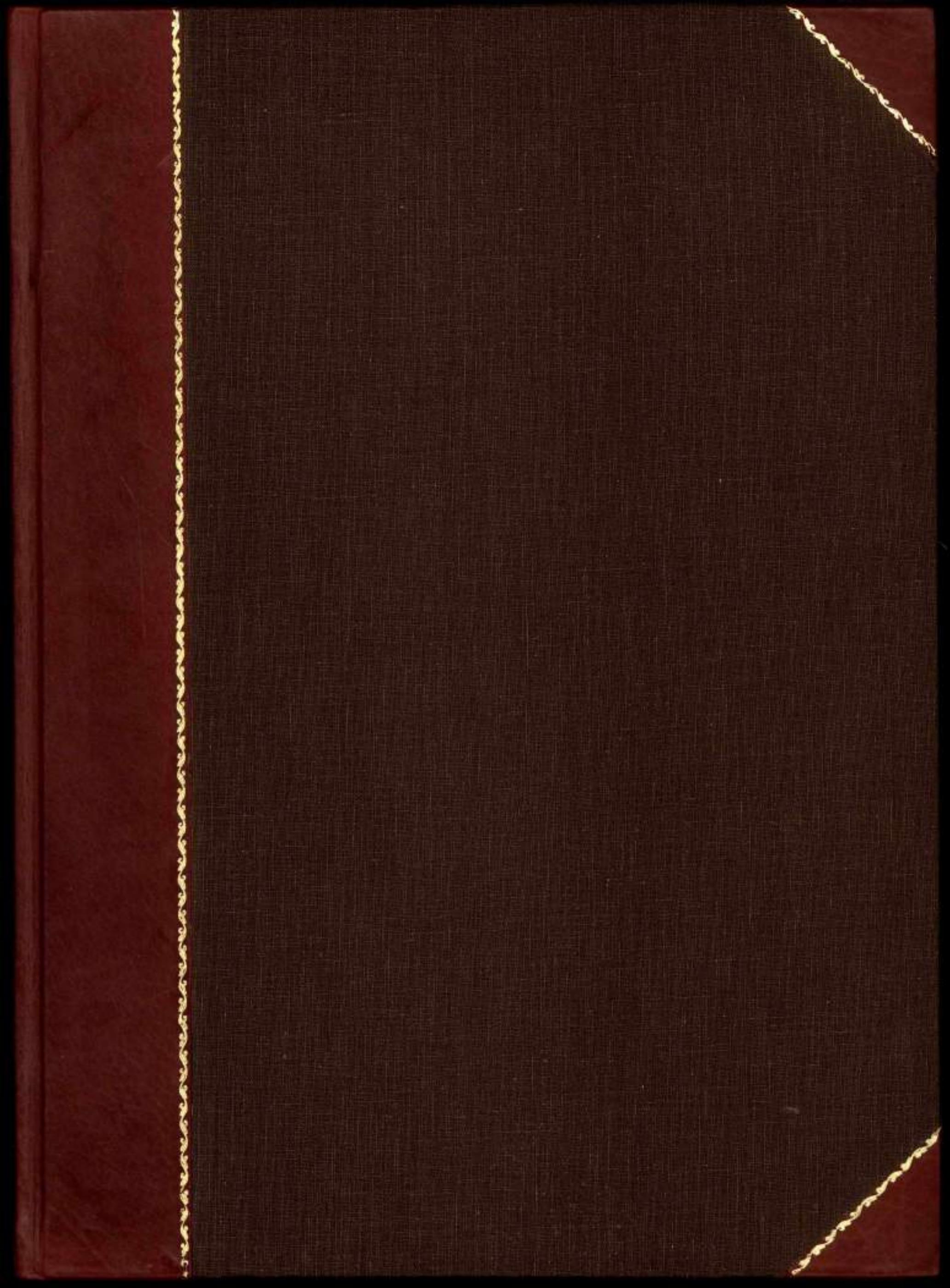


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A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1943.

1/43.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

2/43.

C O N D O L E N C E.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden) proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Myles on the death of his wife; to the relatives of the late Mr. Francis Callaghan, Castlebane, Ballybofoyc, for many years a member of the County Council; to Mr. Frank McKay, County Accountant and Acting County Secretary, on the tragic death of his brother; and to the widow and family of the late District Justice Louis J. Walsh.

Councillor Mahony seconded the resolution, which was passed in silence; all the members standing; and with which the County Manager associated himself.

3/43.

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th November, 1942, were confirmed unanimously.

4/43.

R E P O R T O F G E N E R A L P U R P O S E S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G H E L D O N 2 4 T H N O V E M B E R, 1 9 4 2.

The County Manager submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 24th November, 1942.

Councillor Mollenanin queried the decision of the Committee not to admit the Press to its Meetings.

The County Manager explained that many of the matters which would be dealt with by this Committee would involve legal proceedings, and it was not in the interests of the ratepayers generally that the other parties should know exactly the considerations which influenced the Committee in making their decisions.

The Council accepted the explanation, and the Report of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 24th November, 1942, was declared adopted.

5/43.

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

The County Manager submitted for adoption draft Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the County Constituencies of East Donegal and West Donegal.

The observations of the Returning Officers were also submitted.

On the motion of Councillor C. Gallagher seconded by Councillor Baxter, it was unanimously decided to adopt the Scheme, with certain amendments, which were to be incorporated in the final Scheme.

6/43.

F I N A N C I A L S T A T E M E N T S F O R M O N T H S O F N O V E M B E R A N D D E C E M B E R, 1 9 4 2.

The Financial Statements for the months of November, 1942, and December, 1942, were submitted and noted.

7/43. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.
 The County Manager stated that for the month of February, 1943, he estimated he would require Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £75,000 for General Purposes, and he asked the Council to apply for sanction for this amount.
 The Council un-nimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation of £75,000 for the month of February, 1943.

8/43. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION IN CONNECTION WITH TURF PRODUCTION.
 The County Manager stated that he estimated that for the month of February, 1943, he would require Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £130,000, in connection with Turf Production, and he asked the Council to apply for sanction for this amount.
 The Council un-nimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation of £130,000 in connection with Turf Production for the month of February, 1943.

9/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CARROWMORE-MALIN ROAD. MAP NO. 41.

As requested by Councillor Manus Harkin at last Meeting, the County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

" I inspected the Carrowmore-Malin Road on the 22nd January. The statements made about the condition of this road were, in my opinion, grossly exaggerated. It was also not true to say that no money had been spent on this road for several years.

I find that the road compares very favourably with many roads of similar character throughout the County, and the road is in quite reasonable repair considering the amount of money we have available for its maintenance. The amount of money spent this year on this road was £38 : 5 : 4. I have seen most of the work which has been carried out on this road. Two double ops culverts were re-constructed; water-tables were cleaned, and the road repaired in places.

The amount set aside for this road this year was £40. The road was up for contract, but no Contractors applied for the work."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

10/43. PROPOSED ERECTION OF PROTECTING WALL AT THE PIER AT QUEEN'S PORT, GREENCASTLE.

Councillor Charles Sweeney proposed:- "That the Council grant a sum sufficient to cover the cost of the erection of a protecting wall at the Pier at Queen's Port, Greencastle, and so obviate the present danger to fishing boats using the Pier in bad weather."

Councillor Hyles seconded the motion.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to have an estimate prepared, and the County Surveyor stated that when he would have this done he would take the matter up with the Chief Engineering Inspector of the Board of Works.

11/43. COMPLAINT RE UNSATISFACTORY TREATMENT OF UNMARRIED MEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

Councillor McRory proposed:- "That this Council protests against the present unsatisfactory system of the Department of Industry and Commerce, whereby unmarried men are prevented from participating in Minor Relief Schemes and other such works, and at the same time being debarred from qualifying for Unemployment Assistance."

Councillor McRory asked to have this matter adjourned until next Meeting.

12/43. DATE OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the February Meeting of the County Council be held on a date other than Tuesday, 23rd February, which was the date of Milford Fair, and was unsuitable for Councillors from that area.

The County Manager explained that the date of this Meeting, which was the Estimates Meeting, had been fixed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Sealed Order.

It was decided to make no change in the date of the Meeting.

13/43. PROPOSED INCREASES IN ROAD WORKERS' WAGES.

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

"That the wages of all Council workers be increased to the maximum sanctioned by the Government in keeping with the recent increase given to Agricultural workers."

Councillor Brady seconded, and stated that the proposed increase would mean an increase in the estimate of Road expenditure, and he hoped that the Councillors who voted against the increase on a previous occasion would support it now.

Councillor Friel proposed the following Motion standing on the Agenda in his name:-

"That this Council increase the wages of all road workers by one penny per hour as from the 1st April, 1943."

Councillor Friel stated that by "road workers" he meant Carters and Gangers as well as labourers.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council take a sympathetic view of the terrible hardships of the workers and to meet the increase in the cost-of-living, and in accordance with the principles laid down in the Papal Encyclicals, they grant an increase of 1s/3d per day to the County Council Road workers, and an increase of 1s/8d per day to carters, and that they grant increases to Drivers and other Machinery workers accordingly, and that they make representations to the proper authority to have the wages paid on Irish Land Commission and Board of Works Schemes increased accordingly, so as to meet the increase in the cost-of-living, and that a special Meeting of the County Council be held rightaway to inquire into public expenditure and salaries under the County Council with a view to defining means to raise the amount required to pay the increases to the County Council workers, and that to set an example to the highly-paid Officials of the County Council, this Council to-day respectfully requests the seven T.D.'s of the County to sacrifice the increase of £120 secured by them for the relief of the poor workers."

The County Manager explained that the maximum increase the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would sanction was 3/- per week.

Councillor Friel agreed to the motion of Councillors Breslin, Brady, and Blaney.

The matter was discussed at length, and it was agreed to make the increase applicable to all road workers, including Machinery workers, Carters, and Gangers.

The County Manager stated that the matter was ultimately one for him, and he would make the necessary Order immediately after the next Meeting of the County Council, if the Council increased the Road Estimate by a corresponding amount. He estimated that an increase of 3/- per week to all workers would mean a total increase in the estimates of about £5,000. He explained that the increase would be an Emergency Bonus, subject to review as the cost-of-living index figure went up or down.

14/43. SUPPLY OF ARTIFICIAL MANURES AND FERTILISERS.

Councillor Greene proposed:- "That I will ask the County Council to pass a resolution urging on the Minister for Supplies the necessity of allocating an increased supply of fertilisers this year to the area of North-West Donegal. The land is so poor in the Parishes of Cloughaneck, Gweedore, and the Rosses that it is nearly impossible to grow a crop on it without a fair coating of super-phosphates and sulphate of ammonia."

Councillor Baxter seconded the resolution, and proposed that a deputation from the Council meet Dr. Ryan, the Minister for Agriculture, on his visit to the County next week.

The proposal was agreed to.

Councillor Gallen made a lengthy speech in which he mentioned that the shortage of these commodities was due to a shortage of ships.

Councillors Harkin, Scott, and Callaghan, also supported Councillor Greene's motion.

15/43. EXPENDITURE IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Councillor J. D. McNulty proposed the following motion:-
 "That the Council call on the County Surveyor for a report on the work of his Department for the year to 31st March, 1943, showing:-

1. The total amount expended during the year.
2. The proportion spent in each Division of the County on:-
 - (a) Road Maintenance and Repairs.
 - (b) Road Improvements.
 - (c) Other works.
3. The numbers employed and salaries paid to:-
 - (a) Survey Staff.
 - (b) Office Staff.
 - (c) Foremen and Gangers.
 - (d) Labourers.
4. The amount expended for:-
 - (a) Road Metal.
 - (b) Other Materials.

Councillor McNulty stated that he had been listening to a lot of criticism concerning the County Surveyor's Department, and he wanted the full facts made known, so that this criticism would stop. His motion was not a direct attack or an indirect attack on the County Surveyor.

Councillor Scott seconded Councillor McNulty's motion.

The County Surveyor explained that owing to the manner in which his books were kept the information was not readily available in the form required by Councillor McNulty.

Councillor McNulty stated that he would be pleased to accept the information given by the County Surveyor in the form in which it was most readily available.

The County Surveyor stated that he would have the information for the year ending 31st March, 1943, circulated early in April, 1943.

16/43. PROVISION OF SHELTERS FOR TURF WORKERS.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council direct the County Surveyor to provide shelters in the bogs of the County for turf workers to protect them from the rain during bad weather when partaking of their dinner."

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal.

The County Surveyor stated that he was very anxious to do what Councillor Friel had suggested, and he gave an assurance that the matter would have his sympathetic consideration.

17/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF LOUGHINCHIN BRAE, CASHELARD.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Demanding the County Surveyor to state why he did not inspect or pay attention to the dangerous state of Loughinchin Brae, Cashelard, and the state of the road and lands adjoining, as a result of sliding fences on the County Road between Cashelard Church and Carricknahorna, as instructed to do at the November Meeting of the Council."

The County Surveyor stated that the question of this Brae had come up on many occasions. To reduce the grade of this Brae would cost a fabulous amount of money. A sum of about £200 would make the sliding fences safe, and if the County Council granted this amount he would be pleased to carry out the work.

Councillor Callaghan alleged that the Assistant Surveyor for this district was not doing his duty in connection with this matter.

18/43. COVERS FOR LORRIES TRANSPORTING TURF WORKERS TO THE BOGS.

Councillor John Friel proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council direct the County Surveyor to arrange with the Swilly Rail and Bus Co. to cover lorries carrying Donegal County Council employees to and from their work in the bogs or elsewhere."

19/43. COMPLAINT RE PILES OF STONES SCATTERED ALONG THE BALLYSHANNON-BELLEEK ROAD.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Calling on the County Surveyor to have the dangerous piles of stones scattered along the Ballyshannon-Belleek County Road removed at once."

The County Surveyor stated that this matter had already had his attention, and he had given instructions concerning it.

20/43. ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN, AND CHURCH HOLIDAYS.

Councillor Friel proposed:- "That this Council grant payment for all Church Holidays to Engine-Drivers and Flagmen, same as was done heretofore."

The County Manager explained to Councillor Friel that the conditions of employment of these workmen were considerably improved by the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, and the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, and they were much better off now than they were at the time when they were being paid for all Church Holidays.

21/43. INTEREST ON OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION IN CONNECTION WITH TURF PRODUCTION.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council wishes to know from the County Manager how much interest has been paid to the Bank for Overdraft accommodation for Turf Production from the inception of the Scheme up to the present, and if same has to be paid by the ratepayers of the County, or is debited to the Turf Account."

The County Manager stated that a sum of £7,237 :19 :3 had been paid to the Bank as Interest on Overdraft accommodation in connection with Turf Production up to the 31st December, 1942, and that this sum had been charged to the Turf Account.

22/43. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, AND IN PENSIONS.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Calling on the Government to modify the Means Test, and grant an increase in the Unemployment Assistance (Dole); to increase the Widows' and Orphan's Pensions; and to provide Old Age Pensions for all at 65 years; and to increase the existing rate of Old Age Pension to 15/- per week to meet the enormous increase in the cost-of-living."

Councillor Andrew O'Donnell seconded the motion, which was passed.

23/43. REQUEST FOR REPORT ON COUNTY COUNCIL'S TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council wishes to know from the County Surveyor what steps he has taken to ascertain how much saleable turf he has on hands at present; the value of same; and what he proposes to do regarding the huge deficit in the Turf Production Scheme."

The County Surveyor stated that he had made a complete report on this matter to the November Meeting of the County Council, and this report had been incorporated in the Minutes of that Meeting.

24/43. PROPOSED INCREASE IN WAGES OF CARTERS, AND GANGERS.

The Chairman ruled that the following Notices of Motion by Councillor Friel had been dealt with in Minute No. 13/43:-

"That the wages of all carters be increased by 6d. per day as from the 1st April, 1943."

"That this Council pay a bonus of 6d. per day to all road workers, carters, and gangers, as from 1st April, 1943."

25/43. ADJOURNMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JOHN FRIEL.

At his request, the following Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor John Friel were adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council:-

- (1) "That this Council take steps to ensure that their road and turf workers do not have so much trouble before getting the wages due to them, and that the Unemployment Books and National Health Insurance Cards of these men are correctly stamped, and returned to their owners as soon as the period of their employment is finished. Under existing conditions, working men would require a clerk to obtain their wages, Unemployment Books, etc."
- (2) "That in future all ordinary Meetings of the Donegal County Council be held on Mondays instead of on Tuesdays."

26/43. RETURNS REQUIRED BY COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIALS' SALARIES, EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS, ETC.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Manager give full particulars to this Meeting of the County Council of the net amount (including bonuses and Travelling Expenses) drawn by the County Surveyor, Assistant County Surveyors, County Secretary, and all County Council Officials in receipt of over £240 per annum for the past eight years."

Councillor Callaghan also proposed:- "Calling on the County Manager to give this Meeting of the County Council full particulars of the expenditure of County Council grants and Government Grants through the County Council for the past five years, stating the amounts paid out to the Road Surveyors; the amount paid for clerical work in connection with the Schemes; the amount paid to Travelling Gangers and Overseers; the amount paid to ordinary Gangers; and the portion paid to ordinary labourers working on these Schemes."

The County Manager stated that before incurring the necessary expense in extracting the information required, he would require the authority of the Council, and this authority could only be given at a Meeting of the Council, not in a Notice of Motion to come before the Meeting.

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the report be submitted for the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor A. O'Donnell seconded.

Councillor McNulty proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be left over until after the County Surveyor had submitted the report required in Minute No. 15/43, which he had promised to do early in April, 1943. If Councillor Callaghan then desired to raise the matter, he could do so.

Councillor Mahony seconded the amendment, which was put to the Meeting, and carried by a majority.

27/43. PROPOSED WEEKLY PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Council pay its workers weekly instead of the present fortnightly pay system, as it must be considered most unfair to keep a worker three weeks without his first week's pay, while breadwinners with limited means must receive a weekly allowance to purchase the limited weekly rations available, and required for his family."

Councillor A. O'Donnell seconded.

The County Manager stated that only in one other County were the road workers paid quicker than in Donegal. If the resolution were passed the Survey Staff and the clerical staff would have to be augmented. He estimated that the required increases in staff necessary would cost about £1,000.

Councillor Scott stated that the matter had already been before the Council on a letter from the County Councils' General Council, which had been adjourned until the Estimates Meeting.

It was decided to leave the matter over for consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

28/43.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Protesting against the holding of Meetings of the General Purposes Committee in secret, and demanding that in justice to the ratepayers and all concerned, that all future Meetings of this Committee be open to the Press, and that it will be permitted to publish and circulate full particulars of all business transacted through the public press, as the ratepayers are entitled to know of the activities of this important Committee, and at least to get truthful particulars of how their money is being spent."

The proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Callaghan stated that this Committee consisted of the "old gang" who directed the affairs of the last County Council. New members of the Council had been excluded from membership.

Councillor J. B. McNulty stated that as a new member of the Council he thoroughly agreed with the decision to exclude the Press from Meetings of the General Purposes Committee. If there was no Press at the Meetings of the County Council there would be much more useful work done.

Councillor Scott stated that if he had been present when this matter was being discussed on the Report of the General Purposes Committee, he would have supported the proposal to admit the Press.

Further discussion took place on the motion, but the Chairman pointed out that as it was not seconded there was no necessity to put it to the Meeting.

Councillor Callaghan then withdrew from the Meeting in protest.

29/43.

ADJOURNMENT OF MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN.

Councillor Brady proposed that all the remaining motions on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Callaghan be marked "read."

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor J. B. McNulty, it was decided to adjourn until next Meetings, the items on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Callaghan, numbered 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45.

30/43.

GARRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Bryce, Secretary, Garrick Parish Council, stating that he had been asked to apply for the recognition of Garrick Parish Council as an "Approved Council."

The County Manager read the section of the Local Government Act, 1941, which dealt with "Approved local Councils."

It was decided to ask Garrick Parish Council what purpose they had in mind when they wanted to be made an "Approved Local Council."

31/43.

ROAD AT LETTERCRAN, PETTIGO.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, dated 9th January, 1943, referring to the Acting Secretary's letter of the 10th December, 1942, with extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 24th November, relative to a report from the County Surveyor regarding the closing to residents of Eire of a road passing through Northern Ireland territory, near Lettercran, Pettigo, and stating that the proposed improvement of an alternative route had been examined by them. The nature of the proposals and the estimated cost placed the work outside the scope of a Minor Employment Scheme, but the matter had been referred to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for consideration.

Letters were also read from Deputies Daniel Mellonamin and John Friel, both of which were similar to the letter quoted above from the Special Employment Schemes Office.

Councillor Brady stated that it was possible that a grant would be got for this work.

32/43. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CLAIM - JOHN JAMES McGLINCHEY, GORTNALUCK, CASTLEFIN.

The County Manager stated that he had made a provisional settlement with John James McGlinchey for the sum of £200, and he asked the Council's opinion on this matter.

The Council considered the settlement reasonable.

33/43. APPLICATION FOR URBAN POWERS FOR THE TOWNS OF NOVILLE AND LIFFORD.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department regarding proposed dumping ground at Noville, and stating that if it was proposed to avail of the provisions of Section 49 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, urban powers for the purpose should be obtained.

The County Manager's Order No. 918 was also submitted suggesting that the County Council take steps to obtain urban powers for the purpose of providing dumping grounds at Noville and Lifford.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council apply for Urban powers for the purpose of providing dumping grounds at Noville and Lifford.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

34/43. DATES OF ESTIMATES MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND URBAN COUNCILS.

The Manager submitted copy of Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the County Management Act, 1940, fixing the dates for the Estimates Meetings of the County Council, and the Urban Councils of Buncrana, Bundoran, and Letterkenny; and Ballyshannon Town Commissioners. The date for the County Council Estimates Meeting was Tuesday, 23rd February, 1943.

The letter was noted.

35/43. PROPOSED PROVISION OF SHELTER FOR BOATS AT PORTALEEN PIER.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, dated 18th December, 1942, S.W.1/3/39, referring to the Acting Secretary's letter of the 8th December, 1942, with extract from the Minutes of the Meeting relative to the proposed provision of shelter for boats at Portaleen Pier. As the Council were aware, a joint inspection of the Portaleen (Glengad) site was carried out in February, 1940, by the Office of Public Works' Engineer, and Mr. Doherty, Assistant County Surveyor, with a view to devising a scheme for improvements in the Harbour. Discussions took place at Lifford, also, in January, 1941, between the Engineer, and Mr. Coffrey, Chief Assistant County Surveyor, when, at Mr. Coffrey's request, arrangements were made for a further inspection of the site. It was, however, found necessary soon afterwards to transfer the services of the Engineer to special urgent matters arising out of the present emergency, and it had not been possible up to the present to arrange for the further inspection. They hoped, however, to arrange for a joint inspection with a representative of the County Surveyor early in 1943.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Sea Fisheries Association, referring to the Council's resolution re proposed erection of shelter for boats at Portaleen Pier, and stating that the support of his Committee for improved harbourage facilities at Portaleen might be relied upon.

The Council noted the letters.

36/43. MILFORD O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Miss Susan Kerr, Clerk, Milford O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that her Committee had recommended Rev. J. Haughey, C.C., Milford, for appointment as a member of the Committee, in place of Mr. J. B. O'Donnell.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Haughey.

37/43. PROPOSED PROVISION OF THREE BEACONS NEAR ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th November, 1942, referring to previous correspondence relative to the provision of three beacons near Arranmore Island, and stating that owing to the advent of unfavourable weather conditions, work on the beacons was closed down on the 19th October, 1942.

The works remaining to be done were:-

- (a) Completion of some tiling on the upper part of the "Stream Rock" Beacon; and
- (b) The whole of the "Clutch" Beacon.

Work could not be resumed until May, 1943, at the earliest. The cost of the work done to date was £485 approximately. The high cost was mainly attributable to the fact that the weather was consistently bad while the work was in progress; some of the work was washed out immediately after placing, while some of the timber work was washed away during particularly bad spells of weather, and had to be re-placed by new timber. These occurrences added not only to the cost of materials, but also to labour costs in re-placing and re-erecting. The labour output was very disappointing. This was due to the very indifferent workers available, owing to more attractive employment offering on turf work, and the increased agricultural and fishery activities. In addition, delays were experienced regarding timber, sand, and gravel supplies, and the changing of the site for the "Correns Rock" Beacon, on representations made by local interested parties.

The site of the "Clutch" Beacon was completely submerged at even the lowest L.W.O.S.T., and was in a very exposed position at a considerable distance from the mainland. It was anticipated that the erection of a beacon there would present even greater difficulties than at either of the other two sites. Their Engineer estimated the cost of erecting the "Clutch" Beacon, and of completing the tiling of the "Stream Rock" at about £300, but because of the special difficulties mentioned in the foregoing paragraph, it was not possible to give any but an approximate figure. Assuming, however, a cost of £300 for completing the works, their estimate for the entire work would be £785.

The Council had already agreed to contribute 25% of the cost when estimated at £500, and had, accordingly, lodged to their credit, £125. They would be glad to learn whether the Council was now prepared to contribute 25% of the actual cost of the work at present estimated at £785, which would involve a total contribution of £196 : 5 : 0, that is an additional payment of £71 : 5 : 0. On learning the Council's decision in the matter, they would approach the Minister for Finance for sanction to the supplementary grant from State Funds required to complete the work.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

38/43. RESOLUTION FROM LAOIGHIS COUNTY COUNCIL RE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF TRUNK ROADS.

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

"That this Council call on the Government to pass the necessary legislation so that the repair and maintenance of all trunk and main roads be made a national charge as from 1st January, 1944."

The motion was adopted unanimously.

39/43. PRINCIPLE OF FAMILY ALLOWANCES.

A letter was read from the City Manager, Dublin, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by Dublin City Council:-

"That we, the elected representatives of the citizens of Dublin, approve of the principle of Family Allowances, and that in view of existing conditions, we urge the Government to introduce the necessary legislation without delay to enable such allowances to be granted."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McIvor, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

40/43. RESOLUTION FROM THE IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION RE INTEREST ON BANK LOANS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, The Irish Farmers' Federation, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed at the December Meeting of the National Executive of the Irish Farmers' Federation:-

"That as a first step to relief of rates, we demand that all local Bank Loans be converted into non-interest-bearing loans; this to apply to Urban Council as well as County Council Loans."

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

41/43. DYES AND WOOL CARDS FOR THE HOLESPOUN INDUSTRY.

A letter was read from the Gaeltacht Services (Department of Lands) dated 18th December, 1942, T.55., referring to the Acting Secretary's letter of the 5th November enclosing copy of a resolution passed at the Meeting of the County Council on the 27th October requesting the Government to arrange for the provision of dyes and wool cards for the homespun industry in Donegal, and stating that they were arranging that cards which they had at Killoar be given on loan to the Parish Council in Ardara to assist in the carding of wool for the industry there. They regretted that they were unable to do anything in regard to the provision of dyes.

The Council noted the letter.

42/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF SLIPPERY ROADS IN THE AREA OF CREESLOUGH PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. William Durning, Hon. Secretary, Creeslough Parish Council, requesting to have the undermentioned resolution put before the County Council Meeting:-

"We, the members of Creeslough Parish Council, wish to call the urgent attention of the Donegal County Council to the necessity for having the slippery stretches of the road between Creeslough and Derryart, and Creeslough and Barnes Gap, screened, so as to make the road suitable for horse traffic. Creeslough Street is particularly slippery, and as a large fair of cattle and horses is held in Creeslough monthly, the street has become very dangerous for cattle and horses to walk on. Also, now that transport services are almost cut off, farmers who have to deliver grain to Corcreggan Mills with horse and cart are complaining every day of the slippery condition of Creeslough Street, and the roadway over the sections above-mentioned."

A letter was read from Councillor Edward Friel supporting the foregoing resolution from Creeslough Parish Council, and stating that he hoped the County Surveyor would see his way to put some screenings on the worst parts, to save controversy at the Meeting of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated that he had gritted the roads referred to.

43/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES IN THE COUNTY.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Calling for an inquiry into the deplorable state of Labourers' Cottages in the County, and asking the County Manager to have the necessary repairs carried out to the vast number of houses in urgent need of same."

Councillor John Friel seconded the motion.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he had been asked by many tenants affected to bring this matter before the Council.

Councillor Scott stated that he had been Chairman of the Committee of the late Board of Health which had dealt with Labourers' Cottages, and he gave particulars of the work on Cottages carried out by the Board, and the amount of money expended thereon.

He stated that Councillor Callaghan's motion was entirely uncalled for.

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

Confined.

Macl Blaine

Chairman of County Council
23rd February 1943.

THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1943.

44/43.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Broolin, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Gallen, Glenn, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, Lyles, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, McHery, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney.

45/43.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from the Chairman (Councillor Michael O'G McFadden.)

46/43.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Blaney proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of late Canon Duncan, Rector of Lifford, and also to the relatives of the late Messrs. Patrick McGeehan and Francis Dorrien, former Officials of the Council.

Councillor Gallen seconded the resolution, which was passed in silence; and with which the County Manager associated himself on behalf of the Staff.

47/43.

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th January, 1943, were confirmed unanimously.

48/43.

R E P O R T O F S C H O L A R S H I P S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G H E L D O N T H E 1 0 T H F E B R U A R Y, 1 9 4 3.

The County Manager submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on the 10th February, 1943.

He mentioned that the Committee had recommended that each existing University Scholarship be increased by £15 per annum as from the 1st March, 1943, which meant an increase in the Estimates.

It was decided to leave the Report of the Committee over until after the Estimates had been considered.

Later in the Meeting when the Estimates had been considered, and the recommended increase in the amount of the University Scholarships approved of, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting was unanimously adopted, and £7,100:0 each allowed for Scholarships expiring in the summer of 1943.

49/43.

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

A letter was read from Mrs. Walsh, Letterkenny, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of her husband, Mr. Louis J. Walsh.

A letter was read from Miss M. Callaghan, Castlebrane, Ballybofey, thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of her father.

A letter was read from Mr. F. McKay thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of his brother.

A letter was read from Councillor Lyles thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of his wife.

50/43.

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

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th January, 1943, T.103.G., stating that the rate of interest to be charged to Local Authorities for advances made during the continuance of the present emergency by the Irish Banks for the purpose of financing Turf Production had been the subject of negotiations with the Irish Banks Standing Committee. The Committee had decided the following revised rates for these advances, i.e., "Irish Banks Rate varying with a minimum of 3% as from the 4th November, 1942."

The Council noted the letter.

51/43. PROPOSED RAISING OF LOAN OF £2,100 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT DUNGLOE.

A letter dated 19th February, 1943, L.4315/43, Dun no nCall.Pa., was read from the Local Government Department referring to the Secretary's letter in regard to the proposed purchase of a Dispensary Residence for the Dungloe Dispensary District, and stating that the application for the loan made by the former Board of Health and Public Assistance has lapsed since the coming into operation of the Local Government Act and the County Management Act.

It will be necessary for the County Council to make a new application for a loan. A Loan Form is enclosed for the purpose.

As the Dispensary Houses Act, 1879, has been repealed by the Public Assistance Act, 1939, it will now be possible for the Council to acquire for the purpose of the dispensary residence the lands proposed.

There would be no objection to the County Council obtaining a loan from the Local Loans Fund to meet the necessary expenditure.

The County Manager stated that the amount of loan required would be £2,100.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Harkin it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the raising of a loan of £2,100 for the purpose stated.

52/43. APPLICATIONS FOR APPORTIONMENT OF RATES ON PROPERTY.

An application was submitted from the Secretary, Sir John Leslie Estates Co., Glaslough, Co. Monaghan, for an apportionment of rates assessed on a Bank Manager's residence and Bank Office at Pettigo, their property. The Royal Bank gave up the residence under their lease since the 1st May, 1942, but continued to occupy the Bank Office.

An application was submitted from Messrs. Tracy & Logue, Solicitors, Derry, on behalf of their client, Mr. John James Harley, for an apportionment of rates on a land rating at Gabry, part of which was purchased by their client, from Mr. Bernard O'D. Browne, on the 28th December, 1942.

The matters were adjourned.

53/43. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

The County Manager stated that he estimated he would require a sum of £65,000 in respect of Overdraft accommodation for General Purposes for the month of March, 1943.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft Accommodation of £65,000 for General Purposes for the month of March, 1943.

54/43. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION.

The County Manager stated that he estimated he would require a sum of £110,000 for Overdraft accommodation for Turf Production for the month of March, 1943.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation of £110,000 for Turf Production for the month of March, 1943.

55/43. BANK OF IRELAND STOCK IN THE NAME OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, it was unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, "Request for Payment of Dividends" on stock amounting to £449 : 15 : 4 standing in the name of the Donegal County Council in the Bank of Ireland.

56/43. LOAN OF £7,200 FOR THE PURPOSES OF LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS SYSTEM.

A letter dated 2nd February, 1943, was read from the Solicitor to the Board of Works, 51, St. Stephen's Green, E., Dublin, enclosing for execution by the Council engrossed Deed of Mortgage in connection with the loan of £7,200 for the purposes of the Lough Salt Waterworks System, together with forms of resolution required, and approved draft Deed.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the following resolution was passed:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the re-payment of the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1931."

On the passing of the resolution, the Deed of Mortgage was then sealed and signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members of the Council, and countersigned by the Acting Secretary.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the following resolution was then passed:-

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by the Acting Secretary, and that each such Requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Letterkenny Branch of the Hibernian Bank."

57/43. RESOLUTION RE PARTICIPATION OF UNMARRIED MEN IN MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

The following resolution in the name of Councillor McRory was adjourned until next Meeting:-

"That this Council protests against the present unsatisfactory system of the Department of Industry and Commerce, whereby unmarried men are prevented from participating in Minor Relief Schemes and other such works, and at the same time being debarred from qualifying for Unemployment Assistance." (11/43 C.C.)

58/43. ADJOURNMENT OF RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN FRIEL.

The following resolutions in the name of Councillor John Friel were adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council:-

(a) "That in future all ordinary Meetings of the Donegal County Council be held on Mondays instead of on Tuesdays." (25/43 C.C.)

(b) "That this Council take steps to ensure that their road and turf workers do not have so much trouble before getting the wages due to them, and that the Unemployment Books and National Health Insurance Cards of these men are correctly stamped, and returned to their owners as soon as the period of their employment is finished. Under existing conditions, working men would require a clerk to obtain their wages, Unemployment Books, etc."

59/43. PROPOSED PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the General Council:-

"That each County Council be requested to issue forthwith to the County Manager instructions to pay all wage-earners employed on road, bog, or relief schemes, on a weekly basis instead of fortnightly as at present."

As the Council did not provide in their Estimates for 1943/44, the extra money which would be required to meet this work, it was decided to take no action in the matter. (878/42 C.C.) and 61/43 C.C.

60/43.

PROVISION OF THREE BEACONS NEAR ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter dated 24th November, 1942, C.87.30/1/36, was read from the Office of Public Works referring to their letter of the 10th June, 1942, and previous correspondence relative to the provision of three beacons near Arranmore Island, and stating that owing to the advent of unfavourable weather conditions, work on the beacons was closed down on the 19th October, 1942. The works remaining to be done were:-

- (a) Completion of some tiling on the upper part of the "Stream Rock" Beacon; and
- (b) The whole of the "Clutch" Beacon.

Work could not be resumed until May, 1943, at the earliest.

The cost of the work done to date was £485 approximately.

The high cost was mainly attributable to the fact that the weather was consistently bad while the work was in progress; some of the work was washed out immediately after placing, while some of the timber work was washed away during particularly bad spells of weather and had to be re-placed by new timber. These occurrences added not only to the cost of materials, but also to labour costs in re-placing and re-erecting. The labour output was very disappointing. This was due to the very indifferent workers available owing to more attractive employment offering on turf work, and the increased agricultural and fishery activities. In addition, delays were experienced regarding timber, sand, and gravel supplies, and the changing of the site for the "Correns Rock" Beacon on representations made by local interested parties.

The site of the "Clutch" Beacon was completely submerged at even low water, and was in a very exposed position at a considerable distance from the mainland. It was anticipated that the erection of a beacon there would present even greater difficulties than at either of the other two sites.

Their Engineer estimated the cost of erecting the "Clutch Beacon", and of completing the tiling of the "Stream Rock" Beacon at about £700, but because of the special difficulties mentioned in the foregoing paragraph, it was not possible to give any but an approximate figure. Assuming, however, a cost of £300 for completing the works, their estimate for the entire work would be £785.

The Council had already agreed to contribute 25% of the cost when estimated at £500, and had, accordingly, lodged to their credit, £125. They would be glad to learn whether the Council was prepared now to contribute 25% of the actual cost of the work estimated at £785, which would involve a total contribution of £196 : 5 : 0, that is, an additional payment of £71 : 5 : 0. On learning the Council's decision in the matter, they would approach the Minister for Finance for sanction to the supplementary grant from State funds required to complete the works.

The Council agreed in the Estimates for 1943/44 to include a sum of £71 : 5 : 0 to cover the additional cost, and it was decided to so inform the Board of Works.

61/43. ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1944.

The County Manager submitted the Estimates which he had prepared on the prescribed form showing the amounts which, in his opinion, would be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council during the financial year ending 31st March, 1944.

The Council considered the items seriatim under the different headings.

ROAD CHARGES.

The Manager explained that he had included in the Estimate the amount which the County Surveyor had applied for at the October Meeting of the Council.

The Council, at their January Meeting, had recommended that all road workers get an increase of 3/- per week, and this would require an additional sum of £5,100.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the County Surveyor be allowed the amount which the Council decided to allow at their October Meeting, viz., £89,194, plus a sum of £5,000 to cover the cost of the Emergency Bonus to all road workers.

Councillor Craig seconded Councillor Mahony's motion.

Councillor Gallagher proposed, as an amendment, that the amount for Road Charges be reduced to £80,000, and that of this amount £9,000 be taken from the amount estimated for Main Roads and transferred to County Roads.

Councillor Manus Harkin seconded this amendment.

Councillor Baxter proposed, as a further amendment, that the Council adhere to their decision at the October Meeting allowing £89,194, and that this amount cover the cost of the Emergency Bonus to Road Workers.

Councillor J. B. McNulty seconded this amendment.

The Manager stated that on the Agenda were two items relating to the weekly payment of road workers. To meet the extra cost of postage and embossing of Paying Orders would cost at least £1,000, apart altogether from the extra clerical expenses that would be involved.

The Council decided to adhere to the present fortnightly pay system.

Councillor Gallagher's amendment that the amount for Road Charges be reduced to £80,000 was put to the Meeting, and the voting **resulted** as follows:-

For the amendment:-

Councillors Doherty, Gallagher, Harkin, McIvor, McMenamin, McRory, and Scott. Total 7.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Friel (Edward), Glenn, Greene, Hannigan, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Sweeney. Total 18.

The amendment was defeated.

Councillor Baxter's amendment that the amount to be allowed for Road Charges be £89,194, and that this include an amount to cover the cost of the Emergency Bonus, was then put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment:-

Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Glenn, Harkin, Loughrey, Myles, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, McRory, and Scott. Total 13.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Greene, Hannigan, Mahony, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Sweeney. Total 12.

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

Councillor Brady proposed that of the sum of £89,194, a sum of £37,000 be spent on Main Roads, and a sum of £52,000 on County Roads.

Councillor Baxter accepted this proposal.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1944. (CONTINUED).PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

The County Manager explained that the increase under the heading of Public Assistance Charges was largely due to the applications of the outdoor and indoor officials for the Emergency Bonus.

The Council decided to include sufficient only to cover the Emergency Bonus for outdoor officials.

In view of the probability of the introduction of the Family Allowance Scheme towards the latter half of the financial year, it was unanimously decided to reduce the amount for Home Assistance by the equivalent of one penny in the £.

MENTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES.

The County Manager explained that under the heading of Mental Hospital Charges a sum of £1,278 was included to cover the cost of the Emergency Bonus to Attendants.

The Council unanimously decided to allow sufficient money only to cover the cost of the Emergency Bonus for married and widow Attendants, and to allow an extra meal, consisting of supper in the evenings, to all the Attendants.

HEALTH CHARGES.

The County Manager suggested that the Water Rate be increased to 1s/6d in the £. Persons who had water laid on to their houses had a very valuable amenity, and he did not think they would object to the increased rate.

Councillor Craig proposed that the water rate be not increased.

Councillor McRory seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the water rate be increased to 1s/6d.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

On a show of hands, 17 members voted for Councillor Scott's amendment, and 4 members against.

HOUSING CHARGES.

The Council decided to make no change in the Estimates under the heading of Housing Charges.

In this connection, Councillor Brady proposed that the usual monthly return of Rent Collection be published in the Manager's Orders.

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the sum of £3,900, or the equivalent of 3d. in the £., be taken from the Workmen's Compensation Fund as a set-off against the increased charges under General Purposes.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

University Scholarships.

The Co. Manager stated that he had included a sum of £255 in the Estimates to provide for the increase of £15 per annum which the Scholarships Committee had recommended be made in existing University Scholarships as from 1st March, 1943.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the recommendations of the Scholarships Committee be adopted.

Councillor Gullen seconded the motion, and suggested that the increase apply also to Scholarship holders whose Scholarships were due to expire in the Summer of 1943, and that each of those be paid a sum of £7 : 10 : 0.

The County Manager stated that the total increase would then be £285.

It was decided to grant this amount.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1944. (CONTINUED).Irish Tourist Association.

Councillor Scott proposed that the amount provided in the Estimates for the Irish Tourist Association be reduced by a sum of £250 to meet the increases in the University Scholarships.

The motion was not seconded.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the amount provided for the Irish Tourist Association be not altered.

Councillor McNulty seconded.

Councillor McRory proposed that the amount be deleted in its entirety from the Estimates.

Councillor O'Donnell seconded.

On a show of hands three members voted for Councillor McRory's amendment, and nineteen members voted against it.

The amendment was declared lost, and Councillor O'Boyle's motion carried.

Public Libraries.

Councillor Scott proposed that the amount provided in the Estimates for the County Library be reduced by £100.

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the sum of £800 be allowed to stand.

Councillor Sweeney seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and on a show of hands nine members voted for Councillor Scott's motion, and ten members against it.

The Chairman declared the motion lost, and Councillor Mahony's amendment carried by the same voting.

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Manager explained that the County Surveyor had made application to him for the appointment of an additional Engineer to deal with Public Health Schemes, Waterworks Schemes, Labourers' Cottages, and the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The amount of £100 included under this heading was part of the salary proposed. The remainder was included under the headings of Housing Charges, Health Charges, and Public Assistance Charges.

The Council unanimously agreed to the inclusion of the sum of £100.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

The County Manager submitted particulars of the Separate Charges on the prescribed forms, Tables A., and D., and the amounts estimated by the Manager were adopted in each case, with the exception of Killybegs Public Lighting, where it was decided to allow only the equivalent of approximately 12 pence in the £., instead of 18.4420 pence as estimated.

Other reductions in the Estimates to bring the total General Rate in the £. to 204 pence were left in the hands of the County Manager.

Having so amended the Estimates as prepared by the County Manager, on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Council unanimously adopted the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A., B., C., D., and E., and determined in accordance with the said estimate the rates set forth in Column 13 of Tables C. and D. to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1944.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was also decided to seal and sign a demand in Form E.8. on the Urban District of Buncrana for £3,025 ; on the Urban District of Bundoran for, £2,604; and on the Urban District of Letterkenny for £3,008.

62/43. RESIDENCE OF THE ASSISTANT SURVEYOR FOR MILFORD AREA.

Arising out of the discussion on the Estimates, Councillor Baxter stated that he was informed that the Assistant Surveyor for Milford Area was still residing in Letterkenny, although required by the terms of his appointment to reside in the town of Milford.

He proposed that he be asked to take up residence in Milford. Councillor Manus Harlin seconded.

The matter was not put to the Meeting, and no further action was taken.

63/43. ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS TO NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The following items on the Agenda were adjourned until next Meeting of the Council:--

17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46.

64/43. LOAN OF £6,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY, FOR WHICH DEED OF CHARGE WAS EXECUTED BY THE COUNCIL ON THE 24TH FEBRUARY, 1942.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that he would require the full loan of £6,000 to cover payments for machinery received and on order.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

Confirmed.

M. M. J. J. J.

Chairman of County Council.

27th April, 1943.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL, 1943.

65/43.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

66/43.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor Andrew O'Donnell.

67/43.

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

The Acting Secretary having certified on the forms prescribed that the rate in so far as the hereditaments therein assessed were concerned was in conformity with the valuations in force, the Council unanimously decided to adopt such rates as already determined, and as set out in "Notice of Deposit of Poor Rate Books for Inspection, and of Intention to make Rates" (Form R.A.4.), and it was proposed by Councillor Baxter and seconded by Councillor Scott, and unanimously resolved under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of Acts incorporated therewith, and of subsequent Statutes, to allow and make the same in two moieties, as assessed in the Rate Books, for the service of the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1944.

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

68/43.

SIGNING OF RATE COLLECTORS' WARRANTS.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to sign and seal the Rate Collectors' Warrants authorising the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1944, (Form R.A.6.), and the Warrants were thereupon duly signed by the Manager, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

69/43.

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

The Acting Secretary having certified that the Drainage Rates were assessed on the Drainage Districts of Carrowcannon, and Portsalon and Duntinny, in the proportions in which these lands were determined by the Final Award to be liable to contribute, and on the Drainage District of Ballysallagh in the proportion in which these lands were certified by the County Council to be liable to contribute, the Council unanimously decided to adopt such rates as assessed in the Drainage District Rate Book, and it was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Scott, and unanimously resolved to allow and make the same in two moieties for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1944.

70/43.

SIGNING OF RATE COLLECTORS' DRAINAGE RATE WARRANTS.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to sign and seal the Rate Collectors' Warrants authorising the collection of Drainage Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1944, and the Warrants were thereupon duly signed by the Manager, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

71/43. APPORTIONMENT OF RATES ON BANK MANAGER'S RESIDENCE AND BANK OFFICE AT PETTIGO.

An application was submitted from the Secretary, Sir John Leslie Estates Co., Glaslough, Co. Monaghan, for an apportionment of rates assessed on a Bank Manager's residence and Bank Office at Pettigo, their property. The Royal Bank gave up the residence under their Lease since the 1st May last, but continued to occupy the Bank Office.

The County Manager stated that the annual rent paid by the Royal Bank to the Sir John Leslie Estates Co. was £60 until the 1st May, 1942, when the residence was given up, and a rent of £30 has been paid for the Bank Office only.

The Council unanimously decided that half the valuation (£38) on buildings be rated in the name of the Royal Bank, and the other half in the name of the Sir John Leslie Estates Co.; the 1942/43 rates to be apportioned accordingly.

72/43. APPORTIONMENT OF RATES ON LAND RATING AT GEBRY, QUIGLEY'S POINT.

An application was submitted from Messrs. Tracy & Logue, Solicitors, Derry, on behalf of their client, Mr. John James Harley, for an apportionment of rates on a land rating at Gebry, part of which was purchased by their client from Mr. Bernard O'D. Browne on the 28th December, 1942.

The County Manager stated that of a total area of 13a. 1r. 35p., 9a. 3r. 17p., was purchased on the 28th December, 1942, by James Harley. On the basis of area, the valuation of Harley's portion would be £7 : 6 : 0, and of Browne's portion, £2 : 14 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided that valuations of £7 : 6 : 0 and £2 : 14 : 0 be provisionally assigned to the portions of the holding held by Harley and Browne respectively, and that the 1942/43 rates be apportioned accordingly, having regard to the date of transfer.

73/43. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

The County Manager submitted for confirmation the Minutes of the County Council at their Estimates Meeting held on the 23rd February, 1943.

Councillor Baxter referred to Minute No. 62/43 regarding the residence of the Assistant Surveyor for Milford Area. He stated that the Minute was **inaccurate** in so far as it stated that "no further action was **taken**." It was not necessary at that Meeting to put his proposal to a vote, because the Council had already decided that Mr. McIvor reside in Milford.

He proposed that Mr. McIvor be required to comply with the terms of his appointment.

Councillor Manus Harkin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Following this discussion, the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting were confirmed unanimously.

74/43. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS IN WHOSE PRESENCE THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY BE AFFIXED.

Councillor Mahony proposed that **all** the members of the County Council be nominated as members in **any of whose presence** the Seal of the County Council shall be affixed. (Section 17 of the County Management Act, 1940).

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

75/43. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter McGochin, Breonagh, Newmills, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of his brother, Mr. Patrick McGochin, a former Official of the Council.

A letter was read from Miss Mary Anne Dorrigan, Drumfin, Inver, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of her brother, Mr. Francis Dorrigan, a former Official of the Council.

76/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF MARBLE HILL ROAD, DUNFENAGHY.
A letter was read from Mr. W. T. Arnold, Secretary, Dunfenaghy, Portnablagh, and Marble Hill Development and Publicity Association, stating that a deputation would attend the next meeting of the County Council with regard to the present condition of the Marble Hill Road.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the deputation from Portnablagh be heard.

Mr. McCausland addressed the Council as spokesman of the deputation, and complained of the terrible condition of the road which was a tourist road.

Councillor Myles stated that he had written to the County Surveyor on the matter.

Councillor Baxter stated that the Council should apply for a grant for the improvement of this road.

Councillor Scott suggested that the Contingency Fund should be "raided" for a sum to carry out repairs to the road.

The County Surveyor stated that the road could not be improved out of Council funds, as there were not sufficient funds available.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Council request the Department to allocate a grant for the improvement of this road from the Employment Schemes Vote, and that the Irish Tourist Association be asked to use their influence in the matter, as the road was a tourist road.

Councillor Blaney seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

77/43. PROPOSED REVISION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS.

Councillor Charles Sweeney proposed:-

"That the Standing Orders of the Council be amended as follows:-

35. 'The proposer and seconder of any motion or amendment shall be allowed to speak for not more than ten minutes, and each succeeding speaker for not more than five minutes, without the consent of the Chairman, which shall be given only where the question under discussion is of exceptional importance. The consent shall enable the member to continue speaking for an additional five minutes. Any further extension shall require the special consent of the Council, and shall be for a definite period. Such special consent shall be signified without debate by motion put and carried. No amendments shall be allowed.'

37. (d) 'To move the closure. After a debate has continued for not less than half-an-hour a member may ask leave to move:- 'That the question be now put,' and if such leave be given by the assent of the Chairman, the motion shall be forthwith put, and, if carried, any question or questions then before the Chair, shall be forthwith put to the Council.'

Councillor Gallon stated that before the Standing Orders could be amended, a rescinding Notice of Motion would have to be passed.

The County Manager stated that in view of recent legislation it would be necessary to revise the Standing Orders at an early date, and any suggestions which Councillors might wish to make would be carefully considered.

78/43. PROPOSED CLOSING OF TURBARY SCHEME AT TULLYARD BOG, GLENTIES.

The Chairman handed in petition which had been forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Manager of the Turf Development Board protesting against the proposed closing of the Turbary Scheme at Tullyard and Kilreine Bog, and urging that the matter should be considered very carefully. The drainage of the Tullyard Bog commenced about 1936, and a sum of from £8,000 to £10,000 had been expended on it. A further sum of at least £10,000 had been expended by the Turbary Board in constructing a permanent way and railway bridge, and laying four miles of a railway track right into the middle of the bog. It was important that in a congested area such as this as much work as possible should be provided for the able-bodied men. The petitioners requested that the scheme continue as heretofore, and that the rails be not lifted.

The Council decided to support the request of the petitioners.

79/43. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION IN CONNECTION WITH TURF PRODUCTION.

The County Manager applied for overdraft accommodation of £116,000 for the months of April, May, and June, 1943, to cover expenditure on the 1941 and the 1943 Turf Production Schemes.

Councillor Baxter stated that the Council should have been consulted before the County Manager made an Order authorising the production of 55,000 tons of turf during 1943. This Order involved the borrowing of money, which was one of the Council's reserved functions.

He was prepared to propose that the County Surveyor be only authorised to cut sufficient turf during 1943 to meet the needs of the County Institutions, Plant, etc., and an additional 5,000 tons of turf.

A long and heated discussion ensued, in which references were made to the encroachment on certain bogs by the County Surveyor, and the wages fixed for the Turf Scheme, 1943. Councillor Manus Harkin referred to the Heenletterbale Bog, and Councillor Scott referred to Huid's Bog and the Skelp Bog. Councillor Greene stated that the conditions fixed by the County Surveyor were very unfair to the turf workers, and he thought that the County Surveyor should endeavour to meet the workers.

Councillor Breslin stated that he would not agree with Councillor Baxter that turf-cutting operations should be suspended. The Turf Scheme provided a considerable amount of employment.

Councillor Baxter stated that there had been a serious loss on the 1941 Turf Scheme, and although the Government had been asked time and again for a written assurance that the ratepayers would not have to meet the loss, no such assurance had been received, and in view of that, he proposed that only sufficient turf be cut during 1943 to meet the needs of the County, plus an additional 5,000 tons to be sold within the County.

Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal.

The County Manager read a notice which appeared in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 16th June, 1941, which concluded by stating that County Councils would be recouped any losses on Turf Schemes, provided they complied with all Government instructions, and took reasonable precautions to ensure that turf was produced at reasonable cost.

The County Surveyor stated that when he started cutting turf in 1941 he was told by everyone that he could not cut turf; that he could not save it; and that he could not transport it. He had nothing but abuse from all over the County, and yet over 200,000 tons of turf were cut in the County. Had the necessary transport facilities been available, there would have been no loss on the Scheme. The position simply was that if the turf had been got out of the County it could have been sold at less than £1 per ton. The turf had not been got out of the County. A lot of it was now useless as it was in its third year.

Further discussion ensued, and eventually Councillor Baxter amended his original proposal to the following:- "That the Council only grant sufficient overdraft accommodation to cover the cutting of turf for the County Institutions, Plant, etc., plus 5,000 tons for sale within the County, unless the Government give a written guarantee that the Council would not suffer any loss as a result of the 1941 Scheme."

Councillor Manus Harkin seconded the proposal.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the County Manager's application for overdraft accommodation of £116,000 be granted.

Councillor Blaney seconded.

The County Manager stated that the Minister was not going to sanction just what the Council wanted. If the Council refused to raise the overdraft the chances were that the Minister would clamp down on the overdraft, and they would be unable to cut turf even for their own requirements. It would be a very retrograde step for the Council to refuse to cut the 55,000 tons of turf which the Minister had asked them to cut this year.

APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION IN CONNECTION WITH TURF PRODUCTION (CONTINUED).

The matter was put to a vote, and the following members voted for Councillor Breslin's amendment:-
Councillors Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Greene, Hannigan, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McNulty, O'Boyle, and Sweeney. Total 13.

The following members voted against the amendment:-
Councillors Baxter, Doherty, Harkin, Loughrey, McIvor, Mellonchin, and Scott. Total 7.

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

80/43. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL PURPOSES (CONTINUED).

The County Manager stated that he estimated that he would require Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 for General Purposes for the months of May and June, 1943.

He mentioned that no Overdraft accommodation was required under this heading for the month of April, 1943.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 for General Purposes for the period ending 30th June, 1943.

81/43. PROPOSED RAISING OF LOAN OF £3,000 TO DEFRAY EXPENDITURE ON NURSES' DINING-ROOM, WAITING-ROOM, DAIRY, ETC., AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY.

The County Manager asked the Council to approve of the raising of a loan of £3,000 to defray expenditure on the provision of a Nurses' Dining-Room, Waiting-Room, Dairy, etc., at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny.

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| He gave the following particulars of the expenditure proposed:- | |
| Tender of Messrs. Thorbury , Ltd..... | £5,121 : 10 : 0. |
| Architect's Fees..... | 256 : 0 : 0. |
| Advertising..... | 40 : 0 : 0. |
| Contingencies (as advised by Mr. Murnaghan, Engineer)..... | 582 : 10 : 0. |
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| | £6,000 : 0 : 0. |
| Less Grant from Hospitals Sweepstakes Fund..... | £3,000 : 0 : 0. |
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| | £3,000 : 0 : 0. |

The Manager also mentioned that this loan was required to re-place a loan of £2,500 which the County Council approved of on the 30th September, 1941 (Minute No. 982/41 C.C.), but which had not been raised.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McIvor, it was unanimously decided to raise the loan required.

82/43. RAISING OF LOAN OF £6,000 TO COVER PAYMENTS FOR MACHINERY RECEIVED, AND ON ORDER.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that he would require the full loan of £6,000 to cover payments for machinery received and on order.

The County Manager explained that this loan was already approved of, and the Deed of Charge executed by the Council on the 24th February, 1942. The full loan was not availed of at the time, and the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., from whom the loan was being obtained, required that a new resolution be passed by the Council.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the raising of a loan of £6,000 to cover payments for road machinery received, and on order.

83/43. LINKING OF BYE-LAWS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1878.

The County Manager applied to the Council for authority to take the necessary steps to prepare Bye-Laws under the Public Health Act, 1878. (Section 41.)

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Council unanimously decided to give the County Manager the necessary authority.

84/43. TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS, 1934 AND 1939.

Councillor Scott proposed:- "That the County Manager be instructed to take the necessary steps to enable the Council to constitute Planning Districts under the Town and Regional Planning Acts, 1934 and 1939, for the districts of Downings, Fahan, Portnablagh, Portnoo, and Rosknockagh."

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

85/43. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF LANDING-PLACE AT GORTNATRAW, KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, dated 31st March, 1943, S.W.1/3/98, relative to previous correspondence regarding the proposed construction of a boatlip or landing-place at Gortnatraw, Kerrykeel. Their Engineer visited the site on the 16th September, 1942, in company with Mr. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, and discussed the details with him. The remains of a rudimentary landing-place, built of very rough rubble, already existed, and it was proposed to build the new structure on the same site, and as far as possible, of the same materials, forming the site and end-walls of heavy rubble masonry and the hearting of rubble set in 12 to 1 cement mortar, with a 6" surface slab of 6 to 1 concrete. The shore in question was not exposed to heavy seas, and the proposed construction should be quite adequate in the circumstances. The Engineer stated that originally the intention was to form the hearting of dry rubble only, but after discussion Mr. McIvor agreed that it would be preferable to stabilise the hearting by setting it in cement mortar. The County Surveyor's letter of the 8th October, 1942, indicated that this change would increase his estimate of £100 to about £134.

The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the sanction of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote of 75% of the estimated cost of £134 for the proposal, subject to the agreement of the Council to the following conditions:-

- (i) to arrange to have the work carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor;
- (ii) to contribute 25% of the cost, estimated at £134;
- (iii) to accept responsibility for maintenance of the work when completed.

They would like to be notified of the Council's decision in due course.

On the motion of Councillor Loughrey seconded by Councillor Baxter, it was unanimously decided to agree to the conditions laid down in the letter.

86/43. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., enclosing form of "Appointment of Member" to attend the Seventeenth General Meeting of the Company.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to appoint Councillor Lyles to represent the Council.

87/43. AGREEMENT WITH THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association enclosing Local Contribution Agreement in duplicate for execution by the Council.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Agreement under Seal.

88/43. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT PORT (TORMORE).

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, dated 13th April, 1943, S.W.1/3/84, referring to the Council's resolution of the 24th June, 1941, relative to the proposed improvement of the landing facilities at Port (Tormore). Up to the present it had not been possible to have the work put in hands, but it was hoped to carry out the work this year, but owing to increases in the cost of labour and materials, the proposal was now estimated to cost £590 (including a sum for the provision of a right-of-way.)

The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a Grant of 75% of the revised cost, estimated at £590, subject to agreement of the Council:-

- (i) to contribute 25% of the cost; and
- (ii) to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the works when completed.

On the motion of Councillor McFadden seconded by Councillor Brady, it was unanimously decided to agree to the conditions laid down.

89/43. MILFORD OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Miss Susan Kerr, Clerk, Milford O.A.P. Sub-Committee, Moross, Tannoy, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by her Committee:-

"That owing to the curtailment of travelling facilities, the Meetings of the Milford O.A.P. Sub-Committee be held once in two months, instead of monthly as at present."

The Council unanimously agreed to the decision of the Milford Sub-Committee.

90/43. STRANORLAR OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Meehan, Clerk, Stranorlar O.A.P. Committee, stating that his Committee wished to recommend Councillor James McMonamin for appointment on the Committee in place of the late Mr. Francis Callaghan.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Councillor McMonamin on the Committee.

91/43. ACQUISITION OF PLOT OF GROUND AT DUNMORE, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Alex. Agnew, Inspector, Irish Land Commission, enclosing Land Purchase Agreement for execution in connection with the acquisition of a Plot of ground at Dunmore, Falcarragh, on which a Sheep Dipping Bath had been erected.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Agreement under Seal.

92/43. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR GLENN, AND CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR THE COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Councillor William H. Glenn, Drumbarnett, Manorcunningham, tendering his resignation as a member of the Council, as he was giving up his residence in Donegal. During the short time he had been associated with the work of the Council he had formed many friendships, and it was with deep regret he severed his connection with the Council. He wished the members all success in the management of the affairs of the County.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the resignation be accepted with regret.

Councillor Scott seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Councillor McNulty proposed that steps be taken to co-opt a member on the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Glenn.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

93/43. REQUEST FROM GARRICK PARISH COUNCIL TO GET POWERS GRANTED UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1941.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Bryce, Secretary, Garrick Parish Council, stating that the following resolution was passed by his Parish Council:-

"That we desire to get all the powers granted to local Councils under the Local Government Act, 1941."

He stated that two-thirds of the members were either hostile to this or indifferent to the whole thing.

The County Council unanimously decided to adjourn the matter, until such time as the whole Parish Council, or a majority of the members, wished to have these powers.

94/43. REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERINARY DISPENSARIES.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Bryce, Secretary, Garrick Parish Council, stating that their Parish Council had no complaints about Mr. F. McShane, V.S., Donegal, but they pointed out that they wanted a Veterinary Surgeon appointed for the district, or in the event of that not being feasible, they requested the County Council to have a Veterinary Dispensary established.

The County Manager explained that the Council had no power to appoint Veterinary Inspectors to carry out Dispensary work.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Department of Agriculture to revive the Veterinary Dispensaries which existed in the time of the Congested Districts Board.

95/43. PROTEST AGAINST UNMARRIED MEN BEING PREVENTED FROM PARTICIPATING IN MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

Councillor McRory asked to have the following Notice of Motion standing in his name withdrawn:-

"That this Council protests against the present unsatisfactory system of the Department of Industry and Commerce, whereby unmarried men are prevented from participating in Minor Relief Schemes and other such works, and at the same time being debarred from qualifying for Unemployment Assistance."

96/43. ADJOURNMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JOHN FRIEL.

The following Notices of Motion stood on the Agenda in the name of Councillor John Friel, who was not present at the Meeting:-

(1) "That in future all ordinary Meetings of the Donegal County Council be held on Mondays instead of on Tuesdays."

(2) "That this Council take steps to ensure that their road and turf workers do not have so much trouble before getting the wages due to them, and that the Unemployment Books and National Health Insurance Cards of these men are correctly stamped, and returned to their owners as soon as the period of their employment is finished. Under existing conditions, working men would require a clerk to obtain their wages, Unemployment Books, etc."

Councillor Sweeney stated that according to the Standing Orders, when a Councillor was not present, Notices of Motion in his name should not be adjourned.

Councillor Brady stated that it had always been the custom when a Councillor was not present to propose the Notices of Motion standing in his name to adjourn them until the following Meeting, and he proposed that this be done.

Councillor Callaghan seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

97/43. TILLAGE GRANTS IN OPERATION IN THE SIX COUNTIES.

Councillor Callaghan asked to have the following Notice of Motion standing in his name withdrawn:-

"Calling on the Department of Agriculture to introduce Tillage Grants immediately similar to those in operation in the Six Counties, so as to compensate the farmers for their labour, and to assist in making the Tillage Drive a success."

This paragraph amended by J. M. No. 26/43 C.C.

98/43. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS STATE OF TARRED ROADS.

Councillor Callaghan asked to have the following Notice of Motion standing in his name withdrawn:-

"Protesting against the failure of the County Surveyor to take proper steps for the safety of horse traffic regarding the dangerous state of tarred roads, and demanding that immediate attention be given to this matter, and that money devoted for repairs of Main Roads, except for very urgent cases, be devoted immediately to putting the Main Roads in a safe condition for digging, and leaving a margin of four feet untarred on each side of the road."

99/43. RETURN REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1941 TURF SCHEME.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Calling on the County Surveyor to give a full account of the County Council's Turf Scheme up to the 31st December last; the quantity of turf disposed of to that date; the quantity in the bogs; or otherwise in possession at that date; the amount paid out for production up to that date; and returns received up to that date for quantity disposed of; and protesting at the action of the County Council in not having paid the full amount of bog trespass due against them so far; as well as the disgraceful and dangerous condition in which the bogs were left by the County Council."

Councillor Scott stated that he would second the motion if Councillor Callaghan altered the date to 31st March, 1943, instead of 31st December, 1942.

Councillor Callaghan agreed to this, and the motion was passed unanimately.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he would circulate the report when he had it prepared.

100/43. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR HUGH CALLAGHAN.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan asked to have the following Notices of Motion standing in his name withdrawn:-

(1) "That in consequence of Emergency conditions, the time limit for Credit Notes in respect of rates be extended to the end of June."

(2) "That in recruiting labour the County Council do not in future refuse to grant employment to men disqualified of the dole for refusing to go to Kildare Turf Scheme."

(3) "Calling on the Department of Agriculture to take all possible steps to secure as much artificial manures as possible this year, and to ensure that each district receives a fair distribution of the quantity available."

(4) "That considering the deplorable condition of the back roads, an amount which the members of the Council may deem sufficient, be deducted from the Main Road Grant, and devoted towards the repair of the deplorable back roads."

(5) "That this Council view with dissatisfaction the failure of the Department of Supplies to provide adequate supplies of coal and shoeing iron for the blacksmiths, and that we request the Minister to approach the Six-County Authorities, or take other possible steps, to secure adequate supplies of same, and that there be an equitable distribution of the supplies made available."

101/43. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING AT DURNISH AND ROSSNOWLACH.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council make immediate representations to the Irish Land Commission to take steps to relieve the distress of those affected by flooding at Durnish and Rossnowlach, and to make representations to the proper authority to have a sufficient amount allocated for the purpose of taking adequate steps to prevent a recurrence of this disastrous flooding."

Councillor McFadden seconded the motion which was passed unanimately.

102/43. BORDER ROAD AT TIEVEMORE, PETTIGO.

Councillor Callaghan asked to have the following Notice of Motion standing in his name withdrawn:-

"Asking the County Surveyor to give an account of the decision of, or replies received from the Special Employment Schemes Office, Dublin, regarding the Border Road at Tievemore, Pettigo."

103/43. SUPPLIES OF TWINE AND GEAR FOR DONEGAL FISHERMEN.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Calling on the Government to provide an adequate supply of twine and gear to the Donegal fishermen; who are in urgent need of same."

Councillor O'Boyle seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

104/43. KELLY'S QUAY, KILLYBEGS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Calling on the County Council to remove or make representations to the proper quarter to have stones and rubbish placed there removed immediately from Kelly's Quay, which was the only mooring place for the Killybegs fishermen."

Councillor Brady stated that the Department of Industry and Commerce had nothing whatever to do with this part of the foreshore. There was right-of-way there, and the Council could do nothing in the matter.

The County Manager stated that he would call for a report from the County Surveyor in the matter.

105/43. REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF LANDING-PLACE AT ROSBEG.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Calling on the Board of Works to provide a safe and suitable landing-place at Rosbeg, instead of the existing dangerous structure. Rosbeg was a haven of refuge for all fishermen along the south and west Donegal coasts."

Councillor Craig seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

106/43. KILLYBEGS SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Protesting at the manner in which the Killybegs Sewerage Scheme was laid out, and asking the County Council to have the scheme extended to the Niall Ihor National School, for the benefit of over 100 children; and to the Carpet Factory, the only industry in the district for girls."

The County Manager read a report on the matter from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Engineer.

Councillor Callaghan expressed himself satisfied with the terms of the report.

107/43. COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councillor Manus Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager the reason why a Meeting of the Council was not called for Tuesday, the 30th March, as the County Manager was aware that most of the business on the Agenda at the Meeting held in February was adjourned. I will ask the County Manager that in future the Meetings of the Council be called for the last Tuesday of each month as heretofore. Surely the elected representatives of the people have the right to have some say in the affairs of the County, but most of the business seems to be done behind closed doors at present, which in my opinion is not the proper course."

Councillor Callaghan seconded Councillor Harkin, and Councillor Scott also supported him.

The County Manager stated that the position was that County Councils were required under the Local Government Act, 1898, to meet quarterly. At the moment, County Councils were only entitled to perform what were known as "the reserved functions." When there were no "reserved functions" he did not feel justified in calling a Meeting of the Council, which cost anything from £50 to £60.

Councillor McNulty stated that he was thoroughly satisfied with the County Manager's explanation.

108/43. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That this Council withdraws for the future its contribution for University Scholarships in the National University until the Governing Body of that College alters its attitude towards National affairs, and, particularly, the preservation of the native language."

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor Breslin suggested that the Scholarships be awarded at Galway University.

Councillor Craig amended his resolution to read:- "That in future Scholarships awarded by this Council be awarded at Galway University." Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed that the matter be referred to the Scholarships Committee for a recommendation.

The proposal was not seconded.

The County Manager explained that no change could be made in the Scholarships to be awarded as a result of the examination to be held in July, 1943.

Further discussion took place, and the County Manager stated that for Scholarships beginning in 1944 and future years he would be prepared to make an Order requiring students to avail of their Scholarships at the Universities of Galway or Cork, instead of at University College, Dublin.

109/43. ARDNAGESSE ROAD, COPANY, DONEGAL.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Council make a special grant to repair and widen the Ardnagesse Road, Copany, Donegal, and that a deputation be heard on the matter."

A deputation attended before the Council to complain of the condition of the road.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works, with a request that they give a grant for the repair of this road.

110/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CARROWMORE-MALIN ROAD.

Councillor Manus Harkin proposed:- "That I will raise the matter of the Carrowmore-Malin Road again at next County Council Meeting. The County Surveyor stated that the statement made about the condition of this road was grossly exaggerated. I repeat that statement, and I will ask the County Surveyor how much work was done for the £37 he stated was spent on the road lately."

The County Surveyor stated that the following amounts were spent on this road:-

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| Maintenance, i.e. verging and cutting hedges, fortnights ended 18/7/42; 1/8/42; and 7/11/42. | |
| Ganger B. Toland..... | 25 : 0 : 0. |
| Quarrying, breaking, hauling 3 miles, spreading material. Fortnight ended 21/11/1942 | |
| Ganger John McLaughlin..... | 16 : 0 : 4. |
| Sinking and re-building pipe on branch to Logan's, and repairing damaged pipe on Main portion of road. | |
| Fortnight ended 7/11/1942. B. Toland and Gang..... | 15 : 12 : 10. |
| | <u>37 : : 2...</u> |

Councillor Harkin stated that most of the money spent on this road went in supervision.

111/43.

GULDAFF - MALIN ROAD.

Councillor Manus Herbin proposed:- "That in view of a letter which I received from the County Surveyor after his inspection of the Culdaff-Malin Road, which I consider unsatisfactory and disappointing, I will raise this matter at next County Council Meeting. After all, the lives of those who have to pass over this road should be taken into consideration. I defy contradiction when I state that this road is the most dangerous in this County, and is most important, considering the heavy traffic that passes over it. Is it not a fact that thousands of pounds are being spent on roads where there is no traffic nor never will be. Why then does the County Surveyor not take the money required out of the Employment Grants, as there are plenty of unemployed in the immediate district?"

The County Surveyor stated that there were hundreds of roads just as badly in need of large sums being expended on them as this particular road. The Council, in their Estimates, did not provide any money for this road, apart from ordinary maintenance money.

No action was taken in the matter.

112/43.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

In the absence of a quorum, the following items of the Agenda were adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council:-

Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64.

Confined.

Chairman of County Council.
20th June, 1943.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1943.

113/43.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Campbell, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Friel (John), Gallagher, Hennigan, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, Kyles, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, McRory, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney. The Council's Solicitor was also in attendance.

114/43.

ELECTION OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE SEANAD ELECTORATE.

The Acting Secretary submitted the Voters' Roll in connection with above, and voting took place in accordance with the Seanad Electorate (Voting by Councils) Regulations, 1938,

115/43.

CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR THE COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF LETTERKENNY.

Councillor McNulty proposed the co-option of Mr. James H. Cooper, Dungormon, Castlefin, as a member of the County Council for the County Electoral Area of Letterkenney in place of Mr. William M. Glenn who had resigned.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Cooper signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and afterwards took part in the business of the Meeting.

116/43.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony proposed the re-election of Councillor Michael Og McFadden, T.D., as Chairman.

Councillor Campbell seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

Councillor McFadden returned thanks for his re-election.

117/43.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony proposed the re-election of Councillor Blaney, T.D. as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Michael McFadden returned thanks on behalf of Councillor Blaney.

118/43.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Scott proposed the re-election of Councillor J. P. McIvor as Deputy Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor McIvor returned thanks for his re-election.

119/43.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

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

120/43.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

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

121/43.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

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

122/43. ELECTION OF BARONIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIRECTORATE OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

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

123/43. ELECTION OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

The Council unanimously decided to re-elect the General Purposes Committee, consisting of the following members of the Council:-

Councillors Gallon, Hyles, McFadden, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Friel (John), Mahony, McIvor, O'Boyle, Scott, and Gallagher.

124/43. ELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The Council unanimously decided to re-appoint the Scholarships Committee, and to add to it the name of Councillor Mahony.

125/43. ELECTION OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE.

The Council unanimously decided to re-elect the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.

The County Manager stated that it would probably be necessary to make two appointments as Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspectors this year, one for the Killybegs Area and one for the Dungloe Area. He thought it would be better if he could arrange to confer with the local members of the Committee in Dungloe and in Killybegs. This arrangement would save bringing both the members of the Committee and the candidates for the positions to Lifford.

The Council approved of the County Manager's suggestion.

126/43. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27TH APRIL, 1943.

The Acting Secretary submitted for confirmation the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th April, 1943.

Arising out of the confirmation of the Minutes, Councillor Sweeney referred to Minute No. 96/43, and he stated that the second paragraph of this Minute, quoting a statement of his, was not correct. He stated that this paragraph should have read:- "Councillor Sweeney stated that according to Standing Orders when a motion is not proposed it shall not again be considered unless by fresh Notice of Motion; hence adjournment of motions not proposed is contrary to Standing Order No. 43."

The necessary correction having been recorded in Minute No. 96/43, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 27th April, 1943, were confirmed unanimously.

127/43. RESIDENCE OF MR. J. G. McIVOR, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, MILFORD AREA - COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 3209.

Arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council, Councillor Baxter stated that he noticed from the County Manager's Orders that an Order had been made by the County Manager (No. 3209) fixing Letterkenny as the place of residence of Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, Milford, notwithstanding the resolution of the County Council at their last Meeting that Mr. McIvor's place of residence should be Milford, and notwithstanding the terms of Mr. McIvor's appointment.

He stated that the County Manager had cut directly across a resolution of the County Council which was passed long before the coming into operation of the County Management Act, 1940.

He protested most strongly against the action of the County Manager.

Councillor Loughrey seconded Councillor Baxter.

Councillor Scott suggested that Councillor Baxter amend his motion to read "that the matter be referred back to the Co. Manager for re-consideration having heard the views of the local Councillors."

The Co. Manager stated that there had been considerable changes in local administration since the coming into operation of the County Management Act. He proposed to avail more of the services of the Co. Surveyor and his Assistant living in the district for the administration of the Mental Hospital.

He agreed, however, to re-consider the matter.

- 128/43. REPAIRS TO LABOURERS' COTTAGES.
Councillor John Friel called attention to the painting of the doors and windows of Labourers' Cottages. He stated that the tenants were not being supplied with sufficient paint.
The matter was noted.
- 129/43. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING.
The Report of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 27th April, 1943, was adopted unanimously.
- 130/43. PROPOSED RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERINARY DISPENSARIES.
A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 22nd May, 1943, E.2006/43, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of the 27th April re-requesting the re-establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries, and stating that the matter was receiving attention.
- 131/43. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR FOUR HALF-YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1942.
A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th May, 1943, Ref. No. A.7843/43, Dun na nGall., enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the County Council for the four half-years ended 31st March, 1942.
- 132/43. PROPOSAL TO HOLD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON MONDAYS INSTEAD OF ON TUESDAYS.
Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That in future all ordinary Meetings of the Donegal County Council be held on Mondays instead of on Tuesdays."
Councillor A. O'Donnell seconded.
It was decided to inform Councillor Friel that the previous decision of the County Council deciding to have Meetings on Tuesdays would have to be rescinded.
- 133/43. COMPLAINTS RE STAMPING OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOKS AND NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE CARDS.
Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council take steps to ensure that their road and turf workers do not have so much trouble before getting the wages due to them, and that the Unemployment Books and National Health Insurance Cards of these men are correctly stamped, and returned to their owners as soon as the period of their employment is finished. Under existing conditions, working men would require a clerk to obtain their wages, Unemployment Books, etc."
Councillor McMenamin seconded Councillor Friel, and stated that he knew of several cases in his district where men had been deprived of Unemployment Benefit through failure to have their cards correctly stamped and issued.
The County Manager stated that the workers had not been co-operating with the Council in this matter, but in future if any specific cases were brought to his notice he would hold the Official concerned responsible.
- 134/43. REQUEST TO HAVE PROTECTION WALL CONSTRUCTED ON BRIDGE SPANNING RIVER BETWEEN DERRYDRUEL AND LEENACROSS.
Councillor Patrick Campbell proposed:- "That a protecting wall be constructed on the bridge spanning the river between Derrydruel and Leenacross, as this is considered very dangerous."
Councillor C. Gallagher seconded, and stated that he knew the bridge very well, and considered it very dangerous.
The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.
- 135/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE PARISH OF UPPER TEMPLECRONE, AND IN THE LETTERMACAWARD AREA.
Councillor Campbell proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to make a general inspection of all roads, with the exception of the Main Roads, in the Parish of Upper Templecrone and the Lettermacaward Area. We deem this advisable due to the condition of these roads at the present time."
The proposal was agreed to.

136/43. IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO PIERS AT GREENCASTLE.
Councillor Charles Sweeney proposed the following Notices of

Motion:-

(a) "That the Council take steps to erect a protecting wall on the Pier at Queen's Port, Greencastle, and so permit of its use by fishing boats in all stages of weather."

(b) "That the County Surveyor be instructed to report on the nature and cost of the improvements necessary to render the Piers at Greencastle and Moville at all times available for use by fishing boats."

The County Surveyor informed Councillor Sweeney that the Piers at Moville were the property of the Londonderry Harbour Board, and did not come under the Council's jurisdiction.

A deputation in connection with the Greencastle Piers appeared before the Council. The deputation consisted of Rev. R. S. Benson, Dr. R. H. Nolan, and two fishermen.

Rev. Mr. Benson acted as spokesman of the deputation. He stated that the erection of a protecting wall on Queen's Port Pier would solve many of the fishermen's difficulties.

Dr. Nolan stated that there was a tremendous loss of fishing time at Greencastle, and, consequently, a tremendous loss of money, which could easily be rectified by a little expenditure.

The County Surveyor stated that as far as Greencastle Pier was concerned there were two different proposals. The original proposal was for the deepening of the Harbour, about which there had been some difficulty. The second proposal was for the erection of a protecting wall on Queen's Port Pier. The Council had already referred this matter to the Board of Works, but the Board of Works had pointed out that Queen's Port Pier had been handed over to the County Council for maintenance.

Councillor Myles proposed that the Council go ahead with the erection of the protecting wall.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded.

Councillor McIvor stated that the deputation should have held out for the deepening of the Harbour as well as for the construction of the protecting wall.

The County Surveyor stated that a sum of around £500 would be required for the deepening and excavation of the Harbour.

Councillor Sweeney proposed that the Council raise a loan of £700 to cover the cost of deepening and excavating the Harbour, and building the protection wall on Queen's Port Pier.

Councillor Manus Harkin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

It was also decided to ask the Government to give a contribution.

137/43. SALARIES OF COUNTY SURVEYOR, ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYORS, SECRETARY, AND CLERICAL STAFF.

In the absence of Councillor Hugh Callaghan, Councillor Andrew O'Donnell proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"Requesting the County Manager to give full particulars to this Meeting of the County Council of the net amount (including bonuses, travelling expenses, and any other allowances), drawn by the County Surveyor, Assistant County Surveyors, County Secretary, for the last two financial years; and an account of all County Council Officials having over £240 per annum for the same period."

The County Manager stated that he was having the Abstracts of Accounts printed for the four half-years ended 31st March, 1942, and he would circulate these to the members of the Council. They would contain certain information, and if any further information was desired he would be pleased to furnish it.

138/43. APOLOGY FOR INABILITY TO ATTEND MEETING.

An apology for inability to attend the Meeting was submitted from Councillor Hugh Callaghan.

139/43. REQUEST TO HAVE COURT OF REFEREES ESTABLISHED AT KILLYBEGS.

In the absence of Councillor Hugh Callaghan, Councillor Andrew O'Donnell proposed:-

"That this Meeting of the County Council request the Department of Industry and Commerce to have a Court of Referees established at Killybegs for the convenience of the people of South-West Donegal, so greatly handicapped by transport difficulties, and inconvenienced by having to travel to Letterkenny Court."

Councillor Gallagher seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

140/43. DEFICIENCY IN THE TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME.

Councillor Andrew O'Donnell proposed (in the absence of Councillor Hugh Callaghan):- "Requesting the County Surveyor to state what steps he will take to meet the huge deficiency in the Turf Production Scheme."

The County Surveyor submitted the following statement in connection with the 1941 Turf Production Scheme:-

| | Tons. | cwts. | Qrs. | |
|---|----------|-------|------|---------------|
| (1) Quantity produced----- | 185,000 | : 0 | : 0. | (a) |
| (2) Expenditure to 29th May, 1943----- | £172,371 | : 8 | : 2. | (b) |
| (3) Expenditure to complete saving----- | £2,640 | : 0 | : 0. | (c) |
| (4) Estimated cost of production per ton----- | | | | 35/- per ton. |
| (5) Quantity disposed of to date----- | 95,677 | : 7 | : 0. | (a) |
| (6) Receipts from sales----- | £148,742 | : 3 | : 2. | |

The County Surveyor submitted the following notes:-

(a) "While the estimated production on paper was over 200,000 tons, I consider that taking into account certain bogs where men during the latter part of the cutting season in 1941 did not cut their full cubic yardage, that the real quantity cut was somewhere about 185,000 tons."

(b) "This is the expenditure on production, including overhead expenses, such as clerical staff, interest, and general office expenses. It does not include the figure for loading and transport to rail head."

(c) "This is an estimate for the expenditure, including interest, Office expenses, and a small amount on re-handling of turf on the bog up to the 30th June, 1943."

The County Surveyor stated that the Government had already given an undertaking to make good any loss on production of surplus turf produced for sale outside the County, provided that they complied with all Government instructions and had taken reasonable precautions to ensure that turf was produced at reasonable cost.

141/43. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR HUGH CALLAGHAN.

Councillor Andrew O'Donnell stated that Councillor Hugh Callaghan had asked him to withdraw a number of Notices of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda.

The Chairman agreed, and the following items on the Agenda were withdrawn:-

Numbers 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

142/43. RESOLUTION FROM LAOIGHIS COUNTY COUNCIL RE RATE OF INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS.

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

"That the Standing Committee of the Irish Banks be asked to reduce the rate of interest on all the working accounts of the County Council to the same rate as that charged in respect of the Council's Turf Production Account, viz., 3%."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

143/43. RAISING OF LOAN OF £3,000 TO DEFRAY EXPENDITURE ON THE PROVISION OF A NURSES' DINING-ROOM, WAITING-ROOM, DAIRY, ETC., AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY.

Councillor Mehony proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council authorise the raising of a loan not exceeding £3,000 to defray expenditure on the provision of a Nurses' Dining-Room, Waiting-Room, Dairy, etc., at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny; the loan being to re-place a loan of £2,500 the raising of which was approved by the County Council on the 30th September, 1941."

144/43. WATER AVAILABLE FOR DOMESTIC USE AT GREENCASTLE AND AT SHROVE.

Councillor Sweeney proposed:- "That the County Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report on the quality and supply of water at present available for domestic use at Greencastle and at Shrove."

The Council unanimously agreed to the proposal.

145/43. MILFORD WORKHOUSE PREMISES.

An application was submitted from the Donegal Bacon Co., Letterkenny, inquiring if the Council would be prepared to sell them the Milford Workhouse Premises for demolition purposes.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th May, 1943, P.3821/5/43, regarding the question of the sale of the unoccupied portion of Milford Workhouse to the Donegal Bacon Co., and stating that the Minister was not empowered to dispose of Workhouse premises, which were State lands, other than by lease or licence under the State Lands (Workhouses) Act, 1930. The Minister would be prepared to grant a 99 years' lease to the Donegal Bacon Co. on payment of a fine to be agreed upon between the Lessees and the Lessor. Should the Bacon Co. require the whole of the buildings, it would be necessary to dispense with the services of the two Carotakers, and alternative arrangements made for the storing of the County Council's Machinery.

A discussion took place on the matter.

The County Manager stated that the late Board of Health had under contemplation a scheme for the erection of eight houses on that part of the premises adjoining the Main road, and that scheme provided for the demolition of the Gate Lodge.

It was decided to inform the Donegal Bacon Co. that the Council did not approve of giving any portion of Milford Workhouse premises for demolition purposes.

146/43. MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCE IN BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the Acting Secretary stating that the County Manager had instructed him to apply to the Council for their consent to the expenditure of £30 for the purposes of the maintenance of the existing public sanitary convenience in the town of Ballyshannon.

The County Manager explained that no money had been provided for the maintenance of this convenience in the Estimates for 1943/44. There was, however, a credit balance of £22 : 13 : 8 in the books of the former Board of Health, and actually only a sum of £7 : 6 : 4 would be required.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the Co. Manager's application.

147/43. EXECUTION OF DEED OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN OF £6,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter dated 26th June, 1943, was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing Deed of Charge for execution by the Council in connection with the loan of £6,000 for the purchase of Road Machinery. (82/43 C.C.)

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Deed of Charge under Seal.

148/43.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter dated 19th May, 1943, was read from the County Surveyor referring to Rathmullan Pier, and stating that an inspection was carried out recently by a Diver kindly lent by the Londonderry Port and Harbour Board to discover the condition of the piles supporting the structure. The Diver reported that he examined most of the piles, and found that they were badly worn away at the ground line. Most of the piles were apparently wasted away, and were now only about 6" diameter. The original section of these piles was 12" square. This wasting was most pronounced at the ground level, and extended up about 3' above the ground line, from which point they were at their normal section. This Pier was now in an unsafe condition.

A letter dated 21st May, 1943, was read from the County Surveyor referring to his report of the 19th May re Rathmullan Pier, and stating that he should have made it quite clear that repairs were not possible. What was required was re-construction. This would be a very costly job, indeed, running into thousands of pounds. The whole structure, which was built on wooden piles, would have to be taken down, and a new structure with reinforced concrete piles erected. This would be a very difficult job, and one on which the services of a Consultant Specialist in reinforced concrete would probably be required.

The Council suggested to the County Surveyor that he should barricade off the dangerous part of the Pier.

149/43.

WAGES OF WORKERS EMPLOYED AT SHALLOGANS BOG.

A letter was read from Councillor Patrick Campbell suggesting that the men employed on Shallogans Bog be given an additional rise of 5/- per dare, as they contended that a living wage could not be made at 25/- per dare.

He proposed that a Conciliation Board should be set up to deal with the grievances of road and turf workers all over the County, but he mentioned that owing to the abnormal condition of Shallogans Bog the men working there should receive special consideration.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

150/43.

REQUEST TO HAVE BANK REMOVED AND WALL BUILT AT TERMON NEW GRAVEYARD.

A letter was read from Councillor Edward Friel stating that he intended proposing the following motion:- "That a bank, 70 yards long, along the new Graveyard at Termon be removed, in order to widen the road, and that a pitching and wall be built according to specification; cost not to exceed £100."

Councillor Friel stated that three-fourths of the work had been completed by the Parishioners, and only about 70 yards of the bank now remained to be removed. Had the bank not been there it would not have been necessary to approach the Council at all.

Councillor Baxter stated that if the wall was completed without the assistance of the Council two vehicles could not pass each other.

He proposed that the County Manager make a personal inspection of the place himself, and that the Department be asked to sanction a grant for the carrying out of the work.

Councillor Friel seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

151/43.

ROADS IN THE MILFORD DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Councillor Edward Friel stating that he would ask the Co. Surveyor the number of miles of second and third-class roads, which were not under contract or Direct Labour, in the Polling Districts of Aghadachor, Carrigart, Carrowmaghenagh, Cashelcenan, Churchill, Cool, Cranford, Croeslough, Derryart, Derryhassan, Drumbologac, Drumman, Drummaraw, Dunmore, Ednacarran, Faugher, Gaftan, Glassan, Glen, Glendowan, Gortabraide, Illistrin, Killoughcarran, Kilmacranan, Letterleague, Meevagh, Milford, Mulroy, Newmills, Portleen, Rosapenna, Seacor, Termon, and Trenta.

The County Surveyor stated that all the roads were either under Contract or Direct Labour.

155/43. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOUGHANEELY PARISH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from Mr. Matt. McEhaneey, Secretary, Cloughaneely Parish Development Association, Ray, Falcarragh, enclosing copies of the following resolutions passed by his Association:-

- (1) "That all rubbish and dirt be removed from Cow Market at Falcarragh as the market place is in a filthy condition with dirt and rubbish there thrown there by the town people. A suitable dumping-place can be obtained at the shore at Ballyness if the Council got permission of a right-of-way to the shore."
- (2) "Condemning the present method of turf-cutting this year as turf workers cannot make a decent day's wages on same considering the scarcity of foodstuffs. The resolution proposes the County Surveyor and County Manager to alter the conditions to local system of cutting in bogs, that is 3 feet in depth, and 18" in width, and that all available turf workers now would cut whatever amount of turf now required in our local bogs."
- (3) "Asking the County Surveyor to give a detailed account of the sum of £192 spent for the year 1942 on the Carrowcannon Drainage Scheme, for workmen and materials, as the tenants cannot see any work or material for this sum of money."
- (4) "Asking the County Council to have the Veterinary Surgeon's headquarters established at Falcarragh, as the whole area is to be re-changed. Falcarragh is the largest cattle and horse-producing district in Donegal, and one of its largest fairs held monthly. Recently, 11 horses have died without any attention."
- (5) "That the County Surveyor be asked to have the 16 roads, of which a resolution was sent to the County Council in January last, repaired."

The Council ruled as follows on the different resolutions:-

- (1) Referred to the County Manager.
- (2) Referred to the County Surveyor.
- (3) The County Surveyor stated that he would furnish the information required, and his statement was noted.
- (4) No action taken.
- (5) Referred to the County Surveyor.

156/43. APPOINTMENT OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR, MILFORD AREA.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Local Appointments Commissioners be asked to explain the delay in filling the vacant position of Veterinary Inspector in the Milford Area, for which Statutory Request was furnished to them on the 8th June, 1942 (after Mr. Sloan had refused to accept the appointment.)

Councillor Friel (Edward) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

157/43. AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, stating that the following recommendation from the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, had been under consideration:-

"That the Scholarships be awarded on the results of a special examination in Agriculture (written, oral, and practical), and that students to be eligible to compete at the Examination should have passed the Matriculation Examination of the National University of Ireland in the subjects required for entrance to the Faculty of General Agriculture, or the equivalent subjects for the Leaving Certificate Examination."

This recommendation was considered and approved by the Emergency Committee of the General Council, and the General Council had decided to recommend its adoption by the Constituent Councils. If the County Councils awarding Scholarships in Agriculture agreed to this Scheme, the procedure for the examination in Agriculture could be arranged later between the Councils concerned and University College, Dublin.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Committee of Agriculture.

158/43. RESOLUTION PROTESTING AGAINST BUTTER RATIONING.

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

"That this Council protest strongly against the individual allowance of one-half-pound of butter per week, under the proposed rationing scheme, as we consider this amount totally inadequate and can only result in further malnutrition, with consequent deterioration in the health of the community. We further emphatically protest against the manufacture for export of milk products of all kinds until the requirements of the community are first adequately provided for."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Committee of Agriculture.

159/43. INSURED PERSONS' (LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NOMINEES) MEMBERS ELECTORATE.

The County Manager stated that there was a vacancy on the Insured Persons' (Local Authorities' Nominees) Members Electorate created by the resignation of Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, a former member of the temporary clerical staff of the County Council, who had joined the Garda Síochána.

Councillor Scott proposed that Mr. George McDermott, an Engine-Driver in the Council's employment residing at The Diamond, Lifford, be appointed on the Electorate.

Councillor McIvor seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

160/43. RESOLUTION RE WAGES FROM THE KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Acting Secretary, Kerry County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Kenmare Branch of the Labour Party, and adopted by Kerry County Council:-

"That we, the members of the Kenmare Branch of the Labour Party, having read and considered the latest amendment to the Emergency Powers Order relating to wages feel it our duty to protest in the strongest manner against the unfair treatment that is being meted out to workers in small towns and country districts. As will be seen from the enclosed cutting from the daily papers, a worker in the County Boroughs can get an increase bringing his wages up to £3 per week without resort to the Wages Tribunal, while his less fortunate brother in a small town like our own has to feed a family on 35/- per week. We would like to know how those responsible for this Order make out that a man in Kenmare (for instance) can live on 25/- a week less than the man in Dublin, and 15/- and 10/- a week less than in Tralee and Killarney respectively."

The Council noted the resolution.

161/43. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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

"That we, the Kerry County Council, request the Government to release the political prisoners, who are at present on hunger strike, on humanitarian lines, and we also request the Government to release all prisoners confined for political reasons, and who are at present untried, so as to give them an opportunity of exercising the franchise. If any death should occur it would have a seriously disturbing effect on the minds of the people in the present state of tension of the public mind."

On the motion of Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor McRory, the motion was passed unanimously.

162/43. APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The Council noted correspondence from the Gaelic League, Dublin, in reference to the recent appointment of a Professor of Education in University College, Dublin.

163/43. RESOLUTIONS RE MILK AND BUTTER PRODUCTION, AND RE AFFORESTATION.

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

(1) MILK AND BUTTER PRODUCTION.

"That we, the members of the County Council of Waterford, with a view to increasing production of milk and butter, demand that a minimum price of 1ld. per gallon be paid to farmers for milk during summer period, and, with a view to encouraging winter dairying, that a price of 1s/1d per gallon be paid to farmers from 1st October to 1st March."

(a) AFFORESTATION.

"That we urge the Government to make immediate provision for full-scale afforestation. In our opinion, this work, which is of vital national importance, will prove a sound enterprise, provide considerable employment, and be a fruitful source of wealth production."

The Council unanimously decided to note resolution re Milk and Butter Production, and to adopt resolution re Afforestation.

164/43. NATIONAL PARADE AND UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN DUBLIN ON SUNDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1943.

A letter was read from the Gaelic League, Dublin, intimating that they were arranging social gatherings, feiscanna, etc., to commemorate the revival that took place since the foundation of the Gaelic League in the year 1893. A National Parade and the formal unveiling of a memorial plaque will take place in Dublin on Sunday, 1st August, 1943. The County Councils, as bodies which took and take, a prominent part in that revival are cordially invited to send representatives.

The Council decided to nominate Councillors McFadden and Craig as their representatives at the Parade.

165/43. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1943.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum not exceeding £70,000 as Overdraft Accommodation for General Purposes for the quarter ending 30th September, 1943.

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

166/43. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1943.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum not exceeding £90,000 as Overdraft accommodation for the 1941 and 1943 Turf Production Schemes for the quarter ending 30th September, 1943.

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

10/43.

LOAN OF £2,100 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DISPENSARY AND
DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT DUNGLOE.

A letter dated 28th June, 1943, was read from the Solicitor, Office of Public Works, referring to the raising of a loan of £2,100 for the purchase of Dungloe Dispensary and Dispensary residence, and enclosing engrossed Deed of Mortgage for execution by the Council.

Councillor Sweeney proposed, Councillor Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the re-payment of the sum of £2,100 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government Act, 1941."

On the passing of this resolution the Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Deed of Mortgage.

Councillor Sweeney proposed, Councillor Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Letterkenny Branch of the Hibernian Bank, Ltd."

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Confirmed.

Wm. J. McFadden

Chairman of Co. Council.

31st August, 1943.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1943.

168/43.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Friel (John), Gallagher, Gallon, Greene, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McMennanin, McNulty, McRory, Scott, O'Boyle, and Sweeney.

169/43.

C O N D O L E N C E.

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman referred sympathetically to the death of Mr. Daniel Walsh, Dungloe, a former member of the Council, who gave great service to his native Rosses, and he proposed that the sincere sympathy of the Council be extended to his widow and family.

He proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle on the death of his sister, Mrs. Ramsay; to Councillor A. J. O'Donnell on the death of his sister, Mrs. Sweeney, and to Mr. Brian O'Donnell, Ranafast, a former member of the Council, on the death of his wife.

Councillor Mahony seconded the resolutions of sympathy, with which the County Manager and Acting Secretary associated themselves, and which were passed in silence.

170/43.

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

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Donegal County Council held on the 30th day of June, 1943, were confirmed unanimously.

171/43.

C O U N T Y M A N A G E R ' S O R D E R S.

Councillor Friel drew the Council's attention to Order No. 4108 made on the 20th August by the County Manager authorising the setting-off of a sum of 25 : 5 : 8, wages due to Mr. Francis Fallon, Ganger, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh, in respect of rates owing by him to the Council.

He stated that the Co. Manager should have arranged to have the amount deducted by instalments, and not in a lump sum.

The County Manager stated that the sum unpaid was in respect of rates for the year 1942/43, which became due on the 1st October, 1942. He stated that if Ganger Fallon had approached him in the matter and made any reasonable offer it would have received the most sympathetic consideration, but no approach whatever was made to him.

No action was taken in the matter.
Order No. 3821 dated 10th August, 1943.

Councillor Scott referred to Order No. 3821 regarding the employment of four Engineers on Turf Production. He inquired what would be the period of employment of these Engineers.

The County Manager stated that the Local Government Department had made a similar inquiry, and the County Surveyor had informed him that they would be required for a period of three months.

172/43.

M I L F O R D W O R K H O U S E P R E M I S E S.

Councillor Baxter stated that although the County Council, at their last Meeting, had decided not to give the Donegal Bacon Co. any portion of Milford Workhouse Premises for demolition purposes, he now found that demolition was going on, presumably on the authority of the County Surveyor.

The County Manager stated he had no knowledge of this, and that he would look into the matter.

173/43. PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE PORTION OF MILFORD WORKHOUSE GROUNDS FOR THE BUILDING THEREON OF EIGHT LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A letter was read from the Chief State Solicitor, Dublin Castle, enclosing, for execution by the Council, Lease acquiring part of the Workhouse Grounds at Milford, for the building thereon of eight Labourers' Cottages.

The County Manager stated that this arose on a proposal of the late County Board of Health to demolish the administrative block of Milford Workhouse buildings, and to erect thereon eight Labourers' Cottages.

Councillor Baxter stated that he was not in agreement with the proposal. The administrative block could be converted into three good dwelling-houses.

Councillors Loughrey and Mahony supported Councillor Baxter.

Councillors Gallon and Scott stated that the proposal of the late Board of Health had the approval of the representatives of Milford Area on the Board.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter until the next Meeting of the Council; the County Manager and County Surveyor to visit and inspect the site in the meantime.

174/43. LOAN OF £3,000 FOR PROVISION OF NURSES' DINING-ROOM, WAITING-ROOM, DAIRY, ETC., AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY.

A letter dated 27th August, 1943, was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing, for execution by the Council, Engrossment of Deed of Charge in connection with loan of £3,000 for the provision of Nurses' Dining-Room, Waiting-Room, Dairy, etc., at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to execute the Deed of Charge under Seal.

175/43. WEIGHING CHARGES AT DONEGAL WEIGHBRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. F. H. Morgan, Merchant, Ballyshannon, asking to have the weighing charges at Donegal Weighbridge reduced from 6d. per ton to 2d. per ton for turf weighings.

The County Manager stated that Bye-Laws had been made in connection with this Weighbridge, and before the rate for weighings could be altered the Bye-Laws would have to be amended.

Councillor Christopher Gallagher gave Notice of Motion to have the Bye-Laws amended so as to permit a charge of 1/- per lorry load to be made for weighings.

176/43. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation of £70,000 for General Purposes until the 31st October, 1943.

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

177/43. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION.

The County Manager stated that he had estimated that Overdraft accommodation of £130,000 would be required for the Turf Production Account for the period ending 31st October, 1943.

Councillor Friel stated that the County Surveyor should submit a statement to each Meeting of the Council showing the quantity of turf cut in 1941 which were still on hands.

Councillor Scott proposed that a statement be submitted to next Meeting showing the quantity of turf on hands from the 1941 Scheme.

Councillor McNulty proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to grant the application for Overdraft accommodation of £130,000.

178/43. LOAN OF £410 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A HOUSE AND LANDS AT LACKENAGH, BURTONPORT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LABOURERS' ACTS.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed, Councillor Sweeney seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-
 "That the Donegal County Council take steps to raise a loan of £410 for the purpose of acquiring a house and lands at Lackenagh, near Burtonport, for the purposes of the Labourers' Acts; loan to be obtained from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., and to be re-payable over a period of ten years."

179/43. PROTEST AGAINST TARRING OF ROADS IN THE INVER AREA.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, stating that they had been instructed by an Association of ratepayers from the Parish of Inver to attend at the Council Meeting on the 31st August, with a deputation from the Association to secure a hearing from the Council in regard to the protest their clients were making against tarring roads on which they must use their horses in such a manner as to leave the roads unsafe and practically unusable for horse traffic.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-
 "Protesting against the present tarring system adopted by this Council, which is a serious menace to farmers whose horses are being placed in grave danger, and demanding that a margin of four feet be left untarred on each side of the road for the safety of horse traffic, and recommending that the County Surveyor, in addition to leaving a margin of four feet untarred on each side of the new Schemes, take steps to have the sides of the roads already done, dug up in a similar manner."

Mr. J. H. Barry, Solicitor, Donegal, acted as spokesman of a deputation which appeared before the Council in the matter.

Mr. Barry stated that the roads with which the deputation were concerned were from Inver Bridge to Donegal Town, and from Binbane to McGroarty's crossing. For years these roads had been tarred, but heretofore it was not so serious as the farmers could get corks and rubber pads for the horses' hooves, and now there was a greater need for turf, with the result that the farmers using the roads were in trouble all the time. The roads were practically impassable for horse traffic.

The people had held protest Meetings. There was a new stretch of road at Moenagran which the Council were going to tar, and the people attended in a body, and objected to the tarring, with the result that the tarring had been postponed until after that day's Meeting of the County Council.

The farmers had put up certain suggestions, as follows:-

- (1) That no tar at all should be used during the period of the Emergency;
- (2) That grouting was of no use as it wore smooth after a week or so;
- (3) That about 8 or 9 feet be tarred in the centre of the roads, and a margin left on both sides for horse traffic.;
- (4) Raise the sides of the roads and roll in the sides with sand or clay; and
- (5) That the Council show their sympathy to the farmers' case by immediately asking that the Co. Surveyor have the dangerous parts of the roads cleared at the sides.

Councillor Scott stated that there was a resolution on the Council's books instructing the Co. Surveyor to leave a margin untarred on both sides of the roads.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he had brought this matter before the Council earlier in the year but nothing had been done.

The County Surveyor stated that he would visit the sections of roads complained of and see what could be done to improve the slippery parts. He would arrange to leave a margin on both sides of the sections of road, about which the deputation complained.

Mr. Barry thanked the Council for the hearing accorded to him.

180/43. COMPLAINT RE DISTANCES ROAD WORKERS HAVE TO TRAVEL.

Councillor Manus Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor if he is aware that road workers in the Malin area have to travel a distance of 5 and 6 miles to the Culdaff area to work, while at the same time the road workers in the Culdaff Area have to travel to Malin. Who is responsible for this state of affairs, and will the County Surveyor see that this is remedied without delay?"

The County Surveyor stated that this might have happened in a few exceptional cases, where it was not possible to obtain workers in an area where work was in progress.

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

181/43. DRAINAGE OF GORTNARREN OR TEMPLEMOYLE BOG.

Councillor Manus Harkin proposed:- "That I will again raise the question of the drainage of the Gortnarren or Templemoyle Bog at the next County Council Meeting. As this is an urgent matter I will ask the County Surveyor to have this question taken up with the Board of Works again, with a view to having this bog drainage carried out without delay."

Councillor Harkin stated that the work was now in progress, and he wished to thank the County Surveyor and County Manager for the interest they had shown in the matter.

182/43, REQUEST TO HAVE VETERINARY INSPECTOR APPOINTED FOR THE PARISHES OF ARDARA AND GLENTIES.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That the Council demand the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for the Parishes of Ardara and Glenties, with place of residence in either town, as present neglect of failing animals is appalling."

Councillors Gallagher and Campbell stated that as far as they knew the Veterinary Inspector appointed for the Glenties Area did not reside in the area, but in Letterkenny.

The County Manager explained to Councillor Craig that the Veterinary Inspectors appointed by the Council were not in the same position as Dispensary Doctors. They were only paid by the Council for carrying out certain work under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and they were not under any obligation to attend to any cases, other than those coming within the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Councillor Gallagher suggested that Councillor Craig re-draft his Notice of Motion for the next Meeting of the Council.

183/43. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR EXTENSION OF DOOHILL BOG ROAD.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That this Council recommend the extension of Doohill Bog Road, so as to facilitate further use of unlimited bog."

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

184/43. ROAD LEADING FROM DRIMNACROSH TO THE MAIN GLENTIES-ARDARA ROAD AT THE MINES.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That existing road from house of Roarty, Drimnacrosh, to main Glenties-Ardara Road at The Mines be deemed a County Road."

The County Surveyor stated that the road was too narrow and did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925, regarding roads to be declared County Roads.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the County Surveyor apply for a grant for the repair of this road.

Councillor Craig seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

185/43. COMPLAINT RE ROAD FROM NEIL MCCOLE'S, NARIN, TO PATRICK MOORE'S, NARIN.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That existing bye-road from Neil McCole's, Narin, to Patrick Moore's, Narin, be put into repair so as to facilitate people going to Mass, and accommodate others making use of same."

The County Surveyor stated that there was only a sum of £6 allowed for the repair of this road in the Road Works Scheme.

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

186/43. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO NARIN STRAND.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That existing road passing house of Peter McLoone and leading to Narin Strand be repaired to accommodate tourists and removal of sea-weed."

The County Surveyor stated that gravel was being put on this road at present.

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

187/43. CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS APPOINTED SINCE THE YEAR 1923.

Councillor Gallagher proposed:- "That all Rate Collectors appointed since 1923 be placed on a whole-time, permanent, and pensionable basis."

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion.

Councillor John Friel proposed, as an amendment, that no alteration be made in the terms of their appointments.

Councillor Callaghan seconded.

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

For the amendment:- Councillors Callaghan, Campbell, Doherty, Friel (John), and Sweeney. Total 5.

Against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Craig, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McRory, and O'Boyle. Total 14.

No Vote:- Councillors Brady, Breslin, Harkin, and Scott.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the motion was declared carried by the same voting.

At a later stage of the Meeting, Councillor Blaney raised the question of the status of married women holding positions as Rate Collectors. He felt that the resolution would be detrimental to their interests.

188/43. ERECTION OF SHELTERS AND COVERING OF LORRIES FOR TURF WORKERS.

Councillor Friel proposed:- "That this Council wishes to know from the County Surveyor what steps he took to implement his promises regarding the erection of shelters and the covering of lorries for turf workers."

The County Surveyor stated that it was very difficult to get material for shelters. Shelters had been erected in a good many bogs, but in some cases they had been taken down and destroyed. He was, however, looking into the matter.

The Lorry drivers had been asked to provide tarpaulins for the workers.

Councillor Friel stated that the Railway Co. should be asked to provide the tarpaulins.

189/43. PROVISION OF ANCHORAGE FOR BOATS AT PORTALEEN, GLENGAD BAY.

Councillor Friel proposed:- "That this Council ask the County Surveyor to report on the joint inspection as regards the provision of a safe anchorage for fishermen at Portaleen Pier in Glengad Bay. Five boats were recently wrecked in the bay, and the Board of Works promised to send one of their Engineers, in company with the County Surveyor, to inspect and report."

The County Surveyor stated that an Engineer from the Office of Public Works would be in the County on the day following the Meeting, and he would go into the matter with him.

190/43. DISMISSAL OF ANTHONY McEENEY, ANNAUGH, CLONMANY, FROM POSITION AS GANGER.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to grant a sworn inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining why Anthony McEeney, Annaugh, Clonmany, was dismissed from his position as Ganger some time ago."

Councillor Friel stated that this man was in the Council's employment for almost twenty years, and had been a Ganger for seven years. It was hard luck that he should be dismissed without notice.

Councillor Callaghan seconded.

The County Surveyor stated that this man was found to be in charge of a squad of men who were not working. He knew that he was going to be suspended. He had been on holidays for the past few weeks, but he would make inquiries into the position with a view to having McEeney reinstated.

191/43. DISMISSAL OF THREE MEN FROM WORK AT TURF PRODUCTION.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to hold a sworn inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining why Michael Kearney, Glenegannon; James Gibbons, Carrowreagh; and J. Farren, Glenegannon, were dismissed from their employment in Meenahoney Bog some time ago."

Councillor Friel stated that these men were employed cutting turf. When the hard work was over they were dismissed without notice. The Supervising Ganger took it on himself to dismiss these men. He was most incompetent himself, and he (Councillor Friel) could produce a petition asking for the Supervising Ganger's transfer to another area.

He also complained that Michael Kearney's Insurance Cards had not been properly stamped, and that he had been deprived of benefit as a result thereof.

The County Surveyor stated that all he wanted was that men carried out an honest day's work, and that they observed all instructions given to them. These men were employed cutting turf. They were spoken to on several occasions, and the Assistant Surveyor told the Ganger that they were not cutting the turf the proper size, but they persisted in cutting them according to their own idea. They also persisted in cutting turf after the Ganger had left the bog, despite regulations to the contrary. He admitted that the three men in question were very good workers, but they refused to carry out instructions. He had the utmost confidence in Mr. McGrath, his Assistant for that area.

Councillor Friel stated that one of the men was present at the Meeting, and he asked that he be heard. He was Michael Kearney, Glenegannon.

Councillor McNulty proposed that the Council support the County Surveyor to the utmost.

Councillor Myles seconded.

After further discussion it was decided to allow Michael Kearney to put his case before the Council.

Kearney stated that he started cutting turf in April, and had been cutting every day for three months. Mr. McGrath told them twice to cut the two outside turf a bit smaller. He came around again and he told them to cut the outside turf a bit larger. They did everything he told them. They were dismissed without any notice, and the Ganger told them that it was on the Supervising Ganger's instructions they were being dismissed. The Ganger told them also that they were the three men who gave him the least trouble..

Councillor Scott asked Councillor Friel to withdraw his motion, and to propose instead that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for inquiry.

Councillor Friel stated that he would agree to this suggestion, provided the County Surveyor agreed to interview the men concerned, the Ganger, and the Supervising Ganger.

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

192/43.

IMPROVEMENTS AT GREENCASTLE HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th July, 1943, Dun na nGall., L.13837/2/43, referring to the Council's resolution at their meeting on the 30th June deciding to raise a loan for the purpose of carrying out improvements at Greencastle Harbour, and asking to be informed of the statutory authority relied on for the proposed borrowing in respect of the deepening and excavating of the Harbour at Greencastle.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 9th August, 1943, S.W.1/3/104, referring to the Acting Secretary's letter of the 12th July, 1943, enclosing an extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Donegal County Council's Meeting held on 30th June, 1943, relative to the proposed improvement works at Greencastle Harbour, and stating that they would be glad to learn whether the £500 dredging scheme referred to in the extract was the same as that which was under consideration in 1939, and towards the cost of which an offer of a grant of £300 was made to the Council on the 20th September, 1939. With regard to the proposed protection wall for Queen's Port Pier, they were advised that dredging work at the Harbour was more important for the benefit of the local fishermen, and should be carried out before the erection of the wall. The County Surveyor should furnish a plan, specification, and estimate for the £180 scheme for the construction of the protection wall, so that they might be examined by their engineering advisers.

Councillor Sweeney stated that the local fishermen considered the erection of the protection wall more urgent than the dredging. They were anxious that it should be constructed before the winter storms.

The County Surveyor stated that the protection wall would be constructed with as little delay as possible.

193/43.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor dated 28th July, 1943, stating that Father O'Boyle, P.P., Rathmullan, had informed him that there had been considerable inconvenience caused to the people of Rathmullan due to the complete blocking-off of the defective portion of the Pier. Father O'Boyle asked that a small gap be left in the fence to allow passengers to go to and from the ferry service. He had given instructions to Mr. McIvor to allow a small passage-way through the fence which had been erected. He was satisfied that there was no element of danger in this, and he felt that the Council, when they passed the resolution to close off the Pier, had in their minds to close it off to heavy traffic.

Councillor Baxter stated that a lot of seed potatoes would be shipped from Rathmullan Pier in the near future, and if the blocking off of the Pier was rigidly enforced it would mean that the Council would lose a certain amount of revenue, and that considerable inconvenience would be caused to the parties using the Pier. He suggested that the lorries be allowed to use the Pier at their own risk; an agreement to this effect to be signed by the lorry-owners.

The County Surveyor stated that he had warned the Council of the dangerous condition of the Pier, and he was afraid that in the event of an accident the agreement referred to by Councillor Baxter would be worthless.

After further discussion it was decided to leave the matter over, and to ask the County Surveyor and County Manager to interview the local Piers Committee in Rathmullan; the Council's Solicitor to be consulted as to the legal position in the matter,

194/43. PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1943/44 FOR MARGARET DOCHAN,
MEENACLADDY, MEENLARAGH.

The County Manager applied for permission to expend a sum of £42 during the year 1943/44 to provide a Scholarship at Loreto Convent, Letterkenny, for Margaret Dochan, Meenacladdy, Meenlaragh.

He stated that this girl was in 1940 awarded a Scholarship tenable for five years at Loreto Convent, Letterkenny. In 1941 she went to the Preparatory College, Falcarragh, and her Co. Council Scholarship was discontinued. She now found that she was unsuited to the Teaching profession, and she wished to return to Loreto Convent to commence her fourth year's Secondary studies.

The Council unanimously granted the County Manager's application.

195/43. MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM IN RESPECT OF TARRING OF HOUSES IN
DONEGAL TOWN.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that ten claims were recently made upon the Council in respect of alleged malicious damage to houses in Donegal Town by the tarring thereon of slogans. The Gardai succeeded in tracing the perpetrator of the outrage, and he had been forced to make good the damage done. He had also been obliged to pay the costs incurred by the Council in the matter. He suggested that the services of the Gardai in the matter might be suitably acknowledged at the next Meeting of the Council.

The Council unanimously decided to thank the Gardai for their efforts in the matter.

196/43. POWERS GRANTED TO LOCAL COUNCILS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT, 1941.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Carrick Parish Council, stating that at a Meeting of Carrick Parish Council, the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

"That we desire to get all the powers granted to local Councils under the Local Government Act, 1941."

The County Manager stated that Carrick Parish Council did not act for the entire Parish of Glencolumbkille.

Before taking any further action in the matter, it was decided to ask Carrick Parish Council to define the area for which they acted.

197/43. GRANT FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ROAD LEADING TO ARDS PIER,
DUNFANAGHY, WHICH WAS BEING USED FOR THE EXPORT OF SAND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 20th August, 1943, RU/210/78, referring to previous correspondence regarding the repair of the road leading to Ards Pier, Dunfanaghy, and stating that a grant of £2,455, subject to a local contribution of £315, had been sanctioned to be made available from subhead G. of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1943/44. Works No. U.153. had been assigned to the Scheme, and should be quoted in requisitions when applying for instalments of the grant, and in correspondence.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Council make the contribution required.

Councillor Edward Friel seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Baxter asked the County Manager to take steps to see that the owners of the Quarries from which the sand was being exported were rated.

The County Manager stated that he would see that the Quarries and the Pier were rated.

198/43. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer stating that his Committee had recommended the appointment of Mr. J. H. Cooper, Co. C., Dungormen, Castlefin, as a member of the Committee, in place of Mr. William M. Glenn.

On the motion of Councillor McIver, it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Cooper.

199/43. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING FACILITIES AT EIGHTER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 26th June, 1943, S.W.1/3/12, referring to their letter of the 11th December, 1941, relative to the proposed provision of landing facilities at Eighter Island, and stating that a plan, specification, and estimate for the carrying out of the following improvement works had been received from the Office of Public Works:-

- (a) the construction in mass concrete of a Pier about 25 feet long by 15 feet (average) wide by 10 feet high, founded on solid rock at an average depth of about 8 feet below high water springs;
- (b) the removal of a number of boulders lying adjacent to the above-mentioned Pier.

The cost of carrying out the works was estimated at £300. The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a grant from the Emergency Schemes Vote of 75% of the cost, subject to agreement of the Council (i) to contribute 25% of the cost, and (ii) to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the works when completed. The Scheme did not include the provision of a breakwater and low-water landing-steps contemplated in the County Surveyor's original proposal, as the expenditure involved in providing these facilities would not be justified by the local agricultural interests.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed that the Council agree to contribute 25% of the cost of carrying out the improvement works, and to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the works when completed.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

200/43. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT PORT (TORMORE).

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th July, 1943, C.87.137/1/37, referring to the proposal for the improvement of the landing facilities at Port (Tormore), which had been under consideration by the Special Employment Schemes Office, and the County Council, and stating that they had been advised that the Council had agreed to contribute 25% of the cost of the works, at present estimated at £590, and to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works when completed.

They enclosed (in duplicate) form of agreement, plan, and specification for the works for acceptance by the Council by means of a formal resolution. One copy of the Agreement should be signed by the Secretary and returned to them, together with one copy of the plan, specification, and estimate signed by the County Surveyor. They also enclosed a Receivable Order for £147 : 10 : 0 to enable the Council's contribution towards the cost of the works to be lodged.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Loughrey it was unanimously decided to accept the form of agreement, plan, and specification, and to pay the sum of £147 : 10 : 0, being the contribution agreed upon by the Council.

201/43. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT "THE SPINK", OWEY ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 20th August, 1943, C.104. 36/1/42, referring to the proposed improvement of the landing facilities at "The Spink", Owey Island, and stating that they had been informed by the Special Employment Schemes Office that the Council had agreed to contribute 25% of the revised estimated total cost of £400, and also to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the landing-place and of the proposed works when completed. They enclosed form of agreement, plan, specification, and estimate for the works for acceptance by the Council. One copy of the Agreement should be signed by the Secretary and returned to them, together with one copy of the plan, specification, and estimate signed by the County Surveyor. They also enclosed a Receivable Order for £102 to enable the Council's contribution towards the cost of the works to be lodged.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to accept the form of Agreement, plan, and specification, and to pay the sum of £102, being the contribution agreed upon by the Council.

202/43. PRODUCTION OF LIME BY COUNTY COUNCILS.

A circular letter dated 26th August, 1943, No. 101/43, was read from the Local Government Department transmitting copy of Emergency Powers (No. 286) Order, 1943, dealing with the production of lime. County Councils were empowered to acquire unworked lime kilns, and, if necessary, acquire land from which limestone could be quarried, and construct lime kilns. Where there was a shortage of lime for agricultural purposes the Councils could arrange for the production of lime, and could let lime kilns acquired or constructed by them. They were given power to sell any limestone or lime produced by them.

The Order conferred on the Council all the power that might be necessary to enable them to produce lime, including powers of compulsory acquisition of land, the payment of compensation, and the exercise of such rights of way as might reasonably be necessary.

The County Manager should first consult the County Committee of Agriculture as to the need of additional supplies of lime for agricultural purposes in the County, and if there was a shortage he should then report to the Council the steps he proposed to take to remedy it.

Councillor McIvor proposed that a special Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture be called to deal with the matter.

The County Manager stated that the responsibility devolved on him to produce more lime, and he proposed to pass on a good deal of the work in connection with the matter to the Survey Staff, and he thought it would be better if there was a special Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture called, at which he and the County Surveyor could be present.

It was decided to hold a special Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture on Tuesday, 21st September, 1943, and to invite the County Surveyor and County Manager to attend.

203/43. PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from the Minutes of his Meeting held on the 17th August, regarding the provision of Scholarships in the Faculty of Agriculture. The Committee recommended that the County Council offer one Scholarship in the Faculty of Agriculture to be competed for in the manner suggested by the County Councils' General Council.

The County Manager stated that the County Council had already offered a Scholarship in Agriculture, which was much more attractive than the other Scholarships, and in the last ten years only two candidates had availed of it.

Councillor Brady suggested that the County Manager get in touch with the Presidents of the local Colleges, and draw their attention to the fact that a Scholarship in Agriculture was offered by the Council, which was more attractive than the other Scholarships.

Other Councillors suggested that each year one of the four Scholarships to be awarded be reserved for Agriculture.

The County Manager stated that this would be tantamount to compelling the candidate who secured fourth place in the Examination to take Agriculture, whether he wished to do so or not.

It was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting; the County Manager, in the meantime, to get particulars of the Scholarships in Agriculture awarded by other County Councils.

204/43. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that 28th or 29th September had been provisionally appointed as the date of the Annual Meeting of the General Council, and notification of any matters which the Council desired to have placed on the Agenda should be forwarded before the 18th September.

Councillor Gallen stated that the Council's representatives should raise the question of indebtedness on foot of loans.

205/43. GRANT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE, 1943/44 - COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th July, 1943, RU/210/2, referring to previous correspondence relative to the provision of a local contribution for schemes financed out of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1943/44, and stating that the Grant provisionally allocated to Donegal was £37,000, subject to a local contribution of £6,000. The Grant was subject to certain conditions which were set out in the letter, and the work must be completed by the 31st March, 1944.

The letter was noted; the County Manager stating that provision had been made in the Estimates for the local contribution.

206/43. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE FINANCIAL YEAR TO COINCIDE WITH CALENDAR YEAR.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the question of the desirability, or otherwise, of changing the financial year to coincide with the calendar year would be under consideration by the General Council at its next Meeting. They wished to have the views of the Council as to whether such a change would be desirable having due regard to the value of continuity in Public Accounts, and to the administrative difficulties which would be associated with a departure from the existing system.

The County Manager stated that during the present Emergency the making of the change suggested would involve a tremendous amount of difficulty, and he thought the matter should be left over.

207/43. PROTEST AGAINST FOREIGNERS BEING ALLOWED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO THOSE OF IRISH ORIGIN.

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

"That the attention of the Government be directed to the fact that several foreigners, mainly Jews, have succeeded in changing their names to names of Irish origin, and that the Longford County Council protest against this practice being permitted to continue, in the interests of the community."

On the motion of Councillor Sweeney seconded by Councillor McIvor, it was unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

208/43. RESOLUTION SUGGESTING THE CALLING OF A PEACE CONFERENCE.

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

"That we call on the Government to convene a Conference under presidency of His Excellency, Most Rev. Dr. Paschal Robinson, Papal Nuncio, of all accredited representatives of the neutral States to the Irish Government, and that they issue a joint appeal to the warring nations of the world to cease the terrible holocaust that is destroying Christianity and wiping out humanity, and causing death and desolation to countless millions throughout the Universe."

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Harkin it was decided to adopt the resolution.

209/43. IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAINAGE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

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

"That we request the Government to introduce the necessary Drainage Bill to implement the report of the Drainage Commission, as we believe that this work is of a great National importance in bringing a very large amount of land into production, and also having a very great labour content would help to solve the unemployment question in Rural areas."

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

210/43. RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEANAD ELECTION.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That this Council strongly resents the vicious campaign of suspicion in respect of members of the Electoral College to which publication is being given, and calls on Electors not to vote for any candidate for election to the Senate who suggests corruption without being able to support his or her charge."

On the motion of Councillor Sweeney seconded by Councillor Harkin, it was decided to adopt the resolution.

211/43. RESOLUTION REGARDING TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNCILLORS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Kilkenny County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That the expenses of members attending Meetings of the County Council be fixed at one pound per Meeting, subsistence allowance, plus a travelling allowance of sixpence per mile for every mile travelled."

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Harkin, it was decided to adopt the resolution.

212/43. ADOPTION OF BYE-LAWS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1878, AND ADOPTION OF THE TOWNPLANNING ACT, 1934.

The County Manager raised the question of bye-laws to be adopted under the Public Health Act, 1878.

He stated that it might be possible to deal with these Bye-Laws and the Town and Regional Planning Acts at one time. His idea was to adopt the prohibitory clauses in the Town Planning Act, with a view to prohibiting the carrying on of indiscriminate building, more so than to devise any actual plan at the moment.

213/43. DUNFANAGHY O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mochan, Clerk, Dunfanaghy O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that her Committee wished to have Rev. J. McLaughlin, C.C., Falcarragh, appointed thereon in place of Rev. C. McGinley, C.C., recently transferred.

On the motion of Councillor Blaney seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to appoint Father McLaughlin on the Committee.

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Wm Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council

26th October, 1943.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1943.

214/43.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

215/43.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from the Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden.)

216/43.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Blaney moved that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to the widow and relatives of the late ex-Senator John McLaughlin. He stated that the passing of the ex-Senator was a great loss not only to County Donegal, but to the country as a whole.

Councillor Scott seconded the resolution, with which the County Manager associated himself, and which was passed in silence; all present standing.

217/43.

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

Councillor Sweeney proposed the confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 31st August, 1943. Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor Callaghan queried the accuracy of Minute No. 179/43 regarding the tarring of roads. He understood that the County Surveyor gave an undertaking to leave a margin of at least four feet on both sides of all roads.

The County Surveyor stated that he gave no undertaking to leave a margin of at least four feet on all roads. He did give an undertaking to leave a margin of four feet on both sides of the road, of which the deputation led by Mr. J. H. Barry complained.

To put the matter in order it was decided to add the words "of at least four feet" after the word margin in the third last line of Minute No. 179/43.

With this amendment, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council were confirmed unanimously.

218/43.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T O F V O T E S O F C O N D O L E N C E.

A letter was read from Mr. Brian O'Donnell, Ranafast, thanking the Council for their nice resolution of sympathy on the death of his wife.

A letter was read from Councillor A. J. O'Donnell thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of his sister.

219/43.

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

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, for the months of November, December, and January:-

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| November, 1943 | £60,000. |
| December, 1943 | £70,000. |
| January, 1944 | £70,000. |

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the application be granted.

220/43.

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

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £135,000 for Turf Production until the end of January, 1944. He expected to receive a sum of £30,000 or £40,000 from Fuel Importers, Ltd., shortly.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the application be granted.

221/43. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

In reply to inquiries, the County Manager stated that there might not be another meeting of the Council until January, 1944. It depended on whether any reserved business would arise in the meantime.

Councillor Scott stated that he thought there should be a meeting called to deal with the provisional road estimate for the year 1944/45. The County Manager stated that this could be dealt with at the ordinary Estimates Meeting in February.

The Council instructed the County Manager, if it was necessary to have a meeting in December, to have it on Tuesday, the 14th December.

222/43. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF MARKET HOUSE IN CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Manus Herkin proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name, which was seconded by Councillor McIvor:-
"That I will ask that this Council take steps to have that building, known as the Market House, in the town of Carndonagh, removed, as this building is an eye-sore as well as a nuisance. It is a well-known fact that pigs have been kept there for two weeks at a time. There is a blind dangerous corner to the north of this building."

Rev. James Bonner, P.P., Carndonagh, appeared before the Council, as spokesman of a deputation on behalf of the people of Carndonagh, and urged the Council to take steps to have the Market House removed. He stated that it was the unanimous wish of the people of Carndonagh that the building should be removed, with one exception.

The people of the town thought that the County Council should use their powers in the matter. The building created a blind corner between the Neville Road and the Malin Road.

Councillor Scott stated that to his mind this was not a matter for the County Council, and he suggested that the matter be adjourned until the local Committee negotiate with the Landlord, Captain McClintock.

Councillor John Friel stated that he understood that in 1937 the Landlord offered a big portion of this building free of charge.

Mr. Crampsey, another member of the deputation, stated that Captain McClintock visited Carndonagh a number of years ago, and the Market House was pointed out to him. He admitted that the corner was a danger to present-day traffic, and he proceeded to measure on the northern side of the building. Captain McClintock offered the corner at the Market House in lieu of the erection of two lavatories. The proposal came before the local Public Health Committee on a letter from the late Board of Health. The Public Health Committee turned the proposal down, and nothing further was done in the matter.

The County Manager stated that his position was entirely as Manager for the County Council. If the County Council wished him to intervene, he would take up the negotiations where the local Committee had left off. The County Council had power to deal with the matter in several ways. If the building constituted a nuisance, it could be dealt with under the Public Health Acts. It could also be dealt with under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, or under the Town Planning Acts.

The question of finance would, undoubtedly, arise, and if there was a question of compensation he would have to come back to the County Council.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the County Manager.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that he would report back to the Council as soon as possible.

223/43. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD THROUGH A GRAVEYARD AT BALLYMORE.

By the special permission of the Chairman, Councillor Baxter drew the attention of the County Surveyor to a proposal to make a road through a graveyard at Ballymore. He stated that he would like to have an opportunity to take the opinion of the Council on the proposal.

Councillor Baxter said the graveyard was an extension of the old plot, and although only a few bodies had been interred there, the ground had been consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, and the local people felt very strongly that consecrated ground should be interfered with for road improvement purposes.

The County Surveyor said he had prepared an alternative scheme affecting another portion of the Church Body's property, but the Board of Works were of the opinion that the original scheme was the better.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the County Surveyor recommend the adoption of the alternative scheme, and avoid interference with the Graveyard.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

224/43. TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

A letter dated 9th September, 1943, was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that he understood from Minute No. 212/43 that the Council proposed to avail of the prohibitory provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Acts, without actually making a Planning Scheme for the whole or any part of the Planning District. He had now carefully re-considered the matter in the light of the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act, 1939, and he had been unable to find anything to alter the views he expressed in a letter to the then County Secretary on the 30th September, 1937. Accordingly, on the issue raised in Minute No. 212/43, he felt obliged to advise that the "prohibitory clauses" of the Town and Regional Planning Acts were not available to the Council unless and until a Planning Scheme was made, and then, of course, only within the area affected by that Planning Scheme.

The County Manager stated that he had the seaside districts in mind, and also the areas immediately adjoining the Urban Districts.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Manager go ahead with the preparation of a Town Planning Scheme for the districts of Downings, Fahan, Portnablagh, Portnoo, and Rosknowlagh, and the areas immediately adjoining the Urban Districts of Buncrana, Bundoran, and Letterkenny.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

It was also decided to ask the co-operation of the Urban Councils.

225/43. ALIENATION OF LANDS, THE PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AT BACK ROAD, RAPHOE.

The County Manager applied to the County Council for permission to sell the lands owned by the County Council at Back Road, Raphoe, subject to such existing right-of-way, if any,

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to give the County Manager the required permission.

226/43. LOAN OF £3,500 FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF CERTAIN REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CARNDONAGH HOSPITAL, AND FOR THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE OPERATING THEATRE.

The County Manager asked the Council to raise a loan of £3,500 for the carrying out of certain repairs and improvements to Carndonagh Hospital, and for the provision of equipment for the Operating Theatre.

Councillor G. Sweeney proposed:- "That as the conveyance of patients from Inishowen to the Fever Hospitals at present available in the County entails long journeys, productive of much hardship, inconvenience, and, in certain cases, danger to the patients, this Council is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to procure, either by way of loan or from Hospital Trust funds, a sum sufficient to carry out such necessary improvements to Carndonagh Fever Hospital as to permit of its being re-opened."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Harkin, the Council unanimously decided to raise a loan not exceeding £3,500 for the purpose of carrying out the improvements required to Carndonagh Hospital.

227/43. LIFFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL - PROPOSAL TO REALISE CERTAIN INVESTMENTS.

The County Manager drew the Council's attention to his Order No. 4825 dated 19th October, 1943, regarding repairs and equipment required at the County Hospital, Lifford, and he asked the Council for permission to take steps to realise sufficient of certain investments, the property of the County Hospital, Lifford, for the purpose of effecting the repairs and providing the equipment required.

He stated that he was not quite certain of the origin of these monies, but in one recent case the relatives of the donor stated they would be satisfied if a plaque were erected over one of the beds, and the bequest devoted to the general improvement of the Hospital.

If conditions were attached to any of the other monies, it might be necessary to seek the permission of the Commissioners of Charitable Bequests.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Manager get the permission required.

228/43. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS AND INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MILL FOR GRINDING LIMESTONE.

The County Manager applied for permission to expend a sum not exceeding £100 in carrying out preliminary investigations and inquiries in connection with the proposed Mill for grinding limestone.

The Manager stated that he had circulated to the Council a copy of the memorandum prepared by the Chief Agricultural Officer, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Agriculture, the County Engineer, and himself.

Councillor Brady, T.D., referred to a letter which had appeared in the Press from Captain J. S. Hamilton, Ballintra. He stated that the Committee of Agriculture had not committed the Council to the Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the County Manager's application was granted unanimously.

Councillor McNulty suggested that when the County Manager had completed his investigations, a special Meeting of the Council be called to deal with the matter.

229/43. INCREASES IN AMOUNTS ALLOWED IN ESTIMATES FOR KILLYBEGS LIGHTING, AND BALLYSHANNON DUMPING-GROUND.

The County Manager applied for permission to expend the following sums, in excess of what was provided in the Estimates for the current year, in the following cases:-

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| Ballybofey and Stranorlar Public Lighting..... | £15. |
| Killybegs Lighting..... | £35. |
| Ballyshannon Dumping-Ground..... | £7. |

He stated that the estimate for Ballybofey and Stranorlar Public Lighting was based on the cost in recent years, but the cost this season had increased by £15.

A caretaker was being appointed for Ballyshannon dumping-ground, and the cost of levelling-off, etc., for the current year had already exceeded the original estimate by almost £3.

In the case of Killybegs, the Council had reduced the estimate from 1s/6d in the £., to 1s/- in the £., and the proceeds were found insufficient.

Councillor McMenamin proposed that in the case of Ballybofey and Stranorlar Public Lighting, the sum of £15 be not granted.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor C. Gallagher proposed that the amounts required for Killybegs Lighting and Ballyshannon Dumping-Ground be granted.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

230/43. COMPLETION OF BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY BETWEEN CRUIT ISLAND AND THE MAINLAND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department referring to previous correspondence regarding the completion of the bridge and causeway between Cruit Island and the mainland, and stating that a further grant of £450, subject to a local contribution of £60, had been sanctioned to be made available from subhead G. of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1943/44. Works No. U.154. had been assigned to the Scheme, and should be quoted in requisitions when applying for instalments of the Grant, and in correspondence.

In the absence of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was proposed by Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Mahony, and unanimously resolved:- "That the Council agree to contribute a sum of £60 for the completion of bridge and causeway at Cruit Island."

231/43. CONSTRUCTION OF BOATSLIP AT GORTNATRAW, KERRYKEEL.

A letter dated 23rd October, 1943, S.W.1/3/98, was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office referring to previous correspondence relative to the construction of a boatslip at Gortnatraw, Kerrykeel, and to the inspection of the completed work made by the Office of Public Works' Engineer on the 8th October, 1943, and stating that the engineer reported that the work had been satisfactorily completed.

They asked that the County Surveyor should furnish to their Office a certified statement (countersigned by the Acting Secretary) showing the expenditure on the scheme under the following heads:- labour, materials, insurance, other charges.

The County Council should sign and lodge the following resolution:- "The boatslip or landing-place at Gortnatraw, Kerrykeel, having been completed by the County Surveyor to the satisfaction of the engineering advisor to the Special Employment Schemes Office, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby undertake to maintain the said boatslip or landing-place in future."

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

232/43. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT
GOLA ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th August, 1943, C.104.21/1/41, referring to previous correspondence relative to the proposed improvement of the landing facilities at Gola Island. Their Engineer found it necessary to increase the estimate of the cost of the work from £480 to £596 to provide for rises in the costs of labour and materials since last year. The Council's contribution would, therefore, be £149, of which £120 had already been paid. They enclosed a Receivable Order for the additional £29, and they would be glad if this amount were lodged to their credit.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the additional sum of £29 be granted for this work.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

233/43. PAYMENT OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. ROSE KELLY (NEE
McDAID), FORMERLY ASSISTANT IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY, LIFFORD.

The County Manager applied to the Council for a sum of £98 :12 : 3 to provide for the payment of a marriage gratuity to Mrs. Rose Kelly, formerly Miss Rose McDaid, Assistant in the County Library, Lifford.

On the motion of the Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Manager, it was unanimously decided to grant the application.

234/43. MENTAL HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the R.H.S., Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, stating that the Mental Hospital Visiting Committee had recommended the appointment of Very Rev. Canon McGafferty, P.P., and Major J. S. Nyles, to fill vacancies caused by the death of Rev. J. McDaid, P.P., St. Johnston, and the resignation of Mr. William H. Glenn.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor E. Friel, it was unanimously decided to appoint Canon McGafferty and Major Nyles on the Mental Hospital Visiting Committee.

235/43. AILEACH NO. 1 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, Clerk, Aileach No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, asking to have Rev. Joseph O'Doherty, P.P., appointed a member of his Committee, in place of Rev. J. McBride, P.P., who had left the district.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Brady, it was unanimously decided to appoint Father O'Doherty on the Aileach No. 1. Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

236/43. SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

Councillor Scott proposed that Rev. Joseph O'Doherty, P.P., Fahan, be appointed on the Scholarships Committee.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

237/43. STRANORLAR OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Moohan, Clerk, O.A.P. Committee, Stranorlar, Ballybofey, asking to have Rev. J. Finnegan, C.C., Drunkoon, appointed on his Committee, in place of Rev. James Gallagher, C.C., who had left the district.

On the motion of Councillor McKenna it was unanimously decided to appoint Father Finnegan on the Stranorlar Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

238/43. BYE-LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH DONEGAL MARKETS
WEIGHBRIDGE.

Councillor Christopher Gallagher proposed, in accordance with Notice of Motion duly given:-

"That the bye-laws in connection with the Donegal Markets Weighbridge be so amended as to include a charge of 1/- per lorry for weighing lorry loads of turf."

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

239/43. RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR P. C. BYRNE, MALIN, NO. 20 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. P. C. Byrne, Malin, Rate Collector, No. 20 Collection District, tendering his resignation.

On the motion of Councillor Brady, it was unanimously decided to accept the resignation.

240/43. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR, NO. 20 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

In response to the Council's advertisement, the County Manager stated that applications had been received from the following for the position of Rate Collector, No. 20 Collection District:-

Patrick Carr, Doaghmore, Kindrum.

Michael Deery, Ballagh, Malin.

George J. McLaughlin, Cashelgarron, Co. Sligo.

Only one of these candidates, Mr. Patrick Carr, Doaghmore, Kindrum, presented himself for examination in Irish as required by the advertisement, and was certified as having a competent knowledge of the language.

Mr. Michael Deery attended the Meeting, but did not sit the Irish examination.

Mr. George J. McLaughlin failed to attend.

Councillor Baxter proposed that Mr. Carr be appointed as he was the only qualified candidate.

Councillor Loughrey seconded Councillor Baxter's proposal.

Councillor Manus Harkin proposed, as an amendment, the appointment of Mr. Michael Deery, who had been a Rate Collector since June, 1908, in an adjoining district.

Councillor Scott seconded Councillor Harkin's proposal, and stated that Mr. Deery had a very satisfactory record as a Collector.

A discussion followed as to the eligibility of Mr. Deery, and the Chairman ruled that Mr. Carr was the only candidate eligible for appointment.

Councillor John Friel complained that the time allowed for receipt of applications was too short, and he proposed that the vacancy be re-advertised.

The County Manager pointed out that a vote on Councillor Baxter's motion would decide whether or not the vacancy should be re-advertised.

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

For Councillor Baxter's motion:-

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Broslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Gallen, Hannigan, Loughrey, Mahony, McMenamin, McRory, and O'Donnell. Total 16.

Against Councillor Baxter's motion:-

Councillors Friel (John), Harkin, McIvor, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 5.

The Chairman declared Mr. Carr appointed, and the Council accepted as his sureties in a Personal Bond for £223, Mr. Jeremiah Shiels, Milford, and Dr. Michael McMenamin, Tamney.

241/43. DIRECT LABOUR SYSTEM OR CONTRACT SYSTEM ON COUNTY ROADS.

Councillor Patrick Campbell proposed:- "That all roads in this area be grouped into 5 or 6 and put on Direct Labour, and, therefore, eliminate the present-day system of contract for this area, as the present system of contract has failed to keep the roads in fair condition."

Councillor C. Gallagher seconded and stated that he was over the road complained of by Councillor Campbell a few days ago, and it certainly was one of the worst in the County.

Councillor E. Friel proposed:- "That all third and fourth-class roads be put under Contract, and that the grouping system be discontinued, as most of these roads are in a disgraceful state at the present time."

Councillor Friel stated that he considered the contract system the better one, because the County Surveyor could fall back on the Contractor if the road were not being kept in proper repair.

Councillor Baxter seconded Councillor Friel.

The County Surveyor stated that there was a good deal to be said on both sides, but the main crux arose from the fact that not enough money was provided by the Council for the repair and upkeep of the roads.

Councillor Scott called attention to an earlier resolution of the Council deciding to adhere to the contract system.

242/43. CONTRACTORS WHO ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR CONTRACTS,
OWING TO INCREASED COSTS, ETC.

Councillor John Friel proposed:-

"That this Council direct the County Surveyor to release Contractors, who are unable to complete their contracts for the amounts they tendered for, owing to the increased cost of horse-shoeing, repairs to carts, and the fact that the cost-of-living has increased since the date of their contracts."

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

243/43. CUTTING OF TURF IN PLACES WHICH WILL NECESSITATE THE MAKING OF
NEW ROADS.

At the request of Councillor John Friel, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned until next Meeting:-

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

244/43. PORTALEEN PIER.

At the request of Councillor John Friel, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned until next Meeting:-

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

245/43. SUSPENSION OF GANGER McELENNEY, CLONLIANY.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council ask the County Surveyor to report the result of his inquiry into the case of Ganger McElenney, Clonmany, who was dismissed some time ago; where the inquiry was held, and on what date."

The County Surveyor stated that he had not hold any inquiry. McElenney had been reinstated and was now working for the Council.

246/43. COMPLAINTS RE TARRING OF ROADS.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Protesting against the failure of the County Surveyor to carry out the undertaking given by him at the last Meeting of this Council to leave a margin of four feet untarred on both sides of the road for the safety of horses, and calling on the County Council and the County Manager to order strict enforcement of the resolution passed by this Council, to leave a safe and suitable margin untarred on both sides of the roads for horse traffic, as the ratepayers who have a very natural grievance will be forced to carry out their threat of refusing to pay rates, an unpleasant course, but the last resource, in which they will have my full encouragement and support in demanding their rights and liberties."

A letter was also read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing a copy of a resolution passed at his Meeting in connection with the tarring of roads.

Councillor McRory stated he was very sorry that the undertaking given by the County Surveyor had not been carried out in all cases.

The County Surveyor stated that the deputation came along about a particular section of road, and they actually mentioned the portion of road referred to, and he gave them an assurance that he would leave a margin of four feet on both sides, but he gave no such assurance for other roads. He had carried out that assurance for the road referred to by the deputation.

247/43. COMPLAINTS RE CONDITION OF BACKWARD ROADS.

At the request of Councillor Callaghan, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was withdrawn:-

"Protesting at the deplorable conditions of the back roads, and requesting the County Surveyor to have a survey of same carried out immediately with a view to having them put in a reasonable state of repair."

248/43. REPORT ON INQUIRY INTO DISMISSAL OF THREE TURF WORKERS
AT HEENAHONNER BOG, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor John Friel proposed:- "That this Council ask the County Surveyor to report the result of his inquiry into the case of the dismissed turf workers from Carndonagh District, and state on what date the inquiry was held."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-
"As requested by the Council I held an inquiry on the 22nd October into the dismissal of three employees of the Council who were engaged on turf-winning operations at Heenahonner Bog. Those present at the inquiry were:- Mr. McGrath, Acting Assistant Engineer, Mr. John Doherty, Supervising Ganger, Mr. James McGuinness, Ganger, Mr. John McLaughlin, Ganger, and Messrs. Michael Kearney and James Farron, two of the employees dismissed. The third employee was not present as he had left the country.

Evidence was given by the Supervising Ganger, John Doherty, and by Gangers James McGuinness and John McLaughlin as to the general behaviour of the three men who were dismissed. This evidence set out that the three men who formed a turf-cutting team did not carry out the instructions given to them by the Ganger; that these instructions were violated on very many occasions and that they frequently had to be corrected in their work. The instructions given principally concerned the size of sod to which the turf should be cut, and the Gangers stated that this team continued to cut sods of too large a size although repeatedly warned that the cutting of large sods would not be allowed. It was also stated that this team failed to carry out instructions in connection with footing of turf both as regards method in which the turf should be footed, and for refusing to foot the turf on the section of the bog set out for them. It was also stated that Kearney, one of the men dismissed, was one of those responsible for wasting a large quantity of turf in the lighting of a fire for boiling mens' tea, etc., and that the fire made was altogether too large and wasteful for the purpose.

Kearney and Farron generally denied the charges made by the Gangers, though they did admit not separating sods when they were footing the turf, and they also admitted having footed turf in a section of the bog other than that set out for them, and Kearney also admitted he was one of those who signed a memorial drawn up against the Supervising Ganger.

Having heard all the evidence from the Gangers and from the men involved, I am quite satisfied that this team did not co-operate with the Gangers in the cutting and footing of turf on this bog, that they failed to carry out the proper instructions of the Gangers, and that generally they were not amenable to the discipline on the bog.

I consider, therefore, that the dismissal of these men was justified and necessary, if work is to be carried out in a satisfactory manner, and if proper control over our employees is to be exercised. Evidence, however, was given by the Gangers that these men, apart from the general acts of indiscipline noted above, were excellent workers, that they had been previously employed on several occasions by the County Council on other work apart from turf, and their work was always satisfactory.

In view of this, therefore, I feel that sufficient disciplinary action has now been taken, and that these men should be again eligible for any work under the Council."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

249/43. PARAFFIN OIL FOR HOMESPUN WORKERS.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Requesting the County Council and the County Manager to recommend to the Department of Supplies the urgent need for special allowances of paraffin oil to homespun workers, and requesting the Minister to consider the possibility of making an extra allowance as soon as possible."

Councillor McRory seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

250/43. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR SOUTH-WEST DONEGAL.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Requesting the County Council and the County Manager to take steps to have a new Veterinary Surgeon's area established for the outlying south-west Donegal districts of Killybegs, Bruckloss, Kilcar, Carrick, Ardara, Glencolumbkille, Kilclooney, Glenties; and adjoining districts, with a Veterinary Surgeon appointed to reside at Killybegs, as this district has the worst Veterinary facilities in the country."

Councillor C. Gallagher seconded.

A long discussion took place on the matter; and the Acting Secretary pointed out to Councillor Callaghan that Veterinary Inspectors were in a different position to Dispensary Doctors: The Veterinary Inspectors appointed by the Council were only appointed to perform duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts: They were not bound to attend to any other cases. As far as the County Council was concerned, Mr. F. McShane, the existing Veterinary Inspector for south-west Donegal; was one of the most conscientious officials in the Council's employment; and no complaints had ever been received of his neglect of his duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Councillor Baxter stated that it was open to any Veterinary Surgeon to establish a private practice in south-west Donegal, and he proposed that no action be taken on Councillor Callaghan's motion.

Councillor Scott seconded Councillor Baxter.

Councillors Baxter's amendment was put to a vote, and the following voted for it:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Campbell, Friel (Edward), Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McNulty, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 12.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Callaghan, Doherty (Charles), Gallagher, Gallon, and O'Donnell. Total 5.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and the motion lost by the same voting.

251/43. PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOMESPUN INDUSTRY.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Protesting at the action of the Government in taking control of the homespun industry out of the producers' hands, and calling on the Government to alter their decision in that respect immediately, and to allow an open market for the product as before, so that reasonable prices may be obtained to compensate the producers for their laborious work."

Letters were also read from the Secretaries of the following branches of Glana na Talhan protesting against the Government's action:- Glencolumbkille, Killybegs, Meenacary, Lergynasragh, and Carrick.

Councillor McRory seconded Councillor Callaghan's motion.

Councillor McNulty stated that far too much of the Council's time was taken up every Meeting day discussing matters which were not relevant to the business for which the Council was elected, and he proposed, as an amendment, that Councillor Callaghan's motion be not passed, and that the same ruling be applied to all other resolutions which did not pertain to the business of the Council.

Councillor Scott seconded the amendment.

The following voted for Councillor McNulty's amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Cooper, Loughrey, McIvor, McNulty, and Scott.

The following voted against the amendment:- Total 5. Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Campbell, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Gallon, Harkin, Mahony, McRory, and O'Donnell. Total 11.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and Councillor Callaghan's motion was passed non con.

252/43. REPAIRS REQUIRED TO LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Hugh Callaghan was referred to the County Surveyor:-

"Protesting at the poor condition of several Labourers' Cottages throughout the County, and asking to have all urgent repairs carried out, before the hardships of winter set in."

253/43. DAMAGE BEING CAUSED TO POULTRY BY FOXES.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "Directing the attention of the County Manager to the alarming destruction being caused to poultry in several parts of the County by foxes, and that in view of the value and importance of poultry at the present time, the Minister for Agriculture be requested to assist the County Council who will consider suitable steps to stamp out the pest."

Councillor McRory seconded.

Councillor Scott pointed out to Councillor Callaghan that the Committee of Agriculture had already in force a scheme for the extermination of foxes, and he inquired of Councillor Callaghan how this scheme could be improved upon.

Councillor Callaghan suggested that the L.D.F. be brought to the assistance of the farmers by arranging shooting parties.

The motion was passed nem con.

254/43. EXPORT OF POTATOES.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That in view of the threatened food shortage in this country arising from the loss of crops through rain, and the scarcity of artificial manures, the Government be asked to take immediate steps to ensure that no potatoes or oats, which can be used by our own people, be exported during the coming twelve months, as if our crops, so urgently required for our own people, are allowed out of the County, there will inevitably be hunger and famine in several parts of Donegal, especially along the south and west coasts, where in several districts, this season's potato crop will not be worth digging."

Councillor Sweeney seconded.

Councillor McNulty stated that the matter was not relevant to the business of the Council, and he proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be not discussed.

Councillor Baxter seconded the amendment.

The following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Friel (Edward), Cooper, Harkin, Loughrey, Mahony, McIvor, McNulty, and Scott. Total 10.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Callaghan, Doherty, McRory, O'Donnell, and Sweeney. Total 5.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and the motion lost by the same voting.

255/43. PRICES PAID BY IRISH SEA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION.

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

"Calling on the Department of Fisheries to force the Irish Sea Fisheries Association to pay to the fishermen engaged by them, the ruling prices paid by private buyers so that the fishermen may realise the full value of their catches, and also to take steps to ensure that all owners of fishing boats receive an equitable supply of the gear available, and to strive to increase the present poor supply soon and as far as possible."

256/43. REQUEST TO GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE OLD AGE PENSIONS, ETC.

Councillor Callaghan proposed, Councillor McRory seconded, and it was unanimously agreed:-

"That in view of the increased and increasing cost-of-living, this Council requests the Government to introduce legislation to increase the Old Age Pension to 15/- per week, and to grant same at 65 years of age; to increase the Home Assistance and National Health Insurance Benefit; to increase the Blind Pension to 15/- per week; also to increase the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions; and to increase the dole (Unemployment Assistance), particularly in the case of married men, and to modify the means test, in keeping with the principles of a Christian Social Order."

257/43. EMPLOYMENT OF MARRIED MEN ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That in view of the severe weather and hardships prevailing for several reasons, the County Council and County Manager will make a rule, and make representations to the Department of Industry and Commerce that for labour carried out on all Minor Relief Schemes through the County Council, young men be recruited from the Labour Exchange instead of married men, except in the cases of voluntary applications for employment by married dole recipients."

Councillor McRory stated that he would second the motion if Councillor Callaghan amended it to read that it be optional for married men to take up work on Employment Schemes.

The Chairman refused to allow the motion to be amended, and he ruled that the next business be proceeded with.

258/43. PETROL SUPPLIES FOR LORRY-OWNERS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed, Councillor McRory seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council recommend to the Minister for Supplies to consider the possibility of granting, as early as possible, an increased allowance of petrol to hackney motor-owners and lorry-owners, especially in the cases of districts where there is a small number of hackney cars, and the cases of lorries engaged in hauling goods long distances, such as the route of 15 miles from Killybegs Railway Station to Glencolumbkille."

259/43. FLOUR FOR SOUTH-WEST DONEGAL.

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

"That the members of this Council recommend to the Minister for Supplies the urgent necessity of granting an extra allowance of flour to the poor mountainous districts of west and south-west Donegal, where the potatoe crop has been a failure."

260/43. PROPOSAL TO INCREASE WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council take a sympathetic view of the terrible hardships of the workers, and to meet the increased and increasing cost-of-living, and in accordance with the principles laid down in the Papal Encyclicals, the wages of all County Council workers (Labourers, Gangers, Carters, and Machinery Workers) be increased by not less than 5/- per week; and representations made to the proper Authorities to have the wages of workers on Land Commission and Minor Relief Schemes increased accordingly."

It was decided to adjourn the matter until the February Meeting of the County Council when the Estimates for 1944/45 would be under consideration.

261/43. ARTIFICIAL MANURES.

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

"That in view of the failure of the potatoe crop in many areas this season, as a result of the shortage of artificial manures, this Council strongly requests the Minister for Agriculture to grant an increased allowance of artificial manures for the poor districts of south and west Donegal, where without a proper dressing of artificial manures the labour of the farmers on the small uneconomic holdings will be in vain, and respectfully suggest to the Minister for Agriculture to approach the Northern Ireland Authorities as early as possible with a view to securing extra supplies by barter or otherwise."

262/43.

METHOD OF APPOINTING GANGERS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That in appointing Gangers for periodical employment on Minor Employment Schemes, the County Surveyor engage only suitable married men registered for Dole (Unemployment Assistance), as the fact of their being registered for Dole proves their claim to steady employment and high wages; and as also the manner of appointing Gangers for some years past has been very unsatisfactory."

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor, who stated that he would retain the right to appoint as Gangers whoever he considered the best. He strongly resented the allegations of Councillor Callaghan that politics had anything to do with the appointment of Gangers, and he invited Councillor Callaghan to give him a list of names of men who were alleged to have been appointed as Gangers on political grounds.

263/43.

PROPOSAL TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE.

The Council decided to adjourn until their next Meeting consideration of letters dated 17th May, 1943, and 9th October, 1943, from the County Councils' General Council regarding the awarding of Scholarships in the Faculty of Agriculture, together with summary showing action taken by other County Councils in this matter.

264/43.

PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE PORTION OF MILFORD WORKHOUSE PREMISES FOR THE BUILDING THEREON OF EIGHT LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

As requested by the Council at their last Meeting, the County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The County Manager, Councillor Baxter, and myself visited Milford Workhouse with a view to coming to a decision as to whether it would be wise and feasible to convert the administrative buildings for the purpose of living accommodation under the Labourers' Acts, and also as to what should be done with the main body of the Workhouse buildings.

I am of the opinion that the conversion of the administrative buildings into a separate number of living quarters should not be undertaken. I do not think that this building is suitable for conversion. In my opinion any conversion that might be attempted would be unsatisfactory, and I think it would be much cheaper and better in the long run, if it is desired to build on this site, to demolish the administrative buildings and construct new cottages, properly designed and laid out.

I am also of the opinion that the main body of the Workhouse buildings should be taken down, and any materials which might be salvaged from the demolition should be either sold, or used, if suitable, in the construction of any houses the Council may have in hands. Alternatively, it could be decided to sell the main buildings to any contractor for the purpose of demolition with a suitable proviso as to the clearing of the site.

I suggest, however, that if it is decided to demolish the main buildings that an exception should be made to the portion which the County Council are using as a machinery workshop."

Councillor Baxter proposed that the report be incorporated in the Minutes of the Meeting, and that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting.

Councillor Loughrey seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously. (173/43 G.C.)

265/43.

COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th August, 1943, R/RS/7, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister under Sections 11 and 32 of the Local Government Act, 1941, in respect of the County Engineering Services.

The letter was noted.

266/43.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

As requested by the Council in Minute No. 193/43, the County Surveyor submitted the following report re above:-

"The County Manager and myself, accompanied by Rev. Father Boyle, P.P., Charles Deoney, Harbour Master, and Mr. Edward Deoney of Rathmullan, inspected Rathmullan Pier, and discussed the various problems in connection with the re-construction of the Pier, and what steps might be taken to render the Pier suitable for existing traffic.

It was generally agreed that the re-construction of the whole Pier in reinforced concrete would not be warranted owing to the high cost involved, and it was suggested that consideration might be given for the re-construction of portion of the Pier at a later date when materials could be procured for this work. If it is found advisable to re-construct portion of this Pier as suggested, careful consideration would have to be given as to the cost of the work and the relation of this capital cost to the amount of traffic using the Port. In the meantime, it was suggested that facilities not involving a very considerable outlay might be provided for the quick loading and unloading of goods at this Pier, bearing in mind that lorries cannot be allowed to enter on the condemned portion of the timber "dolphins."

I am giving consideration to this matter, and will, if necessary, submit a further report to the Council at their next Meeting."

The Council noted the report.

267/43. PROVISION OF TARPAULINS FOR LORRIES CARRYING TURF WORKERS.

A letter was read from the Manager, Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co., acknowledging receipt of Minute No. 188/43 of the County Council at their last Meeting asking the Company to provide tarpaulins for lorries carrying turf workers. He could not trace any Railway Lorries having been engaged on transport of turf workers for a long time past. He was aware that other private lorries in the Buncrana Area were so engaged.

The letter was noted.

268/43. STATUE OF QUEEN VICTORIA IN FRONT OF LEINSTER HOUSE.

A letter was read from the Dublin City Manager and Town Clerk enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by Dublin City Council:-

"That, having regard to the changed political status of this country, we, the elected representatives of the Capital City of Ireland, request the Government to have the monument to the late English Queen Victoria removed from its site in front of the Parliament House, and to have a fitting memorial to Lord Edward Fitzgerald erected in its stead in front of his family home."

The letter was noted.

269/43. RESOLUTION RE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE HOMES OF RURAL EIRE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Tipperary S. R. County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That owing to the scarcity of water and the drudgery it entails, the Government be asked to make a National survey with a view to supplying water to the homes of Rural Eire."

The letter was noted.

270/43. MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

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

"That the Public Health Authorities be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of Primary School buildings and premises, including repairs, heating, lighting, cleaning, and sanitation."

The Council decided to refuse to adopt the resolution.

271/43.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1940.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Carlow County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That the democratic control of Local Government affairs, placed in the hands of the elected representatives of the people by the Local Government Act, 1898, be handed back to the people by the immediate abolition of the County Management Act, 1940. The Council consider that the elected representatives are fully capable of dealing with problems of Local Government, and demand that the powers taken from the people be returned to them."

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

"That we, the members of Skibbereen Urban District Council, hereby submit to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that the County Management system during the twelve months in which it has been in operation has shown itself to be an unsatisfactory system for the discharge of public business. The County Management Act, 1940, was intended to provide more flexible machinery for public administration, but we are convinced that the new system is much less flexible than the old, because:-

- (1) The County Managers have ignored the elected members in the discharge of the executive functions, and have not made any use of the local knowledge which these elected members could provide.
- (2) The elected members and the ratepayers generally are unaware of any action taken by a County Manager until advice or assistance can have no effect.
- (3) A decision taken by a County Manager, although the decision of an expert perhaps, is nevertheless the decision of but one man and his staff, and is based only on the knowledge and experience of a few men who cannot have the necessary contacts and local knowledge to make them aware of all the facts.
- (4) In many instances, suggestions put forward by elected members on behalf of the electorate have not received the consideration which they deserved from the County Managers.

That we ask the Minister to consider the amendment of the County Management Act, 1940, in order to give a direct participation in public affairs to elected members of Local Authorities. As an alternative, we would suggest a system based on the following points:-

1. Executive functions to be carried out by a County Manager to be confined to:-
 - (a) The supervision and control of Officers;
 - (b) The collection of monies levied by a Local Authority or due to a Local Authority.
 - (c) The making of payments;
 - (d) Functions relating to public assistance such as the granting of poor relief, and the admission and retention of patients in public institutions.
 - (e) The institution and prosecution of legal proceedings on behalf of a Local Authority.
2. All other functions of a Local Authority to be transacted by the elected members.

Councillor McNulty proposed that the resolutions be marked "read."

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal.

Councillor Gallon proposed that the resolution be adopted.

Councillor Callaghan, in seconding Councillor Gallon, stated that he wished to cast no reflection whatever on Donegal's efficient and courteous County Manager.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and the Acting Secretary was instructed to put the items early on the Agenda.

Confirmed

W.A. MacFadden

Chairman 30th November, 1943.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1943, AT THE COUNTY
HOUSE, LIFFORD.

272/43.

ATTENDANCE.

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

273/43.

APOLOGY.

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

274/43.

CONDOLENCE.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Chairman proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Henry Forbes, Manager, County Donegal Railways Joint Committee; to Councillor Craig on the death of one of his children; to Mr. P. J. Ward, County Registrar, a former Chairman of the Council, on the death of his brother; and to the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick J. Cannon, Ardara, for over forty years a highly-respected member of the Council's clerical staff.

The proposals were duly seconded and passed in silence; all the members standing.

The County Manager associated himself with the resolutions..

275/43.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th October, 1943, were confirmed unanimously.

276/43.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 5067 - PAYMENT OF AN ACCOUNT OWING BY MRS. CASSIE MOORE, BALLYBOFEY.

Councillor Callaghan queried the authority of the County Manager to pay to Messrs. Dunlevy & Co., Ballybofey, an account owing to them for clothing for her children by Mrs. Cassie Moore, Ballybofey.

The County Manager explained that the late Committee of Management had not considered it advisable to hand over to Mrs. Moore the gratuity awarded to her in respect of the services of her late husband. In this matter the Committee had been advised by the Parish Priest of Stranorlar, who had been a member of the Committee.

Councillor McMenamin stated that he knew the circumstances and he agreed with the action of the Committee of Management and the County Manager in this matter.

277/43.

CONSTRUCTION OF A BOATSLIP AT GORTNATRAW, KERRYKEEL.

A letter dated 23rd October, 1943, S.W.1/3/98, was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office referring to previous correspondence relative to the construction of a boatslip at Gortnatraw, Kerrykeel, and to the inspection of the completed work made by the Office of Public Works' Engineer on the 8th October, 1943, and stating that the Engineer reported that the work had been satisfactorily completed. They asked that the County Surveyor should furnish to their Office a certified statement (countersigned by the Acting Secretary) showing the expenditure on the Scheme under the following heads:- labour, materials, insurance, and other charges.

The County Council should sign and lodge the following resolution:- "The boatslip or landing-place at Gortnatraw, Kerrykeel, having been completed by the County Surveyor to the satisfaction of the engineering adviser to the Special Employment Schemes Office, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby undertake to maintain the said boatslip or landing-place in future."

Councillor Baxter proposed a resolution in the terms set out above.

Councillor Blaney seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

278/43. PROPOSED RAISING OF LOAN OF £7,000 FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
AT LETTERKENNY AND BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee, stating that his Committee at its Meeting held on the 16th November had under consideration the question of financing the completion of Letterkenny School, and the purchase, re-conditioning, and equipping of the Masonic Hall, Bunrana, for use as a Technical School. The resources at the disposal of the Committee did not permit of further borrowing on their part. Up to the present the County Council had provided, by way of loan, a sum of £6,500 for the provision of Technical Schools. This was a much smaller sum than had been so provided in any other County. The Committee had unanimously decided to ask the County Council to raise a loan of £7,000 to carry out the work referred to.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Mahony proposed:- "That this Council take steps to raise a loan of £7,000 to finance the completion and equipping of Letterkenny Vocational School, and the purchase, re-conditioning, and equipping of the Masonic Hall, Bunrana, for use as a Technical School."

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

Councillor Brady inquired how the money was to be allocated as between Bunrana and Letterkenny.

Councillor Scott stated that £2,000 would be allocated to Letterkenny, and £5,000 to Bunrana, approximately.

Councillor Breslin inquired if the ratepayers were getting value for money spent on Vocational Education.

After further discussion, the money was passed unanimously.

279/43. REPAIRS TO SEA PROTECTION WALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 5th November, 1943, S.W.1/3/109, referring to the Co. Engineer's application of the 4th October, 1943, for a grant towards the cost, estimated at £200, of carrying out repairs to the protection (or sea) wall on Inishkeeragh Island, Co. Donegal, and to say that having regard to the circumstances of the case, and the nature of the work, the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the sanction of a grant of £100 or 50% of the actual cost, whichever was the lesser, from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, towards the Council's expenditure on the work.

The grant would be made on the following conditions:-

(1) that the work shall have been completed to the satisfaction of the engineering adviser of the Special Employment Schemes Office. In this connection, they stated that the sketch enclosed with the County Engineer's letter of the 16th June, 1943, was not adequate for the purpose of their Engineer, and they asked to be furnished with a drawing showing a complete typical section of the sea wall, and indicating the Ordnance Survey level of the present foundation and that of the underpinning, as well as the Ordnance Survey level of L.W.O.S.T. They were advised that if recurring damage due to undercutting of the foundations was to be avoided, the underpinning should be taken down well below the lowest level to which the beach was likely to sink, or, alternatively, to the greatest depth it was possible to take them by manual labour during spring ebbs. It was suggested that the foundations should be suitably stepped outwards.

(2) that the County Surveyor shall, on completion of the work, furnish to their Office, a certified statement (countersigned by the Acting County Secretary) showing the expenditure on the scheme under the following heads:- labour, materials, insurance, other charges.

The Parliamentary Secretary would be glad to be furnished with the Council's observations as early as possible.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, it was unanimously decided to accept the grant on the conditions laid down.

280/43. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR FOR CARRICK AREA.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, asking the Council to appoint as Food and Drugs Inspector for the Carrick Area, Garda Mac Dara Flaithbheartaigh, Carrick, in place of Garda Patrick O'Donnell, who has been transferred from Carrick to Glencolumbkille.

It was unanimously decided to ~~affix the Seal of the Council~~ to the appointment.

281/43. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council dated 6th November, 1943, stating that their next Meeting would be held on the 15th December, and any matters which the Council desired to have placed on the Agenda should be forwarded before the 1st December.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Council's representatives on the General Council.

282/43. PROPOSED AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE.

The Council again proceeded to consider correspondence from the County Councils' General Council concerning the awarding of Scholarships in the Faculty of Agriculture, and the suggestion that the Scholarships be awarded on the results of a special examination in Agriculture (written, oral, and practical), and that students to be eligible to compete at the examination should have passed the Matriculation Examination of the National University of Ireland in the subjects required for entrance to the Faculty of General Agriculture or the equivalent subjects for the Leaving Certificate Examination.

A letter was read from Very Rev. Dr. Eugene O'Doherty, President, St. Columb's College, Derry, stating that in his opinion if the recommendation of the County Councils' General Council was adopted it would leave students of the average Diocesan College ineligible to compete, because Agricultural Science was not a subject taught in Secondary Schools, and even if it were it would be necessary to get a fully-qualified Instructor, and it would not be possible to give him full-time employment.

A letter was read from Very Rev. P. Canon Kerr, President, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, stating that although the proposal to award Scholarships in Agriculture seemed reasonable, he could not view it with enthusiasm at present. Where were the candidates going to receive their training in Agriculture with a concomitant training leading up to Matriculation? Agriculture was not being taught in the Secondary Schools. He thought that the Council should await the advent of Teachers trained in Agricultural Science, before proceeding with the scheme for a special examination in Agriculture.

A letter was read from Mr. A. M. Raffan, Headmaster, Prior School, Lifford, stating that the proposal, on the whole, seemed a good one, provided facilities were supplied so that the candidates might acquire the necessary technical knowledge - both theory and practice of Agriculture, but the main difficulties seemed to be that Schools would have to supply the theory of agriculture, which could not be done in all Schools, and that the practical knowledge required, could only be obtained on a large and progressive farm, and the maximum Poor Law Valuation Clause in the Scholarship regulations would preclude this.

Councillor Scott proposed that the recommendations of the County Councils' General Council be adopted.

Councillor Blaney seconded.

A long discussion took place on the matter, in the course of which it was stated that St. MacCartan's Seminary, Monaghan, had recently opened an Agricultural School.

Eventually, it was unanimously decided to suggest to the Department of Education that the teaching of Agriculture as a subject be included in the Programme for both Primary and Secondary Schools, with a view to implementing the decision of the County Councils' General Council at a later date.

283/43. PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE PORTION OF MILFORD WORKHOUSE PREMISES FOR THE BUILDING THEREON OF EIGHT LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A letter was read from the Chief State Solicitor, Dublin Castle, enclosing, for execution by the Council, Lease acquiring part of the Workhouse Grounds at Milford, for the building thereon of eight Labourers' Cottages. The County Manager stated that this arose on a proposal of the late County Board of Health to demolish the administrative block of Milford Workhouse Buildings, and to erect thereon eight Labourers' Cottages.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"The County Manager, Councillor Baxter, and myself visited Milford Workhouse with a view to coming to a decision as to whether it would be wise and feasible to convert the administrative buildings for the purpose of living accommodation under the Labourers' Acts, and also as to what should be done with the main body of the Workhouse buildings.

I am of the opinion that the conversion of the administrative buildings into a separate number of living quarters should not be undertaken. I do not think that this building is suitable for conversion. In my opinion any conversion that might be attempted would be unsatisfactory, and I think it would be much cheaper and better in the long run, if it is desired to build on this site, to demolish the administrative buildings and construct new cottages, properly designed and laid out.

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I suggest, however, that if it is decided to demolish the main buildings that an exception should be made to the portion which the County Council are using as a machinery workshop."

Councillor Baxter stated that he was still of the opinion that the administrative buildings should be kept intact. He thought that a field could be got in the neighbourhood of Milford, on which something better than a Labourer's Cottage should be built.

Councillors Blaney and Friel stated that they were in agreement with Councillor Baxter.

The County Engineer stated that generally the building was most unsuitable.

The County Manager stated that the Council seemed to be in agreement that the main body of the Workhouse buildings should come down.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the County Manager ask the Department of Local Government and Public Health for permission to have the main portion of Milford Workhouse buildings demolished, and to use the materials taken therefrom for the erection of houses on a site nearer the village of Milford, the owner of which was in America.

Councillor Blaney seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

The question of the demolition of the administrative block was adjourned.

284/43. ADJOURNMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JOHN FRIEL.

The following Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor John Friel were adjourned until next Meeting:- "That this Council wishes to know why the County Surveyor is cutting turf in places which will necessitate making new roads, whilst plenty of bog is available where new roads were already made two years ago."

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

285/43. APPLICATION BY THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEERS FOR INCREASE IN SALARY.

A letter was read from the Assistant County Engineers applying to have their salary scale increased to a scale of £350 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 per annum, to a maximum of £450 per annum.

The Council would, they were sure, appreciate the fact that the volume and standard of their work had increased considerably in recent years. As well as the work involved in the maintenance of roads, water supplies, sewerage systems, and housing, many additional duties had been imposed on them, such as the licensing of Dance Halls, and Cinemas, and Fire-Fighting Services, and maintenance of Piers and Harbours. It was probable that they might have to take some part in the administration of the Town Planning Act. Their work involved also such onerous and important duties as dealing with Malicious Injury Claims, Workmen's Compensation, and other claims, and, in fact, every new engineering activity in the County was thrust upon them. The Council would also appreciate the fact that a higher standard of technical training and experience was now called for in Public Services and in the methods of their work. They stated that most other Counties, even Counties similarly circumstances, such as Mayo, gave a much higher scale of salary than they had at present. They, therefore, asked that in justice the Council would grant them the increased scale.

Councillor Scott proposed that the application be granted, subject to the condition that the Assistant County Engineers would be responsible for the work in connection with the Town Planning Schemes.

Councillor Blaney seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that the application be adjourned sine die.

Councillor Manus Harkin seconded.

The amendment was put to the Meeting, and the following members voted for it:- Councillors Baxter, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Harkin, McFadden, McMenamin, and McRory. Total 11.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Hannigan, Mahony, Myles, McNulty, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and it was then put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Baxter, Brady, Breslin, Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Harkin, McFadden, McMenamin, and McRory. Total 11.

Against the motion:-

Councillors Blaney, Hannigan, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 9.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

286/43. SEALING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS WITH THE COUNCIL'S SEAL.

The Council unanimously authorised the affixing of their Seal to a number of documents.

287/43. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer stating that there was a vacancy on his Committee through the disqualification of Mr. Patrick Campbell, Co.C., Derrydruel, Dungloe.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to re-appoint Mr. Campbell on the Committee of Agriculture.

288/43. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR, NO. 20 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

A letter dated 10th November, 1943, G.17977/3/43, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister had sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Patrick Carr as Poor Rate Collector for the No. 20 Collection District on the terms and conditions approved in connection with the filling of the post.

289/43.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1940.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Carlow County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That the democratic control of Local Government affairs, placed in the hands of the elected representatives of the people by the Local Government Act, 1898, be handed back to the people by the immediate abolition of the County Management Act, 1940. The Council consider that the elected representatives are fully capable of dealing with problems of Local Government, and demand that the powers taken from the people be returned to them."

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

"That we, the members of Skibbereen Urban District Council, hereby submit to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that the County Management system during the twelve months in which it has been in operation has shown itself to be an unsatisfactory system for the discharge of public business. The County Management Act, 1940, was intended to provide more flexible machinery for public administration, but we are convinced that the new system is much less flexible than the old, because:-

- (1) The County Managers have ignored the elected members in the discharge of the executive functions, and have not made any use of the local knowledge which these elected members could provide.
- (2) The elected members and the ratepayers generally are unaware of any action taken by a County Manager until advice or assistance can have no effect.
- (3) A decision taken by a County Manager, although the decision of an expert perhaps, is nevertheless the decision of but one man and his staff, and is based only on the knowledge and experience of a few men who cannot have the necessary contacts and local knowledge to make them aware of all the facts.
- (4) In many instances, suggestions put forward by elected members on behalf of the electorate have not received the consideration which they deserved from the County Managers.

That we ask the Minister to consider the amendment of the County Management Act, 1940, in order to give a direct participation in public affairs to elected members of Local Authorities. As an alternative, we would suggest a system based on the following points:-

1. Executive functions to be carried out by a County Manager to be confined to:-
 - (a) The supervision and control of Officers;
 - (b) The collection of monies levied by a Local Authority or due to a Local Authority;
 - (c) The making of payments;
 - (d) Functions relating to public assistance, such as the granting of poor relief, and the admission and retention of patients in public institutions.
 - (e) The institution and prosecution of legal proceedings on behalf of a local authority.
2. All other functions of a Local Authority to be transacted by the elected members."

Councillor Mahony proposed that consideration of the matter be adjourned for twelve months in order to give the Management system a fair trial.

Councillor Blaney seconded.

Councillor Gallen proposed that the resolution be adopted.

Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor McRory proposed, as a further amendment, that the Government be asked to abolish the County Management Act.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

290/43. APPLICATION FOR EXTRA AMOUNT FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANCE
IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND
REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum of £30 for clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the Twenty-Second Register of Electors.

The Council unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott to consent to the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £30 for clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the Twenty-Second Register of Electors.

291/43. APPLICATION BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR A SUM OF £200
FOR PREPARATION OF NEW RATE BOOKS.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum of £200 for the preparation of new Rate Books for the seven years commencing 1st April, 1944, and ending 31st March, 1951.

The Council unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott to consent to the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £200 for the work required.

292/43. OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th November, 1943, M.4846, acknowledging receipt of the Acting Secretary's letter enclosing an extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council at their Meeting on the 26th October, on the subject of Old Age Pensions, etc.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to adopt the following resolution from Waterford County Council:-

"That this Council calls upon the Government to give Food and Fuel Vouchers to all Old Age Pensioners who have no other source of income and that means test be increased to £52 per annum."

293/43. PRICES BEING PAID FOR FISH BY THE IRISH SEA FISHERIES
ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, dated 16th November, 1943, A.7/36/3, acknowledging the receipt of the Acting Secretary's letter, and stating that the terms of the Donegal County Council's resolution of the 26th October regarding prices paid for fish by the Irish Sea Fisheries Association had been noted.

294/43. KEROSENE FOR HOMESPUN WORKERS.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, dated 20th November, 1943, referring to the Acting Secretary's letter applying for a special allowance of Kerosene for Homespun workers, and stating that it had been found necessary to refuse as from the 1st November, 1943, all applications for allowances of this nature.

295/43. COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RE HOMESPUN INDUSTRY.

A letter dated 15th November, 1943, was read from the Department of Lands, F.11/3/43, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution at their Meeting on the 26th ultimo in regard to regulations recently made in regard to the homespun industry, and stating that as the Department of Supplies made the regulation in question, the Department of Lands was only concerned with the carrying out of arrangement made under Order by them.

296/43. APPLICATION BY CARRICK PARISH COUNCIL TO BE CONSIDERED
AN APPROVED LOCAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Bryce, Secretary, Carrick Parish Council, stating that Carrick Parish Council area comprised the area as was included in it on the initiation of the Council by the County Commissioner, namely, the townlands of Meenacharvey, Meenanearry, Straleel North, Straleel South, Carrick Upper, Carrick Lower, Meenaveen, Greenvean, Meenawaghan, and all Teelin District.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting; the County Manager to submit what he considered reasonable conditions for approved local Councils in the meantime.

297/43. RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE RE SHEEP
DIPPING SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee, at which the following resolution was referred to the County Council for consideration:-

"Protesting at the manner in which the Sheep Dipping Regulations are carried out under the County Council, and calling on the County Manager to summon a Meeting of the new Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee immediately, with a view to having the dipping operations carried out in a manner satisfactory to the owners and to the welfare of the sheep, so valuable and important at the present time."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee, and to have a Meeting of the Committee on the morning of the 25th January, 1944, at 11.30 a.m.

298/43. COMMISSION FOR YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT.

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

It was decided to adjourn the matter until the next Meeting of the Council, and, in the meantime, to circulate the correspondence to the members of the Council.

299/43. CHARGES OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Longford Urban District Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That we strongly protest against the recent action of the Electricity Supply Board imposing an increased charge of 10% on consumers of electric current."

The letter was noted.

300/43. APPLICATION BY DISPENSARY MEDICAL OFFICERS FOR INCREASED
REMUNERATION.

A letter dated 28th October, 1943, was read from Dr. J. F. Fitzgerald, Medical Secretary, The Medical Association of Eire, applying for increased remuneration for the Dispensary Medical Officers, and for Doctors employed as locum tenens.

The Council unanimously decided to mark the letter "read."

301/43. SUPPLIES OF ARTIFICIAL FERTILISERS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd November, 1943, L.M.7/471/41, referring to the Council's resolution at their Meeting on the 26th October regarding supplies of artificial fertilisers for the coming season, and stating that every effort was being made to ensure that the greatest possible quantity of fertilisers would be available.

302/43. PETROL SUPPLIES FOR MOTOR LORRIES AND HACKNEYS.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies dated 23rd November, 1943, P.43/10481, referring to the Council's resolution at their Meeting on the 26th October in connection with the need for issuing increased allowances of petrol for motor lorries and hackneys. As the Council were, no doubt, aware, supplies of petrol available for general distribution continued to be extremely limited. In the circumstances, there was no early possibility of a general increase in the allowances of petrol which were at present being issued for the vehicles in question.

303/43. BOUNDARY FENCE AT LABOURERS' COTTAGES AT BACHELOR'S
WALK, BALLYSHANNON.

Councillor Charles Sweeney referred to County Manager's Order No. 5131 in connection with the above fence.

Councillor Sweeney stated that from the Order it appeared that this fence was erected as recently as May, 1942, and it seemed strange that it was now necessary to expend a sum of £4 on it.

The County Manager stated that the fence was erected according to specification.

It was decided to ask Mr. W. J. Doherty for a report.

304/43. SALARIES OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF NURSES EMPLOYED BY THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Irish Nurses' Organisation dated 8th November, 1943, applying for increases in cost-of-living bonus payable to Nurses.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to **approve of the salaries of the different Nurses being increased as follows:-**

Intern Nursing Staff in the different Hospitals.

An immediate increase to £95 per annum, and thence by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £130 per annum; a Nurse possessing C. M. B. and Fever Certificates to get £5 per annum extra for each of these Certificates.

Charge Nurses, Letterkenny and Donegal Fever Hospitals.

An immediate increase to £100 per annum, and thence by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £135 per annum.

Radiologist, Letterkenny Hospital.

No change.

Matrons.

The County Manager stated that the salaries of the Matrons varied in the different Hospitals. At present they were:-

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| County Home, Stranorlar..... | £130 per annum. |
| Donegal Hospital..... | £110 per annum. |
| Letterkenny Hospital..... | £110 per annum. |
| Carndonagh Hospital..... | £95 per annum. |
| Glenties Hospital..... | £95 per annum. |
| Ballyshannon Hospital..... | £95 per annum. |
| Lifford Hospital..... | £95 per annum. |

The Council unanimously decided that each of the seven Matrons get an immediate increase in salary of £20 per annum, and then by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £150 per annum.

Public Health Nurses.

It was decided to give an immediate increase of £20 per annum to Superintendent Public Health Nurse Casey, and the two Public Health Nurses.

Maternity Nurses, Dispensary Districts.

The County Manager stated that the present scale for Maternity Nurses was £60 per annum, rising to £80 per annum, by annual increments of £2.

It was unanimously decided to increase the scale to £70 per annum rising by annual increments of £2 to a maximum of £90 per annum.

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Confined.

Murdoch J. J. J. J. J.

Chairman.

25th January, 1944.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1943.

1/43.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-
Very Rev. P. Canon Kerr, Very Rev. Joseph O'Doherty, and Messrs. Eugene Gallagher, N.T., Edward Gallen, Co.C., and Charles Sweeney, Co.C.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

2/43.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Mr. John McGlinchey, N.T.

3/43.

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on the 31st July, 1942, were confirmed unanimously.

4/43.

C H A I R M A N.

In the absence of the Very Rev. Chairman, Canon Kerr was moved to the Chair on the motion of Rev. Joseph O'Doherty.

5/43.

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

Letters were read from Miss Mary Parris, 410, North Circular Road, Dublin, and formerly of Killybegs, applying for an extension of her Scholarship for a fourth year. She had been ill during the first year of her University Course, and a fourth year would be necessary in order to enable her to get her Degree.

The Committee recommended that the application be refused.

6/43.

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

A letter was read from Miss Mary J. Carlin, Dungormen, Castlofin, stating that the sum allowed as a Scholarship in the Faculty of Arts was altogether insufficient to pay for boarding in Dublin, not to talk of the other expenses. The boarders' fee in the Ladies' Hostel, Loreto Hall, was £16 :16 : 0 per term, and the general charge in boarding-houses was 35/- per week. Circumstances at home could not permit her to receive any assistance, and she would be grateful if the amount of her Scholarship were increased.

The Committee unanimously agreed that in the present circumstances the value of the University Scholarships was altogether inadequate, and they recommended that an increase of £15 per annum be allowed as from the 1st March, 1943, in all Scholarships awarded in the past three years, excluding those expiring in 1943.

If the Council felt that this decision would unduly increase the cost of the Scholarships, a saving could be effected by reducing the number of Secondary Scholarships from six to five.

7/43.

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

A letter was read from the Office of National Education dated 4th January, 1943, Trg. 2/57025, referring to the Secondary Scholarships awarded to Peter Paul Dolan and Mary Agnes Kernan, and stating that it appears that these Scholarships have been terminated on the grounds that they were not tenable at Preparatory Colleges. In this connection, they referred to the second paragraph of the Department's letter of the 28th January, 1942, in connection with the termination of the Scholarships of two pupils who had secured admission to Preparatory Colleges, expressing disagreement with the Council in this view, and reserving the right to re-open the question should future cases of the kind present themselves.

The Committee unanimously recommended that they adhere to their previous decisions refusing to transfer Scholarships to Preparatory Colleges.

8/43. SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED IN 1941 TO GEORGE P. O'GARA.

A letter was read from the Department of Education, Secondary Education Branch, 1, Hume Street, Dublin, referring to a Secondary Scholarship awarded by the Council in 1941 to George P. O'Gara, Carrick, and stating that this pupil qualified for the award of a Scholarship under the Scheme for the award of Scholarships to students from the Fíor-Ghaeilteacht, and, in the circumstances, they inquired what amount would be payable to him by the Council.

As this boy had obtained a Gaeltacht Scholarship, the Committee recommended that the Council's Scholarship be discontinued.

9/43. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO WILLIAM L. WILKINSON, AND TENABLE AT TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

A letter was read from Mr. William L. Wilkinson, Trinity College, stating that he noted his Scholarship was due to expire after three years, but might be extended for a fourth year if the scholar desired to pursue a post-graduate course.

As the Moderatorship Course in Trinity takes four years, he wished to apply for a fourth year's Scholarship to facilitate the completion of his Moderatorship Course.

The Committee recommended that the conditions applying to Scholarships at Trinity College, as amended on the 7th October, 1941, apply to Mr. Wilkinson's Scholarship. (64/41 S.C.)

10/43. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME - MEANS TEST.

The Committee unanimously recommended that in the cases of applicants for University Scholarships the basic means test, in the case of three children or less, be raised from £700 per annum to £750 per annum, as from the 1st March, 1943; the additions of £30 for each additional child to continue as at present.

11/43. EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, EASTER WEEK, 1943.

The Committee considered the list of applicants for permission to compete at the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools to be held during Easter Week, 1943.

(a) They recommended that the application of Sarah Boyle be refused as this child would be over 14 years of age on the 1st August, 1943.

(b) They recommended that the applications of Mary Beirne, Stranorlar, and M-lachy Faughnan, Cathedral Place, Letterkenny, be refused, on the grounds that their parents' means were in excess of the limits prescribed in Clause 11 of the Scheme.

(c) They recommended that the applications of the following be accepted:-

Brigid Teresa J. Alexander, Caven Lower, Killygordon.
 Katherine Bernadette Boyle, Letterford, Letterbarrow.
 Annie Byrne, Loughanure, Annagry.
 John Patrick Bradley, Lettermore, Drunkoon.
 Patrick Joseph Burt, Water Street, Donegal.
 Annie Josephine Connolly, Letterkenny.
 Margaret Coyle, 19, Ballynacool Terrace, Letterkenny.
 Thomas Curran, 3, St. Eunan's Terrace, Letterkenny.
 Lucy Cunningham, Aghragh, Carrick.
 Connell Joseph Cunningham, Carrick.
 Mary Agnes Dillon, Waterloo Place, Donegal.
 Evelyn Doherty, Carrick Lower, Carrick.
 Charles Thomas Ignatius Duffy, Moonearn, Letterkenny.
 Ann Veronica Gallagher, Glencar, Letterkenny.
 Catherine Carmel Gilmartin, The Medical Hall, Bundoran.
 Marie Philomena Gilmartin, Glenc Lodge, West End, Bundoran.
 Rose Greene, Loughanure, Annagry.
 Conn Halpin, Glencar, Letterkenny.
 Anne Maria Harkin, Market Square, Moville.
 Mary Teresa Haughey, Curris, Kilear.
 Gregory Joseph Hughes, Bay View, Donegal Town.
 Mary Rose Josephine Hynes, Donegal Street, Ballybofey.

EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS,
EASTER WEEK, 1943. (CONTINUED).

Eileen Kathleen Columba Kernan, Newtowncunningham.
 Tinlin Padraic Mac Giolla Bhrighde, Meanderrynasloe, Annagry.
 Sighle Nic Giolla Bhrighde, Meanderrynasloe, Annagry.
 Charles Joseph McGann, Shrove, Greencastle.
 Patrick Thomas McDermott, West Fort, Ballyshannon.
 Philip Anthony McDermott, Coill, Camdonagh.
 Coranne McDevitt, Cunnrick, Cloghan.
 Eibhlín A. Nic Daibhid, Cunnrick, Cloghan.
 Mary McEnaney, Oldtown, Flearragh.
 Annie Teresa McFadden, Lunnagh, Derrybog.
 Nuála Mary McGill, Convey.
 Liam McGroarty, Coolmore, Rosanowlagh.
 Bernard Ashbourne McKiernan, Dungloe.
 Michael Mollahan, Killyferriagel, Cloghan.
 Maire Treasa Nic Mhoisín, Meenagolan, Ballinmore.
 John Francis McNally, Glencar, Letterkenny.
 Mary Philomena MacSherry, East End, Bundoran.
 Mary Kathleen Monica Mellett, Letterkenny.
 Mary Teresa Dymphna Mullaney, East End, Bundoran.
 Eileen Rupert Nolan, Quay Street, Donegal.
 Maire Ineida Mí Bheoghíll, Inniskeel, Cleoney, Glenties.
 Michael O'Byrne, Ardara.
 Brigid O'Donnell, Cruit, Kinrosslagh.
 James O'Donnell, Meenagowan, Letterkennyward.
 James Gerard O'Donnell, Market Street, Ballyshannon.
 Anthony Edward O'Neill, Letterbarrow, Donegal.
 Mary Ellen Quinn, Kingarow, Fintona.
 John Brendan Sharkey, Meenbane.
 Daniel Joseph Sweeney, Grough, Dunkineely.
 John Patrick Timoney, Quay Street, Donegal.
 Fred Ward, Lettertrain, Letterbarrow.

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Adopted by C. Council

Confirmed

P. Kerr

Chairman of C. Council.
23rd February 1943

Chairman of Scholarships Committee
14th March 1944.

P. Kerr

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE
COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL, 1943.

1/43. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Gallen (presiding), Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Mahony, Myles, McFadden, McIvor, O'Boyle, and Scott.

2/43. C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the first Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 24th November, 1942, were confirmed unanimously.

3/43. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CLAIM - PATRICK McBRIDE,
CLONTALLAGH, DOWNINGS - CASE NO. 199.

At the request of the County Manager the Committee again considered the claim of the above-named workman to be paid a lump sum in commutation of the weekly payments of 12s/10d per week, which he had been receiving under a Court Order dated 9th October, 1938.

The Manager stated that McBride had refused the offer of £150, which the Committee, at their Meeting on the 24th November, 1942, recommended that he be offered.

The Committee recommended that the Co. Manager offer McBride a sum of £200 in full and final settlement of his claim.

4/43. F E E S O F M R. W. J. DOHERTY, ENGINEER, FOR WORK UNDER THE
FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1940.

A letter dated 23rd April, 1943, was submitted from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Engineer, enclosing statement of account for fees in connection with work done under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940. The total of the account was £386.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Committee decided to recommend the County Manager to make Mr. Doherty an offer of £250 in full settlement of the account.

5/43. F E E S F O R P R E P A R A T I O N O F P L A N S, E T C., I N C O N N E C T I O N W I T H T H E
N E W C O U N T Y H O S P I T A L.

A letter dated 5th January, 1943, was read from Mr. W. J. Doherty stating that there was a balance owing to Mr. G. V. McLaughlin and himself and to the Consultants, Messrs. McDonnell & Dixon, on the fees for the preparation of Plans, etc., and for other professional work in connection with the above Hospital. Payments on account were made in April, 1942, leaving the following balances:-
W. J. Doherty and G. V. McLaughlin (Joint Architects).

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| Amount of account, £115,350 @ 1/2% | £576 | 15 | 0. |
| By Paying Order on account dated 2/4/1942 | £380 | 0 | 0. |
| Balance | £196 | 15 | 0. |

Consultants - Messrs. McDonnell & Dixon.

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| Amount of account, £115,350 @ 1/2% | £865 | 0 | 0. |
| By Paying Order on account dated 2/4/1942 | £570 | 0 | 0. |
| Balance | £295 | 0 | 0. |

This left a total balance of £491 : 15 : 0 still due.

The Committee recommended that the matter be left in the hands of the County Manager.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Confirmed.

Chairman of Co. Council.
3rd Jan, 1943.

Chairman of General Purposes
Committee.

General Purposes
Committee.

