pending the final transfer on 1st October next the Minister desires that the Boards of Health and the County Councils should consider the best and most economical course to be followed for the future to deal with the transferred business, having due regard to the number of existing officials, their capabilities and the possibility of substantially reducing the number of employees by suitable amalgamation of the remaining functions. The Secretary was directed to inform the Minister that the Council propose appointing a Committee to deal with the matter.

Minister for Local Govt written to 15/7/25

25

ACCOMMODATION FOR ADVANCED CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter dated 15th June, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry forwarding, for the information of the Tirconail County Council, copy of a letter which the Minister has addressed to the County Tirconail Tuberculosis Committee relative to the question of the provision of accommodation for advanced cases of Tuberculosis in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme, and requesting that a report may be obtained from the County Tuberculosis Officer regarding any existing premises which may be available at a suitable centre in the county for the purpose referred to.

The Secretary said that on receipt of the Ministry's letter he wrote to the Tuberculosis Officer on the matter and received a report which he (the Secretary) read.

Councillor McCreadie said he objected to Milford Workhouse being taken over for the reception of Tuberculous patients as there was not a water supply.

Councillor Gallen thought that patients could be treated at other institutions in the county, especially at Glenties, where an adequate water supply was now available.

On the motion of Councillor McCreadie, seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was decided to send the Ministry's letter and Tuberculosis Officer's report to the County Board of Health for consideration.

Extract sent to Council 17/7/25
Myles

attended to 15/8/25

26

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.

A letter dated 15th June, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Housing Department, relative to the Local Assistance Scheme of the Tirconail County Council under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, and enclosing a list of persons to whom certificates of approval have been issued under the Act in respect of the erection of houses in the Council's area.

On the suggestion of the Secretary it was decided to issue an advertisement embodying the scheme formulated by the County Council under the above Act, and fixing a period for the receipt of applications for loans.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), it was unanimously decided to make representations to the Government to have provision made for the reconstruction of houses in Rural Districts.

Extract sent to Housing Dept 20/7/25

27

PARASITIC MANGE.

A letter dated 16th June, 1925, from the Department of Agriculture on the subject of Parasitic Mange was read and referred to the Diseases of Animals Committee for consideration.

28

GREENCASTLE PIER.

A letter dated 17th June, 1925, was read from the Office of Public Works, stating that the Commissioners regret they have no dredger available for hire to the Tirconail County Council for the purpose of clearing the approach to the above pier.

29

CLASSIFICATION OF TRUNK ROADS.

A letter, dated 19th June, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating that the Minister has again considered the representations made to him on behalf of the Tirconail County Council on the question of the classification of the following roads as Trunk Roads which he has agreed to:-

1. Ardara Station via Killybegs, Carrick to Glencolumbkille and Malinmore.
2. Dungloe to Crolly via Burtonport, Kincasslagh and Annagry.
3. Crolly, via Dore School, Middletown, Brinlack, Knockfol, Meenaclady, Derryconnor and Gortahork, and

that it is to be understood that the existing Trunk Roads from Dungloe to Crolly and from Dore School to Gortahork are to be deleted from the Trunk Road Classification.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) it was decided to ascertain from the Ministry whether it is the route by Keadue or Meenbanad that is referred to under No. 2.

30

BALBANE ROAD.

A letter dated 19th June, 1925, was read from the Irish Land Commission regarding Balbane Road and enclosing copy of a letter which has been sent to the County Surveyor in the matter, in which it is stated that the offer of the (late) C.D. Board was granted to the 31st December last, and that if the road were not completed by that time, the offer must be definitely withdrawn. The County Surveyor said that the work had been in progress prior to 31st December last and had since been completed, and the contractor paid. It was decided to apply to the Irish Land Commission for half (£50) the amount expended.

31

SURVEYORS TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter dated 26th June, 1925, was read from the Minister of Local Government relative to the account of travelling expenses amounting to £91, furnished by Mr. A.W. McLaughlin, Assistant Surveyor, in respect of the period 1st August, 1924, to 31st January, 1925, and stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the payment provided the claim has been made on Form R.I. and duly vouched etc..

The Secretary said the claim had been made on Form R.I. but was destroyed in the fire which occurred in the Council Offices in February last. Mr. McLaughlin, who was present, said he could not now prepare a fresh claim, - not being in possession of the necessary particulars, - but if the County Council paid the amount he would give an undertaking to refund it in the event of a surcharge by the Local Government Auditor.

On the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor McCauley, it was decided to pay the amount on the understanding that in the event of a surcharge the amount will be refunded by Mr. McLaughlin. Councillor Mahony dissented.

32

TREASURERS ADVICE NOTES.

Treasurers Advice Notes were submitted and signed.

33

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

Applications for the position of Public Analyst were received from:-

Bernard G. Fagan, City Laboratory, Chatam Row, Dublin,
Phyllis Ryan, Public Analyst, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin,
but as it was stipulated in their applications that they would accept the position at £100 per annum, as advertised, provided, the samples are limited to 200 in the year, any samples in excess of that number to be chargeable at the rate of 7/6 per sample and all samples of water £1:1:0 per sample.

On the motion of Councillor Loughrey, seconded by Councillor McIvor, it was unanimously decided to re-advertise the position at the remuneration of 5/- for each sample analysed.

*Local Govt Ministry
written to 17/7/25*

34

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

- (a) Secretary's Statement on the condition of the Rate Collection in the County.
- (b) Financial condition of the County.
- (c) Question of the payment of Criminal Injury Decrees.
- (d) Letter from Messrs Wilson and Simms, Solicitors, Strabane, desiring to know if the Tirconail County Council will arrange for payment of a Reversal pronounced by Mr. Commissioner Kenny, the costs and expenses of which amount to £17:1:6 in case Mr. Witter V John Gearie and Stranorlar Rural District Council.
- (e) Application by Mr. Leo W. Mulhern, Holyrood House, Buncrana, for compensation for services rendered as School Attendance Officer in Strabane No. 2 Rural District.
- (f) Application by Mr. James Naish of Carrigans for compensation for services rendered as School Attendance Officer in Derry No. 2 Area.

35

ROADS IN ARRANMORE AND INISFREE ISLANDS.

In connection with a letter from Mr. John Ward, Gortgara, Arranmore, relative to the condition of a road in the townland of Falgowan, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported that this refers to the connecting up of two roads. One of these roads was made some few years since out of the White Cross funds; the other is the county road from Leabgarrow to the Lighthouse. To make good the connection about 100 perches of a new road requires to be made. To make this and repair the existing road a sum of £80 will be required.

On Innisfree Island what is required is to repair an existing road and to make 240 perches of a new road. A sum of £300 would be required to carry out this work.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was decided to expend £100 on the repairs of Innisfree road, and Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, was directed to bring a proposal before the County Council at their next meeting. No action was taken in regard to the other roads mentioned in Mr. Caffrey's report.

36

COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD.

The consideration of the Architect's estimate, re proposed reconstruction of the Courthouse at Lifford to make it suitable for County Council Offices and the rebuilding of the County House for the same purpose was adjourned until next meeting.

37

AFFILIATION FEE.

An application by the Secretary, Irish County Council's General Council for payment of £20 affiliation fee of Tirconail County Council with the General Council for the year 1925 - 1926, was submitted. Councillor Brennan asked was this a necessary expenditure.

Councillor Clarke, who represented the Council on the General Council, said he considered it was absolutely necessary that they should be affiliated. This was agreed to and payment of £20 ordered.

38

ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES.

An application by the Assistant County Surveyor in the Southern Division of the County to have their salaries adjusted owing to their respective districts having been enlarged to the extent of upwards of 80 miles, was submitted.

Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, appeared on the Assistants behalf.

Councillor McNulty said he considered that the Assistant Surveyors in the Southern Division of the County should be put on the same footing as those in the Northern Division and he would lodge a notice of motion to that effect for consideration by the Council at next meeting. This course was agreed to.

39

EPIZOOTIC ABORTION ORDER, 1925.

A letter dated 10th June, 1925, from the Department of Agriculture transmitting, for the information of the Tirconail County Council, copy of the above Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts was read and referred for consideration to the Diseases of Animals Committee.

40

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, 1925.

On the application of the Returning Officer an advance of £900 was made to him to meet the expenses in connection with above Elections.

41

EXECUTION OF LEASES.

The Lease - Patrick Porter to the Tirconail County Council and Buncrana Urban District Council in connection with the establishing of a Technical School at Buncrana was submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, the seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed thereto.

The Lease - Mears and another to the Tirconail County Council in connection with the Technical School, Main Street, Letterkenny was also submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Mahony, the seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed thereto.

42

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Secretary submitted a statement showing the financial position of the Council. The amount due to the bank, it was pointed out, totalled £257,624:15:7, the outstanding paying orders not yet presented amounted to £12,020, making a total of £269,644:15:7. Against that there was a sum of £33,888:1:5, representing the outstanding rates, and a sum of £26,407:17:6 due in grants, leaving a debit balance of £9,348:16:8. The Secretary added that of the amount due in rates £1,542:18:7 was in respect of the year 1923, and £3,293:2:11 in respect of 1924.

Replying to Councillor Gallen, the Secretary said that it was only in the last two or three years that their account in the bank was overdrawn. They used to finish up the year with a credit balance of £20,000 or so.

The Chairman/

Leases sealed and returned to the County Councils

The Chairman - It is certainly only fair to the new Council members that that should be made known.

Councillor O'Donnell - Does that include warrants in the hands of the collectors?

The Secretary - We are not taking any account of the rates of the current year at all. Neither are we taking into consideration the expenses for the current year.

Councillor O'Donnell - There were some of the warrants never in the hands of the collectors.

The Secretary - For 1925 some of the warrants are not in the hands of the collectors.

Councillor O'Donnell said that many people would pay the rates if they were demanded, but since the 1925 warrant would not be given to the collector until he completed his previous collection a large amount must remain outstanding, although the people were willing to pay.

43

OVERDRAFT.

It was proposed by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Clarke, and unanimously resolved that this County Council apply for sanction to the Local Government Ministry for an additional Overdraft of £35,000, making £75,000 in all. As the Council purpose adopting strong measures to ensure the immediate collection of the outstanding rates in the county, and as they intend taking every step possible to place the finances of the county on a sound basis they hope that the Ministry will assist them to carry on by acceding to their request.

44

INCREASE OF WAGES.

An application by Mr. Terence Quinn, Flagman, No. 4 Roller, for an increase of wages, having been considered, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor McIvor, seconded by Councillor Gallen, that his present wages be increased to £2 per week.

45

PLACING OF AN OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

An application on behalf of the Post Master General, for permission to the placing of an overground telegraphic line between Telephone Exchange and Civic Guard Barracks, Convoy, was considered and acceded to, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

46

BORDER BRIDGES BETWEEN COUNTIES OF LEITRIM AND TIRCONAILL.

A letter dated 24th June, 1925, from the Secretary, Leitrim County Council, requesting payment of £32:18:3 in respect of temporary repairs to certain bridges on the border between County Leitrim and Tirconail, having been read, it was decided, on the report of the County Surveyor, to refund the amount.

In this connection the County Surveyor stated that there was a counter claim for £3:16:4 against the Leitrim County Council in respect of repairs to Bundrowes bridge. It was decided to make application for a refund of the amount.

47

FLOODING OF LANDS.

A letter from Mr. James Bonner, Leabgarrow Upper, Arranmore, re flooding of his lands and refusing to pay rates until a closed county pipe has been reopened, having been read the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

48

INCOME TAX.

A claim for £17:4:9 Income Tax under schedule A was submitted and payment ordered.

Ministry of Local Govt. written to

Mr. Quinn's wages to 20/7/25

attended to 20/7/25

£32.18.3 paid claim made for payment of £3.16.4

Mr. Bonner's written to 20/7/25

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UNEMPLOYMENT.

*attended to
20/7/25*

Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor McPhelimy, and unanimously resolved - "That owing to the distress in the county as the result of unemployment and failure of crops and the consequent inability of a large number of ratepayers to pay their rates, we urge on the Deputies representing the county to put before the Government the necessity of allocating to the Tirconail County Council, at the earliest possible moment, a proportion of their funds ear marked for expenditure on works for the relief of distress." -

50

DESTROYED COURTHOUSES.

*Ministry to
write to*

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Francis), the Secretary was directed to write the Local Government Ministry to expedite the return of the plans for Buncrana, Donegal and Carndonagh Courthouses which were submitted for approval some time ago, and also to point out that the immediate commencement of the work would be of great assistance in alleviating the distress which prevails at present in these towns.

51

PROMENADE OR CLIFF ROAD : BUNDORAN.

A letter dated 29th June, 1925, R/RV/7, from the Minister for Local Government, Roads Department, forwarding, for the information of the Tirconail County Council, a copy of a letter addressed to the Bundoran Urban District Council with regard to their proposal to prohibit mechanically propelled traffic on the road known as the Promenade or Cliff Road, commencing at the Boundary between the townlands of Finner and Drumacrin in the Urban District and ending at the main road near Bundoran bridge in the townland of Drumacrin, and stating that if the Tirconail County Council desire to apply for an order they should give public notice of their intention in one or more of the newspapers circulating in the district and adopt a resolution in the following terms:-

"That an application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles on the road known as the Promenade or Cliff Road, commencing at the Boundary between the townlands of Finner and Drumacrin in the Urban District of Bundoran and ending at the main road near Bundoran bridge in the townland of Drumacrin, provided that nothing in the Order shall prevent the driving upon the said section of the said road of any vehicle which is being used for the purposes of agriculture in connection with land adjoining or lying near to the said road and any vehicle which is being used for the conveyance of goods or merchandise to or from any house, building or other premises situate on, or adjacent to the said road."

On the motion of Councillor Myles T.D., seconded by Councillor O'Brien, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary directed to furnish the Minister with the information asked for in his letter and to have a notice inserted in the newspapers of the Council's intention to apply for the Order referred to.

52

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY : PROSECUTIONS.

INDEX LETTER	No.	OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	OFFENCE
J.I.	1402	George White, The Barrack, Ballyshannon	19:6:25	Commercial tax paid on 10:1:25 for full year. Used on 19:6:25 for hackney purposes.

It was unanimously decided to institute proceedings in this case through the Council's Solicitor.

53

re JAMES MOLLOY OF ARDARA.
MOTOR CAR IH No. 1053.

A petition was submitted from James Molloy of Ardara, asking the County Council to mitigate fines of £20 in each of two cases imposed on 30th June, 1925, for using a motor car (No. 1) on the 16th (No. 2) on the 17th March last without having licence paid and promising not to be guilty of a similar offence.

On the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Sweeney, it was unanimously resolved that the above fines, amounting to £40, be mitigated to £5:0:0 and costs of prosecution.

54

re HARRY SPENCE, ARDARA, MOTOR CAR IH - 894.

The Council's Solicitor referred to proceedings instituted by him on behalf of the County Council against Harry Spence of Ardara for using a motor car on the 19th April last without having licence paid in respect of which he was fined £20 at the District Court. It was decided to mitigate the fine to £1:0:0 and costs of prosecution.

55

DAMAGE BY HEAVY MOTOR TRAFFIC.

A letter dated 28th May, 1925, was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads, concerning the use of mechanically propelled vehicles on unsuitable public roads and drawing attention to the provisions of section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, and article V (3) of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905.

Councillor Gallen said that heavy motor traffic was damaging even the roads being worked upon under their trunk schemes. Even in the case of roads where the work was well done the roads were getting picked up by reason of this heavy traffic. Indeed, such was the damage that the Council would have to consider whether they should stop the work on the present trunk scheme and adopt some new scheme. The question of the diversion of this traffic would have to be considered, and whether there should be some common authority over the railways and the roads for the allocation of the traffic to the railways and the roads. Rolling which had been done recently, and which should have kept all right for a year or two, was all getting picked up. Of course, the extreme dry weather had something to do with this, but it did not account for all the damage.

In reply to Mr. Caffrey, Councillor Gallen mentioned a road in his district where this was happening.

Mr. Caffrey said all the traffic which was operating in that part of the county came from the Six-County area, and came along that road. It was altogether unsuitable for it. It was very narrow, and there was an alternative road across the Glady Bridge through Tyrone. He thought the Free State would be the responsible party for getting the traffic diverted.

Councillor McIvor said it was not a question of diverting traffic. For instance, in Inishowen they could not divert it. The roads were not fit to carry the 7 or 8 ton lorries that were using them. The diverting of traffic from one or two roads would not solve this problem. The question of the heavy lorry traffic would have to be tackled. It was too big a question for them to attempt to deal with at that day. With regard to the diverting of the traffic there were a few roads in his district where the Six-County traffic could be diverted. That would not solve the problem which extended from one end of the county to the other. The best thing to do would be to appoint a committee to deal/

deal with it in a level-headed, businesslike way. The ratepayers were paying rates for the railways, and maintaining roads which were being used by the heavy motors to oust the railways.

Councillor Gallagher (Francis) considered that too much stress was being laid on the damage done by the heavy motors, but there was no proof that the damage was being done by the heavy lorries. The Council should make certain that it was the heavy lorries that were doing the damage before taking any definite action. The ordinary cars did a lot of damage too.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said he thought the best way to get at the problem would be for the Council to get into communication with other Councils whose roads suffered much in the same way. It was only after these various County Councils had gone into the matter that they would get uniformity of opinion. Something should be done that would influence the Government to take action.

Councillor Baxter said the speed of the vehicles had much more to do with the damage than the weight. A reduction of speed would make a tremendous difference.

On the suggestion of Councillor Gallen it was decided to ask the Council's representatives to bring the matter before the General Council of County Councils, with a view to uniformity of action, and subsequently the Council's Road Committee, in consultation with the surveyors could deal with the matter.

56

GRANITE QUARRIES AT BALLYWHORISKEY.

Councillor Baxter referred to the Granite Quarries at Ballywhoriskey, Fannet, and said that at present this industry was greatly handicapped owing to the want of explosives; only a small quantity at a time could be procured. This did not enable the Company to carry on except at a substantial loss. In consequence there was a likelihood of the workers being paid off. Moreover, the Company had to bear the expense of transporting the explosives from Buncrana which is the nearest Depot at which explosives can be released. There were very few industries in the County and those in existence should be fostered and helped in every possible way.

He therefore moved that this Council recommend the Minister of Defence to send down an Inspector to make investigations; that 200 pounds of explosives be supplied at a time, and regularly and that the cost of transporting be defrayed by the Government; that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Minister of Defence, Minister of Commerce, Minister for Local Government and T.Ds for the county.

Councillor McCreadie seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Council's
Representatives
written to

20/7/26

attended
16/7/26

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR
No. 35 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Before proceeding to consider applications for the position of Rate Collector for above Collection District a letter dated 3rd July, 1925, No. 29954:1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry confirming the suspension of Collector McGowan and approving of the action of the County Council against the latter and his sureties.

Applications were received from the undermentioned persons for the position of Rate Collector for above Collection District.

NAME	ADDRESS
Peter McCormick	Dreenan, Stranorlar
/ William J. McGinty	Cloghan.
Bernard Browne	Crossroads, Killygordon.
Thomas Kee	Ballybofey.
Charles McGinty	Railway View, Cloghan.
/ Neil Magee	Gortadragon, Convoy.
/ Hugh Alexander	Cavan, Killygordon.
Henry McGowan	Navenny, Ballybofey.
Edward Arnold	Kiltyferrigal, Cloghan.
Denis O'Kane	Cavan, Killygordon.
Hugh McMenamin	Mullindrait House, Stranorlar.
/ Robert McMullan	Cornagillagh, Convoy.
/ Daniel Magee	Trentaboy, Convoy.
Dominick O'Donnell	Brockagh, Cloghan.
/ Applications withdrawn.	

APPLICANT	PROPOSED by COUNCILLOR	SECONDED by COUNCILLOR	REPRESENTED BY SOLICITOR
Henry McGowan	McNulty	Holmes	J.F.A. Simms
Edward Arnold	Mahony	O'Donnell	Wm.T. MacMenamin
Thomas Kee	Myles	Wagentreiber	-----
Hugh McMenamin	Gallagher	O'Brien	Hugh C. O'Doherty
Bernard Browne	McPhelimy	Blaney	-----
Denis O'Kane	Mulreany	Sweeney	P.J. Ward
Charles McGinty	O'Donnell	McShane	James Dunlevy

V O T I N G .

FOR MCGOWAN COUNCILLORS Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Edward)
Doherty (Patrick), Gallagher (William),
Holmes, Kavanagh, McCauley, McNulty, McShane
and Quigley. - 11.

FOR ARNOLD..... COUNCILLORS Baxter, Boyle, Brennan, Flood,
Gallagher (Francis), Loughrey, Mahony,
McClafferty, McCreddie, McFadden, O'Donnell,
and Sweeney. - 12.

FOR KEE..... COUNCILLORS Black, Hamilton, Myles, and
Wagentreiber. - 4.

FOR MCMENAMIN..... COUNCILLORS Gallagher (Bernard), O'Brien and
Walker. - 3.

FOR BROWNE..... COUNCILLORS Blaney and McPhelimy. - 2.

FOR

FOR O'KANE.....COUNCILLORS Mulreany, McBride and McIvor. - 3.
 FOR McGINTY.....0.

COUNCILLOR Gallen did not vote.

Messrs McMenamin, Browne and O'Kane dropped out. A vote was then taken as between McGowan, Arnold and Kee.

FOR McGOWAN.....COUNCILLORS Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Edward),
 Doherty (Patrick), Gallagher (William),
 Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh, McCauley, McNulty,
 McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, Quigley and
 Walker. - 15.

FOR ARNOLD.....COUNCILLORS Baxter, Black, Blaney, Boyle,
 Brennan, Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher
 (Francis), Gallen, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany,
 McBride, McClafferty, McCreadie, McFadden,
 McIvor, O'Donnell, and Sweeney. - 19.

FOR KEE.....COUNCILLORS Myles and Wagentreiber. - 2.

The Chairman declared Edward Arnold duly appointed Rate Collector, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry.

Mr. Arnold named as his personal sureties Messrs Edward McGlinchey, B.A., N.T., Dooish N.S., Ballybofey and John McGlinchey, D.E.D., N.T., St. Johnston N.S., and these the Council considered acceptable on assurances given by members present at the meeting. The amount of the personal security was fixed at £1,008 and the Guarantee Society's Security at £3,005.

58

UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Secretary submitted schedules of uncollected rates for the following collection districts:-

COLLECTOR'S NAME	No. of DISTRICT	PERIOD
Joseph McGlinchey	14	31:3:24
Charles Dawson	25	31:3:25
Charles Dawson	28	31:3:25
Denis O'Kane	34	31:3:24

It was decided to strike off as irrecoverable, and refund to Collectors Dawson and O'Kane the rates on derelict buildings and on ruins, and such other items as appeared from the evidence furnished to warrant the adoption of that course. The claims of Collector McGlinchey, which were supplemental to returns previously furnished by him were not entertained, all the arrears set out thereon being in respect of District Council cottages and plots.

59

EMBEZZLEMENT OF COUNCIL FUNDS.

On the motion of Councillor McCreadie, seconded by Councillor Quigley, it was unanimously decided to give the Secretary authority to swear, at any time, information against any officer of the Council whom he is satisfied has embezzled funds belonging to the Council without awaiting instructions from that body.

60

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED POUNDAGE BY COLLECTOR FARREN.

Collector John Farren, Buncrana, applied for an increase in his poundage from 8d to 1/-. No action was taken in the matter.

61

FAILURE OF THE CLERK OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, DUNFANAGHY TO FURNISH RETURNS OF SEEDS SUPPLIED TO OCCUPIERS AND CULTIVATORS.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Council's Solicitor, Mr. McMullin, intimating that he had written Mr. James Boyle, Clerk of the Rural District Council, Dunfanaghy, requesting him to furnish returns of seeds supplied both to occupiers and cultivators in Dunfanaghy Rural District under the Council's scheme of last year. Mr. McMullin, who was in attendance, stated that up to the present he had received no reply. It was decided to instruct the Council's solicitor to take such legal action as may be necessary to compel Mr. Boyle to discharge his obligations in this matter forthwith.

62

COLLECTOR E.C. O'DONNELL : ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL SURETY.

Collector E.C. O'Donnell, Kilmacrenan, named, and the Council accepted, Mr. Jeremiah Sheils, Kerrykeel, as Personal Surety under the Public Bodies Order, 1904 in place of Mr. John McCafferty, Drimbrick, Termon, deceased.

The Council's Solicitor was instructed to prepare the required bond in the case.

63

SANCTION OF APPOINTMENT OF Mr. JOHN GILLESPIE FOR No. 2 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning the appointment of Mr. John Gillespie as Collector for Bundoran Rural Electoral Division on terms proposed.

64 CONDITIONAL SANCTION OF APPOINTMENT OF
Mr. HUGH DORRIAN JUNIOR AS RATE COLLECTOR.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Ministry sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Hugh Dorrian, junior, in a temporary capacity on the terms proposed, but on condition that he takes up residence within the collection area and not in licensed premises.

Subject to the Ministry's terms being complied with, the Council authorised the Secretary to make arrangements for the completion of the required security in the case prior to the issue of Collecting Books and Warrant.

65 re EX-COLLECTOR MCGOWAN'S DEFAULT.

The Secretary submitted letters received from the Council's Solicitor and the Hibernian Insurance Company Limited, referring to the default of Mr. James McGowan, former Collector of Poor Rate in the County.

The former intimated that he had called upon the Personal Sureties to lodge the amount of their bond forthwith, and the latter stated that they had entered into an arrangement with Mr. McGowan's wife and brother under which they were prepared to send cheque for £620 approximately in settlement on the understanding that poundage, registration and jurors' fees be set off against the amount of the deficiency when the latter has been definitely ascertained.

The Council decided to accept from the Company named the sum of £683:0:8 in payment of sums for which official receipts have been removed from Collecting Books, and items paid by cheque or otherwise to McGowan for which official receipts have not been issued. This claim, it is to be clearly understood, is made on account, pending the completion of inquiries which the Secretary is instituting in accordance with instructions given at previous Council meeting.

As regards the balance of the outstanding rates in the district and amounting to £487:1:2, it was decided, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, to include in the warrant of the new Collector all sums of which evidence of payment to the former Collector has not been furnished to the County Office.

66 REVISIONS OF VALUATIONS AND CHANGES OF NAMES.

The Secretary informed the Council that all lists of tenements requiring revision and changes of names furnished by rate collectors ratepayers and others had been forwarded by him to the Commissioner of Valuation, Dublin. Four Collectors, one of whom only recently entered upon his duties, had not supplied returns for their areas. It was decided to request them to attend to this matter forthwith.

67 ARREARS OF RATES FOR PERIODS ENDED THE 31st MARCH, 1924.

The Secretary submitted return showing the state of the rate collection in the county which, as elsewhere recorded in Minutes of this date, was referred to Finance Committee for consideration. Collector Logue, it was pointed out, had not lodged his recent collections amounting to £87:16:11, as ascertained by the Deputy for Glenties Rural District, and the Council's proposal at their previous meeting regarding the lodgment of rates by him for the mainland portion of his district had not been carried out.

Collector Logue, who was in attendance, stated there was a misunderstanding with the Bank through which his remittances were usually made, and that he would comply with the Council's requirements/

requirements on Wednesday the 8th instant.

The Council instructed the Secretary to acquaint this Collector's personal sureties of the position; and a similar ruling was made in the case of Collector Harvey, whose collection is still in an unsatisfactory condition. No action, pending the report of the Finance Committee, was taken in the cases of Collectors J.B. O'Donnell and Michael O'Donnell. The Secretary mentioned that the former had telephoned that he was closing his accounts, and that the time for the completion of the collection for the latter's district had been extended at last Council meeting to the 31:8:'25, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

68

ATTORNEY GENERAL V BROWNE, EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

The Secretary submitted letter from the Council's Solicitor intimating that Ex-Collector Hugh Browne was put on trial at last criminal sitting of the Circuit Court in Lifford for embezzlement of rates collected but not accounted for by him.

The jury found the accused guilty, and the judge deferred sentence till the next sitting of the Court in December, to give the accused and his relatives an opportunity of making good the deficiency.

69

re APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL BILL OFFICER FOR
DISTRICTS OF KILCAR AND CARRICK.

Arising out of entries in Minutes of Proceedings of the Council on the 26:5:'25 and 16:6:'25, the Secretary submitted letter dated the 25:6:'25 from the Department of Justice intimating that inquiries are being made into the above matter, and that a further communication will be sent to the Council at an early date.

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Confirmed,

Wm. J. F. Chairman

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Copy minutes sent to
Social Govt. Ministry
Local Govt. Ministry, Dublin
Co. Councils
Councillors Doherty and
each member of the
Co. Council 1/9/25

A QUARTERLY MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 1925.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

COUNCILLORS MacFadden (Chairman), Baxter
Blaney, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Edward), Flood, Gallagher (Bernard)
Gallagher (William), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes
Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McBride, McCauley,
McCreadie, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien,
O'Donnell (J.F.), Quigley, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walker.
The Solicitor to the Council was also present.

M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On the suggestion of the Secretary the recommendations of the
Finance Committee Meeting held 16th July, 1925, regarding the
following matters were not adopted:-

- (a) Dismissal of Mr. James Boyle, Clerk, Rural District Council, Dunfanaghy.
- (b) Withdrawal of Grants and Public Services to Islands in Collection District No. 16 in respect of which Rates are not paid.
- (c) Collectors who have not closed their accounts for Collection Districts Nos. 16, 26, 30 and 32 (31; 3; '24) and Districts Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 26, 29, 30, 31 and 32 (31; 3; '25).

Remaining recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held 18th August, 1925, was adopted.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor McCreadie, the recommendations of the Tuberculosis Committee Meeting held 28th July, 1925, were adopted with the exception of the recommendation relative to the provision of accommodation for advanced cases of Tuberculosis in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Bernard), it was unanimously decided - That the whole matter regarding the provision of accommodation for advanced cases of Tuberculosis in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme be handed over to the Tirconail County Board of Health to be dealt with by them in its entirety.

TREASURERS ADVICE NOTES.

Treasurers Advice Notes in connection with payments out of the Council's accounts were submitted and signed.

The Report of the Proposal Committee Meeting held 18th August, 1925, was adopted.

74

APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES OF SALARY.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Quigley moved:- "That any official in future making application for an increase of salary the application be accompanied by his or her resignation". Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Clarke moved as an amendment a direct negative. Councillor Baxter seconded. Councillors Mahony, McIvor, and McPhelimy supported the amendment.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT COUNCILLORS Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (Edward), Clarke, Doherty (Edward), Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McBride, McClafferty, McCreadie, MacFadden, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 27.

AGAINST COUNCILLORS Cole, Gallagher (William), Kavanagh, McCauley, Quigley and Sweeney. - 6.

The Chairman declared amendment carried.

75

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED POUNDAGE.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor Quigley moved:- "That Collector Farren's Poundage be increased to 1/-, inasmuch as he has the smallest valuations and ratings and the most scattered and difficult areas to collect. He is one of the best Collectors in the County and therefore cannot collect the rates at the present Poundage without being actually out of pocket." Councillor Cole seconded.

Mr. Conaghan, Solicitor, Derry, appeared on Mr. Farren's behalf. No application from Mr. Farren for increased poundage being before the Council the Chairman ruled the matter out of order.

Mr. Farren written to 26/8/20

76

REBUILDING OF COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor McNulty moved:- "That the rebuilding of County House be put in hands at once." Councillor Clarke seconded.

Councillor McCreadie moved as an amendment - that consideration of the matter be adjourned for 3 months. Councillor Sweeney seconded.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT COUNCILLORS Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (Edwd.), Doherty (Edward), Gallagher (William), Holmes, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, McBride, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McFadden, McIvor, McPhelimy, O'Donnell, and Sweeney. - 18.

AGAINST COUNCILLORS Clarke, Cole, Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Myles, McCauley, McNulty, McShane, O'Brien, Quigley, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 15.

The Chairman declared amendment carried.

COUNTY HOUSE - FIRE CLAIM.

77

A letter, dated 31st July, 1925, was read from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company Limited, Dame Street, Dublin, enclosing cheque for £5,510 in settlement of the Tirconail County Council's claim in respect of the fire which occurred on 25th February last at County House, Lifford.

78

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION. COMMITTEES.

The following gentlemen were appointed additional members of the Technical Committee:-

Rev. M. McGeown P.P., Carndonagh.
Rev. J. Maguire P.P., Clonmany.
Rev. D. Reid C.C., Carndonagh.
Rev. P. O'Kieran P.P., Pettigo.
Andrew Lowry, Argery, Ballindrait.
Henry McDevitt, Cloughfin, Urney, Strabane.

79

AGRICULTURAL.

Mr. Stephen Butler, Dunross, Culdaff, was appointed a member of the Agricultural Committee.

80

TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Lowry, Argery, Ballindrait, tendering his resignation as a member of the Tuberculosis Committee. The resignation was accepted.

In this connection on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Francis), Councillor J.F. O'Donnell was appointed an additional member of the Tuberculosis Committee.

On the suggestion of the Secretary the following persons were also appointed additional members of the Tuberculosis Committee:-

Rev. A. O'Neill, C.C., Murlog, Ballindrait.
Rev. P. Tracey, C.C., Parochial House, Strabane.
Rev. W.H. F. Garstin, The Rectory, Lifford.
W.H. Wagentreiber, Lifford.
Mrs McFadden, Coneyburrow, Lifford.

81

TIRCONAILL LIBRARY SCHEME AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Councillor Gallen proposed that the Council adopt the Library Acts under Section 65 of the Local Government Act, 1925 and that a representative Library Committee be appointed. Councillor Gallagher (Bernard) seconded.

Councillor Mahony said a great many people questioned whether it was wise to incur expenditure on a library scheme. He did not know that any great benefit resulted from it.

Councillor Gallen said the cost of the library was only $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

Councillor MacCreadie remarked that he did not think the members of the Library Committee had done their duty at all. "A lot of books that come to our district," he said, "are not fit for children to read."

Councillor Gallen - The Committee will be glad to hear any cases of this kind.

Councillor MacCreadie - I know of several.

Councillor Gallen - Then you should have reported them.

Councillor Clarke said the consensus of opinion of the public was that they had had a considerable amount of good literature to read.

R C O N A I L L C O U N T Y L I B R A R Y C O M M I T T E E,

The Committee was based on the following constitution:-

- $$\frac{1}{10}, \frac{2}{10}, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{4}{10}, \frac{5}{10}, \frac{6}{10}, \frac{7}{10}, \frac{8}{10}, \frac{9}{10}, \frac{10}{10}, 1$$

- : MEMBERS : -

- $$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccc} \rightarrow & \textcircled{1} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{2} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{3} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{4} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{5} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{6} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{7} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{8} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{9} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{10} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{11} & \rightarrow & \textcircled{12} \end{array}$$

Whilst in no way legally bound to do so the Council in appointing the above members endeavoured to give representation to the different interests which had it formerly. The appointment of the Library Committee is now solely a matter for the County Council to whom it is responsible.

FINANCE AND PROPOSAL COMMITTEES.

Councillor McIvor was appointed a member of the Finance and Proposal Committees respectively.

INISHOWEN No. 5 PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

The following persons were appointed to above Sub-Committee:-

Rev. J. McGilligan C.C., Malin.
 Andrew Fulton, Malin Town.
 J.M. Harvey, Malin Hall, Malin.
 James McLaughlin, Malin.
 M.J. Monagle, N.T., Culkenny, Malin.
 Neil Quigley, Lagg.
 John Starrit, Malin.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Councillor Gallen was appointed an additional member of the Scholarships Committee.

COMMITTEES.

DISQUALIFICATION THROUGH NON-ATTENDANCE.

On the suggestion of the Secretary it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Cole, that any member of a Committee appointed by the County Council who is absent from meetings of the Committee for a period exceeding six months shall be disqualified as a member.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

A circular letter, dated 23rd July, 1925, from the Ministry of Local Government dealing with the appointment of Committees and other matters - Local Government Act, 1925; also copy circular letter from Mr. Sean D. McGrath, Local Government Inspector were read, and on the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Mahony, consideration was adjourned to next meeting - meanwhile, the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the above circular letters to each member of the Council. It was further resolved that Mr. Sean D. McGrath, Local Government Inspector, be asked to attend meeting.

On the suggestion of the Local Government Ministry it was decided to notify the Solicitor for each Rural District Council in Tirconail that his services as such will terminate on the 30th September next.

ROADS.

On the suggestion of Councillor Gallen the consideration of the following notices of motion by Councillor Blaney were adjourned for the present. The latter agreed to this course.

- (a) "That an extension of 50 perches be made to the new road to Ross, between Mailcar Road at Keadue and Francis Sweeney's Ross, in townland of Rossnakill - not to exceed £50."
- (b) "That 50 perches of the road between Mick Doherty's of Kindrum and Post Office, Kindrum, be widened and formed and a cutting of 3ft. deep on crown of hill opposite Parochial Hall, Kindrum, be made - not to exceed £40."
- (c) "That 500 perches of the road be repaired between Mailcar Road at Croghan and "Gamble's Rock" - not to exceed £50."

88

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.
LOAN OF £3,500.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Cole, the Deed of Mortgage from the Hibernian Bank Limited, in connection with above proposed loan was duly executed and the Council's Seal ordered to be affixed thereto.

The applications to the Council for loans under above Act were approved.

89

HOUSING ACT, 1925.

On the suggestion of the Secretary it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Mulreany, that the same facilities be afforded to those desirous of obtaining loans from the County Council under the Housing Act 1925, as were given by the Council under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

90

PETROL PUMP (FEES) REGULATIONS, 1925.

A circular IR/93, dated 6th July, 1925, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads, and copy of the Petrol Pump (Fees) Regulations, 1925, dated 30th May, 1925, prescribing the amount of the fee to be paid to a Council for the grant of a licence under section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1925, were submitted and read.

The Secretary said that the Regulations also applied to Petrol Pumps erected prior to 30th May, 1925.

91

PERMISSION TO ERECT A PETROL PUMP.

Subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, and on the prescribed terms permission was given to Mr. James McLaughlin, Malin, Tirconail, to erect a petrol pump opposite his premises in that village.

re Mr. P. McGEEHAN : SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

A letter, dated 6th July, 1925, G.32094/1925, from the Local Government Ministry consenting to a pension of £120 per annum being granted to Mr. Patrick McGeehan, a member of the County Council's Clerical Staff, as from the 1st December, 1924, was read.

92

RENT OF A ROOM.

A letter, dated 7th July, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry regarding the Court arrangements at Bunbeg, and stating that the payment of rent in respect of a room in Gweedore Hotel, which was used for District Court business, is one for the County Council on their own responsibility having regard to the circumstances and to the terms of any agreement duly entered into.

The Council decided to adhere to their previous decision in the matter, i.e., payment of six months' rent in lieu of notice and the rent up to date of vacation of premises.

CLAIM FOR A REFUND OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter, dated 8th July, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the claim of Mrs Bridget Gallagher, Meenlara, Gortahork, for a refund of travelling expenses incurred by her in the conveyance of her daughter to the Mental Hospital at Letterkenny in July, 1923 and stating that the Minister has no power to sanction the proposed payment.

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95

LETTING OF ROOMS AT THE
LETTERKENNY TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

A letter, dated 10th July, 1925, from the Local Government Department acknowledging receipt of copy Report from the County Tuberculosis Medical Officer, relative to the letting of rooms at the Letterkenny Tuberculosis Dispensary to Mr. P.J. Ward, Solicitor, and stating that the Minister considers that the entire premises should be reserved for use as the Dispensary and that steps should be taken forthwith to terminate the letting of portion of the premises to Mr. Ward, having been read, it was unanimously decided to cancel the letting.

In this connection a Report of Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, re condition of rooms above referred to was not considered,

*Mr. P. J. Ward
written to
26/7/25*

96

TIMMONEY'S BRIDGE.

A letter, dated 13th July, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, relative to the proposed payment of £20 in connection with the erection of a temporary bridge at Timmoneys Bridge and stating that the matter is one for the County Council to deal with on the advice of their Solicitor. The latter advised that the Council is not under any legal obligation to pay Marley the sum claimed by him, or any sum, he having acted on his own initiative and without instructions from the County Council or its Officials.

Councillor Mahony inquired of the County Surveyor if the erection of this temporary bridge inconvenienced the public and having received a reply in the affirmative it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Holmes, to pay the amount.

*Paying Order
received*

97

OVERDRAFTS.

A letter, dated 14th July, 1925, G.33596/1925, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health agreeing to an extension of the authorised Overdraft to a sum not exceeding £75,000 up to the 30th September next, with interest as previously specified; also letter, dated 28th July, 1925, from the Manager, Hibernian Bank Limited, (Letterkenny Branch), Treasurer of the County, on the subject of Overdrafts, were read.

98

AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY SCHEMES.

A letter, dated 16th July, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry enclosing copy of an Order executed by the Minister on 4th instant making certain amendments which he considers necessary and expedient for the purpose of carrying into effect the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923 and the County Schemes thereunder.

99

Mr. M. O'CALLAGHAN : SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

A letter, dated 17th July, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating that the decision already communicated to the Tirconail County Council by letter of 21st April last, in reference to Mr. M. O'Callaghan's superannuation must be regarded as final - amount sanctioned £180 per annum - was read.

*Mr. O'Callaghan
written to
29/7/25*

100

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.

A letter, dated 17th July, 1925, from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, regarding the expenditure of the balance of the portion of the Unemployment Grant allocated to Tirconail County Council.

Council, having been read, the County Surveyors stated that the balance of this Grant had been expended.

101

EXPLOSIVES FOR BALLYWHORISKEY QUARRIES.

Letters from Department of Defence, Local Government Ministry, and Eugene O'Doherty Esq., T.D., respecting the supply of Explosives at Ballywhoriskey, having been read, Councillor Baxter stated that the authorities concerned had failed to make arrangements for the supply of Explosives, he therefore moved:- That we, the members of this Council, again draw the attention of the responsible authorities to their failure to give permits to the Granite Quarries at Ballywhoriskey, Fanad, for a sufficient supply of Explosives." Since our last representation the Company has had no alternative but to close down and over 40 men added to the number of unemployed in the county. We therefore strongly urge upon the Government the necessity of giving every facility to the management as regards the supply of Explosives. Councillor Loughrey seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Attended to
19/8/25

102

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925.

A letter, dated 20th July, 1925, from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, drawing the attention of the Tirconail County Council to the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, which became law on the 11th idem, and enclosing Explanation of the Act and copies of the prescribed form of Petition for the use of occupiers of land who desire to have Drainage Districts formed, having been read, the Secretary was directed to procure copies of the Act and Explanation and send them to each member of the Council.

Reasons for
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of Act -
shown to explain
written to for
"re" of explanation

103

SEPARATE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

A petition was submitted (accompanied by Ordnance Map) pursuant to Section 2 (2) of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, to the Tirconail County Council from certain rated occupiers of land in the townlands of Murlog, Rossgier, and Lifford Common, that a separate drainage district be formed to improve the rivers or streams running through their lands and thereby render possible the better drainage of their holdings or prevent flooding upon them. A report on the matter was also submitted from Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor.

It was proposed by Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Wagentreiber, and unanimously resolved:- "That this Council having considered the report of their County Surveyor request the Board of Works to inquire into the scheme for forming a Drainage District extending from Ballindrait in direction of Lifford, under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925. Further that this Council undertake to maintain the Drainage District if one is formed."

Board of Works
written to 22/8/25

104

re Mr. MICHAEL MCNELIS : COMPENSATION.

A letter, dated 20th July, 1925, P.32847/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister for Local Government proposes to determine the compensation payable to Mr. Michael McNelis in respect of loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar, but, before doing so he wishes to have any observations the County Council may wish to offer in the matter.

Mr. Simms, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared on behalf of Mr. McNelis. On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Bernard), it was unanimously decided to support Mr. McNelis's claim for compensation and to recommend that the Local Government Ministry grant to him the amount to which he is entitled.

Minister for Local
Government written to

entitled in respect of loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar.

105

re Mr. CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN : GRATUITY.

Mr. Callaghan has written to the Council 22.7.25
A letter, dated 21st July, 1925, No. 33814/1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government regarding claim for gratuity by Mr. Charles L. Callaghan for services rendered as Clerk of Stranorlar Union and referring the County Council to the Minister's letter of the 10th April, 1924, (No. 16420/24) addressed to them on this subject - Mr. Callaghan not being an Officer of the Board of Guardians on the passing of the Local Government Act, 1919 - 3rd June, 1919, is not eligible for a gratuity.

Mr. Simms, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared on behalf of Mr. Callaghan and said that while the latter was not entitled to a Gratuity the County Council, if they saw fit, could recommend to the Local Government Ministry the granting of a retiring allowance.

Councillor Mahony then intimated he would have a notice of motion put forward for consideration by the Council at their next meeting.

106

TRUNK ROAD - DUNGLOE TO CROLLY.

Councillor O'Donnell written to 22.7.25
A letter, dated 21st July, 1925, R/TR/7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, stating that the Trunk Road, Dungloe to Croll, referred to in their letter of 19th ultimo is via Burtonport, Glenahilt, Keadue, Belcruit, Kincasslagh, Mullaghduff, and Annagry and enclosing a tracing of the road in question.

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BALBANE ROAD.

A further letter, dated 21st July, 1925, was read from the Irish Land Commission regarding Balbane Road and referring the Council to the communication sent to their Secretary on 19th ultimo to which the Commissioners have nothing to add, (no money now available for a Grant).

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Mr. FRANCIS DUNNION - PENSION.

Mr. P. J. Ward written to 22.7.25
Consideration of a letter, Dated 22nd July, 1925, from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister is unable to accede to the request of the late County Council to grant a Pension to Mr. Francis Dunnion, a Rate Collector who was removed from office through failure to properly discharge his duties, was adjourned until next meeting.

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Mr. MICHAEL MULHERN - PENSION.

Mr. M. McGuire written to 22.7.25
A letter, dated 23rd July, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister is unable to consent to the suggested grant of a Pension to Mr. Michael Mulhern, Ex-Rate Collector, having been read it was decided, at the request of Mr. Mulhern's Solicitor, to defer consideration of the matter until next meeting.

110

SITE OF COASTGUARD STATION, BURTONPORT.

A letter, dated 23rd July, 1925, was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, stating that the Commissioners are desirous of letting on a Rebuilding Lease, extending to the end of the term of their holding (1994), the site of the Coastguard Station, Burtonport, with the mainwalls of the erections thereon, and that before advertising/

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advertising the property the Commissioners should be glad to be informed whether the Tirconaill County Council would be disposed to lease the site for the purpose of rebuilding the house as labouring class dwellings as the Commissioners are desirous, where possible, of letting such sites to the Local Authority for this purpose.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Mulreany, it was unanimously decided to take a lease of this building for the term stated and the County Surveyor was directed to furnish a Report and Estimate as to the cost of converting the premises into eleven artisans' dwellings. The Secretary was also directed to write and ask the Commissioners of Public Works for particulars of their terms.

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CONTRACT No. 314 STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT.

Councillor McPhelimy said that Charles McGinley, Trusk, Ballybofey, Contractor for above Contract, had left the country and his brother Patrick Joseph McGinley was willing to proceed with the work, having half the material supplied. It was decided to allow the latter to carry out the contract.

112

TIRCONAILL COUNTY SCHEME (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1925.

A letter, dated 24th July, 1925, from the Local Government Department enclosing a copy of the above Order, was read.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925 - SECTION 43 - OFFICERS WHO HAVE OPTED OUT.

A return of Officers of the Tirconaill County Council who have notified their intention to opt out of the Local Government Act, 1925, (Section 43), was submitted.

*Return
sent to
Ministry*

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REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS.

Regulations approved by the Department of Lands and Agriculture for the Control of Dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise in the Lifford Police District, were submitted.

Councillor Clarke said that later on he would put forward a notice of motion that the above Regulations be not enforced during the winter months as people would require their dogs for protection purposes.

115

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT GRANT No. P.23 REFERENCE No. A.5938.

A letter, dated 6th August, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, stating that a payment of £826 has been made in respect of above Grant and that this payment, together with the sums already paid, represents the full amount of the Grant in question.

116

RATHMULLAN PIER EXTENSION.

A letter, dated 8th August, 1925, No. 14326/25 was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, referring to their letter of 24th ultimo on the subject of the Rathmullan Pier Extension and stating that the Minister of Finance has now sanctioned the proposal to let the Pier to the Tirconaill County Council on the conditions set out in the Commissioners letter of 1st May (reference No 7407 - 25) and accepted by the Council as intimated to the Commissioners in the County Secretary's letter of 28th May, 1925, and adding that the approval of the Oireachtas, as required by the State Lands Act, 1924, has/

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has yet to be obtained and this cannot now be done until the Dail and Senad again assemble. When this requirement has been complied with a formal agreement for execution by the Tirconail. County Council will be prepared by the Treasury Solicitor.

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ROADS COMMITTEE.

On the suggestion of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, the under-mentioned members of the Council were appointed a Roads Committee for dealing with the following matters and all kindred matters relating to Road Work:-

- (a) The matter of holidays in regard to the Drivers and Flagmen connected with the Rollers and Breakers of the County Council.
- (b) The advisability of placing a charge per day on each Contractor for the hire of a Roller so as to insure more economical working as each contractor would then gather the necessary men to get their work done promptly.
- (c) Question of arranging holidays for Assistant Surveyors and putting on a better basis in the interest of county work.

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COMMITTEE.

Councillors Gallen, Flood, Mahony, McNulty, McPhelimy and Wagentreiber.

Councillor Gallen said that in some instances when Rolling was being carried out the Roller was placed in such a position that when a load of stones was put down along side it the road was blocked to traffic. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for special attention.

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RATES.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Francis), seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously resolved that the following matters be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:-

Letter, dated 5:8:'25 (G.36505/25) from the Local Government Ministry regarding the collection of Rates for period ended 31:3:'24 in the districts of Collectors Harvey, Logue, Michael O'Donnell, and J.B. O'Donnell, and statement by the Secretary in these cases.

Letter from Under Sheriff re non-execution of Decrees on Arranmore Island.

Failure of certain Collectors to lodge their warrants for year 1924 - 1925 within the time fixed by the Council and Local Government Ministry, namely 31:7:'25, and letters from some of these Officers in the matter.

Non-completion of Bonds of certain collectors.

Failure of certain collectors to make complete returns of Revisions of Valuations and changes of names in their districts within the prescribed time.

Letters from Local Government Ministry sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Hugh Dorrian, Junior, as Rate Collector in a temporary capacity, on condition he takes up residence within the collection district which he has since done.

Lists of uncollected Rates.

Remuneration/

Remuneration to be allowed Deputy for Dunfanaghy Rural District for checking accounts of collectors for Dunfanaghy Rural District for year 31:3:'24.

It was further unanimously resolved that the Finance Committee be empowered to consider and deal finally, without further reference to the Council, with all matters in relation to the Collection of Rates in the County.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES : YEAR 31:3:'25.

The Secretary informed the Council that Collector McNulty had closed his accounts for Nos. 11 and 12 Districts and Collector Bonner his accounts for No. 22 District for the year ended the 31:3:'25 on the 5:8:'25 and 14:8:'25 respectively.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry of Local Government to sanction payment of ordinary poundage fees in these cases.

It was noted that Collector McNulty had not closed his collections for No. 32 District for periods ended the 31:3:'25 and had not received poundage in respect of these non-completed collections.

re COLLECTION OF RATES (ARREARS)
No. 19 COLLECTION DISTRICT. +

The following letter was submitted from the Council's Solicitor:-

"In reply to your inquiry of 14th. inst. as to the position of the collection of arrears of Rates in the Carrick District, I have to state that the Rate Collector (Mr. O'Donnell) gave me the names of 100 persistent defaulters, in accordance with the Council's directions in that behalf.

I wrote to each of these demanding payment of the respective amounts due and after issued a number of Civil Bills, which I experienced considerable in having served - I had to get permission from the District Justice to employ Mr. Patrick Greene, Glenties, and I had to pay him special fees.

I obtained Decrees against all who had not settled at the last Killibegs District Court and as soon as I receive same back from the District Justice duly signed I shall lodge with the Sheriff for execution.

I have still a few Civil Bills to issue in cases where it will be necessary to apply to have the Rate Book amended, for which procedure I have not yet received sufficient particulars.

As a result of my efforts, I have collected to date a sum of £372-5-3, all of which I have passed on to the Collector".

The Council's Solicitor inquired if the Council desired him to take legal proceedings in additional cases of default but the Chairman considered that this was unnecessary and that the Collector ought now to be in a position to recover and lodge forthwith all outstanding Rates in his district. The Council concurred in this view.

Collector Michael O'Donnell proposed additional Personal Sureties for £400 in accordance with Finance Committee's recommendation of the 16th July, 1925, which was subsequently sanctioned by Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

The Secretary submitted letter from Collector Michael O'Donnell naming Messrs Christopher McShane, Merchant, Carrick, and Francis Carr, Merchant, Kilcar, as his proposed additional Personal Sureties in/

in the sum of £400 under the Public Bodies Order, 1904. The Council decided to accept these persons in the capacity mentioned on the Chairman's recommendation, and the Council's Solicitor was instructed to have the required bond perfected without delay.

APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR
No. 35 DISTRICT.

A letter dated the 11:8:'25 (G.33329/1925, Tirconail County), was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health refusing to sanction the proposed appointment of Mr. Edward Arnold as Rate Collector for No. 35 District in view of the distance he resides from the district, and calling upon the Council to make a fresh appointment.

Mr. Daniel McMenamin, B.L., who appeared for Mr. Arnold, stated that the latter had entered into an Agreement under date of the 15:8:'25 with Mr. John McMenamin for the taking over, as a dwelling house, of premises situated in Chapel Street, Stranorlar, which is the market and railway centre for the district; and as this would meet the objection of the Ministry in the case he asked the Council to recommend the former to approve Mr. Arnold's appointment without further delay.

Draft of Letting Agreement respecting the premises mentioned having been produced, the Council, on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Gallen, unanimously decided to request the Local Government Ministry to sanction the appointment of Mr. Arnold on condition that he immediately takes up residence on unlicensed premises in Stranorlar as provided in the Draft Agreement.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

Applications were received from the undermentioned persons for the position of Public Analyst for County Tirconail:-

NAME	ADDRESS
Bernard G. Fagan	City Laboratory, Chatam Row, Dublin.
Phyllis Ryan, (Public Analyst),	12 Dawson Street, Dublin.

On the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Gallen, Miss Phyllis Ryan was unanimously appointed to the position on the following terms, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry:-

10/- per sample for the first 100 samples and 7/6 per sample for every sample in excess of that per annum and one guinea for waters.

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

On the recommendation of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, the following Sergeants of the Force were appointed Food and Drugs Inspectors, and the Seal of the Council ordered to be fixed to their appointments:-

NAME	ADDRESS
Sergeant Patrick Ballentine	Letterkenny.
Sergeant P.J. Bronan	Raphoe.
Sergeant John Nolan	Dunfanaghy.
Sergeant James Healy	Bundoran.
Sergeant James Hartigan	Buncrana.

ASSESSMENT OF INCOME TAX.

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Appeal lodged

A notice, dated 6th August, 1925, of Assessment of Income Tax on Harbour Dues and Interest on County Council's Accounts - year 1925 - 1926, was submitted, and on the suggestion of the Secretary it was decided to appeal against the assessment.

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BUNCRANA PIER : PROPOSED LOAN OF £5,000.*Board of Works written to 10/8/25*

On the motion of Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Cole, it was unanimously decided to make application to the Board of Works for a loan of £5,000 for carrying out repairs to the Pier at Buncrana - to be repaid with interest within a period of 25 years. Security Dues collected at this Pier.

Councillor Gallen suggested that a Return of the Dues collected at above Pier during the past five years be obtained for the information of the Council.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE
BALLYSHANNON RURAL DISTRICT.*Extract sent to Secretary to Committee*

The question of the approval of the appointment of Mr. James Kelly, Main Street, Ballyshannon, as School Attendance Officer for the Rural District of Ballyshannon in room of Mr. John Connolly, deceased, at a salary of £50 per annum, was then taken into consideration.

The Secretary suggested that in view of impending Legislation the appointment should be of a temporary character.

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The Chairman declared amendment passed.

123

RATHMULLAN PIER.

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re Dr. JOHN PATTERSON : PENSION.*His local foot ministry written to 26.8.25*

The consideration of a letter from Dr. John Patterson, Ramelton, making application for a Pension for services rendered as Medical Superintendent of the Fever Hospital at Ramelton, was referred to the Finance Committee.

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PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM CASHEL TO GORTNATRA.*Bertram Barton written to 26/8/25*

A further letter was read from Bertram Barton, Solicitor, Port-salon, stating that the contractor has long since ceased work on the above proposed new road and that the ratepayers west of Cashel are left entirely without a road of any sort and since this work started the track which they formerly used is practicably impassible.

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CHILDRENS ACT.

126

Notices, dated 9th, 21st, and 29th July, 1925, under the Childrens Act re proposed committal of children to Industrial Schools, were read.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

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A letter from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, applying to the County Council on behalf of Mr. Charles Cullion of Gortnabrade, Carrigart, for payment of £40 damages sustained by him owing to a defective bridge on the road between Mr. Edward Griffin's house and Mr. James Cathcart's, having been read, it was unanimously decided to deny all liability in the matter.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PUT UP A WORKSHOP.

A letter was read from Mr. John Mulloy, Glenties, applying for permission to put up a small workshop in Glenties on the sloped bank of the river on which Mary McDevitt's premises are built.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the application be not acceded to. Councillor Gallagher (Francis) seconded.

Councillor Gallagher (Bernard) moved as an amendment a direct negative. Councillor O'Brien seconded.

Councillor Myles said he was against giving away property of the County Council in the way of open spaces along the banks of rivers, which tended to beautify a place, he therefore supported the motion.

On a show of hands the Chairman declared amendment lost.

129

APPLICATION FOR A SITE ON LIFFORD OLD GAOL GROUND.

A letter was read from Messrs Gallagher Egan and Company, Strabane, making application to the Tirconail County Council for a site on Lifford old Gaol ground on which to erect a branch factory, and a further letter stating that as time was pressing they were unable to wait until after meeting of the Council on 18th instant, they had therefore to obtain a site elsewhere.

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APPLICATION FOR LIGHT WORK.

A letter from Mr. Patrick O'Byrne, No. 83 Cottage, Killybegs, who is partially disabled, desiring to obtain work of a light nature, was read and no action taken.

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FURNITURE FOR COURTHOUSE, KILLYBEGS.

A letter from Mr. Bernard Kelly, Courthouse, Killybegs, applying for 1 armchair and six small chairs for use of the District Justice and Solicitors, was read. The selection of these articles of furniture was left in Councillor Mulreany's hands.

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re LETTING OF PORTION OF WORKHOUSE PREMISES AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter, dated 22nd July, 1925, from Messrs Watt and Company, Limited, Letterkenny, desiring to be informed if the County Council would let the Dining Hall of the old Workhouse which adjoins the premises already occupied by them for the purpose of putting in machinery for the manufacture of mineral waters; also a further letter dated 6th August, 1925, from the same firm, having been read, stating that if the County Council intend letting the remainder of the old Workhouse premises, Letterkenny, they will be pleased to take them at the rent of £50 per year - Lease to run concurrently with/

with their present Lease. The portion of the premises used as a Dispensary and the front block which is the proposed Fever Hospital they do not wish to interfere with.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Quigley, that the portion of the Workhouse Buildings at Letterkenny required by Messrs Watt and Company, be let to them on the terms stated in their letter of 6th August, 1925, subject to the Local Government Ministry sanctioning the Fever Hospital Scheme at present before them, and also subject to the approval of the Oireachtas.

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SCHEME FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Irish National League of the Blind, enclosing copy of above Scheme which has just been put into operation by the Dublin Borough Commissioners, and which has also been adopted by the Dublin County Council by virtue of their powers under the Blind Persons Act, (1920).

Councillor Mahony said the matter was dealt with by the County Board of Health - In consequence the Council decided to take no action.

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INSPECTOR OF LABOURERS COTTAGES.

Applications were submitted from Messrs Michael McNelis, Litterilly House, Glenties, and C.J. Herron, Ardara, for the position of Inspector of Labourers Cottages.

Mr. Simms, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared on behalf of Mr. McNelis.

The Chairman ruled that the position would have to be advertised.

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IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS.

The following resolution passed by Bundoran Urban District Council was read:-

"That this Council viewing with alarm the latest reports concerning the condition of Irish Political Prisoners, including our town's men McShea and Johnston, at present incarcerated in Peterhead Prison, Scotland, who have found it necessary to adopt a hunger strike as a protest against the denial of ameliorative treatment. We call upon the Free State Government to make immediate representations to the British Government on their behalf and furthermore we desire that such representations include a demand for their unconditional release."

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UNEMPLOYMENT.

Letters were read from Messrs Eugene O'Doherty T.D., and D. McCulloch T.D., acknowledging receipt of resolution respecting Unemployment passed by Tirconail County Council.

137

CONDITION OF A COUNTY ROAD.

A letter from Mr. John Kelly, Carrowblagh, Portsalon, again drawing attention to the condition of the county road leading from Portsalon through Upper Carrowblagh, having been read, no action was taken.

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MOTOR TAX PROSECUTIONS COUNCIL V JOHN O'BYRNE : MOTOR CAR IH-899.

Mr. Vincent P. McMullin, the Council's Solicitor, reported that this case was disposed at the Court in Killybegs on 24th July, 1925, when/

when the District Justice imposed a penalty of £20 with a stay of execution till 24th August next and that in the special circumstances of the case the Justice made a strong recommendation for a mitigation of the penalty.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Cole, it was resolved that the penalty be mitigated to £1 and costs and expenses.

Councillor Gallen opposed a reduction of the penalty.

Lowie found Report sent to Council
A report was submitted from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Glenties, that on 7th August, 1925, while on duty at Maas he held up Motor Lorry IH 768, the property of Patrick Gallagher Junior, Dungloe. The driver, John Cannon, failed to give any explanation as to why he had no Disc displayed.

The Secretary stated that an application, dated 7th August, 1925, for renewal of motor Duty was received in County Council Office on 10th idem and Licence was issued on latter date.

It was decided to institute proceedings through the Council's Solicitor.

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WOODEN SHED ON RATHMULLAN PIER.

Mr. S. Deeny written to
A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Deeny, Harbour Master, Rathmullan, stating that the Board of Works are about to dispose of a small wooden shed erected on Rathmullan Stone Pier and that this shed would be very useful as an office and store etc. during the fishing season.

It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Steadman and Mr. Edward Deeny, Hon. Secretary to Rathmullan Pier Committee, to arrange terms.

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ALLEGED ACCIDENT.

Mr. W. Loughrey written to
A letter from Mr. ~~James Gallagher~~ John McLoughlin, Drumagowen, Burt, reporting an accident to his mare and cart of 22nd June last owing to a defective wooden bridge on the county road between the main road at Burt and the Farland Bank, having been read it was decided to deny all liability in the matter.

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CONDITION OF A PIPE.

Mr. P. O'Reilly written to
A letter was read from Mr. Peter O'Reilly, Daneville Lodge, Bundoran, drawing attention to a broken pipe under the main road leading from Bundoran to Sligo, about 100 yards outside Bundoran Urban Area. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor said the matter was being dealt with.

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PERMISSION TO LAY A CROCKERY PIPE.

Mr. M.E.A. Cochrane written to
Subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, permission was granted to Mr. M.E.A. Cochrane, Meentiaghs Lodge, Dumfries, to lay a crockery pipe across the county road at the Swilly Railway Gates.

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re HIRE OF A ROLLER.

A letter was read from Mr. William Gallagher (County Councillor), stating that he understands Gregg's Roller No. II was idle on 28th, 29th, and 30th July on Buncrana Road between Bridge-End and Burnfoot and inquiring of Mr. Steadman an explanation; also what was the cost of Roller for time specified.

Mr. Steadman said no payment was made in respect of the period in question.

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Councillor Gallagher (William) also drew attention to the bad condition of the road between the Bridge-End and Newtowncunningham.

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DEFECTIVE PIPE.

A letter was read from Mr. William E. Stevenson, Derrymore, Carrigans, drawing the County Council's attention to a defective pipe crossing the road at Mr. David Parke's house in townland of Derrymore.

The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for attention.

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DUNGLOE COURTHOUSE.

A letter, dated 4th August, 1925, from Mr. Daniel Sweeney, Dungloe, notifying the County Council that their tenancy of the rooms, known as Dungloe Courthouse, will terminate on this day six months, was read.

The Secretary was directed to write the District Court Clerk to recommend suitable premises for sittings of the District Court.

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TIMBER INDUSTRY.

A resolution passed by Navan Urban District Council desiring to bring before the Oireachtas of Saorstát Éireann the urgent necessity of Legislation to protect the Timber Industry of the Irish Free State by prohibiting the export of Round Timber and compelling the planting of at least five trees for every one felled was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor McCauley.

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DANGEROUS TURN IN A ROAD.

A letter from Mr. David Hamilton, Bowling Green, Strabane, on behalf of Mrs Montgomery Stewart of Drumbeg, Inver, calling the Tirconail County Council's attention to a dangerous turn at the point where Road (Map) No.6 joins the Trunk Road near Eany River and requesting the Council to take whatever steps may be necessary to render the place safer for at least such ratepayers as are obliged to use the roads in the locality, was read, and the matter referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

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ENTRANCE TO A QUARRY.

A letter from Mr. J. Long, Cappry, Ballybofey, Contractor for Road No.302 between Meenamullan Crossroads and Crohonagh Bog, stating that he has been refused entrance to quarry from which the material for this road is provided was read. This Contractor applied to the District Justice for an order to enter this quarry but being under age the application was refused. No action was taken by the Council.

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PAYMENTS.

The following payments were ordered to be made:-

- (a) £50 to Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Merchant, Crolly, for repairing Crolly Bridge.
- (b) £1 to District Court Clerk, Milford, for Court Costs.
- (c) £3:4:8 to John C. O'Donnell, Lackenagh, Burtonport, - compensation for accident which occurred to him on or about 6th March, 1925, while working on roads.

COURTHOUSE, BALLYSHANNON.

A request by Ballyshannon Town Commissioners to be allowed the use of the Courthouse, Mall, Ballyshannon, for the purpose of holding their usual monthly meetings, held on first Monday of each month at 8 o'clock p.m. was considered, and on the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, unanimously acceded to.

LABOURERS COTTAGE.

A letter from Mr. John Tracey, Solicitor, Derry, with reference to cottage occupied by Miss Hannah McGarvey, Killea, having been read, the matter was referred to the County Board of Health.

LISTS OF PAYMENTS.

The County Surveyors said they did not propose to submit at present lists of payments deferred on foot of Road Contracts - which terminated on 31:3:'25 - at last half-yearly meetings of Rural District Councils and which may now be paid.

re HOLDING OF AN INQUIRY.

A letter was read from Department of Local Government, Roads, notifying the holding of an Inquiry by their Inspector on the 31st August, 1925, at St. Patrick's Hall, Bundoran, in connection with the proposed fixing of a Motor Speed Limit in Bundoran Urban Area and Town of Ballyshannon.

RETURN OF SHEEP DIPPED.

A return of sheep dipped in the county during the Summer Dipping Period was submitted.

PROSECUTIONS.

Reports from Civic Guard re owners of sheep who have not complied with the Sheep Dipping Regulations were also submitted and prosecutions in each case ordered to be taken through the Council's Solicitor.

ROAD ON INISHFREE ISLAND.

Consideration of the following Proposal submitted by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, was deferred:-

"To repair and maintain from 1st October, 1925, to 30th September, 1926, the road on Inishfree Island, in accordance with his special specification."

ROADS IN ISLE OF DOAGH.

Councillor Quigley having referred to the condition of the above roads, Mr. Steadman was directed to do what he could in order to have the necessary repairs effected.

MICHAEL BOYLE V COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council's Solicitor made a Personal explanation regarding the Malicious Injury Application in above case which was accepted as satisfactory by the Council.

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Local Govt. Minister
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*Order to Mr. Coy
& Mr. J. O'Donnell
written to*

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*Randall & Lough Swilly (Letterkenny to Buncrana
& extension) Railway Order 1898.*

LIGHT RAILWAYS ORDER, 1889.

Under Article 18 of above Order, Councillor James F. O'Donnell was, on the motion of Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Mahony, appointed a delegate to act and vote at meetings of the Lough Swilly Railway Company.

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*Patrick Doherty
written to*

CONDITION OF A ROAD IN CARNSHANAGH.

A letter, signed Patrick Doherty, W.L. Hamilton, and R.W. McNutt, of Carnshanagh, drawing the County Council's attention to the bad condition of above road, was read, and the matter referred to Mr. Steadman for attention.

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*Mr. Brian Keeney
written to*

MEASUREMENT OF ROAD MATERIAL.

A letter from Mr. Brian Keeney, Ardara, drawing the County Council's attention to a notice which he received from the Surveyor's Office to the effect that only one measurement of road material will be made and that during month of September, and stating that it was customary to have two measurements each year was read, and the matter referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

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BUNLIN BRIDGE.

Councillor MacCreadie drew the Council's attention to the condition of Bunlin Bridge in Milford Rural District. Mr. Steadman said he proposed to have it repaired as soon as possible.

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REPAIRS TO A COUNTY WALL.

A letter was read from Mrs Neely, Lifford, requesting the County Council to have the county wall along the road opposite the County Infirmary rebuilt. Mr. Steadman's attention was directed to the matter.

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CONDITION OF FIVE BRIDGES.

Councillor Loughrey inquired of Mr. Steadman what steps he intended taking with reference to the rebuilding of five bridges in Killygarvan which were destroyed by storm some 12 or 14 years past. Mr. Steadman said he would look into the matter.

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re WILLIAM McFADDEN, ENGINE DRIVER.

Councillor McNulty inquired if William McFadden a Driver on one of the Council's Steam Rollers in the Southern Division of the County could be transferred to the Northern Division in which his wife and family reside. Mr. Steadman said there were no vacancies at present in his Division and the only way a transfer could be brought about would be if one of the Engine Drivers agreed to change with McFadden.

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*Mr. Wm. Soler
written to*

NEW COURTHOUSES AT DONEGAL, BUNCARNA, AND CARNDONAGH.

A letter dated 17th July, 1925, from the Office of Public Works, on the subject of the Plans for the proposed new Courthouses at Buncrana, Carndonagh, and Donegal, letter, dated 7th August, 1925, from the Department of Justice, stating that the Plans will be returned to the County Secretary by the Clerk of Crown and Peace at Lifford, who has been asked to consult with the Justices of the District/

District Court and to suggest any alterations which may seem to them to be desirable; also letter from Clerk, Crown and Peace, enclosing the Maps and Plans of the proposed Courthouse to be built at Donegal and also a typed copy of a letter from District Justice O'Hanrahan, were read.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Francis), seconded by Councillor Hamilton, it was unanimously resolved that the Maps and Plans of the proposed Courthouse at Donegal be handed to Mr. Wm. Doherty, Architect, and that he be instructed to see District Justice O'Hanrahan re minor amendments in plans as suggested by the latter, subsequently that Mr. Doherty invite tenders with a view to the work being proceeded with without further delay; also that with regard to the new courthouses at Buncrana and Carndonagh when the plans etc. of these buildings have been received from the Clerk of Crown and Peace by the County Secretary Mr. Doherty be also instructed to interview District Justice Walsh with reference to any amendments that may be suggested by the latter and proceed to invite tenders for the execution of the work so that no further delay may be incurred.

*Mr. Wm. Doherty
Architect
3/9/25*

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COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS.

Councillor Clarke asked the Secretary if he could circulate copies of the standing orders amongst the members. There were certain rules and regulations which he was afraid were more honoured in the breach than in the observance - for instance, the number of times members spoke to the same motion and the cross-fire that was indulged in between members instead of directing all remarks to the Chairman. If the regulations were observed it would save a great deal of time, and the Chairman would be relieved of a great deal of trouble. Councillor MacCreadie supported the suggestion.

The Secretary said the standing orders were burned in the fire which destroyed the County House. Before incurring any expenditure in reprinting them he thought it advisable to wait until after the 1st October, when the Council would function properly under the New Act. A small committee could then be set up to revise the standing orders.

The Secretary's suggestion was agreed to.

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COUNTY PIERS.

Councillor Gallen referred to the expenditure on Piers under the jurisdiction of the County Council and proposed that a small committee consisting of the Chairman, and Councillors Gallagher (Francis), and Myles, (in consultation with the two County Surveyors for their respective Divisions), be appointed to inspect all the Piers where expenditure is anticipated and report to the Council as to the necessity or otherwise of such expenditure.

Councillor Flood seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

SHELTER WALL AT NEWBRIDGE.

Plans and Estimate prepared by Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant County Surveyor, in connection with proposed shelter wall at Newbridge near Rathmullan in respect of which the Minister of Fisheries is prepared to recommend the Government to make a grant of half the cost of construction, provided that such grant does not exceed £400 - the County Council to contribute the balance, were submitted.

Mr. Dawson estimated that it would take a sum of £850 to erect the proposed shelter wall.

Councillor Gallen proposed that consideration of the matter be deferred/

*Mr. Hugh J. Gallagher, D.
Newbridge, Rathmullan
written to*

deferred until the Piers' Committee had inspected the place and submitted their report. Councillor Hamilton seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed as an amendment that Plans and Estimate be approved provided a grant is available from the Government. Councillor Loughrey seconded.

After some discussion the proposer of the amendment agreed to add the words "and subject to the Report of Committee."

Councillor Gallen then agreed to withdraw his motion and the Chairman declared amendment carried.

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DERRY No.2 AREA : ROAD METAL.

Mr. P. Loughrey's explanation written to
A letter from certain Road Contractors in Derry No.2 Area, stating that they ordered metal for their respective contracts some time ago from Mr. Logan, Meenawarry Quarries, and he replied that owing to a very large contract received from Derry Corporation he could not guarantee to supply metal. They, (the Contractors) desire to draw the County Council's attention to this state of affairs, which in all probability, would deprive them of their money and suggest that the Council can supply metal from Gorey Quarry.

It was decided to inform the Contractors concerned that they are at liberty to procure Road Metal from the latter Quarry.

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FAILURE OF CLERK, DUNFANAGHY RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL TO FURNISH REQUIRED RETURNS ETC., &
ACTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL THEREON.

A letter, dated 28th July, 1925, G.30371/25, Dunfanaghy Rural District, from the Local Government Ministry transmitting copy of a letter bearing same date and number addressed by the Local Government Ministry to the Tirconail County Board of Health regarding the conduct of the Clerk of the late Dunfanaghy Rural District Council and requesting that the matter be urgently dealt with, was read, as was also a letter from Mr. Vincent P. McMullin, Solicitor, Ballybofey, stating that a summons has been issued against Mr. James Boyle of Falcarragh for failure to make the necessary Returns under Seed Supply Scheme and that the summons is for hearing at Falcarragh on 25th August. Mr. McMullin stated that Mr. Boyle had been written to in regard to the matter and he had not replied.

Regarding the striking of the Seed Rate, Mr. McMullin wrote stating he had gone into the matter carefully, and in his opinion, the striking of the Rate cannot legally be held over until the Financial Year 1926 - 1927 in view of the conditions laid down by Regulation 9 of the Scheme which is mandatory and must be observed; also that it is impossible to strike a special Rate for the current financial year in the absence of the necessary particulars and for the reasons given above and adding that under Section 3 of the Seeds Supply Act, the Minister is given very wide powers and on his (Mr. McMullin's) interpretation of this section, he is of opinion that the Minister has power to sanction the striking of this special Rate for a year other than periods specified in the Act. He (Mr. McMullin) therefore advised that the Council should immediately seek the Minister's sanction to the striking of this special Rate for the financial year 1926 - 1927.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Cole, it was unanimously decided to act on their Solicitor's advice.

The Secretary read a report of the Department Inspector, who interviewed the Clerk in June last, in which reference was made to irregular and inefficient management of the duties of his office, and mentioned that the Ministry suggested the appointment of a small committee to consider, in the light of the circumstances, the question of dismissing Mr. Boyle.

Councillor/

Councillor Gallen said his recollection was that a deputation from the Board of Health had to go down to the Clerk in order to get certain documents.

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Mr. McMullin said it was entirely a question for the Council whether they would retain him in the position or not.

Councillor Baxter inquired whether on the occasion of Mr. Boyle's appointment security for the proper discharge of his duties was entered into to which the Chairman replied that that was a matter for the District Council.

Councillor Myles proposed that Mr. Boyle's services be dispensed with at once and that our Secretary and an official from the Tirconail County Board of Health be sent down to take over all the official books and documents from Mr. Boyle. Councillor Cole seconded.

Mr. McMullin said the dismissal would not prejudice in any way the legal proceedings pending.

Councillor Mahony said probably the man might now be touched with some little sense of repentance.

Councillor Myles said it was almost three years since any returns had been received from this Clerk, and it would probably be three more before they could get him wound up.

Councillor McBride - I hold that no official be allowed to treat the Council with contempt, as he has done. I think the Council has been very lenient.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared unanimously passed.

CLERICAL STAFF OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Report of the County Secretary on the Office Organisation submitted by him to the Council on 27th January, 1925, and unanimously adopted; also a supplementary Report, dated 16th June, 1925, recommending the superannuation of Messrs Dorrian, Dowds and Quigley - both of which were referred by the old Council to the new - were then taken into consideration.

Councillor Mulreany moved that the recommendations in the Secretary's report be referred to a committee of seven members. Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Clarke said the old Council had given the matter full consideration. They were constantly being urged to reduce expenditure, and when the Secretary submitted his scheme they came to the conclusion that the only way to make a reduction in the office outlay was to follow his advice. He moved that the Secretary's recommendations be adopted. Councillor Doherty (Edward) seconded the motion.

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Councillor Flood proposed as an amendment that consideration of the Secretary's Reports be adjourned for three months and that in the meantime the points raised by Mr. Conaghan be referred to the Council's Solicitor for his advice. Councillor Gallen seconded.

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VOTING/

V O T I N G.

FOR COUNCILLORS Baxter, Blaney, Boyle, Cole, Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (William), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Holmes, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, McBride, McCauley, McClafferty, MacCreadie, MacFadden, McNulty, McPhelimy, O'Donnell, Quigley, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 25.

AGAINST COUNCILLORS Clarke, Doherty (Edward), Hamilton, Myles, McShane, O'Brien, and Sweeney. - 7.

COUNCILLOR McIvor did not vote.

The amendment was declared carried.

Councillor Mulreany's motion re appointment of a Committee for the purpose of investigating the Secretary's Reports and reporting thereon to the Council was adopted.

COMMITTEE.

Chairman
COUNCILLORS Gallagher (Francis)
Gallen
Mahony
Myles
O'Donnell
Quigley.

OFFICE STAFF ORGANISATION.

Consideration of a Report of the Local Government Inspector re Staff Organisation was referred to the above Committee for consideration when it was hoped the Inspector would be present.

TRANSFER OF OFFICERS.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor Flood, the consideration of a circular letter dated 21st April, 1925, from the Department of Local Government, re transfer of officers was also referred to the same committee for consideration..

re PURCHASE OF A QUARRY AT MEENAGORY.

A letter from Mr. Patrick Doherty, Meenagory, Buncrana, on the subject of the purchase from him of land for quarrying purposes and requesting payment of the amount agreed upon, was read. The Solicitor to the Council said the matter was in his hands and receiving due attention and when completed he would bring the matter before the Council.

ASSISTANT UNDER SHERIFFS.

A letter, dated 4th August, 1925, was read from the Department of Justice requesting the Tirconail County Council to be good enough to forward to the Secretary, Department of Finance, a Paying Order drawn in favour of the Secretary, Department of Finance, for £247:4:5 being a moiety of the amount due in respect of Messrs T. Corr and J.T. Prout, Assistant Under Sheriffs for County Tirconail in respect of salaries paid them up to 30th June, 1925, On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Cole, it was unanimously resolved to pay the amount, the Council being of opinion that no further payment to these officers is required, their services being no longer necessary.

******W. MacFadden* Confirmed.

Chairman.

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County Surveyors
& Lab. Co. Council
6/10/25
and to each
member of the
Council 10/10/25.*

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TIRCONAILL COUNTY
COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY THE 24th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 1925.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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COUNCILLORS Michael MacFadden (Chairman),
Baxter, Black, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty
(Edward), Doherty (Patrick), Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher
(William), Gallagher (Francis), Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh,
Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McIvor,
McPhelimy, O'Donnell, Quigley, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Walker.

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Councillor Clarke drew attention to the change in the date of
the meeting and asked what authority there was for holding that
meeting on a Thursday instead of a Tuesday. Generally speaking
the meetings were held on the third Tuesdays.

The Secretary said he intended having the meeting on Tuesday,
as heretofore, but on this occasion the meeting of the County
Board of Health was held on the day preceding. There were ten
members of the Council on the Board and they complained of the
inconvenience important meetings on successive days created.

Councillor Mahony said he was one of the members who complained
and he had the support of the others who had to attend the Board
of Health Meetings.

Certain other members of the Board present said they took
exception to attending two meetings on successive days.

After further discussion it was unanimously resolved, on the
motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, to
fix the meetings in future for the last Tuesday in each month.

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M I N U T E S.

On the confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting Councillor
Clarke drew attention to the Minute of page 9 in connection with
the forming of a Drainage District and said he was assured that the
expense of its maintenance would not fall on the County but accord-
ing to the Minutes it was otherwise.

The Secretary explained that under the Act it is imperative on
the Council to give such an undertaking. The maintenance will be
at the expense of the Drainage District itself, that is of the
occupiers of benefited land, and the Council by passing such a
resolution do not impose any charge on the General County Rates
except a charge of one-third of the expenses of inquiry and
investigation if the scheme is rejected or dropped at any stage
after the Board of Works have first sent their Engineer.

Councillor Clarke expressed satisfaction with the Secretary's
explanation. The Minutes were then unanimously confirmed.

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R E P O R T S O F C O M M I T T E E S.

On the report of the Finance Committee meeting held 10th
September, 1925, coming up for adoption a telegram was read from
Collector Gillespie stating that his Bonds for No. 2 Collection
District would be completed on 25th instant.

On the motion of Councillor Myles it was unanimously decided
to allow Mr. Gillespie a further extension of time for the com-
pletion of his Bonds. Subject to this amendment the report was
unanimously adopted.

- 181 ROADS. - Report of meeting held 10th September, 1925 was adopted.
- 182 SCHOLARSHIPS - REPORT OF MEETING HELD 15th SEPTEMBER, 1925.

Mr. Keohane, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared before the Council on behalf of Miss Peggy Harte, Killygordon, one of the Candidates for a County Council Scholarship under the Universities (Ireland) Act, 1908, who, he said, had taken a very distinguished Intermediate Course, and in the ordinary way would have been entitled to a Scholarship. She was seven marks short in Irish, however, and that according to Scholarships Scheme disqualified her. He thought the Scholarships Committee should reconsider her case as her marks in the aggregate were very high.

Councillor Mulreany said the Scholarships Committee had laid down certain conditions, and the Council should adhere to them.

The Secretary said Miss Harte, unfortunately, had not the necessary marks in the two honour subjects which formed the group that would qualify her for a Scholarship. The two subjects she chose were French and Irish, and she failed to get honours in Irish. The Scholarships Committee considered that if they did not award the Scholarship to the student immediately following Miss Harte they might be involved in a legal action.

The Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Mulreany, seconded by Councillor Walker, the Report was unanimously adopted.

183 SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

On the suggestion of the Secretary it was unanimously decided to leave the preparation of a Scholarships Scheme for next year in the hands of the Presidents of St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, and St. Columb's College, Derry.

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

- 184 On the motion of Councillor Flood the Revd. W.I. Stewart of Pettigo was appointed a member of above committee.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

- 185 On the motion of Councillor Flood the Revd. W.I. Stewart, Pettigo, was appointed a member of the Agricultural Committee.

CLAIMS FOR RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

- 186 CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given Councillor Mahony moved - "That the County Council take into consideration Mr. Charles L. Callaghan's claim to a retiring allowance as ex-Clerk of Stranorlar Union." Councillor Holmes seconded.

Mr. J.F.A. Simms, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared on Mr. Callaghan's behalf and said he understood five weeks' notice would require to be given to each member of the Council before the claim could be considered.

Councillor Mahony therefore withdrew his motion and in substitution handed in one to the effect that at the expiration of five weeks from present date he would move that the County Council do take into consideration the granting of a retiring allowance to Mr. Charles L. Callaghan.

187 Mr. MICHAEL McNELIS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor Gallagher (Bernard) moved - "That the Ministry for Local Government be requested to sanction the proposal of the Glenties Rural District Council granting to Mr. Michael McNelis, ex-Clerk of the Council, his retiring allowance on the terms specified on the Minutes of 11th June, 1924. Councillor O'Donnell seconded.

It was here mentioned that Mr. McNelis was removed from office under a Sealed Order of the Local Government Ministry.

Councillor McIvor proposed as an amendment that consideration of the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Councillor Walker seconded. On a show of hands the amendment was carried. Meanwhile the Secretary was directed to obtain from the Local Government Ministry copies of correspondence relating to Mr. McNelis' position as former Clerk of Glenties Rural District Council.

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BRIDGES.

Notices of Motion by Councillor Loughrey - "That the following works be included in the County Surveyor's applications:-

- (a) Repairs to Bridge at Kerrykeel;
- (b) Rebuilding of the four bridges in the townlands of Newtown, Newbridge, Legland and Drumahalla which were destroyed by storm 14 years ago," were referred for consideration to the Roads Committee.

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ROADS COMMITTEE.

Certain members having expressed their views that the Roads Committee, as at present constituted, was not representative it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Francis), that the members of the Finance Committee be appointed a Roads Committee.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor, seconded by the Chairman, Councillor Black was appointed an additional member of the Finance Committee.

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COASTGUARD STATION, BURTONPORT.

Report and Estimate of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, as to the cost of converting the destroyed Coastguard Station, Burtonport, with the main walls of the erections thereon were submitted and on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell, consideration was deferred pending the receipt of a letter from the Board of Works conveying the terms on which they will be prepared to let above premises on a Rebuilding Lease.

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LABOURERS COTTAGES : RENTS.

Councillor McPhelimy here referred to the excessive rents on Labourers' Cottages in the Carndonagh and Moville Districts. The Chairman ruled the matter out of order and pointed out if Councillor McPhelimy desired he could have a Notice of Motion lodged for consideration by the Council at their next meeting.

Board of Works
written to
19/12/24

EXPLOSIVES FOR BALLYWHORISKEY QUARRIES.

Letters concerning the supply of Explosives for use in Granite Quarries at Ballywhoriskey, Fanad, were read. Councillor Baxter said that arrangements have now been made for a supply of Explosives sufficient for the carrying on of the work there.

ELECTIONS : POLLING ARRANGEMENTS.

A letter, dated 24th August, 1925, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Polling arrangements in the Meenacaddy area was read.

A letter was also read from Mr. Charles McHugh, Laconnell, Ardara, relative to the Polling arrangements for those resident in the townlands of Barkilleg, Laconnell, Lerginacarha, Maghera, and Meenacurrin in the Electoral Division of Inniskeel and suggested that at alternative Elections the Polling Booths be located at Laconnell National School and Lergonassaragh National School. The suggestion was adopted.

Councillor Loughrey said that the schoolhouses at Drumfad and Kerrykeel are selected as polling stations for the Electoral Division of Kerrykeel. He proposed that in future the Polling Booth for this Division be Kerrykeel this being more central. Councillor Baxter seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Secretary pointed out that the selection of Polling Booths for Dail and Senad Elections respectively, was entirely in the hands of the Returning Officer but the Council could request the Returning Officer to adopt the foregoing recommendations when making arrangements for future Elections. This course was agreed to.

(RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND) ACT, 1925.

A letter dated 24th August, 1925, G.40018/25, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing a copy of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1925, and stating that in accordance with Section 4 of the Act the Minister has directed that the supplementary Grant for the year beginning on the 1st April last be applied by the Tirconail County Council for the purpose of defraying current expenses.

WORKHOUSE PREMISES AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter dated 24th August, 1925, P.39727/25, was read from the Local Government Ministry enclosing a cheque for £100 received from Messrs Watt and Company, Letterkenny, being one year's rent in respect of the Letterkenny Workhouse premises which have been let to that firm.

BONUSES.

A circular letter, dated 28th August, 1925, G.40167/25, was read from the Local Government Ministry on above subject.

REGISTRATION EXPENSES.

A letter, dated 31st August, 1925, F.36715/1925, was read from the Local Government Department on the subject of the claim of the Registration Officer for remuneration and expenses in connection with the third Register of Electors under the Electoral Act, 1923. Payment was ordered.

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TRANSFER OF OFFICERS.

Circular letters dated 21st April and 9th September, 1925, on the subject of the Transfer of Officers under Section 82 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and report of the Special Committee appointed by the County Council on the matter were submitted.

Councillor Mahony in proposing the adoption of the Report said as a member of the Special Committee the best thanks of the Council were due to their Secretary for drawing up the Report in consequence of which the Committee's task was considerably lightened. Councillor O'Donnell seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

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Mr. FRANCIS DUNNION : PENSION.

A letter dated 22nd July, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister is unable to accede to the request of the late County Council to grant a Pension to Mr. Francis Dunnion, a Rate Collector who was removed from office through failure to properly discharge his duties.

Mr. Dunnion
written to
27/10/25

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Mr. MICHAEL MULHERN : PENSION.

A letter dated 23rd July, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister is unable to consent to the suggested grant of a pension to Mr. Michael Mulhern, ex-Rate Collector.

Mr. Mulhern
written to
27/10/25

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APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR : Mr. EDWARD ARNOLD.

A letter, dated 12th September, 1925, G.41318/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister sanctions the temporary appointment of Edward Arnold as Rate Collector on the terms set out on the Form of Queries furnished.

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APPLICATION FOR INCREASED POUNDAGE.

An application by Mr. John Farren, Rate Collector, Buncrana, for an increase of poundage from 8d to 1/- was refused.

Mr. Farren
written to
27/10/25

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SEED RATE : DUNFANAGHY RURAL DISTRICT.

A letter, dated 12th September, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry re Seed Rate in Dunfanaghy Rural District was read.

The Secretary said that Mr. Boyle had since furnished the Return of Seed Rate and that at the last District Court held at Falcarragh the case was adjourned to enable Mr. Boyle to submit the Returns.

The Council decided to stay proceedings and directed that their Solicitor be so informed.

Mr. Boyle
written to
27/10/25

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TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY AT BALLYSHANNON.

A claim for payment of £17:13:6 Income Tax on above Dispensary was submitted.

The Secretary stated that the Trustees of the Dispensary premises are agreeable to the amount being paid by the Council and subsequently deducted by the latter body from the rent payable to the Trustees. This was agreed to.

206

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925.

A Petition under above Act from residents of Magheracar, Bundoran, for draining of river Drowes and County Surveyor's Report thereon were submitted and on the suggestion of Councillor Myles referred to the local County Councillors for consideration.

207

LOUGH FOYLE PIERS.

A letter from Mr. McConnell, Moville, on above Subject was read, and owing to the present financial condition of the County no action was taken.

208

QUARRY AT MULLANS.

A letter was read from Mr. Neil Kerrigan, Magheramore, Carndonagh, relative to the non-payment by the County Council of the sum of £40 due in respect of land taken at Mullans for quarrying purposes, as was also a letter from the Council's Solicitor intimating that he has now got the length of preparing a conveyance from Kerrigan to the Council of the plot of land in which the quarry is situate and he shall arrange to have same executed by Kerrigan with the least possible delay.

Councillor Cole said Kerrigan was a very poor man and should have been paid before now.

It was decided to instruct the Council's Solicitor to expedite the matter.

209

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

A letter was read from Mr. William Bell, St. Johnston, stating that when motoring between Carrigans and St. Johnston the tyre and tube on one of the wheels was cut through by slate stones spread on the road by the Contractor Paddy McMonagle and making application for compensation.

It was decided to deny all liability in the matter.

210

PROPOSED SHELTER WALL AT NEWBRIDGE.

Councillor Loughrey inquired if the Special Committee appointed in connection with County Piers including the proposed Shelter Wall at Newbridge, near Rathmullan, had yet furnished their Report. The Secretary replied in the negative.

211

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Councillor McPhelimy handed in the following notice for consideration at next meeting of the County Council:-

"To take into consideration the growing unemployment in order to devise ways and means of mitigation."

212

SHEEP DIPPING.

A Report of Sergeant, Garda Siotchana, Kerrykeel,., appending names and addresses of sheep owners who exposed sheep for sale at Kerrykeel Fair in Milford Rural District unaccompanied by the Form of Declaration that same had been dipped; also report from the Sheep Dipping Inspector for Glenties Rural District appending names of Sheep Owners who exposed their flocks at Glenties Harvest Fair without having Declaration Forms stamped were submitted.

It having been pointed out that a large number of sheep owners in the County were not aware of the existence of a Sheep Dipping Scheme it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Brennan seconded by Councillor Loughrey, not to institute proceedings against/

against the sheep owners concerned. It was further resolved that the Sheep Dipping Scheme be enforced on and after the 1st October next.

213

PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM LACONNELL TO MEENTASHESK.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Meentashesk, Ardara, relative to the question of above proposed new road.

It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Francis), seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Bernard), to request the Irish Land Commission to make the road.

RATE COLLECTION.

214

ADDITIONAL 1d POUNDAGE, YEAR 31:3:'24: COLLECTOR DEERY.

The Secretary submitted renewed application from Collector Michael Deery for payment of an additional penny poundage on the amount of his collection for the year ended the 31:3:'24. Fifteen other Collectors, who had closed their accounts for this year by the end of August, 1924, had, with the sanction of the Local Government Ministry (9:9:'24, G.40808/1924), received this extra remuneration, but as Mr. Deery's final lodgment of £114:4:11 was not made until the 18:9:'24 a similar payment was not made him. The Council, having regard to Mr. Deery's satisfactory record, had, on several occasions, recommended the Ministry to allow him this additional remuneration, but the former refused to accede to this request, pointing out, at the same time, that this official's ordinary poundage had been increased in 1923 from 8d to 1/-.

It was explained that Mr. Deery had lodged by the end of July 1924, £4,338:2:11 out of a total warrant of £4,452:7:10. He submitted return of items making up the balance of £114:4:11, and requested that these cases he referred to the Under Sheriff for recovery under the Local Government (Collection of Rates), Act, 1924. This £114:4:11 included £80:16:2 due to Mr. Deery himself in respect of previous arrears which he had lodged to the credit of the County Council, the balance, amounting to £33:8:9, representing rates due to the Council for the year ended the 31:3:'24.

Collector Deery's application, with similar applications from other Collectors, was brought to the notice of the then Local Government Inspector (Mr. O'Farrell) who expressed the view that the Act applied to rates due to the Council, and not to rates due to Collectors only, and this interpretation of the statute was subsequently given by the Ministry. The Standing Committee of the Council on the 13:8:'24 directed, however, that Mr. Deery's application be brought specially before the Ministry by the Secretary and this was done later in the same month, but the Department intimated that the claim could not be entertained. The Standing Committee at their following meeting held on the 27:8:'24 were so informed, and decided to take no further action. On the following day (28:8:'24), the official receipts and summaries furnished by Collector Deery were returned to him with covering letter detailing the position.

Councillor McIvor said that Collector Deery, who was a very efficient Collector, was not fairly treated in being deprived of this additional remuneration amounting to £18:11:0. Although his poundage had been increased from 8d to 1/- he would have received, under the Ministry's General sanction of September, 1924, this extra allowance had the balance of £114:9:11 been lodged at the end of August, 1924. He, accordingly, proposed that/

that the Ministry be again requested to sanction the payment of the additional penny poundage to Collector Deery for the year mentioned. This was sanctioned by Councillor Cole and passed unanimously.

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ENFORCEMENT OF LAW (OCCASIONAL POWERS)
ACT, 1924 : COLLECTOR DEERY.

Collector Michael Deery applied to the Council to bear all expenses incidental to the re-committal to prison of a rate defaulter in his district under the above Act. He (Collector Deery) had already incurred considerable expenses, legal and otherwise, in the case and he felt he could not proceed further. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

216

LISTS OF UNCOLLECTED RATES
COLLECTORS HARVEY AND E.J. O'DOHERTY.

The Secretary submitted letter from Collector Harvey on the subject of uncollected rates in his district for the year ended the 31:3:'24. On the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Francis), it was decided to request the Ministry of Local Government to rule on the claims of both Collectors Harvey and E.J. Doherty for this period as soon as possible.

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It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until the Council had the report before them.

The Secretary intimated that the Local Government Ministry had sanctioned the payment by the Tuberculosis Committee of Messrs Britton's account.

218

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219

re IRISH CEMENT AND IRISH SLATES.

Copy of the following resolution passed by Galway County Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Trade Department be requested to move the Government in the interest of Irish Trade, to require that Irish Cement and Irish Slates be used in the construction of houses for which grants or loans are given under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act."

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HEAVY MOTOR TRAFFIC.

220

Copy of a resolution passed by Meath County Council on above subject, was read.

Councillor Clarke proposed that the County Surveyors for all Ireland meet with a view to devising a scheme. Councillor Hamilton seconded.

Councillor Mahony proposed as an amendment that consideration of the matter be postponed for three months. Councillor Cole seconded.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried.

221

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNTRY.

The following resolution passed by Meath County Council was read:-

"That in view of the abnormal depression and serious financial position of the country we call upon the Government to forthwith set up an enquiry (as has been done in England) and appoint three independent men to inquire into the salaries paid to its officials and their number and expenditure generally."

Secretary Mr. C. J. O'Connell
written to 5/10/25

222

Complaint

Consideration of a letter from Mr. John Gill, ex-National Soldier, Meenagory, Buncrana, stating that he applied twice for work under the Trunk Road Scheme ^{and was refused} was adjourned pending investigation by Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor.

Mr. John Gill
written to 5/10/25

223

DONEGAL WATERWORKS.

At the request of the County Board of Health it was also unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Francis), seconded by Councillor McIvor, to obtain a loan of £300 from the Treasurer of the County for the purpose of completing Donegal Waterworks, said loan, with interest, to be repaid within a period of 10 years.

Deputy Co. Board
of Health
written to 5/10/25

224

MOTOR TAX PROSECUTIONS.

A report was submitted from the Council's Solicitor re case taken against Hugh Hunter No. IH 1067.

It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Loughrey to mitigate the fine to payment of legal costs and expenses of prosecution.

Reports of the Council's Solicitor re cases taken against Patrick Gallagher, Junior, No. IH 768 and Bonar and others No. IH 796 were also submitted and it was unanimously decided to mitigate the respective fines to payment of Legal Costs and expenses of prosecutions.

Mr. M. McEllen
written to 5/10/25

225

PERMISSION TO ERECT POLES.

An application by Mr. R.J. Campbell, Merchant, The Mall, Ramelton, for permission to erect Poles for the purpose of carrying wires in connection with the proposed installation of electric light at his premises having been considered the application was, on the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor Baxter, acceded to subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Erection of Poles to be subject to the approval of County Surveyor;
- (b) an annual rent of 1/- to be paid to County Council;
- (c) poles/

Mr. Campbell
written to 5/10/25

- (c) Poles to be removed at any time on receiving one month's notice from the County Council;
- (d) an agreement to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor and cost of same defrayed by applicant.

226

WORKHOUSE PREMISES, LETTERKENNY.

*Messrs Watt & Co
written to
9/10/25*

A further letter from Messrs Watt and Company Limited, Letterkenny, requesting to know if they might have permission to enter the Dining Hall and Kitchen of the old Workhouse there pending sanction of the Local Government Ministry, having been read, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, to grant, without prejudice, the permission sought for.

227

INTERPRETERS AT ASSIZES AND QUARTER SESSIONS.

Letters from District Justices Walsh and O'Hanrahan relative to the position of Interpreters at Assizes and Quarter Sessions respectively in Tirconail County were read and consideration of the matter postponed for two months.

228

A letter was read from the Assistant Secretary, The Irish Motorists Union, drawing the Tirconail County Council's attention to a simple and inexpensive device (known as the White Line) which, if adopted, will lead to the avoidance of many motoring accidents in their district.

Mr. Steadman said the roads in the county were too narrow and not adaptable to such a device.

229

PROPOSED LOAN OF £2,300.

*Manager Hibernian Bank
written to 5/10/25*

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank Limited, Letterkenny, stating that, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department being obtained, the Directors are prepared to grant a loan of £2,300 for the purpose of carrying out Harbour Improvements at Burtonport, to be secured by a charge on the Rates and repaid within fifteen years etc..

The Secretary said that there was an unexpended balance (£2,306:6:8) of a loan obtained for a similar purpose and suggested that this amount should be used thereby dispensing with the necessity of obtaining an additional loan. The suggestion was adopted.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously resolved to request the Board of Works to expedite the work.

230

CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL (ST. JOSEPH'S), DUBLIN.

*St. MacCloskey
written to 9/10/25*

A Form of Admission to the Childrens' Hospital (St. Joseph's), Temple Street, Dublin, in connection with a child named Charles Dugera of Drumlackagh, Glen P.O., Milford Rural District, was submitted.

The Secretary was directed to write and ascertain from Doctor MacCloskey, Carrigart, who signed the Admission Form, if this patient could be treated in the Hospital at Letterkenny.

231

re HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.

A Deed of Mortgage in connection with a loan of £3,500 to be obtained by the Council from their Treasurer under above Act, was submitted/

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submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by the Chairman, the seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed thereto.

232

BUNCRANA PIER IMPROVEMENTS.

A letter from the Hon. Secretary, Buncrana Pier Committee, complaining of the condition of the Pier was read.

Mr. Steadman stated that the present state of the Pier was largely attributable to a lack of proper supervision by the Harbour Master.

Mr. Steadman was directed to have a swinging pile at the Pier attended to and the Secretary was directed to write and ask the Harbour Master how this pile became loose and also to place the matter before the Pier Committee for their observations.

233

USE OF COURT ROOM AT KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Donegal, enclosing a claim for £2:0:0 by the owner of the Court-house at Killybegs for use of Court Room by the Ex-Officio Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Councillor Baxter proposed that as a yearly rent of £10:0:0 is paid by the County Council for the use of these premises the claim be refused. Councillor Mahony seconded. Passed unanimously.

234

A letter from Mr. William McFadden, Driver of Roller No. 16 complaining of the conduct of the Flagman - Mick O'Donnell - was read and the matter referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

In this connection the County Surveyors, on the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Mahony, were authorised to dismiss, without bringing before the Council, any Engine Driver or Flagman who was, in their opinion, acting unreasonably to bring about unsatisfactory results for the County.

235

A letter, dated 15th September, 1925, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, on the subject of the remuneration allowance as from 1st October, 1925, for supervisory and clerical duties in connection with motor registration and licensing and the issuing of Drivers' Licences.

236

CONDITION OF CERTAIN ROADS.

A letter was read from the Captain, R.E. Ebrington Barracks, Derry, drawing attention to the condition of the roads to Forts Dunree and Lenan - Lough Swilly.

Councillor Quigley said Father Maguire tried to cycle over one of these roads to attend a sick call, but was unable to use his machine and had to walk three miles, and added that the English Government had made a grant for the upkeep of these roads, but apparently it had not been used to the best advantage.

Mr. Steadman said he would expend what he could of the unexpended portion of the money to improve the roads referred to.

237

INSURANCES.

An application by Messrs the Irish National Insurance Company Limited, Dublin, for the Insurance of Tirconail County Council was submitted.

The Secretary said that some of the present premiums were paid up to the 25th December next. It was decided to defer action for the present.

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DESTROYED COURTHOUSES.

Councillor Myles here referred to the question of the building of the Courthouses at Donegal, Buncrana, and Carndonagh, and inquired how the matter stood.

Mr. William Doherty, C.E., Architect, Derry, who was present, said advertisements could now be issued inviting tenders for the work.

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241

BUNLIN BRIDGE.

Councillor Baxter referred to the rebuilding of Bunlin Bridge and asked Mr. Steadman when the work would be proceeded with. The latter said the matter would be taken in hands at an early date.

242

CONDITION OF CERTAIN ROADS.

Mr. Kelly written to
Councillor Clarke asked Mr. Steadman if he examined the roads which he brought under his notice, especially the roads from Lifford to Rossgier on to St. Johnston adding that the Assistant Surveyor for the District was absent for ten weeks and was working the district from Bundoran and that this could not be done efficiently. He (Councillor Clarke) said that at the meeting of the Roads Committee recently held the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Kelly for an explanation as to why he so long absented himself from his district and he wished to know the nature of the reply received.

The Secretary said he deferred writing Mr. Kelly until after the Road Committee's Report had been dealt with by the County Council.

Mr. Steadman said he examined the roads to which Councillor Clarke alluded and found them as stated. He further added that it was the duty of each Assistant Surveyor to see that the work was properly carried out when there was a Roller in his district.

243

ROAD BETWEEN LETTERKENNY AND STRANORLAR.

Councillor Mahony referred to the bad condition of the above road and asked Mr. Steadman if any immediate repairs could be effected.

Mr. Steadman replied that unless money was placed at his disposal it would be impossible to bring about a satisfactory result.

244

BRIDGE AT MOSHEFFREY'S.

Councillor Cole asked Mr. Steadman when it was proposed to rebuild the bridge (known as MOSHEFFREY'S) on the road from Carndonagh to Malin.

Mr. Steadman said that it was not the rebuilding of a bridge but a portion of the retaining wall and this could be dealt with when the Council had arranged the routine for receiving Notices of Motion.

245

BRIDGE AT KERRYKEEL.

Councillor Loughrey inquired of Mr. Steadman when Kerrykeel Bridge would be put in order.

Mr. Steadman said he would see to the matter as soon as possible.

246

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT GRANT.

The Secretary reported that a further instalment of £920 had been received from the Ministry of Transport in respect of Grant No. P.23 Reference No. A.5939.

247

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

A circular letter dated 12th September, 1925, was read from the Secretary, County Council's General Council, stating that with reference to the National Programme Conference appointed by the Ministry of Education to consider the suitability of the programme of Primary Instruction at present in operation in the national schools the General Council have been requested to formulate their views as to the changes (if any) which they would advocate in the present programme. Before formulating such replies the Special Committee of the General Council are desirous of ascertaining the views of the constituent Councils on the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by the Chairman, the matter was referred for consideration to a small Committee consisting of Councillors Gallagher (Francis), Mulreany, MacCreadie, and McIvor.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the circular letter to each member of the committee.

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CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

A letter was read from James Dunlevy Esq., Solicitor, Donegal, on behalf of Mr. Michael Gallagher, of Main Street, Donegal, making application for compensation in respect of an accident to his Ford Motor Car due to the negligence of the County Council's servants in placing Road Material, a Stone-Breaker and Engine on the county road a short distance from Clar Chapel, the Engine having an insufficient light thereon and the Breaker being unlighted. It was decided to deny all liability in the matter.

249

ERECTION OF A PETROL PUMP.

An application by Mr. John M. Doherty, Carndonagh, for permission to erect a Shell Petrol Pump outside his premises in Pound Street, Carndonagh; also similar application from S. R. Butler, Carndonagh, were considered and granted subject to the usual terms.

250

RAPHOE TOWN LIGHTING.

A letter was read from Mr. P.F. McGlinchey, Raphoe, on above subject; consideration of the matter was referred to the County Board of Health.

251

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

A renewal of a store licence under above Act was granted to the Manager, The Irish Granite Quarries Limited, Kindrum, Letterkenny.

252

CHILDRENS' ACT, 1908.

A Notice under the Childrens' Act, 1908, Section 74 (6), received from the District Court Clerk, Glenties, was submitted.

253

REMOVAL OF Mr. JAMES BOYLE FROM OFFICE.

A Sealed Order dated 18th September, 1925, from the Department of Local Government removing James Boyle from the office of Clerk to Dunfanaghy Rural District was submitted.

254

LANDS AT ROOSKEY.

80

A receivable Order No. 4768 dated 19th September, 1925, from the Irish Land Commission re payment of 6 instalments at £3:7:7 - £20:5:6 due to 1st June, 1925, was submitted and payment ordered. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Council's Solicitor and arrange, if possible, that the lands be resold to the original owners if it could be done without any loss to the County Council.

JOSEPH O'BRIEN : GRATUITY.

A letter dated 17th September, 1925, was read from Mr. Joseph O'Brien, Mullindrait, Stranorlar, requesting payment of £100 as gratuity recommended by the County Council at a meeting held on 29th May, 1922, in respect of services rendered as Wardsman in Workhouse, Stranorlar; also copy letter received by Mr. O'Brien from the Local Government Ministry stating that the function of the Minister is to determine the right to and amount of gratuity in case of dispute; the liability for payment of the amount rests with the County Council, having been read; it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, that payment be made.

255

CROLLY BRIDGE.

A telegram was submitted from Mr. Daniel Dorrian, Mountcharles, requesting payment for rebuilding Crollly Bridge. The County Surveyor said he had that day certified payment of £400 on account.

256

DRIVER OF ROAD STEAM ROLLER.

Applications by Thomas Henderson, Chapel Street, Stranorlar, and Hugh McGlinchey, Ballygonigan, Castlefin, for the position of Steam Roller Driver in place of John Mulhern, deceased, were submitted.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said the Roller was being overhauled and when repairs had been executed the position would be advertised.

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DUNFANAGHY RURAL DISTRICT PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Mr. William Seyers, Erraroeey, Falcarragh, was appointed a member of above committee in place of the Revd. F.W.C. Wallace, Ballymore, who has been transferred from the district.

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ROAD PROSECUTIONS.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported that the undermentioned contractors had neglected to carry out their contracts and recommended that proceedings be instituted against them through the Council's Solicitor to compel them to do so. The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

RURAL DISTRICT	No. of CONTRACT	IN GROUP COMMENCING	CONTRACTORS' NAME	ADDRESS
Donegal	2	1st Apr '25	Peter Gallagher	Inver
" "	5	" " "	John McCuningham	Ballymagowan,
" "	10	" " "	Mick Gallagher	Dunkineely.
				Meenagran,
				Frosses.

Continued.

RURAL DISTRICT	No. of CONTRACT	IN GROUP COMMENCING	CONTRACTORS' NAME	ADDRESS
Donegal	234	1st April, '25	Neil Furey	Kilmacreddan,
" "	235	" " " "	William Melly	Inver Brenter,
" "	236	" " " "	B. McCahill	Dunkineely Castletown,
Glenties	3	" " " "	Michael Meehan	Dunkineely Ballyara,
" "	6	" " " "	Patk. Cunningham	Killybegs Ballyara,
" "	III	" " " "	Patk. McTeague	Killybegs Carrickataggart
" "	136	" " " "	John Gildea	Crownard, Kilcar
" "	174	" " " "	Patk. Gillespie	Meenasillagh, Glencolumbkille.

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APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC ANALYST.

Letters dated 7th and 11th September, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry on the subject of the appointment of a Public Analyst made by Tirconail County Council on 18th ultimo, on the following terms:- 10/6 per sample for the first 100 samples, 7/6 per sample for every sample in excess of 100 per year, and one guinea for waters.

The Ministry referred to the County Board of Health having arranged for the examination of samples at a charge of 6/- each adding that it would not be unreasonable that the County Council should endeavour to secure uniformity.

The Secretary said that he wrote to Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc who was appointed Analyst by the County Council at their previous meeting and to Mr. Bernard G. Fagan, who was also an applicant for the position, on the matter and they both replied that they must adhere to the terms of their application.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor ^{Gole} seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to confirm the appointment of Miss Phyllis Ryan on the terms already agreed upon.

A suggestion that the appointment be for the County Council only the County Board of Health to retain present Analyst @ 6/- per sample was adopted.

*Memorandum for Local Gov.
written to 7/10/25*

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DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT BOXES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Compensation (Ireland) Commission, Dublin, on the subject of the claim by the Tirconail County Council in respect of Ballot Boxes destroyed by British Troops while in occupation of the County House at Lifford, and stating that the Compensation determined by Commission is £99:4:6 plus 5% interest from 1st September, 1925.

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BURTONPORT HARBOUR : DREDGING.

A letter dated 29th August, 1925, was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, with reference to the works of improvement which the Commissioner propose to carry out at Burtonport Harbour and stating that it has been found necessary to suspend dredging operations there as it appears that the dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" which/

which was engaged on the dredging of a channel from Rutland Sound to the Old Pier Head and new wharf is unsuitable for the material at Burtonport and cannot cope with the work; should arrangements permit and the "Sisyphus" be available they hope to carry out this portion of the work next year. In the meantime the completion of the wharf will be proceeded with.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925 : COMMITTEES.

A circular letter, dated 23rd July, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry dealing with the appointment of Committees and other matters under the Local Government Act, 1925; as was also a circular letter, dated 9th September, 1925, from the Ministry referring to 5th paragraph of the former circular and inquiring if the policy of the County Council in regard to this matter has yet been decided; also copy of circular letter from Mr. Sean D. McGrath, Local Government Inspector.

Councillor Baxter proposed that for the present members of the County Council for each Electoral Area be the committee for that area. Councillor Loughrey seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Councillor Mylon said:

Councillor Myles said that some of the Rural Districts would not be properly represented; however, additional members could be co-opted later on.

CENTRAL PURCHASING ACT, 1925.

A copy of the above Act was submitted.

The Secretary explained that all purchases should be made from the official Contractors. When purchases are made from other persons a note should be included in the Minutes stating the reason for such purchase. Should any loss occur to the Rate-payers the Auditor had power to surcharge, and if necessary, declare such contract void.

DISTRICT HOSPITAL GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Tirconaille County Board of Health re condition of the valleys on roof of the main building District Hospital, Glenties.

Councillor Clarke said he and certain others - members of the County Board of Health - were deputed to inspect the above premises and submit a report.

CONTRACT NO. 314 : STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Mullan, Trusk, Ballybofey, surety for a contractor - Charles McGinley - in connection with contract No. 314, Stranorlar Rural District. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

Confirmed.

Misses Fadden

Chairman

27.10.25

Copy minutes
sent to Local
Govt Ministry
Co. Surveyors

A SPECIAL MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1925.

Lab. Co. Council
and
each member
of the Co. Council

10/11/25

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

COUNCILLORS MacFadden (Chairman),
Quigley, Baxter, Black, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole,
Doherty (Edward), Doherty (Patrick), Flood, Gallagher (William),
Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh,
Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McCauley, McClafferty,
MacCreadie, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien,
O'Donnell, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Walker.

M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

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MEMBERS TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Councillor Clarke referred to the decision of the Local Government Ministry in regard to the Council's travelling expenses under Section 63 (I) of the Local Government Act, 1925. The Ministry allowed officials sixpence per mile for travelling expenses and a salary for doing their work. Members of the Council gave their time gratis and the Ministry only wanted to give them 5d a mile for travelling expenses going to the meetings and no allowance for the return journeys so that the proposal really was to give them 2½d a mile. He moved that the Ministry of Local Government be requested to reconsider the matter and allow at the rate of 5d per mile to and from the meetings.

Councillor Mahony said surely there was a mistake, for the Local Government Ministry could hardly be so absurd as to only allow members their travelling expenses in getting to a meeting without any provision being made for them to get home.

Councillor Brennan said they should be allowed what would cover the cost of the double journey. It was ridiculous to offer 2½d per mile; most of them would rather do without it than take less than would pay their travelling expenses to and from the meetings. He therefore seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.- re Dr. W.H.C. Clarke.

Councillor Baxter referred to the Minute on page I in which it is recommended that a claim by Dr. W.H.C. Clarke, Milford, for fees for professional assistance rendered to Midwives in cases of emergency under the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1908, during Quarter ended 30th June last be refused although the Secretary had pointed out that under section 22 of above Act the Council were legally bound to pay the amount, and inquired if it would not be well if the Council amended the Minute, as in the event of Dr. Clarke instituting proceedings the Council might be decreed. He proposed that the amount be paid. Councillor Loughrey seconded. The Secretary was asked if he had received a communication from the Local Government Ministry on the matter. He replied in the/

the affirmative and that they had referred him to the Section of the Act quoted.

The Council's Solicitor was asked for his advice in the matter. He said that under the section referred to the Council were liable for payment, provided the patients were not entitled to Medical relief under Section 9 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act 1851.

Councillor Mahony said there were only two Medical Officers in the County who made a claim under the above Act and if all these officers were to present similar claims it would amount to a large sum. He moved as an amendment that the Committee's recommendation be adopted. Councillor Quigley seconded.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT COUNCILLORS MacFadden, Quigley, Black, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (E.), Doherty (P.), Flood, Gallagher (W.), Gallagher (F.), Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McClafferty, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 30.

AGAINST. COUNCILLORS Baxter, Loughrey and MacCreadie. - 3

The chairman declared amendment carried.

269 re Mr. JAMES BOYLE.

Ex tract sent to Mr. Boyle 3/11/25
Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared on behalf of Mr. James Boyle, Falcarragh, and asked that he be allowed the full two-thirds of his salary and emoluments for services rendered as Clerk of Dunfanaghy Union, having regard to the fact that he was removed by the Local Government Ministry from the office of Clerk to the Rural District Council twelve days prior to the abolition of that office under the Local Government Act, 1925, with the result that no pension would be payable to him in respect of the latter office. Mr. Kelly inquired of the Secretary if the other Clerks of Unions had received the maximum retiring allowance. The latter replied in the negative adding that Mr. Boyle had 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ years' service as Clerk of Union to which the Finance Committee recommended that 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ years be added -- 32 years.

Councillor Brennan appealed to the Council on behalf of Mr. Boyle and moved that he be granted the maximum pension. Councillor McClafferty seconded.

Councillor Myles said that the County Council and Board of Health experienced great trouble owing to Mr. Boyle's negligence in not furnishing certain returns, he therefore moved as an amendment that the Finance Committee's recommendation be adopted. Councillor Sweeney seconded.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT COUNCILLORS MacFadden, Baxter, Black, Clarke, Doherty (P.), Gallagher (F.), Hamilton, Kavanagh, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, MacCreadie, McNulty, McShane, O'Brien, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 18.

Against/

AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS Quigley, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Cole, Doherty (E.), Gallagher (W.), Gallen, Holmes, Loughrey and McClafferty. - II.
COUNCILLORS McIvor and McPhelimy did not vote.
The Chairman declared amendment carried.

270 re A DEFAULTING RATEPAYER

Councillor Cole referred to the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding re-committal to prison of a defaulting ratepayer in Collector Deery's district, and suggested that action be deferred for one month. In the meantime Councillor Doherty and himself would interview this man with a view to getting him to discharge his rating liabilities. The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

271 COLLECTOR HOLMES.

It was decided that Collector Holmes, who received his Books for the year ended 31st March, 1925, on the 24th March, 1925, and closed his accounts on 28th September, 1925, be allowed the usual additional penny poundage for that period, the question of poundage on previous arrears included in his warrant be deferred, pending the completion of the collection of these arrears which accrued in the time of his predecessor.
The remaining recommendations of the Committee were unanimously adopted.

272 TRANSFER OF OFFICERS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by the Chairman, the report of the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a scheme in connection with the Transfer of Officers under section 82 of the Local Government Act, 1925, was unanimously adopted.

273 ROADS.

PETROL PUMPS - THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

Councillor McIvor referred to the recommendation of the Roads Committee "that Petrol Pump owners be required to insure their pumps so as to give the County Council total immunity (third party and otherwise)" and moved that it be deleted. Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Myles inquired who would be responsible in the event of the owner of a petrol pump being insolvent. The Council's Solicitor advised that the County Council would be liable.

Councillor Clarke moved as an amendment that the Committee's recommendation be adopted. Councillor MacCreadie seconded.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT.....COUNCILLORS MacFadden, Quigley, Black, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Doherty (E.), Gallagher (W.), Gallagher (F.), Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walker. - 27

Against/

AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS Baxter, Cole, Doherty (P.),
Flood, Loughrey and McIvor. - 6.
The Chairman declared amendment carried.

POT HOLES.

Councillor Gallagher (W.) referred to the Committee's recommendation "that Pot Holes in future be filled with finer material" and inquired of Mr. Steadman if a contractor would be remunerated for supplying gravel instead of broken stone for this purpose. Mr. Steadman said that the present system is that the Contractor provides a supply of gravel or shaley rock that is measured by the Assistant Surveyor and an allowance made to the Contractor for so doing.

274 HARBOUR MASTER, BUNCRANA PIER.

Councillor Baxter inquired if it was in order for the Roads Committee, and not the County Council, to dismiss an official.

The Secretary said that the Minute was merely a recommendation and it was a matter for the County Council to adopt or reject the recommendation.

The remaining recommendations of the Committee were also adopted.

275

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

The report of the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of considering a circular letter on above subject from the County Council's General Council was, on the motion of Councillor Mulreany, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Francis), unanimously adopted.

276

CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN : RETIRING ALLOWANCE.

Councillor Mahony moved that the question of the granting of a suitable retiring allowance to Mr. Charles L. Callaghan for services rendered as Clerk of Stranorlar Union be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Councillor MacCreadie seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

277

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Councillor McPhelimy, in accordance with Notice of Motion, moved "that the County Council take into consideration the growing unemployment in order to devise ways and means of mitigation and proposed the following resolutions which were seconded by Councillor Gallen and passed unanimously:-

"That the conditions of a large percentage of the people of Donegal who are living on the barren, uneconomic reservations - allotted to them through the Plantation of Ulster - be a subject of special consideration when Article V of the Treaty is being adjusted. That England has already acknowledged some restitution to these people through the medium of the Conjested Districts Board, initiated by Mr. Balfour; and that the Free State acquire the means to carry out its work in a more extended form."

"That the present serious unemployment is fundamentally due to the foregoing reasons, accentuated by the Industrial Upheaval - the aftermath of the Great War - and the present inability of the Donegal Workers to find employment in the industrial centres of Britain."

"That this Council urge upon the Government the extreme necessity of putting into operation at once schemes of employment which/

Extract sent to Ministry of Commerce in 11.12.1914. Mr. Callaghan's report on 9/11/14.

which will contribute to the Nation's prosperity, and to the workers their absolute right to earn their livelihood in their country at a decent living wage."

"The workers must either find work, or face starvation for themselves and their families. If those who hold property and wealth for gain, and not for use, stand out against the workers' right to a decent livelihood, through honest labour, then the workers of to-day are more determined than ever, to secure their devine right, to earn their daily bread under humane conditions."

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COUNTY COUNCIL V Dr. GORDON.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor O'Brien moved:-

- (a) "To have the appeal to Circuit Judge from District Judge withdrawn against the Dismiss given at Ballyshannon on 1st October, 1925, in a Motor Prosecution against Dr. James Gordon;
- (b) To have the fine imposed in this case remitted;
- (c) That permission be granted to Mr. Ralph H. Reid, Solicitor, to appear before the County Council in support of same."

Councillor McNulty seconded.

Mr. Simms, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared in support of the Motion.

The Council's Solicitor made a statement in support of the course he had taken.

Councillor Baxter said the Council should support their officials and moved as an amendment that the Council allow the Law to take its course.

Councillor Gallen said it was a farce constituting that Council a Court of Appeal in connection with these cases. Councillor Quigley seconded the amendment.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT COUNCILLORS MacFadden, Quigley, Baxter, Black, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (E.), Doherty (P.), Flood, Gallagher (W.), Gallagher (F.), Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McIvor, O'Donnell, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 27.

AGAINST COUNCILLORS Blaney, Gallen, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, and O'Brien. - 6.

The Chairman declared amendment carried.

Councillor Mahony asked would he be in order to move that the fine be reduced from £20 to £5. It was decided that the question of a reduction could be considered after the appeal.

279

HEAVY MOTOR LORRIES.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor McNulty moved:- "That the County Council in accordance with the provisions of section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, apply to the Minister for an Order restricting the driving of motor lorries exceeding three tons laden weight, on certain roads throughout the County, to be selected by the Roads Committee, on the grounds that these roads are unsuitable for vehicles of this weight."

Councillor McNulty said this question of heavy traffic must be dealt with or they would never get the roads into condition.

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He suggested that the roads to be selected be :-

Derry	to	Buncrana
" "	" "	Letterkenny
" "	" "	Stranorlar
Lifford	" "	Stranorlar
" "	" "	Letterkenny

Councillor McIvor suggested that Councillor McNulty alter the weight from 3 tons laden to 4. The latter agreed.

Councillor Clarke said consideration of the matter should be held over until the Advisory Committee had given their decision in regard to it.

Councillor Mahony disagreed, and said anything they did might strengthen the hands of the Commission. They should make the resolution to apply only to lorries of the weight mentioned which had not Free State licences, otherwise it would be a hardship on the people of the county who had these lorries in connection with mills etc..

Councillor McIvor disagreed with Councillor Mahony as he held that it would cut both ways.

Mr. James Dunlevy, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the employees of the Donegal Railway in support of the resolution. The roads of the county, he said, were being seriously injured by these heavy lorries, and the Council were deriving no benefit from them. Large petrol lorries belonging to English Companies, with agents in Derry, were using the roads. These companies paid no income tax on their sales of the profits they made in Donegal. All this heavy traffic was coming from the Six Counties. For the last nine months the expenditure on the railway exceeded the revenue. The result would be that if this continued the railway employees would be thrown idle.

Councillor Cole said the excessive railway rates had been the cause of the introduction of this motor traffic, as well as the delay and inconvenience occasioned in connection with the delivery of goods sent by rail.

Mr. Dunlevy said if the railways got the natural traffic the rates could be reduced.

Councillor Gallagher (F.) said he understood Councillor McNulty's object was to prevent heavy lorries from the Six Counties using Free State roads for which they paid no taxes. Now Mr. Dunlevy he introduced the railway aspect, and this would injure the motion more than anything else. It was the antics of the railway companies and their management that had been the cause of the development of motor traffic in Ireland. It was well known that railway companies gave preferential rates. Take the railway rate into Donegal: They gave a cheap rate to one business man and not to another, and the natural result was that the business man in the outlying districts worked the traffic within itself without reference to the railway company. Again, the railway company brought traffic from Derry to Donegal, a distance of fifty miles, at an 8s rate, while they charged a 7s 9d rate for traffic from Donegal to Mountcharles, a distance of three miles. They must recognise that motor traffic was a sign of advancing civilisation. It would be a serious thing if the Donegal County Council took this step, especially when they remembered the action of the Free State Government in asking the County Councils to consider the matter, and then made a general regulation that henceforth vehicles weighing nine tons and over would be prevented from using the roads. Mr. Dunlevy had gone the wrong way of getting the support of that Council for the resolution, for the railway companies' one aim and object seemed to be to keep Derry as the supplier for Donegal.

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He moved as an amendment that consideration be deferred for three months, and that in the meantime the matter be considered by the Roads Committee. Councillor Cole seconded.

Mr. Dunlevy said they could not make comparison in regard to rates for big traffic and those for very small traffic.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said if they strengthened the roads to enable the heavy motor traffic to use them they would have to find a sum running into millions, otherwise an alternative scheme would have to be produced.

Councillor Brennan said the railways deserved no sympathy.

Councillor O'Donnell said unless a stop was put to this traffic both the railways in the county would be white elephants, and that would destroy the fishing industry on the western seaboard for motors would be of no use to that industry.

Councillor Myles said the speed of the lorries did more harm than the actual weight.

The Secretary said that in the event of the County Council passing a resolution requesting the Minister to make an order, the Ministry would subsequently hold an inquiry.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT.....COUNCILLORS Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (E.), Doherty (P.), Flood, Gallagher (W.), Gallagher (F.), Holmes, Loughrey, Mulreany, Myles McCauley, McClafferty, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 19.

AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS MacFadden, Quigley, Baxter, Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Mahony, MacCreadie, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelemy, McShane, O'Brien and O'Donnell. 14.

Councillor Black was absent.

The Chairman declared amendment carried.

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ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925.

FORMING OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Petitions were submitted (accompanied by Ordnance Sheets) pursuant to section 2 (2) of the above Act to the Tirconail County Council from certain residents in the undermentioned areas, and also reports on the matter from Messrs Steadman and Caffrey, County Surveyors.

- (a) Residents between Churchhill and Kilmacrenan for the drainage of the rivers Glashagh and Lennon;
- (b) Residents of Magheracar, Bundoran, for draining of river Drowes;
- (c) Residents of Corry, Portsalon, for drainage of river between the points marked A and B on ordnance sheet.

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Doherty (E.) seconded by Councillor MacCreadie, that this Council, having considered the reports of their County Surveyors, request the Board of Works to inquire into the foregoing schemes for forming Drainage Districts under said Act; further that this Council undertake to maintain the Drainage Districts if they are formed.

A Petition was submitted (accompanied by ordnance sheet) pursuant to section 2 (2) of the foregoing Act from certain residents in the townlands of Carrowcannon and Falcarragh. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported that when his Assistant went to inspect the place it was flooded consequently he was unable to submit a report re the scheme. It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until next meeting.

Petitions, Ordnance Sheets & County Surveyors Reports sent to Board of Works 21/11/25

281 FINANCIAL ACCOMMODATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A circular letter, dated 23rd September, 1925, G.44428/25, was read from the Local Government Ministry re Financial Accommodation of Local Authorities, and letter from Manager, Hibernian Bank Limited, Letterkenny, in regard to advances in the accounts of the County Council.

The Secretary said that the Ministry in their circular letter pointed out that this question has been receiving careful consideration and has been the subject of protracted negotiation with the "Irish Banks Standing Committee" and that the latter have now agreed that, as from the 1st October, 1925, in cases where overdraft accommodation is granted with the sanction of the Minister, the normal rate of interest will be $\frac{1}{2}\%$ under the existing discount rate, subject to a minimum charge of 4% and that where debit and credit balances exist simultaneously in any case the credit balance will, within the limit of the overdraft, be set off against it prior to assessment of interest.

If the balance is in favour of the credit account, interest at the deposit rate will be allowed on the difference and this rate of interest will also apply to credit balances where there is no overdraft.

The Committee, however, make the stipulation that this arrangement is not to be applied in any case to more than two current accounts.

The Ministry also point out that such separate accounts as may be necessary or prescribed for the due conduct of the Council's business should continue to be kept in their own books, but in their relation with their Bankers it should as far as possible be the Council's aim to reduce the number of separate Bank Accounts so as not to exceed the number now stipulated by the Committee.

Councillor Gallen said it would be very necessary to have only two accounts and he moved a resolution accordingly which was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously passed.

282 ABOLITION OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS; PAYMENT OF DEBTS ETC..

A circular letter dated 23rd September, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry in regard to the abolition of Rural District Councils, payment of debts including salaries of officials up to the 30th September last, and audit of accounts etc..

283 CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF HEDGES OR TREES.

A circular letter, dated 25th September, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, drawing attention to the provisions of section 34 of the Local Government Act, 1925, with respect to cutting and removal of hedges or trees prejudicial to roads, having been read the matter was referred to the County Surveyors for their attention.

284 COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME; PART-TIME SERVICES OF CERTAIN NURSES.

*Recd. Govt. Min. 11/11/25
W. J. J. J.*
A letter dated 25th September, 1925, P.H.44715/'25, was read from the Ministry of Local Government transmitting copy of a letter which the Minister has addressed to the County Tuberculosis Committee relative to the utilisation of the part-time services of certain Nurses employed under the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme for attendance on tuberculous patients in their districts under the County Tuberculosis Scheme, and stating that the Minister has,

subject/

subject to ratification by the Tirconail County Council, approved of the proposal of the County Tuberculosis Committee to pay to Lady Dudley Nursing Association a subsidy of £18 per annum in respect of the services of each nurse.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Clarke, the foregoing proposal was unanimously ratified.

285

SUPPLEMENTARY AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A letter dated 29th September, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry enclosing a Paying Order for £10,469 in respect of the Supplementary Agricultural Grant for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1925.

286

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COMPENSATION ACT, 1923.

A letter dated 6th October, 1925, from the Department of Finance requesting payment of £4,016:17:8 being the first moiety of the amount payable to the Exchequer for the current financial year under the provisions of section 14 (1) of the Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923 having been read payment was ordered.

287

LOUGH DERG PETTIGO ROAD.

A letter dated 6th October, 1925, R/RG/7, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, intimating that the Minister has received authority from the Minister for Finance to make a grant of £1,000 from the Road Fund to Tirconail County Council for the improvement of the tourist road known as the Lough Derg Pettigo Road.

288

OVERDRAFT £75,000.

A letter dated 9th October, 1925, G.46426/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry stating that the Minister has sanctioned continuance of Overdraft, not exceeding £75,000, on the account of the Tirconail County Council to the 31st December next, on which interest may be paid at the agreed rate.

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HEAVY MOTOR CARS;
REDUCTION IN MAXIMUM LADEN WEIGHT.

A circular letter, dated 16th October, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating that the Minister, as indicated in his statement made before the adjournment of the Dail in July last, has made an Order fixing the maximum laden weight of a heavy motor car in certain cases at 9 tons instead of 12 tons as hitherto.

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TAXATION OF ROAD VEHICLES ETC.

A letter from the Secretary, County Council's Geanrel Council, forwarding, for the information of Tirconail County Council, copy of the Interim Report of the Sub-Committee of the Roads Advisory Committee on the Taxation of Road Vehicles etc. was read. The Secretary said that he had written for copies of the Interim Report for the use of the Council.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter until next meeting.

291 re MOTOR LORRIES USING ONLY PNEUMATIC TYRES.

Copy resolution of Monaghan County Council calling upon the Government to put into operation, after 12 months, the recommendation contained in the resolution of Captain Moore of Tipperary at last meeting of General Council of County Councils limiting the use of Motor Lorries to those using only Pneumatic Tyres was read and consideration postponed for three months.

292 MOTOR LICENCE DUTY : PROSECUTIONS.

The Secretary said that no Civic Guard Reports had been received by him since date of previous meeting of the Council.

293 COUNTY COUNCIL V JAMES DORRIAN : MOTOR CAR IH 1333.

Extract sent to Council 4/11/25
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Copy resolution of Monaghan County Council calling upon the Government to put into operation, after 12 months, the recommendation contained in the resolution of Captain Moore of Tipperary at last meeting of General Council of County Councils limiting the use of Motor Lorries to those using only Pneumatic Tyres was read and consideration postponed for three months.

292 MOTOR LICENCE DUTY : PROSECUTIONS.

The Secretary said that no Civic Guard Reports had been received by him since date of previous meeting of the Council.

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this was because of his activities in connection with an attempt to get the workmen to strike. The Secretary read a further letter from Gill repudiating this suggestion and alleged preference was given to men who provided Poteen. Mr. Steadman said this was a new element and he would investigate it; consideration was therefore deferred until next meeting.

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COUNTY HOME AND DISTRICT HOSPITALS.

At the request of Councillor Sweeney, the following statistics were submitted from the Secretary, County Board of Health in regard to the number and cost of inmates and the County Home and District Hospitals.

INSTITUTION.	COLLECTIVE NO. OF DAYS	DAILY AV- ERAGE NO.	YEAR ENDED 31:3:'25	AVERAGE WKLY.COST.
County Home	98,186	269.	£ : s: d 9,244:18:11	13/2½d.
Lifford Hospital	10,895	29.85	2,202:10:10	28/3½d.
Ballyshannon Do.	9,578	26.24	2,274: 1: 1	33/3d.
Carndonagh Do.	8,222	22.52	2,081:13: 2	35/5½d.
Donegal Do.	17,901	49.04	3,253:10: 2	25/5½d.
Glenties Do.	6,751	18.50	1,603:17: 7	33/3½d.
Letterkenny Do.	9,362	25.65	2,784: 3: 5	41/6½d.

Note : The above totals include payments made under every heading, capital expenditure (i.e. repairs to buildings) included. The average cost per head is also made out on the same inclusive basis and this accounts for the high average weekly cost especially in Letterkenny. In this case the total includes £600 paid on Contract for rebuilding, and were this amount excluded, the average weekly cost would be 32/8d.

Councillor Mahony said in Letterkenny District Hospital there was a great deal of surgical work done.

Councillor Gallen said he might mention that it was reported in the Press that at the last meeting of the Board of Health that he stated Home Assistance cost 5/6 in the £, whereas he said it cost 5.6d. in the £.

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STRANORLAR LATE GUARDIANS ACCOUNT.

A letter from the ex-Clerk, Stranorlar Union, enclosing, at the request of Tirconail County Board of Health, copy of statement received from the Manager, Northern Bank, Ballybofey, re the late Guardians Account was read and the matter referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

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EXPLOSIVES.

A letter was read from the Commandant, No.1 Brigade, Finner Camp, informing the County Council that certain explosives have been transferred to 9th Battalion, Buncrana Barracks.

300

SHEEP DIPPING.

A report dated 28th September, 1925, of Sergeant Michael O'Connor, Civic Guard, Doochary, reporting certain sheep owners who exposed their sheep at fairs without being able to produce the necessary Declaration was submitted.

The Secretary said that he informed the Sergeant that the County Council had decided not to enforce their Sheep Dipping Scheme until 1st October, 1925.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

301

A letter from Messrs Edward McFadden and Company, Solicitors, Letterkenny, enclosing application by Miss Sara Wallace, late Matron of the Letterkenny District and Fever Hospitals and of the old Letterkenny Fever Hospital for pension on loss of office owing to the reorganisation scheme of Hospitals in the County of Tironaill was read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

DEFECTIVE SEWER.

302

A letter was read from Messrs Wilson and Simms, Solicitors, Strabane, on behalf of Mr. Hugh McMenamin, the owner of Mullindrait House and Lands, in regard to a defective sewer leading from the County Home, Stranorlar, and which discharges in Mr. McMenamin's land causing a nuisance. The matter was referred for consideration to the County Board of Health.

INCREASES OF SALARIES.

303

A letter from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, Secretary, Ratepayers Association, re action of the County Council in not passing Notice of Motion - "That all officials asking for an increase of salary send in their resignation," etc. was marked "Read."

CHILDRENS' ACT, 1908.

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A notice under above Act was submitted from Sergeant Cullen, Civic Guard, Donegal, re committal of a girl to an Industrial School.

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CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL (ST. JOSEPH'S) TEMPLE STREET, DUBLIN.

A Form of Admission to the above Hospital in connection with a child named Charles Dugera of Drumlackagh, Glen P.O., Milford Rural District, and report of Dr. McCloskey, Carrigart, relative to this case; also a letter from the child's mother were referred to the County Board of Health.

OFFICE ON DOWNINGS PIER.

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A letter from the Harbour Master at Downings reporting that the wooden office erected on the Pier by the County Council has been damaged and loose timber taken away was read.

The Secretary said he instructed the Harbour Master to report the matter to the Civic Guard.

Mr. Steadman was directed to inspect and report as to damage. The Secretary was directed to write and inform the Harbour Master that he must exercise more careful supervision on the Pier.

CRIMINAL INJURY ACTS.

307

Copy resolution of Wicklow County Council - "That the operation of all Criminal Injuries Acts in the Irish Free State be rescinded or repealed, so that the condition of things shall be that all damage to property shall be paid through the medium of Insurance Policies only," was, on the motion of Councillor McIvor, seconded by Councillor Myles, marked "read."

RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

308

Councillor Quigley drew Mr. Steadman's attention to two Railway/

Railway Crossings at Annagh and Rashenny which he said were death traps.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Quigley bring the matter before next meeting of the Roads Committee. The latter said he would do so.

309

COUNTY INSURANCES.

Letters were received from three Irish Insurance Companies making application for the County Council Insurances. A letter was also received from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company Limited, Dublin, with whom the present insurances are effected, pointing out that although the Guardian Insurance Company had become shareholders, the company was still, and would continue to be, an Irish Company. They also pointed out that the Council had entered into an agreement with the company to give them the insurance for the five years up to September, 1929.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was decided to refer this agreement to the Council's Solicitor to see if the Council were bound by it; meanwhile consideration of the matter be adjourned until next meeting.

310

ASSISTANT IN COUNTY BOOK REPOSITORY, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. A. McIntyre, County Librarian, appending, for approval of the County Council, the following resolution unanimously passed by the County Library Committee on 30th September, 1925:-

"That the present salary of the assistant in the County Book Repository (£1 weekly) be increased to 30/- weekly."

On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Gallen, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Councillor Gallen contended that the Library Committee was an Autonomous Committee and that therefore the Ministry was in error in asking the Library Committee to have this resolution ratified by the County Council, and he suggested that the Council's Solicitor be asked for his advice in the matter.

311

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter from the Secretary, County Council's General Council, intimating that the annual meeting of this body will be held on 9th December next and that any matters which the Tirconail County Council may desire to have included on the Agenda should reach him on or before the 9th proximo, was read.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter from the Manager, Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company, calling attention to the dangerous condition of nine of the steps at Rathmullan Pier was read and the matter referred to the County Surveyor for attention.

THANKS.

313

A letter conveying the thanks of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners to the County Council for use of the Courthouse, Ballyshannon, to hold their usual monthly meetings was read.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS.

314

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick H. Gallagher, D.Sc., 1 Royse Road, Dublin, enclosing, for consideration of the Tirconail County Council, an article on above subject. Consideration was deferred until next meeting.

COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF OFFICE.

- 315 A letter was read from Mr. Edward O'Donnell, Ex-Assistant Clerk, Inishowen Rural District Council, requesting the County Council to issue a Paying Order for the £200 voted to him as compensation for loss of office by the latter body on 21:8:23. Consideration was referred to the Finance Committee.

EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875.

- 316 An application by Mr. Daniel O'Callaghan, Kindrum, for a Licence to sell sporting cartridges under the Explosives Act, 1875 was granted. The Secretary was directed to inform him that he would require a certificate from the Superintendent of the Civic Guard.

EXPLOSIVES FOR GRANITE QUARRIES AT BALLYWHORISKEY.

A letter from Mr. Patrick MacFadden, T.D., Glen, Creeslough, enclosing reply received from the Department of Justice relative to the question of the supply of Explosives to the Granite Quarries at Ballywhoriskey, Fannad; also letter from Mr. P.J. McGoldrick, T.D., on the matter were read.

HORSE BRUSH.

A request by Ballyshannon Town Commissioners that the County Council supply a "horse brush" for the use of the two contractors to sweep the streets of Ballyshannon was refused.

PRESENT RATING SYSTEM.

The following resolution passed by Bundoran Urban District Council was read:- "That in order to arrest the decay in Irish towns and villages, consequent on the re-establishment of the Co-Operative movement, country traders and other causes, we call for drastic reform of the present rating system, so that it will be brought more in sympathy with the principle as applied to agricultural holdings; and further that all Urban District Councils shall have direct representation on County Councils or failing that that they should be made co-equal or independent."

BARLEY INDUSTRY.

A resolution of Kildare County Council protesting in the strongest possible manner against the unfair and oppressive treatment which is being given to the barley industry by a monopoly which has the power of fixing the price at which the crop must be sold, and which makes use of that power to compel the producer to sell at a ruinous figure, which barely covers the cost of production was, on the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Cole, unanimously adopted.

CONDITION OF A ROAD.

A telegram and letter were read from Messrs Gallagher Brothers, Teelin, re condition of the road between Teelin Point and Cappagh. Mr. Caffrey said the matter was receiving attention.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

A letter from Mr. Edward O'Donnell, District Court Clerk, Carndonagh, in regard to Courthouse accommodation at Malin, having been read consideration was adjourned.

Councillor/

Councillor Cole said that as it is only a short distance from Malin to Carndonagh he suggested that the Minister of Justice be asked to sanction the holding of the Court for Malin District in the Courthouse at Carndonagh when rebuilt. The suggestion was adopted.

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COURTHOUSE AT KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siotochana, Letterkenny, stating that the owner of the Courthouse at Killybegs has refused to allow his premises to be used in future for verification of Weights and Measures.

On the suggestion of Councillor Mulreany the matter was referred to the local Councillors to interview the owner of the Courthouse premises with a view to making some suitable arrangement.

324

POSITION OF FLAGMAN.

Applications for the position of Flagman in connection with Council's Road Machinery were submitted. Mr. Caffrey said there were no vacancies.

325

IRISH CLASSES.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Walsh, The Mall, Ballyshannon, stating that the Committee of the Local Branch of the Gaelic League request the County Council to grant the use of a room in the Courthouse in which to conduct an Irish Class.

On the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by the Chairman, permission was granted. It was also decided on the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, to grant the use of a room in the Courthouse, Lifford, for a similar purpose.

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CONDITION OF A ROAD.

A letter signed by Canon Sweeney P.P., and others calling the County Council's attention to the state of the road between Bruckless and the crooked bridge through Croagh was read and referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

327

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925 : SECTION 86.

A circular letter dated 7th October, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry re Local Government Act, 1925 and intention of the Minister to issue, in the immediate future, certain orders in exercise of his powers under section 86 of the above Act.

328

CONTRACT No. 303 STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from - Sarah McCormick, 21 Bouverie Street, Rutherglen, Glasgow, re making of a new road through her farm at Owenagadragh, contract No. 303 Stranorlar Rural District approved of by the County Council on 16th July last, and stating that she did not give her consent to the construction of this new road.

Mr. Caffrey reported that nothing has been done on above new road. As the land owner objects to the necessary land being acquired the work cannot be proceeded with and it may be better therefore to have the contract cancelled.

Councillor Gallen said the road would be very necessary and suggested that consideration of the matter be deferred to see if an arrangement could be effected. This was agreed to.

329

KITCHEN AT RERE OF COUNTY HOUSE.

An application by Mr. William Arthur, Courtkeeper, Lifford, to have an opening made in ceiling of kitchen at rere of County House and a ladder erected from kitchen to upper room was considered and granted and Mr. Steadman directed to have the alterations carried out.

Chief Superintendent
to Mr. Keohane and
Messrs Watt & Co.
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WORKHOUSE PREMISES AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs Watt and Company Limited, Letterkenny, regarding the taking over of the above premises and drawing attention to the fact that a considerable amount of pilfering has been going on on these premises. It was decided to draw the attention of the Superintendent of the Civic Guard to the matter.

331

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.

Copy resolution passed by the Town Commissioners, Ballyshannon, in regard to the charges made by Messrs Myles, Ballyshannon, for the supply of electricity for street lighting and the lighting of private houses having been read Councillor Myles submitted that it was not a matter for the County Council.

Mr. Keohane, Solicitor, said he appeared for the Commissioners.

On the motion of Councillor McNulty, seconded by Councillor Wagentreiber, no action was taken.

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COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Circular letter dated 22nd October, 1925, P.H.49701/25, was read from the Local Government Ministry drawing attention to the provisions of section 21 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, which deals with the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health.

333

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH : PROPOSED LOAN OF £9,000.

A letter dated 23rd October, 1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry relative to the County Council's proposal to obtain a loan of £9,000 for the purpose of meeting the deficiency in the funds of the Board of Health at the end of the current financial year.

The Minister pointed out that it seemed somewhat singular that a proposal of this nature should emanate from the present Council without some expression of opinion on their part disassociating themselves from the action of their predecessors in office in refusing to make adequate provision in the present year's rate estimate for the essential services of the Board of Health.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was unanimously resolved that we disassociate ourselves from the action of our predecessors in office in reducing the Secretary's estimates in respect of the current financial year and request the Local Government Ministry to sanction the loan asked for, to be repaid, with interest, within a period not exceeding five years.

The Secretary said he would furnish the Ministry with the information asked for in their letter.

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BUNCRANA PIER : LOAN OF £5,000.

A letter dated 24th October, 1925, was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, relative to the application of Tirconail County Council for a loan of £5,000 to reconstruct Bunrana Pier and/

and stating that the Commissioners are not in a position to reply to this application as they have not yet received instructions from the Department of Finance on the subject. In consequence the matter was further adjourned.

335

PUBLIC ANALYST.

A letter was read from Miss Phyllis Ryan, Public Analyst, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, whom the County Council appointed Analyst for Tirconail County, intimating that she regrets she cannot sign a Declaration of Allegiance to the Free State, as required by the Local Government Ministry.

Councillors Blaney and Gallen entered a protest against the action of the Local Government Ministry in not sanctioning Miss Ryan's appointment.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Francis) seconded by Councillor Cole, it was decided to re-advertise the position; appointment to be made at next meeting of the Council.

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A letter was read from the Acting Secretary, Tirconail Committee of Agriculture, on the subject of the publishing of a small hand book similar to the one issued by the County Council some years ago giving list of names of members of Committee, County Council, and other general information. It was decided to publish the hand book referred to.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was decided to include therein the duties of Instructors and Instructresses under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Schemes, and on the motion of Councillor Gallen to omit Pension Sub-Committees.

337

PERMISSION TO ERECT POLES.

An application by Mr. J. Murray, Railway Station, Carndonagh, for permission to erect poles in this town for the purpose of an Electric Lighting Scheme having been considered it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Quigley, to grant the permission sought for, subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Erection of Poles to be subject to the approval of the County Surveyor;
- (b) Poles to be removed when required by the Council;
- (c) Rent 1/- per annum;
- (d) An agreement to be entered into with the Council which is to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor and cost of same to be defrayed by Mr. Murray.

338

WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS AT MILFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Cullen, Caretaker of the above premises reporting that repairs are very urgently needed.

Councillor Cole said that repairs to the workhouse premises at Carndonagh were also Necessary.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the local County Councillors and to authorise expenditure on each of the above buildings up to a limit of £20.

VACCINATION.

*Executive Sanitary
Officer written to
11/11/25*

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Copy resolution passed by Kilkenny Urban Sanitary Authority calling upon the Government to bring in as soon as possible an Amending Bill, which will provide the Irish parents who have a conscientious objection to vaccination will not be compelled to have their children vaccinated, and thus have the law in the Saorstat the same as in England was, on the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Clarke, marked "read."

340

PRESENT POSITION OF INSURANCE IN AN SAORSTAT.

A resolution passed by the Committee of Management of Clare Mental Hospital requesting the Executive Council to undertake an Inquiry into the present position of Insurance in An Saorstat with a view to ascertaining the feasibility of Public Bodies in Ireland holding in combination all insurance risks on public property etc. was read and referred to the Council's representatives on the County Council's General Council.

*Copy Meath
Co. Council
written to 5/11/25*

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TURNPIKE ANNUITIES.

Copy resolution passed by Meath County Council on above subject was unanimously adopted.

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TIRCONAILL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Secretary of above Committee, stating that Mr. Robert Scott, Tulnaree, Carndonagh, who was nominated by the Council as a member of above Committee, is, according to the Department's Regulations, not eligible for membership, having been granted a boar premium by the Committee.

ROAD MEETINGS.

343

It was decided that the County Surveyors interview the Councillors in their respective areas with a view to fixing dates of Road Meetings for the purpose of dealing with the payments to road contractors in respect of half-year ended 30:9:'25.

The 15th December next was fixed as the date for holding the half-yearly meeting of the Council.

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ERECTION OF A WEIGHBRIDGE.

Mr. Jeremiah Shiels of Kerrykeel, was granted permission to erect a weighbridge on Rathmullan Pier on the same site as the weighbridge belonging to the County Council was erected on the following conditions:-

- (a) Subject to the approval of the County Surveyor;
- (b) A rent of 1/- per annum to be paid to the County Council;
- (c) Weighbridge to be removed on receiving three months' notice;
- (d) An agreement to be entered into with the Council which is to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor and cost of same paid by Mr. Shiels.

*Mr. J. Shiels
written to 9/11/25*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Doherty (Patrick), Councillor Cole was appointed a member of the above Committee.

MAKING DRAINS.

- 346 A letter was read from Mr. Michael Logue, Carrigart, relative to the action of the late Milford Rural District Council in making an open drain (as a sewer) through his land and also the land of Mr. Charles Ward. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to furnish the Council with a report on the matter.

347 DUNFANAGHY PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Committee, the Rev. A. Friel C.C., Falcarragh and Rev. A. Logue, Derrybeg, were appointed members in place of Rev. J. McAteer and Rev. P. Carr, who have been removed from the District.

348 GLENTIES PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Rev. John Byrne P.P., Ardara, the Rev. Canon Kennedy P.P., Glenties, and the Rev. John Cunningham C.C., Glenties, were appointed members of above Committee in place of the Rev. John Canon Doherty, deceased; Rev. C. Cunningham deceased and Rev. A. Logue who has been transferred.

349 MILFORD PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Father Sheridan of Carrigart was appointed a member of above Committee in place of Father Byrne.

350 REBUILDING COURTHOUSES.

Tenders were submitted from the undermentioned Contractors for rebuilding the Courthouses at Donegal, Buncrana and Carndonagh respectively.

COURTHOUSE AT DONEGAL

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF TENDER
Patrick Diver & Sons	Donegal	£ : s : d
Mullin and Martin	--Do--	3,403:10:0
James McBride	East Port, Ballyshannon	3,587:10:0
John Hegarty	Bridge Street, Donegal	4,180: 0:0
M. Sweeney Limited	58, Strand Road, Derry	4,531: 0:0
		5,132: 0:0

Mr. Wm. J. Doherty, Architect, said he considered the amount of the lowest tender on the small side. Having been asked if the tender was in order he replied in the affirmative.

On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Myles, the tender of Messrs Patrick Diver and Sons (being the lowest) was unanimously accepted, and Messrs John Gallen, Merchant, Diamond, Donegal, and M.M. Andrews, Merchant, Diamond, Donegal, approved of as their sureties for the due performance of the contract.

COURTHOUSE AT BUNCRANA.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF TENDER
Crawford and Eakin	Victoria Road, Buncrana	2,595:2:11
James Bonner and Sons	Moville	2,685:0: 0
M. Sweeney Limited	58 Strand Road, Derry	3,606:0: 0

COURTHOUSE AT CARNDONAGH.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF TENDER
		£ : s : d
Crawford and Eakin	Victoria Road, Buncrana	2,243:11:5
Edward Doherty	Carndonagh	2,257: 0:0
Sam Henderson	Miltown, Carndonagh	2,376: 0:0
James Kelly	Ballyloskey, Carndonagh	2,486: 8:0
Neil Gillespie	Malin Road, Moville	2,697:14:0
James Bonner and Sons	Moville	2,805: 0:0
Bernard Boyle	65, William St., Derry	4,280: 0:0

On the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor McIvor, the tenders of Messrs Crawford and Eakin (being the lowest) were unanimously accepted and Messrs Michael McGlinchey, Merchant, Main Street, Buncrana, and Wm. Logan, Coal Merchant, St. Helen's, Buncrana, approved of as their sureties for the due performance of both contracts.

The Secretary was directed to make inquiries as to the financial standing of the proposed sureties and ascertain if they can be considered good for the amounts quoted.

It was unanimously decided to instruct the Council's Solicitor to prepare a form of contract and Bond in each case and have them executed.

In this connection Mr. Wm. J. Doherty, Architect, was requested to furnish this official with any particulars he might require.

The Architect stated that the total award given for the destruction of the three Courthouses amounted to £9,446, exclusive of interest. The total amount of the three accepted tenders was £8,242:4:4 and the latter sum did not include cost of plumbing, heating and professional charges. The plumbing and heating would cost about £1,200. A Clerk of Works would have to be appointed.

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CLERK OF WORKS.

Mr. Doherty was asked about how long would the services of each of the Clerk of Works be required and he said nine months.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McIvor, it was unanimously resolved that a Clerk of Works be appointed for Donegal Courthouse - Remuneration £3:3:0 per week and that one Clerk of Works be appointed for Buncrana and Carndonagh Courthouses respectively - Remuneration £4:4:0 per week. The remuneration in both cases to include travelling expenses. It was further resolved that the appointment of Clerk of Works be left in the hands of the Architect.

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QUARRY AT MULLANS.

The Solicitor to the Council reported that the holding belonging to Neal Kerrigan of Magheramore, Carndonagh, on which above holding is situate, was brought out by the Land Commission, the Landlord (Mrs Cochrane) reserving the right to the quarry which was purchased for £40 from Kerrigan by the County Council for road purposes.

Acting on the County Council's directions he (the Council's Solicitor) prepared, subject to the landlord's consent, a conveyance of this plot of ground to the County Council and sent it to the Land Commission for execution, when they referred him to the landlord. He approached the latter through her agent but up to the present her consent could not be obtained.

Councillor Cole said Kerrigan was a very poor man and payment should no longer be withheld from him, he accordingly moved that the amount be paid. Councillor Quigley seconded. After some discussion/

Councillor Gallen said that in anticipation of the Loan of £9,000 to the Board of Health being approved of by the Ministry it would not be necessary for the County Council to take into consideration the following items which appeared on Agenda Paper:-

Request by the Tirconail County Board of Health - that the County Council provide the necessary money (£660) for the purpose of converting, according to the plan of Mr. Wm. Doherty, Architect, the Porter's Lodge in connection with the Workhouse premises, Letterkenny, into a Fever Hospital for the Unions of Dunfanaghy, Milford, Letterkenny and Stranorlar as recommended by the Visiting Improvements Committee and approved by the Board.

Letter from the Secretary, Tirconail County Board of Health, re condition of the valleys on roof of the main building District Hospital at Glenties, and report of the Visiting Committee on the matter.

Letter from the Secretary, Tirconail County Board of Health, relative to the report of Dr. Bannigan to the Local Government Ministry in which he drew attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the County Hospital at Lifford e.g. sanitary arrangements in general and insufficiency of the hot-water boiler, and stating that the Board request the County Council to reconsider the giving of a grant to carry out the necessary work of sanitation; also report of Mr. Wm. Doherty, Architect.

Councillor Mahony said that at the last meeting of the County Board of Health a tender was accepted for the carrying out of repairs to Lifford waterworks and that it was also agreed to invite tenders for the purpose of effecting certain necessary improvements at Lifford County Infirmary.

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Confirmed

Attest and the Chairman

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A QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TIRCONAILL COUNTY

COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY THE 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1925.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

COUNCILLORS MacFadden (Chairman),
Quigley, Baxter, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Edward),
Doherty (Patrick), Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallen, Hamilton,
Holmes, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, Myles, McBride,
McCauley, MacCreadie, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane,
O'Donnell, Sweeney, Wagentreiber and Valker. The Solicitor to
the Council was also present.

M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of previous meeting were unanimously confirmed.

COUNTY DONEGAL AND THE BOUNDARY AWARD.

Councillor Mahony moved the suspension of the Standing Orders
to bring before the Council a matter of grave and serious import-
ance. Councillor MacCreadie seconded and leave having been
granted Councillor Mahony moved :-

(1) "That this Council protest against the proposed dismem-
berment of this county said to have been contemplated by Judge
Feetham and Mr. Fisher, which would have been a violation of the
overwhelming wishes of the inhabitants, who have demonstrated at
every opportunity for generations their desire to be governed by a
Dublin Parliament, and would be a travesty of every geographic
and economic consideration.

That we approve Dr. MacNeill's action in retiring and putting
an end to a Commission that had clearly shown its disregard for
those terms of reference.

(2) That we beg to thank Monaghan Council for the moral
support they have given us by their protest against the suggested
partition of our county, and we protest with equal vehemence
against the proposed violation of the wishes of the inhabitants in
their county. We pledge them our support in any action that they
may be called upon to take.

Councillor Mahony said according to the 1911 census the Old
Strabane and Derry No. 2 districts which they presumed were going
to be dismembered by the Commission both showed a majority
Catholic population, and he believed this majority was considerably
increased since. A more recent test was that provided by the
County Council elections in July last. In the Letterkenny
district, which consisted of the largest portion of East Donegal,
the first preference votes recorded from what he might actually
call Nationalist members were 4,184, and the first preference votes
for what he might call Unionists 2,354. Amongst the latter he
had included Mr. Patterson, who had stood as an Independent and
who, he was sure, received a great number of Nationalist or
Catholic votes. Making allowance for that there was a clear two
to one majority in that district, which they were led to believe
was to be attempted to be tampered with by the Boundary Commission.

Councillor Doherty (Edward) seconding the motion, said he
deprecated the introduction of politics into their meetings,
because/

because the ratepayers sent them there to transact the business of the county. This, however, was an economic question. If they lost East Donegal it meant the loss of £60,000 or £70,000 worth of rates every year, and they could not carry on the administration of their public bodies if they lost that sum.

The Chairman put the resolution to the meeting and declared it passed unanimously.

358 COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD.

The consideration of a Notice of Motion by Councillor McElroy "That the rebuilding of the County House be put in hands at once" was deferred for a month.

359 COLLECTION OF RATES.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor O'Donnell moved - "That in view of the present financial state of this County and, the enormous amount of rates outstanding, which is principally due to the conditions under which the Rate Collectors hold their appointments, I will move at the next meeting of the County Council, or cause some other member to do so in my absence as follows:-

"That we the members of the Tirconail County Council as representatives of the ratepayers request the Local Government Board, in the interest of the finances of this county, the ratepayers and economy to alter the present conditions under which the Rate Collectors are appointed and to revert to the system under which similar appointments were made before the passing of the Local Government Act, 1898; failing this the rates be collected on the same principal as the Land Commission Annuities."

After some discussion Councillor Gallen moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, and that the question of Government Grants be also considered and be brought before the notice of the public Councillor O'Donnell having agreed to this course. Councillor MacCreadie seconded the amendment which was unanimously adopted.

Councillor O'Donnell written to 26.11.25 to propose a Dr. Law

360 SHELTER AT NEWBRIDGE.

Councillor Loughrey moved - "That tenders be invited for the erection of the proposed Shelter at Newbridge, near Rathmullan, in accordance with Plans submitted by Mr. P. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, and approved of by the County Council at their meeting on the 18th August last."

The Secretary said the Committee appointed by the County Council to inspect the place at Newbridge at which it is proposed to erect the Shelter had reported favourably on the project.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

In this connection a letter, dated 29th October, 1925, No. D/7/7, was read from the Department of Fisheries on the matter.

Mr. Dawson's plan submitted 11/10/25. Approved by County Council 11/10/25.

361 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES : STAMPS.

A letter dated 30th October, 1925, from the Department of Industry and Commerce stating that the ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures in Tirconail will require, by the 1st January six sets of date-stamps for 1926 and also that each Inspector will require two sets of stencils, and proposing that the tenders of Mr. John A. Rooney, 8 College Street, Dublin, be accepted for these requirements, having been read, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor MacCreadie, that the Department's proposal be approved of.

Department of Industry & Commerce letter to 25.11.25

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re MAIN ROADS.

A letter dated 9th November, 1925, RD/201, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, referring to Sections I, 24 and 27 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and stating that the Minister proposes to make an Order to come into operation on 1st April, 1926, declaring the roads mentioned in the schedule which accompanies his letter (copies-herewith) to be Main Roads in County Donegal for the purposes of the Act. Under Section I a "main road" means any road which the Minister, by his Order, declares to be a main road, and adding that he is prepared to consider any representations which the County Council may desire to offer concerning the inclusion in the proposed Order of any of the roads described in the schedule or the addition or substitution of other roads.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

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Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, suggested that with regard to road L 79 on the schedule submitted by the Local Government Department, Roads, viz:- Dunkintra via Malin, Ballylin, Sheskin to Coastguard Station, this should go via Lagg, Umgall, Keenagh, Sheskin, to Coastguard Station; this latter is the important road to Malin Head being much the better as to gradients etc.. Suggestion unanimously adopted.

The following additional roads were recommended by the County Council to be classified as Main Roads:-

RURAL DISTRICT	MAP NUMBERS	LINE OF ROAD
Dunfanaghy	Ir, Ip, In, Im ---	Dore National School, Gweedore Station, Meenacung, The Mines to Bedlam Bridge.
" "	Iq	Bunbeg to Gweedore Station.
Letterkenny	Nos. 4d, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4i, 4k	Rashedog, Foxhall, Drumbologe, Churchhill, Gartan Bridge, Losset, Glenveagh Bridge, Calabber Bridge, Altacloghan Bridge, Sandlough, Dunlewy to Meenacung three roads.
Milford	Nos. 4a, 4b	From three N.W. of Drumbologe via Glendoan to Lough Barra to Doochary
Dunfanaghy	Nos. 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d	From three roads S.E. of Termon via Drumdeevin to Churchill Glenveagh Road.
Letterkenny	7a, 7b, 7c ---	From Tawney three roads (about a mile N.E. of Kilmacrenan) Court, Gortamacall, Milford.
" "	3b, 3c ---	From three roads at Fawnin-ougham, via Thorn Lough to Ray Bridge
" "	5e, and 5f ---	From the three roads at Ballymagowan, Keadue Bridge, Rosnakill, Tamney, Glebe, Ballymagahy Lough to the four Roads about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile E. of Portsalon.
Milford	3z, 3y, 3s, 13s and 13l	Ray Bridge, Glenalla, Ballyboe, Gortnavern, Kerrykeel Carrigart, Rosapenna, Downings Pier
" "	5g, 5h, 5i, 5k	
" "	8a, 8b, 8c ---	

RURAL DISTRICT	MAP NUMBERS	LINE OF ROAD
Inishowen	2m, 2l, 2k	Carndonagh, Cashel to Gleneely.
" "	5k, 5l, 5m, 5n	Clonmany to Lenan
" "	6Ik	Ballyliffin to Pollan Bay
Inishowen	6a, 6b and 6c	Burnfoot to Muff
Derry No. 2)	4a and 4b	Border N.E. of Carrigans via
portion)		Carrigans to St. Johnston.
Strabane No. 2)	4a, 4b and 4c	Rossgier, Longvale, Carrigmore
portion of)		Flushtown, St. Johnston
Stranorlar	3a and 3b	From three roads 2 mile S. of
" "	2a and 2b	St. Johnston, Springfield
		Magheracloy to four roads at
		Ballynalecky.
		From three roads near Drumbuoy
		via Ballindrait Sheercloon,
		Coolaghy to Raphoe.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, made the following suggestions which were unanimously adopted:-

- (a) That in the Schedule of Main Roads submitted by the Local Government Department, Roads, the main road from Killybegs to Carrick, T72A, read Killybegs, Largysillagh, Largymore, Kilcar, Cashlings Bridge, Carrick.
- (b) That the road from Ballyshannon via Kilbarron, Coolmore, Foyagh to Ballintra Town and Ballintra Railway Station be scheduled as a main road.

The following additional roads were recommended by the County Council to be classified as Main Roads:-

Councillor Brennan proposed, Councillor O'Donnell seconded, and it was unanimously resolved :- That the road from Dungloe via Loughanure to Crolly Bridge, and the road from Dungloe to the new Pier at Dungloe, near Church, be classified as Main Roads.

Councillor O'Donnell proposed, Councillor Brennan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- That the following roads be included in the schedule of Main Roads:-

- "Road from Dungloe to Maghera
- Road from Kincasslagh Village to the Pier
- Road from Glenahilt to Rosses Golf Links at Arlands."

364 SURVEY STAFF : SALARIES AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter dated 31st October, 1925, R/RS/7, from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, on the subject of the salaries and travelling expenses of the Survey Staff and with regard to the latter suggesting that the County Council should seriously consider the question of fixing a maximum, was, on the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor Gallen, referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

365 SURVEY STAFF : REFUND OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

A letter dated 19th November, 1925, No. R/RS/7, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating that it is still open to County Councils to refund to members of the Survey Staff the amount of Motor Licence Duty paid by them on motor vehicles used in the discharge of their duties and that such refunds cannot be charged to the Road Fund but must be made from the Council's own funds.

366 INTEREST ON A CRIMINAL INJURY DECREE.

A letter dated 9th November, 1925, G.51598/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry regarding the claim of Solicitor A.C. Leitch, for interest on a Criminal Injury Decree and stating that the Minister is not aware of any statutory authority for the charge, and adding that the Criminal Injuries Act, 1920 was repealed by the Damage to Property Compensation Act 1923; a letter was also read from Mr. Leitch threatening proceedings for recovery of the amount. The Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the Ministry's letter to Mr. Leitch.

367 MEMBERS TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter dated 10th November, 1925, G.52450/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry relative to the resolution passed by the Tirconail County Council in regard to the payment of travelling expenses under Section 63 (I) of the Local Government Act, 1925, and stating that the scale of contributions in aid of travelling expenses is fixed by statute and the Minister is not empowered to alter the terms thereof. On the motion of Councillor Doherty (Edward), seconded by Councillor Hamilton, it was unanimously decided to refer the matter for consideration to the County Council's General Council.

368 SURVEY STAFF : SUPPLY OF TYRES.

A letter dated 12th November, 1925, R/RS/7, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, in regard to the proposal of Tirconail County Council to supply tyres at a cheap rate to the Survey Staff, and stating that the proposal is contrary to the arrangements made with the Official Contractors who have not undertaken, and do not desire to undertake, the supply of goods at contract prices for the benefit of private persons, and adding that the proposal cannot be sanctioned.

369 MAINTENANCE OF A PATIENT IN PEAMOUNT SANATORIUM.

A letter dated 13th November, 1925, P.H.52609/25, was read from the Local Government Ministry relative to the claim presented to the former Tirconail County Tuberculosis Committee in respect of the treatment of the late Miss Delia O'Donnell, Lackenagh, Burtonport, in Peamount Sanatorium from the 16th April, 1924, until date of her death (30th November, 1924).

Councillor/

Ex had View to
County Co. Council
& Review of Council
3/12/25

Attended to
28.11.25

Decisions
Co. Board of Health
written to 28/11/25

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

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*Secretary office of
National Education
written to 30/11/25*

A letter dated 11th November, 1925, was read from the Office of National Education, stating that if the Tirconail County Council desired to avail itself of the power conferred under Section 17 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, by instituting a Scheme of Scholarships to assist children whose parents' means are not sufficient to provide them with Secondary Education, that Department was prepared to extend the time given for the submission of proposals, in the case of Tirconail County Council, until 31st December next.

The Secretary said that the Scholarships Committee had decided, owing to the present condition of the Finances of the county, not to formulate a Scheme for current year.

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COURTHOUSE AT KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siotchana, Letterkenny, regarding the refusal of the owner of above premises, to allow these premises to be used in future for verification of Weights and Measures and report of Local Councillors giving result of their interview with the owner on the matter.

A new form of agreement was submitted from the owner of above premises in which he proposed to let, at a rent of £20 per annum, the building for the purposes of transacting the business of the District Court, Verification of Weights and Measures, and County Council Elections, including taxes, fuel, light and cleaning.

Councillor Myles said he considered the proposed rent excessive and moved that the present agreement be terminated and other suitable premises procured. Councillor Hamilton seconded. Passed unanimously.

*Mr. Bernard Kelly to
Killybegs, 29/11/25
re: mandating tenancy
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PROPOSED NEW ROAD : TOWNLAND OF OWENAGADRAGH.

A further letter was read from Mrs Sarah McCormick, 21, Bouverie Street, Rutherglen, Glasgow, re making of a new road through her farm at Owenagadragh - Contract No. 303 Stranorlar Rural District - approved of by the County Council on 16th July last in respect of which her consent was not obtained, and asking to be furnished with the following particulars:-

- Dimensions of the ground likely to be taken up by the road ;
- The usual scale of compensation payable in such cases, adding that on no account would she agree to the road being made as to interfere with the foundation of her dwelling house or endangering it in any way.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor, in conjunction with Councillor McPhelimy, to prepare a report for submission to the County Council at their next meeting.

*Copy Memo to Rent to
Mr. McPhelimy, C.C.
2/12/25*

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COUNTY ANALYST.

Applications were received from the undermentioned persons for above position.

Bernard G. Fagan Dr. John Keane	City Laboratory, Chatam Road, Dublin. Chemical Department, University College, Earlesfort Terrace, Dublin.
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*Secretary written to
25.11.25*

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On the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Mahony, Dr. Keane was unanimously appointed, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry and on the following terms:-

- (a) Appointment to be for County Council only:
- (b) Remuneration - 10/- per sample for the first 100 samples, and 7/6 per sample for each sample in excess of 100 per annum, and one guinea for water.
- (c) Duty - To examine and report on such samples of Food and Drugs as shall be sent to him for analysis by the Civic Guard authorities, on behalf of the County Council.

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

A letter dated 12th November, 1925, was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siotchana, Letterkenny, enclosing a list of Acts. The total number recommended to be appointed was 23.

The Secretary stated that in a previous communication, dated 14th March, 1925, received from the Chief Superintendent, only five Inspectors were recommended for appointment. In view of the expenses involved it was decided that the latter number of Inspectors be appointed for six months.

The Secretary was directed to obtain from the Chief Superintendent a list of the Gardai whom he would recommend for appointment as Food and Drugs Inspectors.

HARBOUR MASTER, RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Leeney, Rathmullan, tendering his resignation as Harbour Master which was accepted. It was decided to advertise for a successor, the appointment to be made on 15th proximo.

FLOODING OF LANDS.

Letters were read from Messrs James West, Coolaghey, Raphoe, and John Diver, Rossbeg, Ballindrait, relative to the flooding of their lands as the result of a defective drain along the Railway Line.

The Secretary said that he interviewed Mr. Steadman and he was of opinion the matter was one that should be dealt with by the Railway Company, and that he had written Messrs West and Diver to that effect.

re Mr. LEO W. MULHERN.

A letter from Mr. Leo W. Mulhern, Holyrood House, Bundoran, relative to his claim for compensation in respect of services rendered as School Attendance Officer for Strabane No. 2 Rural District, was read.

Mr. John Elliott, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared in support of the claim which, on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, was referred to the Finance Committee with a strong recommendation that it be favourably dealt with.

PETROL PUMPS.

Applications by the undermentioned persons for permission to erect Petrol Pumps were considered and granted, subject to the approval/

approval of the County Surveyor.

Neil Faulkner, Merchant, Culdaff.
Alexander Noble, Cycle and Motor Repairer, Raphoe.
Rodgers and Company, Automobile Engineers, Killybegs.

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LOANS FOR LAND PURCHASE.

The following resolution of Galway County Council was adopted:- "That the County Council call on the Land Commission to extend the terms for repayment of loans for Land Purchase to 120 years."

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COMBINES AND TRUSTS.

A resolution passed by Athy Farmers' Union requesting the Government to Criminally prosecute all rings, combines and trusts which interfere by illegitimate trading to deprive the producers of barley and other agricultural products of its commercial value was also adopted.

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MOTOR TAX PROSECUTION : COUNTY COUNCIL V GEORGE KYLE.

A letter was read from the Solicitor to the Council stating that with regard to the Motor Tax Prosecution in above case the District Justice imposed a penalty of £20 with a stay of execution to 1st January next, and recommended that the Council should reduce the penalty to a "reasonable" amount.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, it was unanimously resolved that the penalty be reduced to £1 and costs.

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MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

A report was submitted from the District Inspector, R.U.C., Derry, that John Martin, Ballylar, County Donegal, was found in Derry on 31st October last driving a hackney carriage IH 990 without having his Licence Duty paid.

The Secretary having stated that on the 2nd instant a licence for the full quarter was issued to Martin no action was taken.

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MOTOR STATISTICS.

At the request of Councillor Clarke the Secretary furnished the following Motor Statistics in respect of the period from 1st January to 21st November, 1925.

CLASS.	NUMBER OF LICENCES ISSUED	LICENCE DUTY RECEIVED.
Private	401	£ : s : d
Commercial	242	4,593: 0: 0
Hackney	691	3,647: 4: 0
General Trade	1	7,531:12: 0
Limited Trade	4	25: 0: 0
Cycles	269	20: 0: 0
Motor Ploughs	3	468: 5: 0
Tractors	8	--:15: 0
Totals	1,619	159: 0: 0
Drivers' Licences	2,808	16,444:16: 0
		702: 0: 0

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MESSRS SAMUEL AND R. S. WATTERS.

Mr. William Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, referred to the Committee's recommendations in regard to the pension claims of Messrs Samuel and R.S. Watters for services rendered as Clerks of Milford and Letterkenny Rural District Councils respectively and said that he appeared in support of these claims.

Councillor Gallen said that he understood Solicitors were allowed to appear for applicants of this kind at meetings of the Finance Committee but they could appear before the County Council. Some people were of the opinion that the Committee's findings were final, but that was not so, as their recommendations were subject to ratification or otherwise by the Council.

Mr. Kelly said he thought applicants for pensions should be given a hearing.

Councillor Mahony, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the Committee considered the applicants' claims in writing. The recommendations of the Committee could not do the applicants any harm, because they were subject to revision by the County Council and also by the Local Government Ministry..

The Secretary pointed out that there was an apparent discrepancy in both Messrs Samuel Watters and R.S. Watters claims. The former gave as the date of his appointment December, 1888 and the latter September, 1898. These are the correct dates of their appointments as Union Clerks, and he believed Executive Sanitary Officers. The Local Government Act, 1898, in its main provisions, did not come into force until 1st April, 1899, and as the Executive Sanitary Officership was a conjoint appointment with the Union Clerkship in respect of which they are already receiving pensions, he was of opinion that this is the date from which their pension claims as Rural District Council Clerks should be based, and he added that Mr. R.S. Watters informed him that some of the provisions affecting his duties in connection with the 1898 Act came into operation on 1st April, 1898 but he (the Secretary) was unable to verify this. If it is so his pension claim would be correct.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was decided to refer the claims back to the Finance Committee for reconsideration.

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Mr. J.W. CRAWFORD.

Mr. John Elliott, Solicitor, appeared in support of a claim by Mr. J.W. Crawford, Ex Rate Collector, Bruckless, for

(a) Poundage on his final collections and

(b) Superannuation for loss of office as Rate Collector.

The matter was also referred to the Finance Committee for reconsideration.

It was decided that the Solicitors employed in connection with the foregoing claims should be allowed to appear before the Finance Committee on behalf of the claimants.

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MICHAEL McNELIS.

With reference to the Committee's recommendation that the Local Government Ministry be asked to grant a sworn Inquiry into the case of Mr. Michael McNelis, who was removed from office of District Council Clerk by a sealed Order of the Local Government Ministry/

24/11/25

Ministry, Councillor Myles asked who would bear the cost of the Inquiry; would the ratepayers be saddled with it?
On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Myles, it was decided to adopt the Committee's recommendation, provided Mr. McNelis agrees to pay the cost of the Inquiry.

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re Mr. MICHAEL O'DONNELL.

Mr. William Kelly, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Collector Michael O'Donnell, and asked that Poundage Fees be paid to him on rates collected in respect of the years 1922, 1923 and 1924.
The Secretary said that O'Donnell had not completed the collections for those years and until that was done the Local Government Ministry would not sanction payment of fees. No action was taken.

Remaining recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The reports of the undermentioned Committees were also adopted.

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TRANSFER OF OFFICERS " " " 17th " "
OFFICE AND STAFF ORGANISATION. " " " 17th " "

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION AND ADAPTATION OF ENACTMENTS) ORDER, 1925.

A circular letter dated 16th November, 1925, and copy of above Order, dated 29th October, 1925, were submitted.
The Secretary stated that under this Order it would be necessary to send a certified copy of the Rate Book which relates to each District Electoral Division in each County Health District to a station of the Garda Siotchana in each such district, the County Council to determine in which such station a copy of the Rate Book relating to each District Electoral Division should be kept, having due regard to the convenience of persons desiring to inspect it. He asked that each member of the Council furnish him with the following information:-

- (a) Electoral Divisions represented.
 - (b) Location of stations of the Garda Siotchana where copies of the Rate Book could be lodged for inspection.
- It was decided that the Secretary circularise each Councillor on the matter.

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925.
FORMING OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Petitions were submitted (accompanied by Ordnance Sheets) pursuant to Section 2 (2) of the above Act to the Tirconnaill County Council from certain residents in the undermentioned areas and also reports on the matter from Messrs Steadman and Caffrey, County Surveyors.

- (a) Carrowcannon and Falcarragh.
- (b) The Glen (Onea River) Glenties.

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Brennan, that this Council, having considered the reports of their County Surveyors, request the Board of Works to inquire into the foregoing schemes for forming Drainage Districts under said Act; further that this Council undertake to maintain the Drainage Districts if they are formed.

A Petition/

An Encl. of Copies of Petitions of Lanes & Co. River Surveyors Report sent to Board of Works 3/12/25

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A Petition was submitted (accompanied by Ordanance Sheet) pursuant to Section 2 (2) of the foregoing Act from certain residents in the townland of Ballintra.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said he hoped to be in a position to submit his report re this scheme at next meeting.

400 DRAINAGE DISTRICT EXTENDING FROM BALLINDRAIT IN
DIRECTION OF LIFFORD.

With reference to the scheme in connection with above proposed Drainage District, approved of by the County Council on 18th August, 1925, a letter was read from Mr. John McDermott, Rossgier House, Rossgier, relative to the delay in proceeding with the scheme.

It was decided to request the Board of Works to expedite the matter.

BUNCRANA PIER.

Letters were read from the Honorary Secretary, Bunrana Pier Committee, setting out recommendations of the Committee as under:-

- (a) That 20 feet in length of the wooden structure facing north be faced with piles;
- (b) That defective piles be replaced, especially at the upper steps;
- (c) That existing lavatory be put in proper working order;
- (d) That a weighbridge be erected in the vicinity of the Pier;
- (e) That Harbour Master be provided with a uniform, cap and coat;
- (f) That copies of printed schedule of Dues be posted up on conspicuous places at the pier;
- (g) That a notice stating that the County Council is not responsible for damage to horse and cart sustained on wooden part of pier be also posted up;
- (h) That the Council reconsider their decision and give the late Harbour Master another chance.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECISIONS.

- (c) Matter referred to Mr. Steadman for attention.
- (f) Copies of schedule of Dues to be sent by Secretary to Honorary Secretary of Pier Committee.
- (g) That Pier Committee be asked to have notice printed and posted up in a prominent position at the Pier.
- (h) It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor McIvor, to re-appoint Cornelius Moran as Harbour Master for six months, his continuance in office after that time to depend upon whether a favourable report was received from Mr. Steadman regarding the carrying out of his duties.

A letter which was received by Councillor Clarke from Mr./

Board of Works
re the Drainage
District. 30.11.25

401

2x boat went to Newry Nov. 1925
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Mr. I.J. Trew Colquhoun, Solicitor, relative to the dismissal of the Harbour Master at Buncrana was read.

Consideration of the remaining recommendations of the Pier Committee were postponed for the present.

402

PRABBIN QUARRY.

Valuations were submitted from arbitrators in respect of damage to land and surface damage during quarrying operations at Prabbin Quarry during year ended 30th April, 1925, and it was decided to pay the amounts set out in the following award of Mr. P.M. Ward, Ramelton:-

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
John Doherty	Killycreen, Ramelton	£: s: d
John McBride	At present in U.S.A.	4: 10: 0
Jane McBride	Prabbin, Ramelton	1: 0: 0
		2: 0: 0

Mr. John Doherty written 30/11/25
Mr. John McBride written 30/11/25
Mr. Jane McBride written 30/11/25

403

ERECTION OF A WEIGHBRIDGE.

A letter from Mr. Jeremiah Shiels, Merchant, Kerrykeel, re proposed erection by him of a weighbridge on Rathmullan Pier, and stating that he agreed to all the Council's conditions was read. Mr. Steadman said he had approved of the site on which it was proposed to erect the machine.

CONDITION OF A ROAD.

404

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Kelly, The Roose, Frosses, calling the County Council's attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the road leading from the Drumbarron Roose Road to Dan Kelly's. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey for attention.

Mr. Bernard Kelly written 30/11/25

405

PERMISSION TO ERECT A PORCH.

An application by Mr. J.H. Craig, Drumcrow, Raphoe, on behalf of the Misses Craig, Raphoe, for permission to build a small porch in front of house having been considered permission was granted subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman.

Mr. J.H. Craig written 30/11/25
Misses Craig written 30/11/25

406

BUTTER FACTORY LICENCE.

A letter was read from Messrs J. Gallagher and Sons, Donegal, requesting the County Council to cancel the Butter Factory Licence issued to them on the 19th October, 1908, and request granted.

Messrs J. Gallagher and Sons written 30/11/25

407

MOTOR LICENCE HOLDERS.

A letter was read from Messrs Harold J. Wiley and Company Limited, Insurance Brokers, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin, relative to the issuing by them, free of charge, Motor Licence Holders, similar to the sample which accompanied their letter. It was decided to accept the offer. The Secretary said he would let them know the number required.

Messrs Harold J. Wiley and Company written 30/11/25

408

PENSION.

The consideration of an application by Mr. Forest Mitchell, Ramelton, for a pension in respect of services rendered as Secretary/

Secretary and Treasurer to Ramelton Fever Hospital Committee was referred to the Finance Committee.

409

BALLYSHANNON TOWN LIGHTING.

Town Clerk written to 30/11/25
A letter was read from Mr. M. Mplhern, Town Clerk, Ballyshannon, stating that the Town Commissioners request the County Council to reconsider their decision in regard to the charges made by Messrs Myles and Company for the supply of Electricity for street lighting and to private consumers. No action was taken.

410

RETURN OF SHEEP DIPPED.

A return of sheep dipped in the county during the autumn Dipping Period and reports of the Council's Veterinary Inspectors as to the manner in which the Sub-Dipping Inspectors carried out their duties under the Council's scheme etc. were submitted.

The Secretary said that the Veterinary Inspectors reported that the respective Sub-Dipping Inspectors carried out their duties during the prescribed Dipping period in a very efficient manner. Payment of their remuneration minus cost of National Health and Unemployment stamps was ordered.

411

VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

Councillor O'Donnell referred to the position of Veterinary Inspector under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts. At present there were four such officials in the county and he said it was time a new scheme was formulated.

Councillor Gallen said there was a possibility of the present system being altered and suggested that consideration of the matter be deferred. Agreed to.

412

COURTHOUSE AT DUNGLOE.

Councillor Brennan written to 30/11/25.
With reference to the present Courthouse premises at Dungloe in respect of which the Council's tenancy will terminate on the 4th February next, the question of procuring other suitable premises in the district was considered.

Councillor Brennan said he would make inquiries in the matter and convey the result to the Secretary.

It was decided that the owner be asked (a) to state the lowest sum per annum he will be prepared to accept for the use of the premises for all County Council purposes including Courts, meetings (if any) and verification of weights and measurers, this sum to include heating, lighting and cleaning and (b) to enter into an agreement with the Council.

413

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP.

President written to 20/11/25.
A letter was read from Miss Martha Kelly, Marine Hotel, Bundoran, who was recently awarded a County Council Scholarship, stating that she was ineligible for admission to the University this year owing to her failing to take mathematics at the Senior Leaving Certificate Examination and that she intends taking this subject at the Matriculation Examination next June and requesting the County Council to hold over the Scholarship for her.

The Council decided, subject to the approval of the Presidents of St. Funan's College, Letterkenny, and St. Columb's College, Derry, to award the vacant Scholarship to Miss Harte who was disqualified in September last and to retain one of next year's Scholarships for Miss Kelly, subject to her matriculating in mathematics in the meantime.

DONEGAL COURTHOUSE.

Councillor Hamilton inquired how matters stood in regard to the completion of the Bond etc. in connection with the rebuilding of above premises.

The Council's Solicitor said the necessary documents were ready for signature and suggested that their execution be left in his hands. This was agreed to. It was also unanimously resolved that the Council's Seal be affixed to Bond.

GLENTIES WATERWORKS.

The consideration of a letter from Messrs O'Hagan and Son, Solicitors, Dublin, on the subject of the maintenance, caretaking and repairs by Tirconail County Council of the Waterworks at Glenties which were completed last summer, was referred to the County Board of Health.

THE ANIMALS (TRANSIT AND EXPORTATION) ORDER OF 1925.

Copy of the above Order, dated 29th October, 1925, made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was submitted.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councillor Mahony suggested that future meetings of the Council should be held at 11 a.m. instead of 12 noon.

Councillor O'Donnell said the former hour would not suit him.

Councillor McCauley suggested that the hour be 11-30.

Councillor Mahony said he would lodge a Notice of Motion in the matter for consideration at their next meeting.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Friel, Ballyheerin, Carrigart, re non-payment for work done on a county road.

Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant County Surveyor, reported that on the 11th May last this man's claim, with others, against the County Council, came before the District Court at Milford. All others were awarded Decrees but the Justice dismissed Friel's claim, he being a defaulting contractor, and adding that instead of Friel having any claim against the Council the latter obtained Decrees against him which are in the hands of the Council's Solicitor. No action was taken.

COUNTY COUNCIL V Dr. GORDON.

A letter dated 18th November, 1925, R/MT/7 was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, relative to legal proceedings instituted under the Roads Act, 1920 by the Tirconail County Council against Dr. Gordon, and pointing out that the prior sanction of the Minister should be obtained as required by the directions issued on the 13th March, 1924, to the taking of proceedings under the above Act in any Court other than the District Court; costs incurred by the Council in carrying on legal proceedings without the Minister's sanction cannot be refunded; also enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Ezgee, Solicitor, to the Wexford County Council outlining a case taken by this Council last year against a man named Michael Rocks for an offence under the Roads Act, 1920, and Finance Acts, 1920 and 1922 together with copy of the Judgment of the Circuit Court in the matter, and adding that as/

as the Judgment of the Court accords with the advice which the Minister has obtained on the question of an appeal to a Circuit Court from a Dismiss by a District Court in such cases he is not prepared to seek the authority of the Minister for Finance for the institution and carrying on of the further proceedings contemplated by the Council.

COPIES OF LETTER AND JUDGMENT REFERRED TO.

LETTER.

George Street,
Wexford,
25th October, 1925.

Richards V Rocks.

Dear Sir,

There was a prosecution by you, as the Local Taxation Officer, against Mr. Rock, under the Provisions of Section 13 of the Roads Act, 1920, and Section 14 of the Finance Act, 1922, for using a Motor Vehicle, RI 305, which was registered as a Hackney Vehicle, for Commercial purposes on the 14th December, 1923.

The case was heard by the District Justice at Wexford, on the 27th August last, when he dismissed the same on the merits, holding that there was not sufficient evidence of the user of the car for Commercial purposes.

Against this Dismiss, an appeal was lodged, and same was heard by the Circuit Court Judge on the 17th instant, when after fully hearing the case he delivered a considered Judgment, holding that he had no jurisdiction to hear an appeal from an Order of the District Justice, dismissing a Summons.

I send you a copy of the Judgment, and will be glad if you will lay the matter before your Authorities for their instructions thereon.

It appears that the only Appeal we have from the Circuit Court Judge under the Provisions of the Courts of Justice Act, is by way of Mandamus, and this would mean a good deal of expense.

Yours faithfully,
R. V. Elgee,
County Solicitor.

C.H. Richards Esq.,
Local Taxation Officer,
WEXFORD.

JUDGMENT.

WEXFORD CIRCUIT COURT.

October 17th, 1924.

In the Appeal of Wexford County Council

Rocks..... and Appellants.
.....(Respondent).

JUDGMENT.

His Lordship:- I have come to the conclusion that I cannot safely entertain the Appeal. The reason is this, it is presented in/

in the first instance under the Old Statute of George IV. Machinery to give effect to that Act, I am sure does not exist and I do not know of any substitute Machinery for it. I am not going to the length of saying there is no substitute Machinery, I must therefore treat the Appeal under the Summary Jurisdiction Act and the 84th and 85th Sections of the Court of Justice Act, 1924. I am at once faced with the question whether it is of Civil or Criminal nature if it is of a Civil nature it might be possible to entertain it; if it is (as I hold it to be) of a criminal nature there is no appeal from a dismiss but only from an Order imposing a penalty or imprisonment, therefore, I am not justified in entertaining the appeal. The only feasible way in which I can deal with it is by striking it out or my marking it no jurisdiction. That can be tested if the Appellant so desires.

MINUTE - The Council's Solicitor was instructed to serve Notice of Withdrawal of Appeal.

420 HOUSING ACT, 1925 : LOCAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

A letter dated 17th November, 1925, H573/31605/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry (Housing Department) stating that the Minister has approved of the Local Assistance Scheme made by the Tirconail County Council under Section 6 of the above Act and that application should be made in due course for the Minister's sanction to the loan required for the purpose of the scheme.

The Secretary said he would attend to the matter.

421- ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE LATE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS. ETC..

A circular letter dated 18th November, 1925, No. 54325/25, was read from the Local Government Ministry on the subject of the taking over by the County Councils of the Assets and Liabilities of the late Rural District Councils which ceased to exist on the 1st ultimo and the transfer to the Council of the property and liabilities of certain Committees abolished under Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Secretary informed the Council of the arrangements made by him in the matter which were approved.

On the Secretary's suggestion Councillor Mahony agreed to make the necessary arrangements in conjunction with Mr. Charles L. Callaghan, Stranorlar, for the storage of books etc. in Letterkenny the property of Dunfanaghy, Milford, Letterkenny and Inishowen Rural District Councils.

422. re CLIFF ROAD AND LIMITING SPEED OF MOTOR CARS.

A letter dated 20th November, 1925, R/RV/7, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, stating that with reference to the application by the Tirconail County Council under Article 17 of the Roads Act, 1920, for an Order prohibiting the driving of mechanically-propelled road vehicles on the Cliff Road or Promenade at Bundoran the Minister has made the Order sought for which comes into force on the 1st January, 1926.

As regards the applications by the Tirconail County Council for Orders under Section 9 (1) of the Motor Car Act, 1903, respecting the Urban District of Bundoran and the town of Ballyshannon, the Minister, having regard to the evidence given at the Inquiry does not consider that any order should be made in respect thereof.

The Secretary said that the Order would require to be published in the "Iris Oifigiul" and once at least in each of two consecutive weeks in some local newspaper or newspapers circulating throughout the district concerned. A Warning Board would also have to be erected at either end of the closed road. He suggested that the Bundoran/

Lower Cliff Road Bundoran re written to 27. 11. 25

Bundoran Urban District Council be asked to have the Order published and Warning Boards erected and to bear the cost. The suggestion was adopted.

423

RAPHOE LIGHTING SCHEME.

Mr. David Wilson, Solicitor, appeared in support of an application by residents of Raphoe for permission to erect poles in the streets for the purpose of lighting their houses with electricity. A private company was promoting the scheme.

Councillor Gallen in supporting the application said he thought there should be no objection to such a scheme, provided the County Surveyor approved of the proposal.

The Secretary said that a former Council had entered into an agreement some years ago with a Mr. McGlinchey, Raphoe, in connection with lighting but that he had not gone on with the scheme.

The Council's Solicitor said, in his opinion, the first step the Council should take would be to annul Mr. McGlinchey's agreement.

Councillor Myles said he thought the agreement annulled itself through not being acted upon.

The matter was referred to the local Lighting Committee, recently appointed by the County Board of Health, for a report.

424

DISTRICT COURT PREMISES AT DRUM.

A letter was read from Mr. James Friel, Drum, Portsalon, stating that as a result of his house at Drum being rented to the County Council for sittings of the District Court he has been rated for the first time and requesting the Council to increase the rent from £10 to £12 per annum to meet the extra expense.

Councillor Gallen said that before the matter could be considered a Notice of Motion would be necessary.

Councillor Loughrey said he would lodge one prior to next meeting.

425

OFFICE.

An application by Mr. Charles L. Callaghan, Stranorlar, for an office in the Courthouse, Letterkenny, in which to check Rate Collectors' books was considered and the matter left in Councillor Mahony's hands to make the necessary arrangements.

426

CARNDONAGH TOWN LIGHTING.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, bringing before the Council a complaint of Mr. Patrick Doherty, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, the representative of Messrs Doherty Brothers, with reference to a supply of electric light for the town of Carndonagh and stating that they are prepared to carry out the terms of the agreement entered into with the County Council whereby the firm was to have the lighting of the town under certain conditions which agreement is still in operation no notice to terminate same having been given to the firm and submitting that under the circumstances the resolution recently passed by the County Council to enter into a contract with John Murray was a mistake and same should be rescinded and the agreement with Messrs Doherty Brothers renewed.

Mr. Patrick, Carndonagh, was present and explained why, up to the present, he had not carried out the scheme but said he would undertake to carry it out within ten months.

On the motion of Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Cole/

Cole, the matter was referred to the Local Lighting Committee for a report, meanwhile the Secretary was directed to ascertain the conditions embodied in the agreement between Messrs Doherty Brothers and the County Council.

427

re ERECTION OF A GARAGE.

An application by Mr. John Mullin, Glenfin Street, Ballybofey, for permission to erect a small garage for one motor on a plot of land, now used as a dumping ground on the left hand side of the road leading from Ballybofey to Donegal, was refused.

428

PROPOSAL No. 129, STRAMORLAR RURAL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Duffy, Cappry, Ballybofey, relative to a road between Michael Doherty's, Barnes Road, and Thomas Elvin's lane, Upper Goland, which he tendered for in November, 1924. His tender was accepted and the Bond perfected when he had the stones broken and in heaps for measurement, Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, informed him that the road was rejected. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

429

CONDITION OF A BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Rev. J.C. Steele, Killaghtee Rectory, relative to the unsatisfactory condition of the bridge across the river in the Corkermore Upper District. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for attention.

430

FEVER HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Gallen, an expenditure of £668 in providing Fever Hospital accommodation in Letterkenny was approved.

431

COMMITTEES OF AGRICULTURE AND JOINT TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Loughrey, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council were appointed members of above Committees.

432

CLAIM UNDER THE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT, 1923.

A letter was read from Mr. W.T. MacMenamin, State Solicitor, Ballybofey, stating that Mr. Thomas J. McBride, Middletown, Derrybeg, has lodged a claim under the above Act for the destruction of a house in 1922. The claim was lodged on a basis of full re-instatement and has been investigated on the same basis. It now appears that the applicant does not intend to rebuild, and the Minister of Finance is desirous of ascertaining the wishes of the County Council regarding the matter. The alternative to a re-instatement basis of valuation is that of market value. Consideration was deferred until next meeting.

433

RATES ON SMALL HOUSES.

The consideration of a circular letter dated 19th November, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry, relative to the introduction of legislation to transfer the responsibility for the payment of rates levied on small houses from the occupiers to the landlords was referred to the Finance Committee.

434

NEW PUBLIC BODIES ORDER.

Councillor McIvor inquired when the Council would be in a position to consider proposals for new works.

The Secretary said that nothing could be done pending the issuing of the New Public Bodies Order.

It was decided to ask the Ministry to hasten its publication.

435

ARREARS OF SALARY.

The consideration of correspondence re arrears of salary due Mr. Michael McNelis, Glenties, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Carried,

W. MacFarlane Chairman.

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Copy Minutes Sent to.

- (a) Co. Councillors
- (b) Local Board Ministry
- (c) Road Board Ministry, Roads.
- (d) County Surveyors
- (e) Pub. Co. Council

23.12.25.

A HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF TIRCONAILL COUNTY
COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER, 1925.

436 A T T E N D A N C E.

The members present were:-

COUNCILLORS MacFadden (Chairman),
Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty
(Patrick), Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (William),
Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany,
McBride, McCauley, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McIvor, McNulty,
McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, Sweeney, Wagentreiber,
and Walker. The Solicitor to the Council was also present.

437 N O N - A T T E N D A N C E.

A letter was read from Councillor Doherty (Edward) regretting
inability to attend meeting.

438 H I S E M I N E N C E C A R D I N A L O ' D O N N E L L : C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S.

Before taking up the business of the Council the Chairman said
it was fitting that the Council of Tirconaill should send its
warmest congratulations and good wishes to his Eminence Cardinal
O'Donnell on his elevation to the Sacred College. The work and
worth of their new Cardinal were known throughout the length and
breadth of Ireland, but nowhere were they better recognised and
appreciated than in his native Tirconaill. Cardinal O'Donnell
stood to-day the embodiment of all that was noble and patriotic in
ecclesiastical and public life of the nation - one of the out-
standing figures of our age. "We pray", concluded the Chairman,
"that he may be long spared to guide the spiritual and temporal
destinies of his people and shed lustre on the Irish Church."

Councillor Mahony associated himself cordially with the
Chairman's remarks.

Councillor Clarke said it was a great honour to Donegal that
two Cardinals in succession should have been chosen from that
County.

Councillor Gallen proposed, and Councillor MacCreadie seconded
that the message of congratulation be telegraphed immediately to
Cardinal O'Donnell. Agreed to.

439 M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

440 T R E A S U R E R ' S A D V I C E N O T E S.

Treasurer's Advice Notes were submitted and duly signed.

441 R E B U I L D I N G O F C O U N T Y H O U S E.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor McNulty was, at
his request, adjourned for six months.

"That the rebuilding of County House be put in hands at once".

Telegram sent 15.12.25

515

PROSECUTION re RATES.

Councillor Baxter asked how it was that the Council were not represented at Dungloe District Court when a case was brought against them for the return of money paid on foot of an invalid decree.

Mr. Vincent P. McMullin, the Council's Solicitor, gave an explanation of the circumstances and pointed out that the County Council would not be at any loss in the matter. The Council accepted Mr. McMullin's explanation.

The Council accepted Mr. McHullin's explanation as satisfactory.

Confidential.

Moore Invt. C. Raines

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442 COURTHOUSE AT DRUM.

On the motion of Councillor Loughrey, seconded by Councillor Blaney, it was agreed, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, to increase the rent of above Courthouse in which sittings of the District Courts are held, from £10 to £12 per annum.

443 HOUR OF MEETING.

Councillor Mahony, in accordance with notice of motion, moved - "That future meetings of the Council be held at 11 o'clock a.m. Councillor MacCreadis seconded.

Councillor Brennan suggested 11-30 a.m.

After consideration it was agreed to adopt Councillor Brennan's suggestion.

444 DRAFT PUBLIC BODIES ORDER, 1925.

A letter dated 26th November, 1925, from the Local Government Ministry and a draft of the Public Bodies Order, 1925 relating to Roads - "Repair" and "Improvement" were submitted.

The Secretary stated that at the Roads Committee meeting held that morning dates for holding meetings for the purpose of carrying out the procedure under this portion of the Order were arranged.

445 NEW WORKS

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given Councillor Baxter moved - "That the County Council refrain from putting on presentments for new works at the forthcoming Roads meeting of the Council". He pointed out that the County Council owed £60,000 and they had that day passed payments to Road Contractors amounting to £35,000. They should therefore refrain from putting in presentments for any new works, such as new roads and fences. It was imperative that these should be postponed until the finances of the county were in a better state.

Councillor Hamilton seconded the motion and referred to the large number of new roads already put on. In view of the state of the finances at present he agreed it would be inadvisable to undertake any new works.

Councillor O'Donnell said the motion, if passed, would hit the people in the mountains who did their part to free the country and were they going to have to still do the horse's work? He held the new works should be considered in the ordinary way and those considered unnecessary rejected.

Councillor McPhelimy opposed the motion.

Councillor Gallen said he understood that the Irish Land Commission, as successors of the Congested Districts Board, were making roads that served no purpose and without consulting men who were in a position to advise them.

Councillor Sweeney said that was not so.

Councillor Brennan said the motion would hit very hard in the case of new roads recently made.

Councillor Baxter said his motion did not refer to existing roads but merely to new roads and fences.

The motion was therefore agreed to.

Mo. works
written to 21/12/25

446

ROAD TAX ON FORD CARS.

In the absence of Councillor Gallagher (Francis) Councillor Mulreany moved - "That the Council request the Government to introduce Legislation immediately to remedy the disability under which the Ford Motor Company at Cork is placed in the matter of road tax on the cars produced by it as compared with English cars and others. That the Ford Motor Company which gives so much employment in the country should be helped instead of crippled by a prohibitive tax, the tax being 12% of the value of the car as compared with a 4% tax ratio to purchase price of English cars and others, and that accordingly the tax on Ford cars should be reduced 50%." Councillor MacCreadie seconded the motion.

Councillor Brennan supported the proposal and pointed out the large amount of employment given in the Free State by the Ford Motor Company, who deserved the support and sympathy of the Council.

Councillor Baxter proposed that consideration of the matter be deferred for twelve months to see if Mr. Ford would meet them in regard to the prices charged for Ford cars in the Free State. The Free State Government had given Mr. Ford protection to the extent of 33 1/3 per cent., and in some cases to the extent of 22 per cent.. Mr. Ford took advantage of that by increasing the price of cars in the Free State. There was no reason why they should not be able to buy a Ford car as cheaply as people in Strabane, where Ford cars at present could be got at £25 each cheaper than in Donegal. Mr. Ford should bring the price down to the level of that ruling in the Six Counties. Councillor McIvor seconded.

Councillor Brennan said the difference in price was due to the taxes levied on the raw material.

Councillor Gallen said Mr. Ford was a very desirable man to have developing industry in the country, but he was very autocratic in his dealings. They should let him see that they were not prepared to be at his beck and call, especially seeing he would not give them the same advantages as he gave to the people in Strabane.

Councillor McIvor said every car Mr. Ford manufactured in the Free State the people of the Country had to pay £25 extra. Councillor Baxter - Because of the competition from English cars he sells cars in the Six Counties £25 each cheaper than in the Free State.

Mr. M.J. Flood, Ford Agent, Donegal Town, who was given permission to speak, said on all this raw material that came into Cork duty had to be paid.

Councillor Baxter said the same car had to meet the same duty in the case of England.

Mr. Flood said not, because most of the raw material was produced in England.

Councillor Gallen said there was no duty on raw material.

Mr. Flood said this was a matter where the Council should support Irish workmanship. The Ford Company paid £400,000 annually in wages in the Free State. They had spent a million of money in Cork, and their buildings covered six acres.

Councillor McIvor - When they meet us we will meet them.

Mr. Flood said the Council should pass a resolution now, because the duty would be assessed in the Dail at the beginning of the year. Similar resolutions were being passed by the County Councils throughout the Free State.

Councillor Baxter said if the recommendation in the resolution for the reduction of the road tax were put into operation it would mean an immediate saving to Ford car users of a considerable sum, and under the circumstances he would withdraw his proposal.

The motion was passed unanimously.

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Mr. M.J. Flood, Ford Agent, Donegal Town, who was given permission to speak, said on all this raw material that came into Cork duty had to be paid.

On the suggestion of Councillor Gallen it was unanimously decided to strongly protest against discrimination in favour of the people of Northern Ireland.

117 PROPOSED ERECTION OF SHEDS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor McIvor moved -
"That the County Surveyor be instructed to submit, after consultation with local Pier Committee, an estimate for the erection on Buncrana Pier of such sheds as will be necessary in view of the probable increase of imports owing to the recent agreement between the British and Free State Governments."

Councillor Quigley seconded.

Councillor Kavanagh said there was no call for sheds and moved as an amendment that no action be taken.

Councillor Sweeney seconded.

After some discussion it was decided to refer the matter to Buncrana Pier Committee.

118 LOUGH FOYLE PIERS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor McIvor moved -
"That we call upon the Free State Government to make arrangements with the Government of Northern Ireland for the immediate transfer to this Council of the Lough Foyle Piers at present under the control of the Derry Harbour Commissioners."

Councillor McIvor said that Carrickaroary Pier was handed over by the Grand Jury to the Derry Harbour Board; also that the customs at Moville Pier were collected by the Free State Government while the Harbour Dues were collected by the Derry Harbour Board.

Councillor O'Donnell seconded.

Councillor McCauley said he considered the matter premature and moved that consideration be deferred for three months.

Councillor Doherty (Patrick) seconded.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT.....COUNCILLORS Quigley, Brennan, Cole, Doherty (Patrick), Flood, Gallagher (Wm.), Hamilton, Holmes, Kavanagh, McCauley and Sweeney. - II.

AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS MacFadden, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallen, Loughrey, Mahony, Mulreany, McBride, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, Wagentreiber and Walker. - 25.

The Chairman declared motion carried.

119 CONDITION OF ROADS.

In accordance with notice of motion Councillor McBride drew attention to the bad condition of the road leading from Derrybeg to Bloodyforeland and moved that

(a) Mr. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, inspect the road and furnish a special report for consideration by the Roads Committee;

(b) That extra money be allowed for the purpose of putting this road in repair.

Councillor McClafferty, in seconding the motion, asked that the road from Dore School to Bloodyforeland be also included in Mr. Dawson's report. This was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor/

Councillor O'Donnell suggested that the foregoing contracts be rescinded and brought forward by the County Surveyor in "Provisional Road Works Scheme" and extra money allowed for their future upkeep. Agreed to.

170 ERECTION OF A FENCE.

In accordance with notice of motion Councillor McClafferty moved - "That a fence be erected at Rinclevan where the road was made up in May last.

Councillor O'Donnell in seconding asked that the County Surveyor be directed to include this item in the "Road Works Scheme". Agreed to.

151 Dr. PATTERSON : SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE.

A letter dated 24th November, 1925, M50713/25 was read from the Local Government Ministry enclosing the Minister's consent under Seal dated 19th instant to the payment of a superannuation allowance of £12:1:10 a year to Dr. Patterson, Ramelton, in respect of his services as Medical Officer of Health of the Ramelton Dispensary District.

152 BOARD OF HEALTH : PROPOSED LOAN OF £9,000.

A letter dated 24th November, 1925, L55128/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry with reference to the application of the Tirconail County Council for sanction to the raising of a loan of £9,000 for the purpose of meeting a deficiency in the funds of the Board of Health at the end of the current financial year and stating that the particulars now furnished showed that the amount expended by the Board of Health up to the 30th September, 1925, was £2,474:7:7 in excess of the amount supplied by the County Council in respect of the half-year's estimate and demand and that being so, the need for a temporary loan to the extent of £9,000 was not apparent at this stage. The Minister would be prepared to consider the application early in the New Year, when the position at the end of this year was known.

Councillor Gallen questioned whether the figures quoted by the Department represented the real position.

The Secretary said he had forwarded a copy of the letter to the Board of Health.

153 WITHHELD GRANTS.

Councillor O'Donnell proposed that the Deputies of the county be asked to approach the Local Government Ministry with a view to releasing, with the least possible delay, withheld Grants.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Gallen said that Government Grants should be on fixed basis and that the present system should be changed from Assigned Revenue to fixed Annual Grants. If this were done it would enable the Secretary, when preparing his annual Budget, to arrive at a closer estimate under this head. He suggested that the Council's representatives on the Council's General Council make representations to the Ministry to that effect. Agreed to.

Dr. O'Donnell and Local Government Ministry written to 21/12/25

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TURNPIKE ANNUITIES.

A letter dated 25th November, 1925, R/IR/101, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, in regard to the adoption of a resolution relative to Turnpike annuities and stating that the Minister is not in a position at present to introduce legislation which would empower County Councils to redeem the annuities payable under the Turnpike abolition Commissioners Award of 1936, but the matter will receive consideration as soon as it is practicable to introduce such legislation.

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PUBLIC ANALYST.

A letter dated 3rd December, 1925, PH5685/1925, was read from the Local Government Ministry relative to the proposed appointment of Dr. John Keane as Public Analyst for County Tirconail, as was also a letter from the latter thanking the Council for appointing him as their analyst and stating that he had complied with Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925 and that he would be pleased to receive samples for analysis as soon as his appointment was sanctioned by the Local Government Department, adding that he would analyse certain samples each quarter and carefully supervise the samples which he hands on to his assistant Miss Ryan M.Sc., and would be personally responsible to the County Council for the proper analysis of all samples received by him.

The Secretary said he had forwarded a copy of the letter to the Local Government Ministry.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking for suggestions as to any changes or alterations which the County Council might think advisable to make in existing standards.

The Secretary said he wrote to the Department on the matter but had not yet received a reply.

156 PROPOSED SHELTER WALL AT NEWBRIDGE.

A letter dated 30th November, 1925, D/7/17 was read from the Department of Fisheries on the subject of the proposed erection of a Shelter Wall at Newbridge near Rathmullan and stating that the place of the work has been approved by the Minister of Fisheries and that he is accordingly recommending the Minister of Finance to sanction a contribution of one moiety, not exceeding £400, towards the cost of the work, adding that until such sanction is given a contribution cannot definitely be promised.

157 REEF OF ROCKS ON EAST AND SOUTH SIDE OF HARBOUR.

A letter was here read from Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Newbridge, stating that as some intending contractors propose, as a matter of convenience, to blast away the reef of rocks on the east and south side of the harbour for building purposes the fishermen request the Council to give preference to those contractors who are willing to take the building material from inside the harbour where, in the opinion of engineers and some contractors, there is plenty of the best building material to be had.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, it was unanimously resolved that it be a condition of the contract that the reef of rocks referred to be not interfered with by the contractor whose tender may be accepted.

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T E N D E R S.

Tenders were submitted from the undermentioned contractors for the rebuilding of Shelter Wall.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF TENDER
Robert Montgomery	Carraleena, Rathmullan	785:0:0
Wm. McGuinness	Rathmullan	800:0:0
Edward Tinnie	Buncrana	830:0:0
Harkin and Anderson	Rathmullan	850:0:0
Edward Barr	Buncrana	900:0:0
Robert Colhoun	Strand, Derry	3,900:0:0

On the motion of Councillor Loughrey, seconded by Councillor Baxter, it was unanimously decided to accept the lowest tender, subject to the contractor not being a minor and to the proposed sureties being good for the amount quoted. In this connection the Secretary was directed to make inquiries and in the event of the result not being satisfactory he was authorised to re-advertise for tenders, the advertisement to be inserted in "Daily Independent" in addition to local newspapers.

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F E E S.

Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant County Surveyor for the District, inquired if he would be allowed any fees for supervising the work seeing that it was outside his ordinary official duties.

After consideration it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Loughrey, seconded by Councillor Baxter, that Mr. Dawson be allowed 5% on the expenditure, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, Roads.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick H. Gallagher D.Sc., 1 Ross Road, Dublin, enclosing, for consideration of Tirconall County Council, an article on "County Council Scholarships".

The Secretary said the purport of the article was instead of awarding six Scholarships for three years to reduce the number to three, and increase the period to six years.

Councillor Gallen said he was of opinion that before the matter could be considered a notice of motion would require to be lodged rescinding the present scheme. No action was taken in the meantime.

161 CONTRACT No. 86 BALLYSHANNON RURAL DISTRICT.

A letter dated 24th November, 1925, 35339/1925, was read from the Irish Land Commission, relative to a proposal of the Tirconall County Council to make 100 perches of road leading from the Lisahally wood, at McCauley's into the bog and stating that the Commission consents to the County Council taking over and maintaining the above-mentioned part of the road in question.

162 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT, 1923

CLAIM BY Mr. THOMAS J. McBRIDE.

A letter was read from Mr. William T. MacMenamin B.A., Solicitor, Ballybofey, relative to a claim lodged by Mr. Thomas J. McBride, Middletown, Derrybeg, under above Act, for the destruction of a house in/

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in December, 1922. The claim was lodged on a basis of full reinstatement and has been investigated on the same basis. It now appears that the applicant does not intend to rebuild. The alternative to a reinstatement basis of valuation is that of market value. The Minister of Finance wishes to ascertain the wishes of the County Council regarding the matter. The Secretary was directed to state in reply that the Council have no observations to make on the matter.

HARBOUR MASTER, RATHMULLAN PIER.

*Charles Deeney
11/12/22 To 21/12/22*

Applications were received from the undermentioned persons for the position of Harbour Master at above pier.

NAME	ADDRESS
Charles Deeney	Kerr's Bay Road, Rathmullan
A.P. Ross (Butcher)	Pier Road, Rathmullan

On the motion of Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Mahony, Charles Deeney was unanimously appointed, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS FLAGMAN.

An application was submitted from Anthony Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh, for the position of Flagman on Roller No. 13.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen it was decided to direct the County Surveyor to enter his name on 'Waiting List'.

RAPHOE LIGHTING SCHEME.

*Exhort sent to Mr. David Wilson
24/12/22 To 21/12/22*

A letter was read from Mr. David Wilson, Solicitor, Raphoe, on behalf of a private company making application to the County Council for permission to erect poles in the streets in connection with a proposed Lighting Scheme.

The Secretary said the Council, at their previous meeting, adjourned consideration of the matter pending the receipt of a report from the Raphoe Health Committee. The Committee recommended the scheme put forward by Mr. Wilson, on behalf of the company, to the County Council for their sanction, subject to the poles being erected in such places and in such a manner as to make them suitable for use in the event of the Committee, at a future date, adopting a scheme for public lighting of the streets etc.. A letter was also read from Mr. F.P. McGlinchey, Raphoe, waiving the permission granted to him by the Council to erect standards in connection with a lighting scheme which he had in contemplation.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreddie, seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously resolved to grant the permission sought for, subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Poles to be erected in accordance with the recommendation of Raphoe Public Health Committee and subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor;
- (b) Poles to be removed when required by the Council;
- (c) Rent 1/- per annum;
- (d) An agreement to be entered into with the Council which is to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor and cost of which is to be defrayed by Raphoe Private Lighting Committee.

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In this connection Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported that he inspected the place and arranged for the position of the poles/

poles connected with the scheme.

36 CARNDONAGH TOWN LIGHTING.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormack, Solicitor, Lerry, bringing before the Tirconaill County Council a complaint of Mr. Patrick Doherty of Bridge Street, Carndonagh, - representative of Messrs Doherty Brothers - with reference to a supply of electric light for the town of Carndonagh.

As the report of Carndonagh Public Health Committee, to whom the matter had been referred by the Council, had not been received consideration was adjourned until next meeting.

37 CONDITION OF A ROAD.

Postmaster Donegal 21/12/25
A letter was read from the Postmaster, Donegal, appending an Extract from letter from Pat Kelly, Mail Car Contractor, Fintona to Dungloe - "The surface of the road between Carabud and Scar is in a deplorable state having been covered by a heavy layer of roughly broken granite. The mail car had two tyres bursted in this length resulting in delay, trouble and expense of two new tyres." The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for attention.

38 ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925. FORMING OF A DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Extract sent to Board of Works 21/12/25
A Petition was submitted (accompanied by an ordnance sheet) pursuant to section 2 (2) of the above Act to the Tirconaill County Council from certain residents in the townlands of Darries, Legnanoring, and Rockhill in the Parish of Drumholm and also a report on the matter from Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

It was unanimously resolved that this Council, having considered the report of the County Surveyor, request the Board of Works to inquire into the foregoing scheme for forming a Drainage District under said Act.

COLLECTION OF TERMINABLE ANNUITIES, DRAINAGE RATES ETC..

Extract sent to Board of Works 22/12/25
Arising out of a letter dated 12th December, 1925, No. 23770/1925 from the Office of Public Works it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor Baxter that this Council undertakes to collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates and other moneys collectable or payable by them in respect of the construction or maintenance of drainage works in each of the proposed drainage districts in the county.

LIGHTING OF COURTHOUSES AT GLENTIES AND STRANORLAR.

Extract sent to Mr. Mulhern 22/12/25
A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Mulhern, District Court Clerk, Glenties, requesting the County Council to make some provision immediately for supplying a lamp and oil for the use of the Glenties Court and stating that he has been asked by the District Justice to write the County Council regarding the want of provisions for lighting the Stranorlar Courthouse and to suggest that the Council should arrange with Mr. Henry McNulty, Ballybofey, to have the electric light installed.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell, Mr. Mulhern was authorised to purchase a lamp for Glenties Courthouse.

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The Secretary said he would arrange to have a couple of the lamps, formerly used by Rural District Council Clerks, procured for use in Stranorlar Courthouse.

arrangements made by Secy. for lifting & placing same in Stranorlar

CONTINUANCE OF ROAD CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Gordon, Bohonbuoy, Killygordon, relative to the road from John Duggan's of Laught to James Gordon's of Bohonbuoy (at present under contract) and requesting that its maintenance be continued as from 1st April next and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

MOTOR PROSECUTIONS.

CIVIC GUARD V FRANCIS BRENNAN.

A letter from Mr. Francis Brennan, Graffy N.S., Glenties, relative to proceedings instituted against him for a breach of the regulations under the Motor Car Act he having paid the Duty on his car for hackney instead of private purposes and offering to pay the difference duty between both cases of cars having been read on the motion of Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell, the offer was accepted.

COUNTY COUNCIL V Dr. GORDON : MOTOR CAR IH 93.

The Solicitor to the Council wrote referring to their decision to withdraw the appeal herein and reminding them that the consideration of the question of mitigation of the penalty imposed in the other case by the District Justice was adjourned pending the hearing of the appeal and adding that the District Clerk has now asked him for a report on the matter for the information of his authorities.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, it was unanimously decided to mitigate the penalty to £3 plus costs.

NON PAYMENT OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

The Secretary said no reports were received since date of the Council's previous meeting.

re EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF MOTOR TAX ETC..

A letter was read from Mr. C.J. Herron, Merchant, Ardara, requesting to be exempted from payment of motor tax on his car which is engaged by the Board of Education for conveying children to school; also calling attention to the bad condition of the road.

The Secretary said the Council's Solicitor informed him that the rate per mile fixed for use of motor car engaged for above purpose is 1/- and that consequently Mr. Herron is quite able to pay the tax. No action was taken.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO Mr. HUGH A. McCONIGLEY.

A letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, intimating that Mr. Hugh A. McConigley, the holder of a second year Scholarship from the Tírconnaill County Council, has informed him that he has entered St. Patrick's Training College and does not propose to continue his course in the former University. A letter was also read from Mr. McConigley requesting the Council to pay over the balance of the Scholarship to the authorities of St. Patrick's Training College. The Secretary was,

was directed to state in reply that having regard to the present Scholarships Scheme the Council had no power to accede to his request.

177 FLOODING OF HOUSES.

Mr. E. O'Kelly written 22/12/25
A letter was read from Messrs E.C. O'Kelly and James Russell Milford, drawing the County Council's attention to the unsatisfactory state of the street of Milford in front of their respective holdings and stating that owing to recent steam rolling the camber of the road throws all surface water into the houses in question.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Mahony, the County Surveyor was authorised to have the existing conditions remedied at an early date.

178 FISHERIES ACT, 1925 : SECTION 13.

A letter was read from Messrs Osborne and Company, Solicitors, Milford, notifying the County Council that in pursuance of directions from the Ministry, and in compliance with section 13 of the Fisheries Act, 1925, the Fisheries (No. 14) District, Letterkenny, has struck a rate on all Fisheries in their district which they intend to levy, and accordingly under the same section the various occupiers of Fisheries are exempted from liability for any rates by the County Council in respect of such Fishery for the current financial year.

179 DEFECTIVE PIPE IN ARRANMORE.

Mr. J. C. Ward written 22/12/25
A letter was read from Mr. John Ward, Gortgara, Arranmore, relative to a defective pipe crossing the main road at the cross-roads between Anthony C'Donnell's (the post) Fallapwan and John Ward's, Gortgara. The County Surveyor's attention was directed to the matter.

180 AMENDMENT OF RATE BOOK UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COLLECTION OF RATES), ACT, 1924.

Proposed by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor MacCreadie - "That we the County Council of the County of Tirconnail hereby authorise the several Poor Rate Collectors in the County to apply, on behalf of the Council, to the District or other Courts in the County for the Amendment of the Rate Books, where necessary, under section 4 of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924 in all cases in which legal proceedings have been instituted for the recovery of rates due to the Council provided the required notices under the Act have previously been served by the Collectors on all persons interested, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this resolution."

181 ROAD CONTRACTS.

Mr. Francis Callaghan written 22/12/25
Mr. Francis Callaghan, Assistant County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

GENTLEMEN,

There are a few roads in Stranorlar District which were brought in by District Councillors and put under contract. These are not county roads. The contractors have done some work but no money is being paid. I wish to know what is to be done with them. The numbers are 130, 499, 133 and part of 289.

Councillor/

Councillor Gallen said that in the cases where a certain amount of work has been done the roads can be put on the "Provisional Road Works Scheme" by the County Surveyor and legalised; subsequently payment can be arranged for work done. No work having been done on Contract No. 133 it was rescinded.

132 LARCENY OF ROAD METAL.

Ex Act Dept to Mr. Francis Callaghan 22.12.25

Mr. Francis Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, also reported that on road 322 in group commencing 1st April, 1925, Stranorlar Rural District he suspects that a quantity of the road metal has been removed and concealed under whins, clay and large stones, at distance of 46 yards from the county road.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell, it was unanimously decided to institute proceedings through the Council's Solicitor Mr. Callaghan to collect evidence and furnish this official with any particulars he may require in the case.

133 DONEGAL WATERWORKS : PROPOSED LOAN OF £300.

A list of queries in connection with a loan of £300 proposed to be obtained for the purpose of carrying out repairs to existing waters for town of Donegal was submitted and completed.

134 PROPOSED NEW ROAD IN OWENAGADRAGH.

With reference to the making of a new road through the farm of Mrs Sarah McCormack of Owenagadragh, Contract No. 303, Stranorlar Rural District, approved of by the County Council on 16th July last in respect of which her consent had not been obtained Councillor McPhelimy, to whom the matter was referred in conjunction with the County Surveyor for a report, said that Mrs McCormack in a letter addressed to Rev. Charles Byrne C.C., Crossroads, had, subject to certain conditions, consented to the making of said road.

It having been mentioned that the map of proposed road was burned in the fire which occurred in County Council Offices on 26th February last it was decided to ask the promoters to furnish a new map and consents and at the same time to get Mrs McCormack to sign a consent on the proper form.

135 LOANS : PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

A claim by the Manager, Hibernian Bank Limited, Letterkenny, for payment of Principal and Interest due on the undermentioned Loans Accounts was submitted and payment ordered.

	£:	s:	d
(a) Improvement to Burtonport Harbour	138:	12:	11
(b) Repair Redcastle Merville Road.....	236:	2:	0
(c) Loan obtained to pay off Dail Loan.....	305:	1:	6

Raid

136 MAIN ROADS AGREEMENT.

On the certificate of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, payment of £526:0:2 was ordered to be made to Letterkenny Urban District Council being half the expenditure by the Council in respect of main roads within its area during year ended 31st March, 1925.

Raid

137 PRINTING OF THE THIRD REGISTER.

paid A payment of £613:19:8 was also ordered to be made to the Bank of Ireland to be placed to the credit of the Irish Paymaster General Supply Account being in respect of the printing etc. of the Third Register for County Donegal.

28 COURTHOUSE AT DUNGLCE.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary, Parochial Board Committee, Dungloe, stating the terms on which they would be prepared to let the hall to the County Council for sittings of the District Court and for other purposes.

Councillor Baxter said he considered a rent of £20 per annum excessive and that £10 would be ample.

Councillor Brennan said the Committee had just installed electric lighting in the Hall and if the Council agreed to take over the Committee were prepared to put in either an electric radiator or a stove for the purpose of heating and employ a caretaker for cleaning up etc..

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell, it was unanimously decided to pay a rent of £10 per annum for the use of the Hall as a courthouse and a similar amount per annum for all other purposes.

CONTINUANCE OF CVERDRAFT.

On the suggestion of the Secretary, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by the Chairman that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction continuance of the Council's Overdraft of £75,000 until 31st January, 1926.

COURTHOUSE AT FALCARRAGH.

not written A letter was read from Mr. J. Duggan, Falcarragh, stating that he has now finished a new building for sittings of the District Court and he considers it would be only fair to give him an advance in the rent as the other room was too small.

On the motion of Councillor McCafferty, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell, it was unanimously decided, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry to increase the present rent from £10 to £12 per annum, this to cover cleaning and heating; a new Agreement to be entered into with the Council.

RELIEF OF DISTRESS SCHEME.

A letter dated 10th December, 1925, R/GG/7, was read from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, relative to the debit balance in connection with above scheme in Tirconail and stating that the Minister has no funds at his disposal from which a Grant could be made to clear off the amount.

The Secretary said provision would have to be made in estimates for ensuing financial year for the clearing off of this balance.

22 CONDITION OF A ROAD.

A letter signed John Kerrigan etc. drawing attention to the condition of a road in townland of Higginstown (Ballyshannon Rural District), the contract of which has been let to a man named Daniel Connolly of Parkeen was read and referred to the County Surveyor.

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BACKEN BRIDGE.

*Mr. P. Maguire C.C., and others
writing to
28/12/25*
A letter signed by the Rev. P. Maguire C.C., and others calling attention to the lamentable state of disrepair and the dangerous condition of a bridge on the main road between Moona cross and Lettermacaward which was partly demolished during the Black and Tan regime.

On the motion of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell, the County Surveyor was directed to visit the place immediately and make out a plan and specification with a view to having this structure rebuilt without further delay.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Secretary inquired as to the duration of Xmas Holidays for members of the clerical staff.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor MacCreadie, it was unanimously resolved that the holidays extend from Thursday 24th instant until the following Tuesday, both days inclusive.

05 PERMISSION TO ERECT A RAILING.

*Mr. S.E. Gallagher, Castlefinn
writing to
28/12/25*
An application by Mrs S.E. Gallagher, Castlefinn, for permission to erect a railing outside her dwelling house was considered and acceded to, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

06 CONDITION OF A ROAD.

*Mr. John McKinney and others of
Dooballagh
writing to
28/12/25*
A letter was read from Mr. John McKinney and others of Dooballagh referring to the bad condition of the road between Raphoe old road and Doherty's lane at Dooballagh and requesting that a proposal be brought forward by the Council to have it repaired. Councillor Mahony said the matter was receiving his attention.

07 DANGEROUS ROAD.

*Mr. Thomas Finlay, Lusticle, Churchtown
writing to
28/12/25*
A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Finlay, Lusticle, Churchtown, calling the Council's attention to the dangerous condition through disrepair, of the road leading from Tubber to Milltown past Bready Quarry. The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman for attention.

MEMBERS TRAVELLING EXPENSES : MOTOR TAXATION.

*Mr. P. Maguire C.C., and others
writing to
28/12/25*
Councillor Clarke, who attended the recent meeting of the General Council of County Councils, explained the attitude taken up by that body in regard to members' travelling expenses, and in regard to motor taxes. The Council were unanimous in deciding to press the Government to increase the rate of expenses. A resolution was passed that motor taxation be reduced by 20 per cent., and that a tax of 4d per gallon be placed on petrol.

Councillor MacCreadie said as a motorist of many years experience he entered an objection to that proposal. The difficulty of taxing petrol was one of administration as war-houses would have to be set up. They would have the cost of that as well as all the disadvantages.

Councillor Clarke - That was the decision unanimously of the findings of the Central Committee.

Councillor/

Councillor McIvor said he thought it fair there should be a tax on petrol.

After further discussion the matter dropped.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

499 FINANCE Meeting held 7th December, 1925.

CLAIMS BY MESSRS S. WATERS AND R.S. WATERS FOR
SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES.

Mr. William Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared on behalf of the Messrs Waters and referred to the recommendation of the Committee, that certain emoluments included in the claims be not treated as "Pensionable Emoluments". He wished to know if the Council would allow these cases to be reopened.

Councillor O'Donnell said the Committee went carefully into both claims. He proposed that their recommendations be adopted. Councillor Cole seconded. Passed unanimously.

re MISS SARA WALLACE.

Mr. Malseed, Solicitor, Letterkenny, appeared on behalf of Miss Sara Wallace, Letterkenny, in regard to the recommendation of the Committee re her claim for a superannuation allowance and said she was dissatisfied with the amount recommended to be granted. On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Cole, the Committee's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

501 COURTHOUSE AT CARNDONAGH.

The Secretary reported that Messrs Crawford and Eakin, Victoria Road, Buncrana, who were accepted as contractors for building the Courthouse at Carndonagh had declined to execute the Bond. He also read letters from Messrs Edward Doherty, Carndonagh and Sam Henderson, Milltown, Carndonagh, withdrawing, for certain reasons, their tenders in connection with this work.

Councillor Mahony said that there were a number of buildings on their hands throughout the county which were vacant as a result of the amalgamation scheme. These buildings were not put to any use. They were white elephants on their hands. At present the District Court was being held in the Boardroom, or what was formerly the boardroom of Carndonagh. He was informed that by the expenditure of £150 the place could be made suitable and adequate for the purpose of the District Justice. The latter had been speaking to him on the matter, and he said he was fully satisfied with the boardroom but that a bar parlour was required. He (Councillor Mahony) suggested that the Architect inspect the premises and make out an estimate of what it would take to make them suitable for Court purposes.

Councillor McIvor proposed that owing to the great want of employment in the district the work be proceeded with at once. Councillor Cole seconded.

The Secretary was asked if there was a reinstatement clause in the award. He replied in the affirmative, adding that if the Council decided not to build they would be entitled to the market value of the building.

Councillor Gallen moved as an amendment that the matter stand adjourned until next meeting of the Council, meanwhile that Mr. Wm. Doherty, Architect, be asked to report as to the market value of the premises and the cost of making the necessary alterations.

Councillor/

Extract sent to Mr. Doherty. Dec 11/25

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillors McIvor and Cole having agreed to the adjournment the amendment was unanimously passed.

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CLERK OF WORKS FEES.

Councillor Baxter referred to the recommendation of the Committee that the fees of the Clerk of Works for Donegal Courthouse be increased from £3:5:0 to £4:10:0 and the Clerk of Works for Buncrana and Carndonagh Courthouses from £4:4:0 to £5:0:0. He considered the fees as originally fixed sufficient and moved as an amendment that the Council adhere to them. Councillor Quigley seconded.

Councillor McIvor said the Architect appeared before the Committee and explained that owing to the inadequacy of the remuneration offered efficient men could not be procured and recommended that the Committee reconsider the matter with a view to increase. He (Councillor McIvor) therefore moved that the Finance Committee's recommendations be adopted. Councillor Mahony seconded.

V O T I N G.

FOR THE AMENDMENT.....COUNCILLORS Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle, Brennan, Doherty (Patrick), Flood, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (William), Kavanagh, Loughrey, McBride, McClafferty and Sweeney. - 14.
AGAINST.....COUNCILLORS MacFadden, Clarke, Cole, Gallen, Hamilton, Holmes, Mahony, Mulreany, McCauley, MacCreadie, McIvor, McNulty, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell, Wagentreiber and Walker. 10.

The Chairman declared amendment lost.

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PAYMENT OF RATES LEVIED ON SMALL HOUSES.

Referring to the Committee's recommendation under above head Councillor McNulty asked that it be amended and £10 valuation substituted for £5.

Councillor Cole said he would be in favour of the motion if the valuation was increased to £8. Councillor McNulty having agreed to the latter figure the amendment was unanimously passed. In this Connection Councillor Mahony said that so far as labourers' cottages were concerned the Board of Health would be the authority responsible for the rates, in consequence of which the present rents of these buildings would require to be increased to cover the rates.

Councillor Gallen said that provision would also have to be made for cost of collection and that poundage fees would only require to be paid to one official instead of two.

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re COLLECTOR LOGUE.

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee had before them a report of the Inspector of Rates for Glenties Rural District that rates amounting to £42:8:9 appeared from an examination of Collector Logue's books as having been collected but not lodged.

The Committee recommended that Logue be called upon to discharge his obligations in this matter on or before the 15th instant. On inquiries he (the Secretary) ascertained from the Treasurer of the Council that the amount had been lodged on the latter date.

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Councillor Mahony moved that all the other recommendations of the Committee be adopted. Councillor O'Donnell seconded. Passed unanimously.

305 SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Scholarships Sub-Committee meeting held 14th December, 1925 was submitted and read.

306 re VACANT SCHOLARSHIP.

With reference to the Sub-Committee's recommendation - "That they consider that Conal Houston, whose marks were 365, is entitled to the vacant Scholarship, that Miss Margaret Harte, whose marks were 472, is very adversely affected owing to the regulations and they consider her case worthy of consideration."

Councillor Mahony said that in law Houston was entitled to the Scholarship and in equity Miss Harte was entitled to it, however, he thought there was a way out of the difficulty, as there still remained 2 years of Mr. Conigley's Scholarship which would not be availed of he proposed that the unexpended portion be awarded to Miss Harte and the Scholarship already awarded to Miss Kelly and for which she was ineligible be awarded to Conal Houston. Councillor Gallen seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. The remaining recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

307 PURCHASE OF QUARRIES.

The Solicitor to the Council referred to the purchase of land for quarrying purposes from the undermentioned persons and asked that the Paying Orders for amounts agreed upon be issued in his favour for disbursement as soon as both parties have completed the conveyances.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Neil Korrigan	Magheramore, Carrdonagh	£ 20
Patrick Doherty	Meenagory, Buncrana	50

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Mahony, the matter was agreed to.

308 SELECTION OF BULLS.

Councillor O'Donnell protested against the arrangements recently made by the Agricultural Committee in regard to the selection of bulls in the county. There were only five or six allocated for the district he represents.

The matter was referred to the Agricultural Committee.

Councillor Gallen promised to raise the matter at the next Agricultural Committee meeting.

309 LISTS OF PAYMENTS.

Lists of payments to road contractors in respect of half-year ended 30th September, 1925 were then taken into consideration.

310 GEENTIES RURAL DISTRICT.

PAGE 27; CONTRACT No. 505; CONTRACTOR PATRICK H. McCOLE.

Councillor Gallagher (Berrard) referred to the sum of £20 deferred/

deferred on foot of this contract and said that he considered the contractor was entitled to payment of this amount. He explained that McCole took the work, expecting that the neighbours would assist him but they did not. He (Councillor Gallagher) asked the County Surveyor how the matter stood. This official stated that McCole took the contract at too low a figure (£45) and was unable to complete the work in accordance with the specification, however he had done more than £45 of work.

Councillor O'Donnell considered McCole was entitled to the amount deferred and proposed that he be paid this amount. Councillor Gallagher (Bernard) seconded.

Councillor Clarke proposed as an amendment a direct negative but as this was not seconded the motion was declared passed.

INISHOWEN RURAL DISTRICT (FORMERLY DERRY No. 2 AREA).
 511 PAGE 47; No. 475; CONTRACTOR JOSEPH McDERMOTT.

Councillor Gallagher (William) inquired the reason for striking off £13 on foot of this contract.

Mr. J.J. Caffrey, Assistant Surveyor, said that on taking up duties in the district his predecessor reported to him that this contractor's tonnage was short.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Gallen, the matter was referred to the Roads Committee for a special report from Mr. Steadman.

512 MILFORD RURAL DISTRICT.
 PAGE 22; No. 30; CONTRACTOR MICHAEL DORRIAN.

Councillor Baxter said this man took this contract about two years ago. He experienced great difficulty in forming the water-tables which had to be done with the aid of blasting powder (no other explosive being available). He was paid £40 on account and there is a balance of £100 unexpended. Being unable to perform the contract proceedings have been instituted against him. He (Councillor Baxter) considered it a case deserving of consideration.

On the matter being referred to Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, the latter said it was quite possible to carry out the contract with the balance of the money.

513 STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT
 PAGE 30; No. 319; CONTRACTOR EDWARD MULLIN.

Councillor McPhelimy inquired the reason for deferring £25 on foot of this contract.

The Assistant Surveyor said the road material was not properly prepared.

514 I N Q U I R Y.

Councillor Gallen said that in case an Assistant Surveyor, through illness, was unable to inspect roads prior to date fixed for Roads meeting would an inspection be held subsequently to enable payment to be made at meeting when payments were being considered by the Council.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said all road transactions had to be dealt with prior to Roads meetings held in the respective districts in the county.