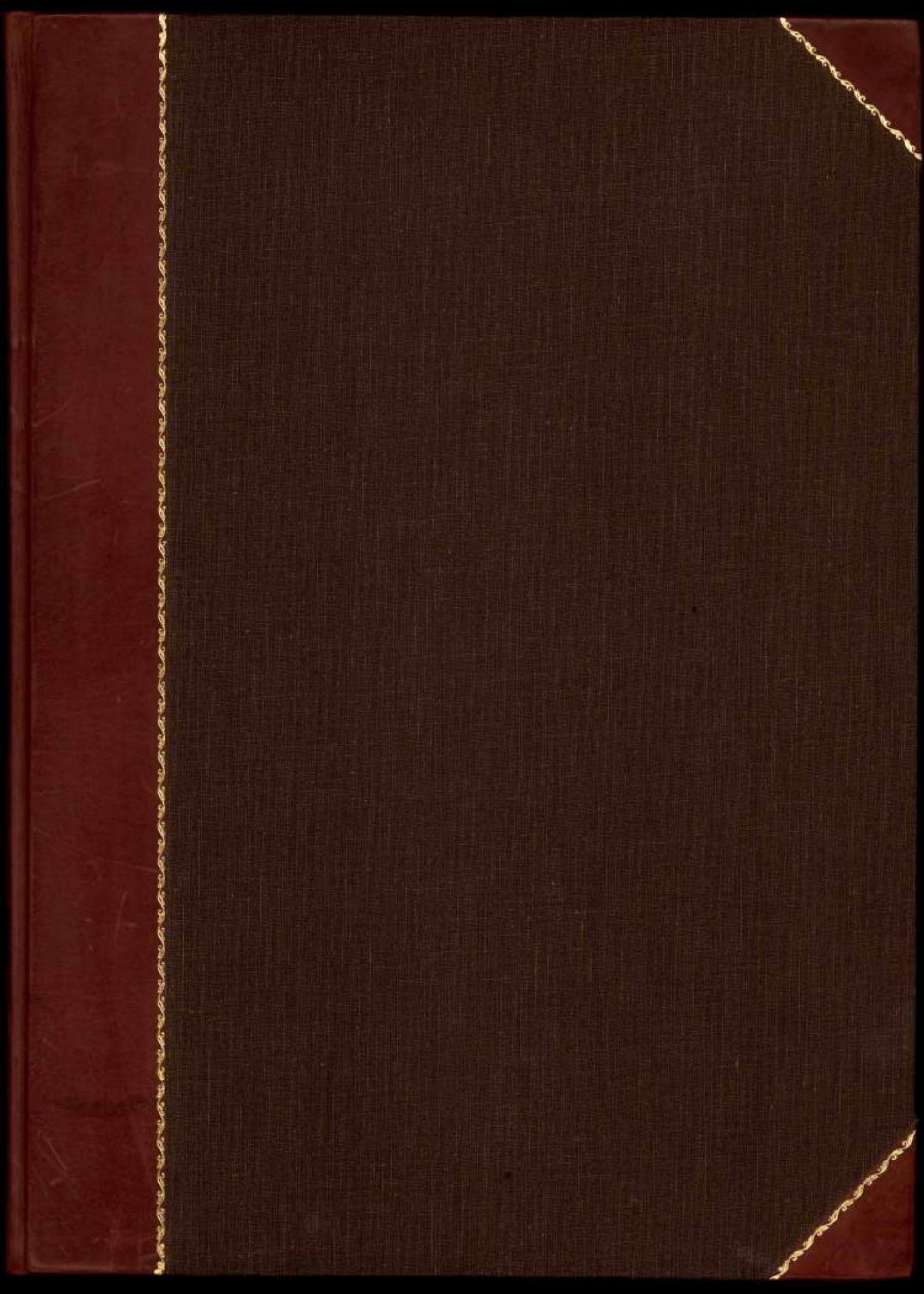


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A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1946.

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A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McIvor (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Gallagher, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

2/46.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13TH NOVEMBER, 1945.

The Secretary submitted for confirmation the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on the 13th November, 1945. Councillor Harkin referred to Minute No. 280/45 dealing with the proposed erection of a Sanitary convenience at Garndonagh, and the Secretary read a letter on the matter which he had received from Councillor Harkin, together with a number of other letters which Councillor Harkin had handed in from ratepayers of the area protesting against the Former Rural District of Inishowen being fixed as the Area of Charge for the proposed Sanitary Convenience.

Councillor John Kelly asked if Councillor Harkin was in order.

The Chairman stated that all Councillor Harkin could do was to have his objection recorded.

Councillor Brady stated that the Minutes were correct, and he proposed that they be confirmed.

Councillor McCaul seconded.

It was decided to record that Councillor Harkin questioned the accuracy of Minute No. 280/45, and protested against the Former Rural District of Inishowen being fixed as the Area of Charge.

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C O N D O L E N C E.

On the motion of the Chairman the Council extended their sympathy to Councillor Sheldon on the death of his father.

The County Manager associated himself with the Council's resolution.

Councillor Sheldon suitably acknowledged.

4/46.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH JANUARY, 1946.

On the motion of Councillor McCaul seconded by Councillor Breslin, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 24th January, 1946, was adopted unanimously.

5/46.

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 1945.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor McCaul, the Report of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 11th December, 1945, was adopted unanimously.

6/46.

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH JANUARY, 1946.

Councillor Breslin proposed the adoption of the Report of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 15th January, 1946. Councillor McCaul seconded.

Minute No. 4/46, G.P.C. New scale of salaries for Mental Hospital Attendants and Nurses.

Councillor Scott stated that he wished to draw the Council's attention to this recommendation. It would be noted that the adoption of the new scale would cost the Council £2,692 in the first year.

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH
JANUARY, 1946. (CONTINUED).

Minute No. 8/46, G.P.C. Application by the Assistant County
Engineers for Emergency Bonus.

Councillor Baxter referred to Minute No. 8/46 of the Report of the General Purposes Committee granting an Emergency Bonus to the Assistant Co. Engineers of 11/- per week, married employees, and 9/- per week, unmarried employees.

He stated that it was only a very short time ago since the Assistant County Engineers got an increase in salary, and he proposed that Minute No. 8/46 be deleted from the Report of the Committee, before being adopted.

Councillor Patrick Kelly seconded Councillor Baxter's amendment.

The County Engineer stated that some of the older Assistant County Engineers did not benefit by the recent increase in salary referred to, which, to his mind, was long overdue. The Council had a very competent staff and it was only right that they should be treated decently.

Councillor Scott stated that as one who proposed the increase in salary for the Assistant County Engineers he had no regrets, and he appealed to Councillor Baxter to withdraw his amendment.

Councillor Baxter refused to withdraw the amendment, which was then put to a vote, and the following voted for the amendment:-
Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), and Kildea.
Total 5.

The following voted against the amendment:-

Councillors Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Gallagher, Hennigan, Kelly (John), McCaul, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 12.

The Chairman declared Councillor Baxter's amendment lost.

Minute No. 9/46, G.P.C. Proposal to appoint a Second Assistant
Medical Officer for the Mental Hospital.

Councillor Scott referred to Minute No. 9/46 of the Report of the General Purposes Committee, and he stated that he had been considering this matter since the Meeting of the Committee, and he proposed that the word "permanent" be deleted and that the appointment be a temporary one.

Councillor Baxter seconded.

The County Manager stated that his interest in this was to do the best he could for the unfortunate people in the Mental Hospital. In this matter he was guided entirely by the capable R.M.S. At the moment there was a new Mental Bill being introduced, and under this Bill the Council may be compelled to advance in their methods of treatment, and if this were so they would be compelled to increase their staff.

The present appointment was for the purpose of introducing a new type of treatment, and it would entail continuous duty, say, four or five hours at a time by a Medical Officer. There was general agreement that Letterkenny should advance in its methods of treatment as well as every other Mental Hospital in the country.

Dr. Courtney found considerable difficulty at the moment in obtaining ordinary locums, and the chances were that with the additional staffing of the Mental Hospitals throughout the country, it would be very difficult to get a Doctor to take the temporary appointment.

The Council unanimously decided to amend Minute No. 9/46 of the General Purposes Committee to read "that the Committee recommended the appointment of a second Assistant Medical Officer on a temporary basis for one year."

Minute No. 13/46, G.P.C. Purchase of additional road machinery.

Councillor Baxter proposed that this Minute be amended to read:- "That a Loan of £5,000 be applied for -"

Councillor Harkin seconded Councillor Baxter's amendment, which was put to a vote, the following voting for it:-
Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Hannigan, Harkin, and Kelly (Patrick).

The following voted against the amendment:-
Councillors Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Gallagher, Greene, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 15.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The Report of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 15th January, 1946, with the appropriate amendment in Minute No. 9/46, was declared adopted.

7/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £30,000 on the Revenue Account for the month of February, 1946.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department be asked to sanction Overdraft accommodation of £30,000 on the Revenue Account for the month of February, 1946.

8/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £46,000 on the Turf Production Account for the month of February, 1946.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department be asked to sanction Overdraft accommodation of £46,000 on the Turf Production Account for the month of February, 1946.

9/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £11,500 on the Capital Account for the month of February, 1946.

In this connection he read a letter received on the 28th January from the Local Government Department stating that before further sanction could be given to the Capital Account Overdraft it would be necessary to furnish an application for the supplemental loan required in respect of the several capital works on which debit balances were outstanding. He stated that there were debit balances outstanding on the Capital Account in respect of Housing, Mental Hospital, and the Lough Salt Water Scheme. In addition, a loan would have to be raised in respect of the purchase of fire-fighting equipment. He hoped to be in a position to let the Council know the exact amount outstanding in each case at the next Meeting of the Council, after which the Council would be asked for their authority to raise the required loan.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department be asked to accord sanction to Overdraft accommodation of £11,500 on the Capital Account for the month of February, and be informed that the question of applying for a loan will be considered by the Council at their next Meeting.

10/46. RATE OF INTEREST BEING PAID ON OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Councillor McIvor inquired the present rate of interest on Overdraft accommodation.

Councillor Walsh stated that he noticed where Dublin Corporation recently got a loan at 2½%, whereas it was set out in the Housing Report that the Donogal County Council were paying interest at the rate of 5½% on some short-term loans.

11/46. PROVISION OF IMPROVED LANDING FACILITIES AT RUTLAND ISLAND.

A letter dated 1st September, 1945, Ref. No. S.W.1/3/26, was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office stating that representations had been made for the provision of improved landing facilities at Rutland Island. The site had been inspected by one of their Engineers, accompanied by the Assistant County Engineer, and he recommended the execution of the following works near the kippering station on the east side of the Island:-

- (a) the construction of a quay about 30 ft. long with a dock area of about 14 ft. square; and
- (b) the construction of a paved causeway 12 ft. wide and about 140 ft. long leading from the end of an existing path to the quay.

The works were estimated to cost £548, and, if approved, would be carried out under the supervision of an Office of Public Works' Engineer. The proposal had been recommended in the interests of the local agricultural and fishing industries.

The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to make a grant of 75% of the cost (i.e. £411), subject to the agreement of the County Council to contribute 25% (i.e. £137), and to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the quay and causeway approach on completion of the works.

The County Engineer stated that there was no great urgency at the moment about the carrying out of this work. He had some difficulty in advising whether the work was necessary or not, and he recommended that the matter be adjourned for six months.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the Council make the required contribution of £137, and agree to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the quay and causeway approach on completion of the works.

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

12/46. FLOODING OF ROAD AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

Arising out of Minute No. 261/45 of the County Council at their meeting on the 13th November in connection with the above, the County Engineer reported that there was no great danger on the road referred to. He estimated that it would take about £40 to carry out the required improvements.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £40 for the work, which was unanimously granted on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Breslin.

13/46. PROPOSAL TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That in future the Meetings of the County Council be held on the last Tuesday of each month as was done in the past. Surely the elected representatives of the ratepayers have the right to a voice in County Council affairs, but by the present method of having most of the business transacted behind closed doors some of the members of the Council are deprived of that right."

Councillor Callaghan seconded.

Councillor Brady stated that Councillors were not the elected representatives of the ratepayers, but the elected representatives of the Local Government Electorate of the County. As regards the General Purposes Committee the members of this Committee were good attenders, but in any event anything they did was only in the form of a recommendation to the Council. He did not agree with Councillor Harkin that business was being transacted behind closed doors. As a matter of fact the Council had now much more information about everything that was being done than they had prior to the passing of the County Management Act, as each Councillor was supplied periodically with a full record of the Manager's Orders.

The County Manager stated that each Meeting of the Council cost about £70. The business of the Council was divided into "reserved" and "executive" functions, and before he could accept responsibility for paying Councillors' Travelling expenses, he must satisfy himself that there was "reserved" business to be transacted. He proposed to have Meetings bi-monthly in future if at all possible, and he thought that six Meetings in the year should satisfy the members of the Council.

Councillor Harkin expressed himself satisfied with the County Manager's proposed arrangement.

14/46. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM CULDAFF TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will move that the dangerous road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh, which is a veritable death-trap, be made safe for traffic with the least possible delay. As this is one of our main roads and is also a tourist road, very heavy traffic passes over it. The ratepayers in this area demand and are entitled to a safe road to travel on instead of having to travel on this road in dread of their lives, because passing over this road at present can only be compared to travelling on the edge of a precipice for one half-a-mile with a drop of 15 feet at places. If this Council is not prepared to make this road safe, let it be closed to traffic."

Councillor Scott seconded.

The County Engineer stated that what Councillor Harkin suggested would be a very difficult job and would cost a large amount of money. In many respects the job would be most difficult as far as drainage and foundations were concerned. He could side-fill the road and put up fencing, which would cost about £1,000, exclusive of surfacing.

It was agreed that the County Engineer should include a sum of £1,200 in the Estimates for the carrying out of this work.

15/46. MARKETS FOR LIVESTOCK AND FARM PRODUCE.

Councillor Callaghan stated that in view of the fact that there was more important business to be transacted he was prepared to let the following motion stand adjourned:-

"That this Council request the Government to use all possible measures to secure and retain the best markets for livestock and farm produce, as the present prices of livestock and produce in many instances are quite inadequate to compensate for the labour spent in their production, and the farmers are deserving of the highest consideration as a reward for the splendid services they rendered the Nation during the Emergency."

16/46. PROVISION OF WELL OR PUMP AT BALLYBIG, CARNDONAGH.

The County Engineer referred to the Notice of Motion submitted to the last meeting of the Council by Councillor John Kelly in connection with the provision of a well or pump at Ballybig, Carndonagh. He estimated that this work would cost about £25.

The County Manager applied to the Council for a sum of £25 to cover the cost of the provision of a well or pump.

Councillor John Kelly proposed, Councillor Kildea seconded, and it was unanimously that the County Manager's application for a sum of £25 be granted.

17/46. REPAIRS TO LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A letter was read from the County Engineer referring to the report incorporated in the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, and stating that no further monies were available for the repair of Labourers' Cottages. There was a very large amount of work to be carried out, and there was also the danger that with the cessation of this work they might lose the tradesmen they had employed. He recommended that the sum of £700 be made available for repairs to Cottages to enable them to carry on until the 31st March.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £700 for this work.

Councillor Gallagher proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the County Manager's application be granted.

Councillor Scott stated that the Council should go into the question of repairs to Labourers' Cottages very carefully at the Estimates Meeting. He referred the Council to the recently-published Housing Report, which showed what a large amount of money had been spent in the past on repairs to Labourers' Cottages.

18/46. PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE FOR THE COUNTY.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £700 for the purchase of an Ambulance.

He stated that the Council owned the following Ambulances:-

1. Dodge Ambulance at the County Home purchased on the 4th September, 1937.
2. Dodge Ambulance at Carndonagh Hospital purchased on the 4th September, 1937.
3. Dodge Ambulance at Donegal Hospital purchased on the 16th October, 1936.
4. Ford Ambulance, V.8., at Glenties Hospital, purchased on the 14th May, 1936.
5. Dodge Ambulance at Letterkenny Hospital purchased on the 1st January, 1940.
6. Dodge Ambulance at Letterkenny Hospital purchased on the 14th August, 1936.

Some of the Ambulances were now pretty old and had covered a considerable mileage and were not fit for further service. Only by the greatest efforts had they been kept in service during the Emergency.

He had an offer of a Dodge Ambulance owned by the Irish Red Cross Society and stationed at Trim, Co. Meath. This Ambulance was inspected by one of the Council's Ambulance Drivers and by a mechanic from the County, who reported that it was in very good condition, and they valued it at over £700. After negotiations with the Irish Red Cross Society they were prepared to sell the Ambulance for a sum of £650, but it would require painting and other minor alterations, and he, therefore, applied for a sum of £700.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor McIvor, the County Manager's application was granted unanimously.

19/46. ERECTION OF THREE BEACONS NEAR ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 11th January, 1946, 087: 30/1/36, referring to previous correspondence relative to the erection of three beacons near Arranmore Island. As stated in their letter of the 24th November, 1942, it was only possible to give an approximate figure for the erection of the third beacon. The work of erecting the beacons was completed last summer at a total cost of £902 : 15 : 3, an excess of £117 : 15 : 3 over the revised estimate of £785, and a Receivable Order for £29 : 8 : 10 was enclosed to enable the Council's contribution of 25% of the excess cost to be lodged. (Refer, Minute No. 60/43, 23/2/1943.)

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to contribute 25% of the excess cost amounting to £29 : 8 : 10.

20/46. EXTENSION OF SEWER TO DUNGLOE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The County Engineer stated that an application had been received from Very Rev. Dr. T. Molloy, P.F., Dungloe, for the extension of the sewer to Dungloe National School. Until such time as the new Dungloe Water Supply Scheme was completed, Very Rev. Dr. Molloy had made arrangements for the storage of roof water. His estimate for the extension of the sewer was £55.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £55 to cover the cost of the extension to the School.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the sum of £55 be granted.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

21/46. MARRIAGE GRATUITY FOR MRS. MEEHAN (NEE McDWYER), A FORMER DOMESTIC SCIENCE TEACHER.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £57 : 3 : 6 to cover the cost of the payment of a Marriage Gratuity to Mrs. Meehan (nee McDwyer), a former Domestic Science Teacher.

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

22/46.

DAMAGE CAUSED TO ROADS AND BRIDGES BY FLOODS IN
OCTOBER, 1945.

for the purpose.

The County Manager stated that the deputation appointed by the Council at its Meeting on the 13th November to interview the Minister for Local Government in connection with flood damage had visited Dublin. The Chairman of the Council (Deputy Blaney) kindly made all arrangements to meet the Minister, and he wished to thank him for his trouble in the matter.

They met the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Mr. E. Childers, Parliamentary Secretary, and Mr. Daly, Principal Officer, and they submitted all their difficulties. The Minister received them very sympathetically and went into the case very minutely, and he agreed that he would permit a sum of £2,000 or £3,000 allocated to E.S.V. Schemes in the Inishowen Area to go towards the cost of repairing the flood damage, and he also agreed to accept responsibility for the repair of the two Main Road Bridges which had been damaged, costing about £7,000. In all, he promised that he would give roughly one-half the cost, amounting to about £11,000, and he also agreed that should the County Engineer's estimate be very much less than the final figure, the deputation would be free to come back again.

The Council noted the result of the deputation.

23/46.

COST OF RE-CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF BRIDGES DAMAGED
BY FLOODS IN OCTOBER, 1945.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"With reference to your application for monies to cover re-construction and repair of bridges damaged by floods, I would request you to consider including in this work the re-construction of the following Bridges:-

Trinagh Bridge on the Main Lifford-Letterkenny Road.

This bridge has recently collapsed, and I propose constructing a reinforced concrete covering to take its place.

Double Culvert at Muff.

This small bridge or culvert is, in its present condition, a danger to the public, and there is also a very dangerous corner at it, and I recommend widening the corner and extending the culvert, erecting parapet walls, etc.

Carrigans Bridge.

We have carried out a considerable amount of work during the year in widening this bridge and generally improving the dangerous approach to Carrigans Village. We have had to close down this work owing to lack of money, and I recommend that the work be completed out of the loan you now propose seeking."

The Council unanimously agreed that the cost of improving the three bridges referred to in the County Engineer's Report be included in the amount being granted for the re-construction and repair of bridges damaged by floods in October, 1945.

The County Manager stated that the position was that as yet they had only an approximate figure of the cost of repairing the Bridges and roads, but it was estimated that the figure would be in the neighbourhood of £25,000, and it would be necessary to raise a loan to cover the Council's portion of the cost when the final figures were known.

In the meantime, he applied to the Council for a further sum not exceeding £15,000 for the re-construction of the roads and bridges.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Breslin, the County Manager's application was granted unanimously, and it was decided to leave over the question of raising a Loan until the final figures were available.

24/46/

RATHMULLAN PIER.

The County Manager reported that the deputation appointed to interview the Minister for Industry and Commerce in connection with Rathmullan Pier, were unable to see the Minister, but they met a Principal Officer of the Department, who informed them that at the moment the Department were fully engaged on the new Harbour Bill, and nothing was likely to be done about Rathmullan Pier in the meantime. The Government was examining the possibilities of all the Harbours in the country.

He understood that the Rathmullan people themselves were sending a deputation to Dublin in the matter.

The position was noted.

25/46.

ERECTION OF NEW BRIDGE AT GWEEBARRA.

The County Engineer reported that detailed plans and estimates had now been prepared for the new Bridge over the Gweebarra River. The cost, exclusive of approach roads, was estimated at £42,000. The matter had been referred to the Local Government Department to see what financial assistance they were prepared to give.

The Council approved of the action taken.

26/46.

GRANT FOR CLEANING OF STREAM AT GLENREE, CARRIGART.

A letter was read from the Carrigart Parish Council stating that the Special Employment Schemes Office had intimated that the cost of cleaning the Glenree Stream was estimated at £244, and that a grant would be given, subject to a local contribution by the landholders of £61. The Parish Council asked that the County Council contribute £30 : 10 : 0, being half of the local contribution, as the work to be carried out would be to the benefit of the County Road.

A letter was read from the County Engineer recommending that the Council contribute the sum of £30 : 10 : 0 towards the cleaning of the Glenree Stream.

The County Manager applied to the Council for a sum of £30:10:0 towards the cost of cleaning Glenree Stream.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the County Manager's application be granted.

Councillor Sheldon seconded.

Councillor Scott stated that the granting of this amount would create a very dangerous precedent, and he proposed that no contribution be made by the Council. When the Carrigart Parish Council applied for the particular type of grant which they received, they were fully aware that a local contribution would be required.

Councillor Britton seconded Councillor Scott's amendment, and stated that there was a similar place in his area known as "Durnish Lake", which was causing flooding of six County Roads.

The matter was put to a vote, and the following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Britton, Hennigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, and Scott. Total 5.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Brennan, Breslin, Byrne, Callaghan, Gallagher, Kelly (Patrick), McCaul, O'Boyle, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 11.

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

27/46.

ROAD LEADING FROM PETTIGO TO MAINLAND SHORE, LOUGH DERG.

A letter was read from Very Rev. E. C. Ward, P.P., Latton, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan, and Prior of Lough Derg, stating that the road from Pettigo to the mainland shore, Lough Derg, about 5½ miles long, was in very bad condition, and asking that the Council put the road into a proper state of repair in view of its importance.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting for a further report from the County Engineer.

Councillor Britton asked to have the Pettigo-Letteroran Road inspected also.

28/46. AREAS OF CHARGE FOR THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS AT CULDAFF AND BALLYLIFFIN.

The Secretary stated that the question of fixing Areas of Charge for the provision and maintenance of sewers at Culdaff and Ballyliffin had been before the Council previously, but the Areas of Charge were incorrectly given, and it would be necessary to pass fresh resolutions in both cases.

29/46. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS AT CULDAFF.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Donegal County Council recommend that the Area of Charge for providing and maintaining two sewers at Culdaff, one extending a distance of 35 lineal yards from Connor's Forge to George McLaughlin's gateway, and the other extending a distance of 50 lineal yards from the entrance to the Cow Park to George McLaughlin's Gateway, be the Donegal County Health District.

30/46. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER AT BALLYLIFFIN.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Donegal County Council recommend that the Area of Charge for providing and maintaining a sewer at Ballyliffin, extending a distance of 250 lineal yards from Cross Roads at Strand Hotel, Ballyliffin, north along the County Road to the end of Denis McLaughlin's farm, be the Donegal County Health District.

31/46. SUGGESTED AMENDMENT OF SECTION 25 (1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council asking what amendment, if any, the Council considered was necessary of Section 25 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, which enacted:- "If at any time after the appointed day the Council of any County or Urban District by resolution passed after such notice as is hereinafter mentioned declares any road which is not a public road, but over which a public right-of-way for foot passengers, animals, and vehicles exists, and which connects two public roads, and is not less than eleven feet wide in the clear, to be a public road, such road shall for all purposes be a public road."

The County Manager suggested that if any amendment of the section were being proposed, the words "roads of general public utility" should be substituted for "two public roads". He stated that in this County, for example, there were many public roads leading to the sea.

The Council unanimously adopted the County Manager's suggestion.

32/46. WHITE PAPER ON THE DEMOBILISATION AND RE-SETTLEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES.

A letter dated 27th November, 1945, Circ. G.129/45, was read from the Local Government Department enclosing for the information and guidance of the Council a copy of a White Paper on the demobilisation and re-settlement of members of the Defence Forces.

The Secretary stated that each member of the Council had been furnished with a copy of the letter.

The Council unanimously agreed with the proposals outlined in the letter.

33/46. ROAD LEADING FROM GORTNAMUCK TO THE ALT, CASTLEFIN.

In the absence of Councillor McMenamin, Councillor Hannigan proposed the following Notice of Motion:- "That the attention of the County Engineer be drawn to the condition of the road from Gortnamuck to the Alt, Castlefin."

The matter was referred to the County Engineer.

34/46. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES FOR DISTRICT INSTITUTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th November, 1945, Circ. No. 122/45, stating that Section 11 of the Public Assistance Act, 1939, regulated the procedure for the appointment of Visiting Committees under that Act. It was open to a County Council to appoint a Visiting Committee for each of the Institutions established under the Act, or one Committee for all such Institutions. It was not necessary that all the members of a Visiting Committee should be County Councillors, but the County Council would, no doubt, consider it desirable that the members of the Council should be in the majority on the Committee. The functions of such a Visiting Committee might be as follows:-

1. To inspect the Institution and examine the state of the fabric of the building.
2. To visit the patients or inmates and give them full opportunity for complaint.
3. To inquire into the condition of patients or inmates as the case may be.
4. To report to the County Council on any matters, other than matters relating to the remuneration, privileges, or superannuation of Officers, which they consider should be brought before the Council.
5. To enter in a special book (to be provided for the purpose) any remarks the Visiting Committee think proper in regard to the Institution, or the state of the patients or inmates therein. Such statements should be signed by the members making the entry.

It would be open to a County Council to authorise a Visiting Committee to act collectively or by any two or more members nominated by them. A Committee should be entitled to visit District Institutions at all reasonable times whether or not accompanied by the County Manager, and should have free access to every part of the Institution and to require during the time of their visit the attendance of the Principal Officer of the Institution.

The Council noted the letter, but they decided to adjourn the question of the appointment of the actual Visiting Committees.

35/46. TRANSFER OF THE TOWNLANDS OF CROAGHANARGET AND CRONACARKFREE IN THE ELECTORAL DIVISION OF BINBANE, AND THE TOWNLAND OF DOOCROW IN THE ELECTORAL DIVISION OF LOUGH ESKE, TO THE ELECTORAL DIVISION OF GRAFFY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th November, 1945, F.19605/45, Dun na nGall., referring to previous correspondence relative to the transfer of certain townlands from Binbane D.E.D. and Lough Eske D.E.D. to Graffy D.E.D., and inquiring if the County Council wished to proceed with this matter in view of the fact that the townlands referred to had been included in the County Electoral Area of Glenties by the Donegal County Council (Amendment) Order, 1945.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Britton it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to arrange for the transfer of the townlands of Croaghanarget and Cronacarkfree (Binbane D.E.D.) and the townland of Doocrow (Lough Eske D.E.D.) to the District Electoral Division of Graffy, to make for convenience in local administration.

36/46. PROVISION OF A MOTOR BOAT FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN BURTONPORT AND ARRANMORE.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed:- "That this Council requests the Minister for Industry and Commerce to arrange for the provision of a Motor Boat Ferry Service between Burtonport and Arranmore."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor O'Boyle stated that anyone having to visit Arranmore at the moment had to employ a boat which might cost anything from £1 to £2. The Irish Land Commission, the Commissioners of Irish Lights, the Gardai Authorities, the Post Office Authorities, and the County Council, would all be concerned in the provision of this service.

Councillor Breslin seconded Councillor O'Boyle's proposal, and stated that just before the Emergency the Government had prepared a Scheme for the improvement of communications between the mainland and the Islands off the West coast.

The motion was passed unanimously.

37/46. PUBLIC LIGHTING OF TOWN OF DUNGLOE.

Councillor Patrick J. O'Donnell proposed:- "That the Dungloe Co-Operative Society be granted the sum of £72 per year for the street lighting of Dungloe."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor O'Donnell stated that the figure of £72 covered 12 lights at £6 per light. About 12 lights would be sufficient.

The County Manager stated that the position was that light had been supplied free of charge by the Templecrone Co-Operative Society, but this arrangement was now discontinued. The Council should first ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to fix an Area of Charge, and if the Council could suggest an Area of Charge it would help the Minister. He suggested that the matter be adjourned to give the local people an opportunity of discussing an Area of Charge.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

38/46. ADJOURNMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN.

Councillor Callaghan asked to have the following Notices of Motion standing in his name adjourned until the Estimates Meeting:-

(1) "That in view of the general dissatisfaction prevailing amongst the ratepayers at the policy of extravagant administration pursued by this Council, I request that suggestions for a more economic administration should be considered, and that members of the Council and Officials should co-operate in an honest effort to bring about a more economic and satisfactory administration."

(2) "Considering the fact that the T.D.'s are still enjoying the one-third increase in their allowances which they generously granted themselves at the taxpayers' expense, and in view of the recent concessions made to Civil Servants, I request that the wages of County Council road workers be increased to 7s/6d per day, and that the wages of County Council carters be increased to 12s/6d per day, and that the wages of machinery workers be increased accordingly, and that this Council make recommendations to have the wages on Irish Land Commission and Minor Relief Schemes increased in proportion as the workers are justly entitled to sympathetic consideration in their struggle to meet the increased cost-of-living."

It was suggested to Councillor Callaghan that he could deal with his motions much more adequately by watching carefully every item that comes up for discussion in the Estimates

39/46.

FISHERY LIGHT AT PORTNABLAGH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th November, 1945, C90: 48/1/45, stating that the Portnablagh Fishery Light was one of a number of lights erected by the Congested Districts Board and handed over to them for maintenance on the dissolution of that body. It consisted of a 7-day Wigham Lamp on a 10-ft. cast-iron column and marked the head of the Pier at Portnablagh. A caretaker was employed at £5 per annum, oil, etc., being supplied at a cost of about £9 per annum. The lamphead which had become worn was at present being re-placed by a new head. As Portnablagh Pier, on which this light was situated, was in the County Council's charge, they inquired whether, on the erection of the new lamp-head, the Council would be prepared to accept custody of the light and responsibility for its future maintenance.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the County Council agree to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the light.

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

40/46.

ERECTION OF PERCHES TO MARK ROCKS NEAR RUTLAND ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 5th December, 1945, C.104.90/1/45, stating that in February, 1945, representations were made to them for the erection of a perch on "Teague's Rock" near Rutland Island, to re-place a perch which had fallen and for the erection of a perch to mark "Green Rock" also near Rutland Island. They had been advised that the rocks in an unmarked condition constituted a danger to boats, and the erection of marks on these rocks would, in their Engineer's opinion, be a great convenience, as boats had to run close to them to avoid the shallows near Rutland Island, but could not go to the east of them because of extensive sandbanks. Their Engineer recommended that the simplest and most durable form of markings would be beacons in mass concrete, the cost of which he estimated £150 for the two. The Minister for Finance was prepared to sanction a State Grant of 50% of the cost of the work on condition that the Council contributed the balance of the cost and agreed to accept custody of the beacons and responsibility for their future maintenance when completed.

The Council unanimously agreed to contribute the balance of the cost and to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the beacons.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £75 to enable him to pay the Council's portion of the cost, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Kildea, the application was granted unanimously.

41/46.

TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That in view of the widespread dissatisfaction prevailing amongst ratepayers and the general public over the County Council Turf Scheme, I request the County Engineer to let this Meeting know the total outlay in the Scheme up to the end of December, 1945, the total quantity produced up to that date, the quantity disposed of, and total amount received for same, the quantity on hands, and the quantity regarded as unsaleable or lost at that date, and to state if the Scheme has proved as successful as he expected it would be, and if not, to state why, in his opinion, it has been a failure as the public are convinced it has been."

The County Engineer submitted a report, which was circulated to the members of the Council, and with which Councillor Callaghan expressed himself as satisfied.

Councillor Scott asked that the matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

42/46. PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN LETTERKENNY AND GWEEDORE.

Councillor Breslin proposed:- "That the Donegal County Council protests against the closing down of the Railway Line between Letterkenny and Gweedore, which, serving one of the most congested areas in Ireland, has been the mainstay of turf exports during the Emergency," and that the Government be asked to rescind the Order already made."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Breslin stated that they had got no information as to what alternative transport services were going to be given. The line should at least be continued until the Emergency conditions had passed. This line was a valuable asset to the turf and fishing industries. Were it not for the fact that the railway was in operation thousands of pounds of worth of herrings would have been lost this year.

He presumed that the alternative transport to be provided would be road transport, but the roads were not able to bear the heavy traffic that would be thrown upon them, and it would be some years before they could be put into proper condition, and the upkeep of the roads would mean a heavier burden on the ratepayers.

Councillor McCaul seconded Councillor Breslin's motion. He stated that this line was built by the British Government, and the Railway Company did not contribute one penny towards its construction. He contended that the Railway was not the property of the Lough Swilly Railway Co.

Councillor Gallagher referred to the Government's plans for turf production. He stated that in the Gweedore area there were thousands of tons of turf, and the only way this turf could be transported was by rail.

Councillor Brian Byrne stated that the only satisfactory thing would be for the Government to take over the Railway, and to re-lay it in the new to such an extent as to make it safe for traffic.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that this year alone something like 1,000 tons of herrings were cured at Burtonport, and these had to be transported by rail to Gweedore. About five or six years ago a sum of £30,000 was spent on the road from Crolly Bridge to Burtonport to make it safe for 'bus traffic, and owing to the heavy traffic caused by the closing of the railway from Gweedore to Burtonport, this road was now in a worse condition than before the Grant was spent on it. As well as being requested not to close down the line between Letterkenny and Gweedore, the Railway Company should be asked to re-lay the line from Gweedore to Burtonport.

Councillor McIvor stated that some of the speakers were approaching this question from a wrong angle. The Railway Co. had nothing to do with the closing of this line. It was being done under a Government Order.

Councillor Brady stated that under the Transport Act, 1934, the Minister was empowered to grant an Order to any Transport Company to withhold their services on making a case for such an Order. The Lough Swilly Railway Co. had made such a case. Notices were published giving the people of the area an opportunity to object to the granting of the Order. The Lough Swilly Railway Co. delayed putting the Order into effect owing to the Emergency.

Councillor Breslin's motion was passed unanimously, and it was suggested to him that the deputation from the area going to Dublin in the matter should raise the following points:-

- (1) Where the proceeds of the salvage from the scrapping of the line were proposed to go.
- (2) Under what conditions the Lough Swilly Railway Co. run the line.
- (3) Would there be any possibility of re-opening the railway line between Buncrana and Camdonagh.

Tributes were paid to the transport services maintained during the Emergency by the Lough Swilly and Co. Donegal Railway Companies.

Councillor Walsh referred to the proposed closing of the Railway line from Stranorlar to Glenties, and he inquired if the Co. Engineer had granted a licence to operate a road service.

The County Engineer stated that he had got a query asking for his observations as to what the roads were like.

43/46.

MILFORD OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Councillor Baxter stating that Rev. A. P. Conneff and Mr. Patrick Loughrey had tendered their resignations from the Milford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee. In Mr. Loughrey's case, the Committee unanimously recommended the appointment of Councillor Patrick Kelly, Kerrykeel, and in the case of Rev. Mr. Conneff, the Committee made no recommendation until they would know if his successor would take the appointment.

The Council unanimously agreed to the appointment of Councillor Patrick Kelly, Kerrykeel.

44/46.

IRISH LANGUAGE - ULSTER DIALECT.

A letter was read from Mr. R. S. Holland, N.T., Secretary, Donegal County Committee I.N.T.O., forwarding for adoption by the Council the following resolution:-

"That we, the members of the Donegal County Committee of the I.N.T.O., urge that, in justice to the candidates themselves, and in the interests of the revival movement, not to mention other urgent and weighty factors, candidates from Ulster be given the option of accepting Ulster versions of test papers in Irish at all public examinations. Furthermore, we request that these papers be marked by examiners who are fully conversant with the Ulster dialect."

Councillor Gallagher proposed the adoption of the resolution. Councillor Brennan seconded.

Councillor Britton stated that whilst he was in sympathy with the motion to a certain extent he felt that the time had come when, in the best interests of the language, a uniform literary standard should be evolved.

The motion was passed.

45/46.

GLENVAR PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McGettigan, Secretary, Glenvar Parish Council, asking that the Parish Council be treated as an "Approved Parish Council."

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Brennan it was decided to recognise Glenvar Parish Council as an "Approved Parish Council" on the following conditions:-

1. That the Parish Council be elected at a public Meeting of the inhabitants of the area.
2. That the Parish Council co-operate in carrying out purely local matters in their district.
3. That they give an annual report of their work to the County Council. (Section 72, Local Government Act, 1941.)

46/46.

RESOLUTIONS FROM IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Farmers' Federation submitting for the consideration of the County Council the following resolution passed by them:-

"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 as well as County Councils."

A further letter was read from the Irish Farmers' Federation enclosing copies of the following resolutions passed by them:-

(a) "Pending de-rating of agricultural land, and in view of the alarming prospects of a large increase in local rates during the coming years, we request all County Councils to make a united demand on the Government to enact legislation to fix a just and equitable maximum limit above which rates cannot be increased."

(b) "That in view of great individual hardships caused to Jurors who have to attend Circuit Courts day after day, we ask the County Councils to direct the attention of the Government to this unfair treatment, and we demand that Jurors be recouped for out-of-pocket expenses and loss of time."

The Council decided to mark the resolutions "read."

47/46. REQUEST TO HAVE TRUNK AND MAIN ROADS REPAIRED AND MAINTAINED AS A NATIONAL CHARGE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Leicighis County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
"That this Council request the Government to take the necessary steps to have all trunk and main roads repaired and maintained as a National Charge."

The Council unanimously adopted the resolution.

48/46. RESOLUTION RE TURF INDUSTRY FROM LONGFORD CO. COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Longford County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
"In view of the great Turf Industry that has been built up during the Emergency, of the employment it gives for so many months of the year, and the considerable amount of money it retains in the country, we ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to restrict the use of coal, when it becomes available, for essential purposes and by a form of rationing."

The Council noted that the recently-published Government proposals for the Turf Industry covered the points in the resolution.

49/46. REPAIR OF DOE CASTLE RAMPART ROAD.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 21st January, 1946, regarding the repairs to the Doe Castle Rampart Road, and stating that the Commission's contribution would not be paid until the necessary repair work had been completed, and asking that the Council accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the rampart, culvert, and sluice gate.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor McCaul it was unanimously decided to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the rampart, culvert, and sluice gate.

50/46. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Sligo, appending copy of the following resolution passed by Sligo Corporation:-
"That we, the members of the Sligo Corporation, request the Government of Eire to unconditionally release the Republican prisoners detained in jails in Eire. That we also request the unconditional release of all Republican prisoners in Jails in Northern Ireland and in English prisons, as we believe the time has arrived when all these prisoners should get their liberty."

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Byrne, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

51/46. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND NATIONAL FLAG.

A letter was read from the Dungarvan Urban District Council enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by them:-
"That we, the members of the Dungarvan Urban District Council, call on the Minister for Education to ensure that in all Schools in Eire, pupils be given instruction in the history of and respect for the National Anthem and the National Flag."

On the motion of Councillor Callaghan seconded by Councillor Kildea, the motion was adopted unanimously.

52/46. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNTY DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Council noted the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1945.

Confirmed.

Neil Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council.
26th February, 1946.

TURF ACCOUNT.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM APRIL, 1941, TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

R E C E I P T S. E X P E N D I T U R E.

Fuel Importers, Ltd. £453,400 : 19 : 3. Local Authorities £27,394 : 12 : 0. Other Consumers £16,101 : 3 : 7. Carbonisation 137 : 10 : 0. Refunds of amounts charged to Turf A/c. and properly due by other Accounts. £3,064 : 17 : 6. Lettings of Turf Balds. 66 : 3 : 8. Tea and Sugar 37 : 3 : 11. Balance due to Bank at 31/12/1945. £48,988 : 10 : 3. <hr/> £549,191 : 0 : 2.	Wages, Insurance Stamps, etc. £319,626 : 18 : 6. Loading and Transport £193,967 : 16 : 0. Temporary Engineers' Salaries £3,652 : 12 : 5. Travelling Expenses £1,894 : 6 : 2. Clerical Assistance £4,902 : 12 : 5. Bonuses to Engineers £1,794 : 0 : 0. Expended on Bog Hards £4,955 : 0 : 0. Bank Interest £13,983 : 8 : 0. Embossing Paying Orders £1,449 : 7 : 4. Postages and Telephones £1,551 : 19 : 11. Printing and Stationery £1,092 : 17 : 11. Compensation paid to workers 320 : 1 : 6. <hr/> £549,191 : 0 : 2.
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RECONCILIATION STATEMENT AS
DUE TO TURF ACCOUNT.

AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.
DUE BY TURF ACCOUNT.

Fuel Importers' Ltd. 27,143 tons at 11/- delivered to 31/10/1945. £14,928 : 13 : 0. 4,574 tons, 11 cwts. at 51/- delivered November, 1945. £11,665 : 2 : 0. 2,500 tons (estimated) at 51/-, delivered Dec., 1945. £6,375 : 0 : 0. Experimental Cutting, 1941. 177 : 10 : 0. Loss on private sales, 1941 (to be refunded) £6,090 : 19 : 5. Donegal County Council:- Loss on sales (1941-1945) to Institutions and Machinery £4,683 : 9 : 11. Refund (estimated) due by Workmen's Compensation Fund £7,000 : 0 : 0. Lough Swilly Relayway Co. 203 : 7 : 2. Sundry debt 31 : 15 : 1. Estimated sale value of Turf on hands, 3,670 tons at 25/- £4,771 : 0 : 0. <hr/> £55,926 : 16 : 7.	Balance brought down £48,988 : 10 : 3. Wages, etc. due to 31/12/1945, paid in January, 1946. 1,604 : 6 : 11. Bank Interest 539 : 6 : 6. Estimated other expenses due to complete 1945 Turf Scheme - Bank Interest, Clerical assistance, Bonuses, Royalties, etc. 2,500 : 0 : 0. <hr/> £55,926 : 16 : 7.
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Estimated Credit Balance £4,771 : 0 : 0. <hr/> £55,926 : 16 : 7.	Estimated Credit Balance £4,771 : 0 : 0. <hr/> £55,926 : 16 : 7.
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THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1946.

53/46.

ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

54/46.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors Gallen, McFadden, and McMenamin.

55/46.

CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the community of the Sisters of Mercy and to the relatives of the late Sister M. Dymphna Vahey, who was for many years Matron of the County Home, and who was well-known to the members of the late Board of Health for her courtesy, kindness, and consideration.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

The Chairman also proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. P. Gallagher of the "People's Press" on the recent death of his father.

The proposal was also passed unanimously, and Mr. Gallagher suitably acknowledged.

56/46.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on the 29th January, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

57/46.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £30,000 on the Revenue Account for the month of March, 1946.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor McCaul, the application was granted unanimously.

58/46.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £50,000 on the Turf Production Account for the month of March, 1946.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor McCaul, the application was granted unanimously.

59/46.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £11,500 on the Capital Account for the month of March, 1946.

In connection with this application, the Secretary stated that later in the meeting, when Item 5. on the Agenda would come up for discussion, the Council would be considering this matter. He suggested that they apply for sanction to an Overdraft on the Capital Account for the month of March, as it would be some time before the supplemental Loans referred to in Item 5. would be raised.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor McCaul, it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation of £11,500 on the Capital Account for the month of March, 1946.

60/46. ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1947.

The Co. Manager submitted to the Council his Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1947, which he had prepared on Tables A., B., C., D., and E., showing the amounts which, in his opinion, would be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council during the year.

He also submitted the following statement to the Council:-

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The General Estimates now submitted compare with the Estimates adopted for the current financial year as follows:-

	<u>1945/46.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>
Roads Charges.....	£102,000.	£133,008.
Public Assistance Charges.	79,729.	99,489.
Mental Hospital Charges...	40,655.	43,263.
Health Charges.....	22,578.	28,420.
Housing Charges.....	9,420.	11,396.
General Purposes Charges..	44,076.	49,720.
Drainage Charges.....		753.

ROADS CHARGES.

A Credit Balance of £1,699 (Table C.) is largely explained by the fact that the sum of £2,000 voted in the current year for the widening of the new span of Ballyshannon Bridge remains unexpended and the Council is asked to re-vote it. The large increase in repairs and improvements to Main and County Roads is principally to provide surface dressing for 87 miles. (Main 40, County 47) During the War period this work was more or less discontinued, and considerable leeway has to be made up if our roads are to be restored to good condition. It is hoped to do the entire County over a period of four years.

At the moment the Government is understood to be contemplating some changes in their plans of assisting Local Authorities in their road improvement programmes, but I fear we will not have any definite information for the Estimates Meeting.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

The debit balance of £10,428 arises from the failure to provide for the Council's contribution of £6,075 for Emergency Supplementary Allowances in the current year, together with an over-expenditure on treatment in Extern Institutions, medical assistance, food and drink, heating and lighting, medicines, and the cost of a new ambulance. A saving was effected in Loan Charges, clothing, bedding and furniture, and a number of smaller items.

Of the additional cost of £3,760 in District Institutions, £567 is caused by an increase in salaries. This provides for two additional Nurses at the County Home and one in Glenties Hospital, as well as for an increase in the salaries paid to the Matrons. The balance is due to normal increments falling due in other salaries, and to an increase in the cost of allowances. The additional cost of food, drink, and tobacco provides for anticipated increases in the cost of these items. The increase in the cost of medicines is necessary to meet additional costs caused by greater quantities and varieties becoming available. The additional cost of £900 for heating and lighting follows the exhaustion of the Emergency stores of fuel. Full provision has to be made this year and is based on current prices. The cost of other establishment expenses is actually only £209 in excess of last year's Estimates, and is caused by additional fees to dentists, payment of Emergency Bonuses to Nurses, and the cost of additional vacation substitutes provided for the additional nursing staff.

Home Assistance.

The increase in the cost of boarded-out children, £315, is caused by an increase in the monthly payments to foster-parents from 22s/6d to 27s/6d, and an improvement in the scale of allowances for clothing. These increases were considered necessary, and the amounts payable are still considerably below that paid by other Counties, one of whom boards its children out in County Donegal. The increase in salaries is based on the actual figures. The increase in retiring allowances is caused by the addition to the superannuation list of one officer during the year, and the anticipated early retirement of another officer.

Emergency Supplementary Allowances, £6,075.

This sum is based on the amount of the Council's contribution required for the current year.

Footwear, £1,526.

This increase is due to the increased number of vouchers for distribution. No sum is included for footwear to Home Assistance cases. Half of the cost of these is taken from the Grant for assistance in kind to recipients of Home Assistance.

Assistance in kind to recipients of Home Assistance.

This is the amount of Grant made available this year. The increased amount is included in the Receipts.

Other Expenses, List C, £1,324.

It is anticipated that considerably more will be expended by the Superintendent Home Assistance Officer in travelling this year, with the improvement in transport facilities, and this amount is increased by £200.

The sum of £67 for Emergency Bonuses represents an increase of 1s/6d a week to each Assistance Officer.

The extra sum for clerical assistance is necessary to expedite the issue of Emergency Supplementary Allowances and Footwear Vouchers.

A sum of £280, additional remuneration on Food Vouchers Scheme, was the amount allowed by the Local Government Department after taking into account sums spent on extra clerical assistance.

The additional remuneration in connection with the Emergency Supplementary Allowances - £585 - was also allowed by the Local Government Department to Assistance Officers for the year ended 31st March, 1945, after taking into account sums expended on extra clerical assistance.

The increase in retiring allowances is caused by an increase in the number of superannuated officers pending.

Medical Supplies, £700.

Many items not procurable during the Emergency are now becoming available, and this will add to the cost.

Other Expenses, List D., £373.

£225 of this is for Uniform Allowances recently granted to Midwives. The remainder is made up of small items all calculated on the same basis as last year. Under this heading last year, a sum of £155 was deducted by the Council without specifying the items reduced.

Assistance in Extern Institutions.

The costs under this heading have all been increased by the different Extern Institutions, following the rise in the cost-of-living. In some cases the increases have been more than 25%. In one case the cost rose from £25 to £40 per annum.

Administration and Other Expenses.Ambulance and other transport.

The provision of a second new ambulance and overhauling of existing vehicles is badly needed. The actual expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1945, was £953.

Increase in Salaries.

The increase in salaries represents the usual increments.

MENTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES.

The principal increase - £3,108 in salaries and wages - is caused by the introduction of the new scale of salaries for Attendants and Nurses. Higher scales have also been introduced recently for the Landsteward and Storekeeper. The increase in the cost of fuel and lighting is caused by the higher costs of turf production, and the appointment of a temporary second Assistant Medical Officer. Were it not for the new salary scales, this Institution would actually show a decrease in its cost.

HOUSING CHARGES.

The principal increase in this expenditure is caused by repairs to Cottages. The Council will recall that the amount voted last year proved altogether inadequate, and an additional sum of £700 had to be voted to keep the work going until the end of the financial year.

A contra item of £5,000 is included to cover any expenditure which may be incurred under the new Housing Scheme.

During the year, 130 tenements covered by the Purchase Scheme, and their Cottages were put in a satisfactory state of repair before vesting.

HEALTH CHARGES.

The increase in salaries is caused by the charging under this head of the salary of the second Assistant County Medical Officer of Health. This was previously charged as "Joint District Charges."

Fire Brigade Expenses.

Under this heading is included an item of £250 in respect of the Engineer's salary. The amount of £600 in respect of Fire Hydrants might be charged against the proposed Loan.

Nursing Associations.

The increase under this heading is caused by the grant of contributions to two new Associations at Creeslough and Raphoe, and an increase of £10 each in the subsidies to others. The County now has the largest number of Associations in Ireland.

Tuberculosis Acts.

The increased expenditure on T.B. Shelters is caused by the provision of two new extra shelters. These are now being sold by the Irish Red Cross Society and are considered very desirable in certain cases.

It is expected that during the year Peamount will be able to give the County a full quota of 20 beds.

Domiciliary treatment covers, as well as food, the provision of bedding and bedclothes to patients.

Provision is made for the first time for the issue of Uniforms to the three Public Health Nurses. £20 is included under the Tuberculosis Acts and £40 under the medical treatment of school-children.

Blind Persons Act.

The increase under the Blind Persons Act is caused by an increase in the number of persons treated.

Prevention and Treatment of Disease.

The sum of £525 for the prevention and treatment of disease would rank for a 75% recoupment, if the Council had an approved Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease. At the moment, the Council is responsible for the entire cost.

Sewers.

The principal item in the Estimates under this heading is £1,000 for repairs and improvements. £90 is required for Ballyshannon and £50 for Moville.

The Loan charges contain £420 for Loans for sewers at Rathmullan, Falcarragh, Remelton, and Mountcharles, and sewer connections at Donegal and Ballyshannon.

Waterworks.

This includes provision of filtering materials and improvements to filters at Ballintra, Ballybofey, Carrdonagh, Carrigart, Donegal, Mountcharles, Moville, and Milford, supplementary pumping system at Dungloe, scraping of mains at Pettigo, extensions at Keenaleck and Falcarragh, and supply for Carrmalin.

In this Estimate also a sum of £660 is provided for re-payment of Loans that might be obtained for the provision of Water Supplies at Rossmakill, Creeslough, Finn Valley, Dungloe, Burtenport, Kilear, and improvements at Rathmullan, Clonmeny, Lifford, and Ballyshannon.

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.

The increase to the Committee of Agriculture is caused by an increase in the amount of the demand from that Body.

The increase in the cost of Office Staff is caused by the award of normal increments, and the increase in the salary of the Accountant.

The increased cost of the Rate Collection is caused principally by the increase in the Rate.

The increase under the heading of "Sheep Dipping" is required to carry out much-needed repairs to our Sheep Dipping Baths. If anything, this amount will be scarcely adequate. Since the preparation of the Estimates, the Department of Agriculture have informed me that they are prepared to approve of the appointment of an additional Veterinary Inspector at Ardara at a cost of £200. This amount will be subject to 50% recoupment.

The payment of £7,000 Workmen's Compensation, and £4,684 loss on 1941 private Turf sales have already appeared in the Turf Account Balance Sheet recently circulated to the members of the Council.

GENERAL.

The Estimates now presented show an increase under practically all heads over the figures submitted last year, but Councillors, from their own experience and knowledge of everyday conditions, will readily appreciate the reasons.

Every improvement in the Social Services carries with it an increased charge to the ratepaying community. Many places in the County are still calling for the amenities of Water and Sewerage Schemes, and the Council, as the Public Health Authority, must continue in the promotion of these essential works.

60/46. ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1947.
(CONTINUED).

In reply to an inquiry by Councillor Scott, the County Manager stated that he had got no official information from the Department about the increased Grants in respect of Roads, but the Chairman had made inquiries into the matter.

It was decided to leave over consideration of "Roads Charges" until the end of the meeting.

The Council then proceeded to consider the items seriatim under the different headings:-

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

Assistance in District Institutions.

It was decided to reduce the amount included for "Food, Drink, and Tobacco" by £910.

Councillor Scott proposed that the amount included under the heading "Materials for Washing and Cleaning" be reduced by £20, and Councillor Herkin seconded.

Two amendments were proposed, but Councillor Scott's proposal was declared carried.

Medicines.

Councillor Brady proposed that the amount included under the heading of "Medicines" be reduced by £350, and Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the Estimate for this item be adopted, and Councillor Byrne seconded.

Councillor Callaghan's amendment was lost on a show of hands.

Heating, Lighting, and Water Supply.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott, it was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £400.

Clothing and bedding.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £300.

Councillor Scott suggested that the Matrons of the Institutions should be instructed to have Mattresses re-teased in all possible cases.

Structural repairs, alterations, and upkeep of Institutions, List A.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £550.

Other Establishment Expenses, List B.

(1) Dentist.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £65.

(2) Additional temporary Nurses.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £60.

(3) Postage and Carriage.

The County Manager explained that the increase under this heading was based on actual expenditure.

It was decided to reduce the amount by £25.

(4) Vacation Substitutes.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £357.

Total Expenditure in List B. reduced by £507.

HOME ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

(1) Home Assistance.

Councillor Byrne quoted the case of an Hotel Proprietor who was engaged as a Supervisor on Minor Relief Schemes, whilst a workman in receipt of Home Assistance was passed over.

The Chairman asked if able-bodied men were in receipt of Home Assistance. He was under the impression that in some areas they were, but he wanted to know if this state of affairs was uniform throughout the County. He suggested that a list be prepared showing the number of able-bodied men in receipt of Home Assistance in each County Electoral Area.

60/46. ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1947.
(CONTINUED).

Home Assistance.

(2) Boarded-Out Children.

In connection with the increase under this heading, the County Manager stated that the rates had been increased to 27s/6d per month.

(3) Emergency Supplementary Allowances.

The County Manager stated that he had got no information as to whether the Emergency Supplementary Allowances would be continued or not, but last year the amount included in the Estimates had been struck out, which resulted this year in a large debit balance.

On the motion of Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to delete the sum of £6,075 included for Emergency Supplementary Allowances.

(4) Footwear.

Councillor Walsh stated that shopkeepers could not get supplies of Footwear.

Councillor Breslin stated that supplies of boots did not correspond with the number of vouchers issued.

The County Manager stated that the Council had no responsibility for the distribution of footwear supplies amongst retailers.

Councillor Sheldon stated that twelve months ago he made the same point as Councillor Breslin, and he stated that the Scheme could not work if there was no relation between the issue of vouchers and the stocks of footwear.

It was suggested that the Manager should write to the proper Department regarding the allocation of footwear supplies.

(5) Other Expenses, List G., Home Assistance.

Clerical Assistance for E.S. and Footwear Schemes.

In reply to inquiries as to the cause of the increase under this heading, the County Manager explained that the number of Footwear Vouchers issued went up from 2,750 to 7,342.

The Council decided to reduce the amount under this heading by £120.

Additional remuneration, Home Assistance work (P.A. Forms).

The Council decided to reduce the amount under this heading by £260.

Councillor Walsh suggested that the districts of the Home Assistance Officers should be re-arranged.

Medical Assistance, Otherwise than in Institutions.

Medical Supplies.

When the question of Medical Supplies came up for discussion, complaints were made that people in possession of "Red Tickets" had to pay for medicines.

The County Manager stated that if any such cases were brought to his notice he would have them investigated immediately.

It was suggested that a return be prepared showing the number of persons who had received medicines on "Red Tickets" in each Dispensary District for the previous year.

The Council reduced the amount included in the Estimates for "Medical Supplies" by £250.

Other Expenses, List D., Medical Assistance, otherwise than in Institutions.

Vacation Substitutes - Medical Officers.

The Council reduced the amount included under this heading by £50.

Sick Leave Substitutes - Medical Officers.

The Council again criticised the amount being spent on sick leave substitutes for Medical Officers.

Councillor Brady suggested that where a neighbouring Doctor acted as a substitute for another Doctor he should only be paid £3 : 3 : 0 per week.

The County Manager stated that the Council would be up against the whole medical profession.

It was suggested to Councillor Brady that he should submit a motion on the matter for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

Sick Leave Substitutes - Medical Officers (continued).

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Manager circularise the Dispensary Doctors and point out to them the heavy cost to the Council of sick leave substitutes, and ask their co-operation in having the Council's expenditure under this heading kept as low as possible.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

It was decided to reduce the amount included for Sick leave substitutes by £20.

Dispensary Rents.

Councillor Hannigan complained that the Medical Officer for Cloghan Dispensary District had not attended the Dispensary in Cappry for the last ten years, and he inquired if the Council were paying rent for this Dispensary.

The County Manager stated that rent was being paid and it was the duty of the Doctor to attend Cappry Dispensary. He would take the matter up with the Doctor concerned.

Dispensary Fuel.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £20.

Dispensary Repairs.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £20.

Extra Medical Assistance.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £5.

Analyst's Fees.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £5.

Carriage and other incidental Expenses.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £5.

Books and Stationery.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £10.

Assistance in Extern Institutions.

Under the heading "Blind, Deaf, and Dumb", the County Manager explained that the maintenance rate had been increased from £25 to £40 per year.

Under the heading "Patients in Extern Hospitals", the County Manager explained that the maintenance rate for patients in Extern Hospitals had been increased from 42/- to 52s/6d per week.

Administration and Other Expenses.Ambulance and Other Transport.

The County Manager explained that the greater part of the increase under this heading was caused by the recent purchase of a new Ambulance. The purchase of another new Ambulance was contemplated.

The Council reduced the amount included under this heading by £200.

Cost of Burials.

The Council reduced the amount included under this heading by £50.

Other Expenses - List E., Administration and Other Expenses.Postage and Carriage.

The Council reduced the amount included under this heading by £25.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES - ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.X-Ray Fees.

Councillor Brady inquired if the X-Ray Plant for which the Council had made provision last year had been installed in any of the Hospitals in the County.

The County Manager explained that the Department for various reasons would not approve of the installation of X-Ray Plant, but were agreeable to the installation of Fluoroscopes. The County M. O. H. had been instructed to purchase these Fluoroscopes.

It was decided to inquire from the County Medical Officer of Health what the present position was regarding the Fluoroscopes.

MENTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES.

Councillor Baxter inquired if the Mental Hospital Visiting Committee had gone into the Mental Hospital Estimate, and Councillor Scott replied that they had gone minutely into the Estimate.

The County Manager stated that since the Estimates were prepared the Department had sanctioned increases in salary to the Landsteward and Storekeeper.

Emergency Bonus for Mental Hospital Employees.

The County Manager stated that the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union had applied for an increase in Emergency Bonus on behalf of the Mental Hospital employees.

The Council decided to refuse the application as they considered these employees had been well treated in view of the coming into operation of the new scale of salaries.

HOUSING CHARGES.Repairs to Cottages.

Councillor Scott proposed that the estimate for repairs to Labourers' Cottages be reduced by £2,000.

Councillor Baxter seconded the proposal.

The County Manager pointed out that the sum of £3,000 which was allocated last year was altogether insufficient, and he had to apply to the County Council at their January Meeting for a further sum of £700. He stated that there were 296 Cottages in respect of which tenants had submitted Applications to Purchase, and that if the Council only allowed £3,000 for repairs it would barely cover the cost of putting the Cottages for purchase into repair. This would mean that the other Cottages could not be touched during the year, and the bill for repairs in future years would be all the heavier.

Councillor Scott's proposal was passed unanimously, and the estimate for repairs to Cottages was, therefore, reduced by £2,000.

Charge against Salaries of Office Staff.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £100.

Re-Payment of Loans.

Councillor Walsh drew attention to the amount being spent on re-payment of Loans, and he stated that Loans could be obtained from Insurance Companies at 3%, and he asked if some of the Council's Loans could be redeemed and fresh Loans obtained at a lower rate of interest.

The County Manager stated that when the Commissioners of Public Works lend money at a certain rate per cent one of the conditions was that if the Loan was redeemed before its normal period of maturity, a premium must be paid to enable the Commissioners to re-imburse themselves.

It was suggested to Councillor Walsh that he should put down a Notice of Motion on this matter for a future Meeting.

ROADS CHARGES.

The Chairman stated that when he saw the Press Report about the Mayo Estimates meeting, he got in touch with the Local Government Department, and they were not able to give him anything definite, but he could mention that the Department were going to give a generous increase in Road Grants. They informed him that the Grants might also apply to County Roads.

The County Engineer stated that he had received no official notification from the Department in this matter, but it was probable that increased Grants would be given for both Main and County Roads.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the Estimate for "Road Charges" until a special meeting on Monday, 11th March, 1946, at twelve noon.

HEALTH CHARGES - HEALTH DISTRICT CHARGES.Fire Brigade Expenses.

The Council decided to reduce the expenditure under this heading by a sum of £109.

Fire Hydrants.

The Council decided to delete from the Estimates a sum of £600 included for the provision of Fire Hydrants, as it was noted that these would be bought out of Capital when the Loan for Fire Brigade Expenses had been sanctioned.

Derelict Sites.

The County Manager stated that there were a number of Derelict Sites in the County which he hoped to have cleared, and it was probable that the Council would be able to sell some of the cleared sites. He suggested that a sum of £200 be included in the Receipts as against the figure of £400 in the Expenditure.

HEALTH CHARGES - JOINT DISTRICT CHARGES.Tuberculosis Acts.Travelling Expenses of Doctors and Nurses.

It was decided to reduce the amount included in the Estimates under this heading by £22.

Postage of Doctors and Nurses.

It was decided to reduce the amount included in the Estimates under this heading by £15.

Dispensary Repairs.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £20.

Printing and Advertising.

The amount included under this heading was reduced by £20.

Maintenance of Tuberculous Patients in Hospitals.

On the motion of Councillor McCaul seconded by Councillor Baxter it was decided to make no reductions in the amounts estimated for the maintenance of patients in Hospitals.

Domiciliary Treatment.

A discussion took place on the sum of £2,000 included in the Estimates for "Domiciliary Treatment."

The County Manager explained that this treatment consisted of extra nourishment in the way of butter, clothing, eggs, beds, and bedding, and that the Council got a 50% recoupment.

Councillor Scott proposed that the amount estimated be reduced by £650, and Councillor Herkin seconded.

Councillor Britton proposed, as an amendment, that the total amount provided for be allowed to stand, and Councillor Cellaighan seconded.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried.

Public Health Nurses' Uniforms.

The County Manager stated that he had included a sum of £60 for the provision of uniforms for the three Public Health Nurses, i.e. £20 each.

The Council unanimously decided to allow a sum of £15 each for the provision of uniforms for the Public Health Nurses.

Medical Treatment of School-Children.Travelling Expenses of Doctors and Nurses.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £220.

Salary and Travelling Expenses of County Medical Officer of Health.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £6.

Sewers Expenditure.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £100; this sum to be deducted from the amount provided for "Repairs and Improvements."

Waterworks Expenditure.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £600; this sum to be deducted from the amount provided for "Repairs and Improvements."

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.Public Libraries.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £200.

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £50.

Balance on Machinery Expenses Account.

A discussion took place on the sum of £2,500 provided for in the Estimates under above heading.

The County Engineer explained that the Council were most unfortunate this year in the working of the Machinery Account.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until the Estimate for "Roads Charges" would be under consideration on the 11th March, 1946.

Veterinary Surgeons.

The County Manager stated that since the Estimates were prepared he had a visit from a Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, who informed him that the Department was prepared to sanction the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for the Ardara Area at a salary of £200 per annum, of which 50% would be recouped to the Council, and it would be necessary to increase the Estimate for "Veterinary Surgeons" by £100.

The Council agreed to increase the estimate in this case by £100.

Refunds of Irrecoverable Rates.

When the sum of £3,600 included under this heading was being discussed, Councillor Callaghan stated that certain people in his district were returned as being unable to pay rates who were in a position to pay.

The County Manager stated that he had circulated copies of the lists of irrecoverable rates to all County Councillors, and if any Councillor wished to make any complaint he had an opportunity of doing so at the time. He could not recall having received any representations in the matter from Councillor Callaghan.

Rents and Expenses of Courthouses.

The Council asked that in future years these amounts be shown separately.

Expenses of Piers and Harbours.

Councillor Baxter stated that the recent storms had done some damage to Rathmullen Pier.

The County Engineer stated that he would have the matter investigated immediately.

Legal Expenses.

It was decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £100.

Provision of Pounds.

The Council decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £400.

Sheep Dipping.

A discussion took place on the sum of £1,500 included under this heading.

The County Manager stated that the Sheep Dipping Baths were in a very bad state of repair. The amount included would not be sufficient to put them all into a proper state of repair. The Department of Agriculture were anxious that all baths should be of the concrete type.

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES (CONTINUED).

Contributions towards new Marine Works taken over.

The Council decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £250.

Marriage Gratuities to Female Officers retiring on marriage.

The Council decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £50.

Miscellaneous Expenses.

The Council decided to reduce the amount included under this heading by £300.

Loss on 1941 Private Turf Sales.

The Council decided to delete the sum of £4,684 included under this heading.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT CHARGES.

No comment was made on the amounts included under this heading.

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.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates until a special meeting at twelve noon on Monday, 11th March, 1946.

61/46.

BUNDORAN URBAN COUNCIL SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, stating that the Bundoran Urban Council proposed constructing a new Sewerage Scheme to serve part of the Urban District and part of the Rural District immediately outside. They wished to know if the County Council would accept responsibility for that part of the Scheme serving the Rural District.

The County Manager explained that there were two courses open to the County Council:- (1) to agree to bear part of the cost of the Sewerage Scheme serving the area outside the Urban District, or (2) to consent to the Urban Council's making an application for the extension of their boundary.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor O'Boyle it was unanimously decided to consent to the Urban Council's making application for the extension of the Urban Boundary.

62/46.

PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING-PLACE AT BUNANID, ARRANMORE.

The Council adjourned until their next meeting consideration of the proposed provision of landing-place at Bunanid, Arranmore, and the question of the Council's contribution, if any. (215/45 C.C., August, 1945.)

63/46.

PUBLIC LIGHTING OF THE TOWN OF DUNGLOE.

The Council adjourned until their next meeting the question of the provision of Public Lighting for the town of Dungloe, so as to enable the parties interested to submit particulars of the suggested Area of Charge.

64/46.

PROPOSED RAISING OF LOANS BY THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, PROVISION OF HOUSES AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT LETTERKENNY MENTAL HOSPITAL, OPERATIONS UNDER THE LABOURERS' ACTS, AND LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS.

The Secretary submitted to the Council the following memorandum dealing with the raising of Loans for various items:-

EXERCISE OF BORROWING POWERS.

I. PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

To date the Council has spent a sum of £6,140 on the provision of Fire-Fighting Equipment. This expenditure has been met out of the Revenue Account and it is proposed to re-pay this sum to the Revenue Account out of the Capital Account when the necessary Loan has been raised.

The County Engineer estimates that further capital expenditure, amounting to £1,200, is necessary to complete the existing Fire-Fighting Services, and that at a later stage it may become necessary to provide a further capital sum of, say, £3,500 (See County Engineer's report attached). In addition, a sum of £600 has been included in this year's Estimates for Hydrants, and it is proposed to defray this sum out of Capital. It is recommended that a Loan of £10,000 in respect of Fire-Fighting be raised by the Council, out of which will be met £6,140 already expended, £1,200 estimated cost of completing the equipment of the present Fire-Fighting Services, and £600 in respect of Hydrants, leaving a sum of £2,060 for future development.

II. (a) HOUSES FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL STAFF.

In 1940 the former Committee of Management of the Mental Hospital raised a Loan of £8,000 to provide twelve houses for the Head Attendant, the Landsteward, and ten Attendants of the Staff. This Loan was obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works re-payable over a period of 35 years at 4½% interest. The Consultant Architect has not yet been able to get final figures from the Contractor, but the Architect estimates that the entire cost of the Scheme will be £11,080. The expenditure to date has been £9,235, so that a further Loan of £3,030 will be required to meet the estimated expenditure.

(b) PROVISION OF HEATING AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT MENTAL HOSPITAL.

In 1939 the former Committee of Management obtained a Loan of £10,000 from the Royal Bank of Ireland re-payable in 15 years at 4% in respect of this work. The expenditure to date has been £23,188. In addition to the Loan of £10,000 the Hospitals Trust gave a Grant of £5,000, so that a sum of £8,188 remains to be provided. It is expected that a further grant of £2,417 will be given by the Hospitals Trust. The Council will recall that the original Contractor failed to carry out his contract, and it is estimated that the Insurance Co. will reimburse the Council to the extent of £2,500 in respect of the Bond entered into by the Contractor. This leaves a net estimated sum of £3,271 still unprovided for, which will require to be raised by way of a supplemental Loan.

III. (OPERATIONS UNDER THE LABOURERS ACTS.

(a) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1933, No. 1.

Under this Order, the former Board of Health obtained in 1934 a Loan of £96,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works re-payable in 35 years at 4½% interest for the building of 323 Cottages. To date 313 Cottages have been built under the Order, and the expenditure exceeds the amount received by £248. There are further items to be met, viz., low costs and Engineers' Fees, and it is estimated that a sum of £250 will be required to meet these charges. It is recommended that a supplemental loan of £500 be raised under this Order.

(b) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1933, No. 2.

Under this Order, the former Board of Health obtained in 1935 a Loan of £32,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works on the same terms as for Loan (a) above, for the provision of 109 Cottages, of which 88 Cottages have been built. Of the amount of the Loan sanctioned, £28,100 has been received. The expenditure under the Order to date amounts to £28,436, and the estimated further expenditure in respect of low costs, Engineers' Fees, etc., is £370. It is recommended that a supplemental Loan of £700 be raised under this Order.

(c) Milford Order, 1912.

Under this Order, the former Board of Health obtained a Loan of £4,200 in 1934 from the Commissioners of Public Works re-payable in 35 years at 4½% interest, for the provision of 14 Cottages of which 12 have been built. The amount of the Loan received to date is £3,340, and the amount expended in excess of the amount received is £242. It is recommended that a supplemental Loan of £242 be raised under this Order.

(d) Twenty-House Scheme at West Port, and Bachelor's Walk, Ballyhannon.

For this Scheme, the former Board of Health obtained a Loan of £10,000 in 1940 from the Commissioners of Public Works re-payable in 35 years at 5½% interest. All the houses have been built, and the expenditure to date has been £12,743. A further estimated sum of £75 is required in respect of low costs, fencing, etc., to complete the Scheme. It is recommended that a supplemental Loan of £2,820 be raised under this Scheme.

IV. LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS SCHEME.

The expenditure on this Scheme is chargeable as follows:-

- 30% to Public Health. (Former Board of Health.)
- 35% to Mental Hospital.
- 35% to Letterkenny Urban District Council.

A Grant of £9,300 has been paid by the Department in respect of the Scheme, which Grant is apportioned on the same basis as the expenditure. To date the expenditure has amounted to £30,138, and the following Table shows the position as it now stands:-

LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS SCHEME.

APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENDITURE (£30,138).

	Public Health (30%).	Mental Hospital (35%).	Lettirkenny U.D.C. (35%).
£9,042.	£10,548.	£10,548.	
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£9,702.	£10,548.	£10,548.	
£2,790.	£3,255.	£3,255.	
£6,912.	£7,293.	£7,293.	
£7,200.	£5,250.	£5,000.	
£288 (Over-contributed.)	£2,043.	£1,693.	
£288. (*)	£323.	---	
M11.	£2,366.	£1,693.	

Add cost of laying pipes at
 Kilmoreen.....
 TOTAL TO BE MET.....
 Deduct proportion of Grant..
 (£9,300).....

Deduct loans already received.

Add apportionment of £600
 remitted to Lettirkenny Urban
 District Council 1s per
 Minute No. 23/42, General
 Purposes Committee, 23/10/1945.

Net amount to be raised by
 way of Loan.....

A supplemental loan of £2,366 is, therefore, required, which will be chargeable to the Mental Hospital.
 (*) Includes all over-contributed by Public Health.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT ON PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING
EQUIPMENT.**

26th June, 1945.

The County Manager,
LIFFORD.

A Charm,

I beg to refer to request some time ago from the Department to set to the further capital expenditure required to complete the equipment of the Fire-Fighting Services as at present organised in this County. I set out in the attached statement a list of the equipment and such other expenditure as I consider necessary for this purpose. As you will note the total amount of further Capital expenditure required is £1,200.

In addition to the further Capital expenditure mentioned above, it may become necessary at a later stage to provide a further Capital sum of, say, £3500. This sum is made up as follows:-

Five Lorries at £400 each.....	£2,000.
Four Fire Stations to house Trailer Equipment.....	£1,200.
Rubber Boots.....	300.
TOTAL.....	£3,500.

I have not included in this Estimate any sum for the construction of the 17 subsidiary Fire Stations (as distinct from our main Trailer Pump Stations.) I do not know yet whether it will be necessary for us to make this provision.

As you will note from the attached statement, I have included a sum of £25 for each of 17 Fire Stations, which is meant to cover the cost of providing a small shed for housing the hose and other fittings. It may be found that this arrangement will be suitable for our needs.

Wise, 10 meas,
T. MacMahon,
Co. Engineer.

Estimated Cost of Equipment required.

2,300 feet of 2½" unlined canvas hose, complete with couplings at £9 per 50 feet.....	£414 : 0 : 0.
Ten 12' lengths of suction hose to fit Trailer Pumps at £7 each.....	70 : 0 : 0.
Three Fire Extinguishers at £4 each.....	12 : 0 : 0.
Six Dividing Breechings 2½" Instantaneous at £5 each....	30 : 0 : 0.
Six Hose Carts at £24 each.....	144 : 0 : 0.
One Suction Adaptor for Coventry Climax T.P. to give 2½" Female Instantaneous Outlet.....	3 : 0 : 0.
Four Branchpipes Streamform with 2½" fittings at £3 : 10 : 0 each.....	14 : 0 : 0.
One Collecting Breech 2½" Instantaneous at £4.....	4 : 0 : 0.
Nine Oilskin coats at £2 each.....	18 : 0 : 0.
Ten Helmets at 16/- each.....	8 : 0 : 0.
One bolt at 16/-.....	16 : 0 : 0.
Nine Axes at 10/- each.....	4 : 10 : 0.
Four 6-volt Batteries at £6 each.....	24 : 0 : 0.
17 Fire Stations at £25.....	£425 : 0 : 0.
Extras.....	28 : 14 : 0.
TOTAL.....	£1,200 : 0 : 0.

64/46. PROPOSED RAISING OF LOANS BY THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, PROVISION OF HOUSES AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT LETTERKENNY MENTAL HOSPITAL, OPERATIONS UNDER THE LABOURERS' ACTS, AND LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS. (CONTINUED).

(1) PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a sum of £10,000 by way of Loan for the provision of equipment and other accessories for the Fire-Fighting Services of the County."

(2) HOUSES FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL STAFF.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a further sum of £3,030 by way of Loan for the provision of houses for the staff of Letterkenny Mental Hospital."

(3) PROVISION OF HEATING AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT LETTERKENNY MENTAL HOSPITAL.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a further sum of £3,271 by way of Loan for the provision of heating and electrical equipment at Letterkenny Mental Hospital."

(4) LABOURERS ACTS: COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 1933, No. 1.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a further sum of £500 by way of Loan for the provision of Labourers' Cottages under the Labourers Acts Compulsory Purchase Order, 1933, No. 1."

(5) LABOURERS ACTS: COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 1933, No. 2.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a further sum of £700 by way of Loan for the provision of Labourers' Cottages under the Compulsory Purchase Order, 1933, No. 2."

(6) LABOURERS ACTS: MILFORD ORDER, 1912.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a further sum of £242 by way of Loan for the provision of Labourers' Cottages under the Labourers Acts, Milford Order, 1912."

(7) LABOURERS ACTS: TWENTY-HOUSE SCHEME AT WEST PORT AND BACHELOR'S WALK, BALLYSHANNON.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a further sum of £2,820 by way of Loan for the provision of Labourers' Cottages at West Port and Bachelor's Walk, Ballyshannon."

(8) LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS SCHEME.

It was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council raise a further sum of £2,366 by way of Loan for the carrying out of works under the Lough Salt Waterworks Scheme; this Loan to be chargeable to the Mental Hospital."

65/46. ROAD LEADING FROM PETTIGO TO MAINLAND SHORE, LOUGH DERG.

The County Engineer reported that he had inspected the road leading from Pettigo to Mainland shore, Lough Derg.

There were sections of this road which required tarring. Part of this tarring work would be carried out if the Council approved of his road tarring programme. He had asked the Department for a grant for re-surfacing part of the road.

The Council noted the report.

66/46. ROAD LEADING TO LETTERCRAN CHAPEL.

Councillor Britton asked to have the road leading to Lettercran Chapel inspected by the County Engineer, and reported on.

The matter was referred to the County Engineer.

67/46. ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1944/45 AND 1945/46 -
EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

The County Manager submitted particulars of the following amounts which were spent or anticipated to be spent in excess of the amounts allowed in the Estimates for the Financial Years 1944/45 and 1945/46, pursuant to Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940:-

	<u>Amount over-expended in 1944/45.</u>	<u>Amount over-expended in 1945/46.</u>
<u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.</u>		
Home Assistance.	£3,000.	£7,450.
Extern Institutions.	873.	£1,864.
Medical Assistance.	---	500.
Administration and Other Expenses.	992.	£2,020.
<u>HEALTH.</u>		
Tuberculosis Scheme.	149.	£1,100.
Midwives.	17.	10.
School Medical Inspection.	522.	---
<u>SEPARATE CHARGES.</u>		
Ballyshannon Dumping-Ground.	29.	---
Milford Dumping-Ground.	3.	4.
Raphoe Sanitary Convenience (Re-Vote).	81.	---
Donegal Town Markets.	---	250.
<u>ROADS.</u>		
Rent of Stores and Offices.	---	150.
Sundry Expenses.	---	100.
<u>GENERAL PURPOSES.</u>		
Post-Emergency Schemes.	---	200.
Piers and Harbours.	---	250.
Cost of Rate Collection.	---	470.
Food and Drugs.	---	100.
Sheep Dipping.	---	150.
Sundry Expenses.	---	500.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was unanimously resolved that the Council consent to the expenditure of the sums mentioned above, which were in excess of the expenditure authorised in the Estimates for the respective years, pursuant to Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940.

68/46. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Britton and Gallagher was proposed by Councillor Gallagher:-
"That Council Meetings be held on Mondays in future instead of on Tuesdays as at present."

Councillor Scott drew attention to the provisions of the Standing Orders, which laid down that meetings be held on Tuesdays.

The County Manager stated that if it was the feeling of the Council that the Meetings should be held on Mondays, the April meeting of the Council could be held on the last Monday of April, and perhaps by that time the Standing Orders would have been revised.

69/46. WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Kildes was adjourned until the Special Estimates Meeting on Monday, 11th March, 1946:-

"That the wages of Co. Council labourers be increased to 7s/6d per day."

70/46. APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES FOR COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

Arising out of Minute No. 34/46 of the County Council at their meeting on the 29th January, 1946, the Council unanimously decided to appoint Visiting Committees as follows for the different County Institutions:-

Ballyshannon and Donegal District Hospitals.

Councillors Brennan, Britton, and Gallagher.

Garndonegh District Hospital.

Councillors Friel, T.D., Harkin, John Kelly, McIvor, Kildea, and Scott.

Glenties District Hospital.

Councillors Brady, O'Donnell, and Walsh.

Letterkenny District Hospital.

Councillors Blaney, Patrick Kelly, Hannigan, McCaul, and Sheldon.

Lifford Hospital.

Councillors Doherty, Gallen, Sheldon, Hannigan, and McMenamin.

County Home, Stranorlar.

Councillors Gallen, Hannigan, and McMenamin.

71/46. INSPECTION VISITS OF SURVEYORS TO DISTRICTS.

Councillor Kildea proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager why Engineers and other Officials of the County Council on tours of inspection ignore the representatives of the people."

Councillor Kildea stated that on a certain occasion he left a message with the Town Clerk and the local Assistant County Engineer that when a certain member of the Engineering Staff visited the district he wanted to see him, but nevertheless this Engineer did not call to see him.

The County Engineer stated that he discussed this matter with Councillor Kildea in the presence of the Engineer concerned, and it was agreed that the particular complaint referred to arose through a misunderstanding.

When he and his Chief Assistants went out on inspection work to districts they generally had a heavy programme in hands, and it would delay their inspections considerably if they were to call on the local Councillors. He was always prepared to meet the wishes of the Councillors in this matter within reason.

72/46. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF OFFICIALS.

Councillor Kildea proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager what check there is on the travelling expenses of Officials."

The County Manager stated that the Surveyors' Travelling Expenses were checked by the County Engineer, and those of the Assistant County Medical Officers of Health and Public Health Nurses by the County Medical Officer of Health.

The County Engineer stated that in many cases they had to depend on the integrity of the Officer concerned. The Surveyors on their visits to the various Gangs had to initial the Time Books of the Gangers, and this was an additional check on their claims for Travelling Expenses.

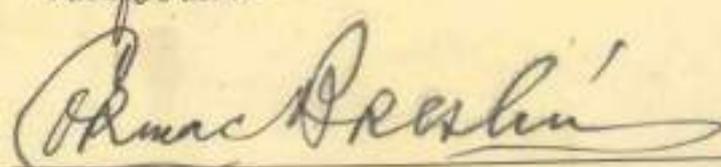
73/46. MARRIAGE OF COUNCILLOR BRIAN BYRNE.

On the motion of Councillor Brennan, the Council unanimously extended their congratulations to Councillor Brian Byrne on his recent marriage.

74/46. ADJOURNMENT OF MOTIONS.

The items on the Agenda, numbered as follows, being motions standing in the names of Councillors Callaghan and Harkin, were adjourned until next meeting:-

Nos. 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 17.

Confirmed


Chairman of Co. Council
 11th Feb. 1946.

75/46.

ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Breslin (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Britton, Callaghan, Doherty, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

76/46.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies for inability to be present were submitted from the Chairmen (Councillor Blaney), and Councillors Brennan and Gallen.

77/46.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 1946.

The Secretary submitted for confirmation the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th February, 1946.

Councillor Breslin drew attention to Minute No. 68/46 wherein it was decided to hold that Meeting and the April Meeting on Mondays. This was contrary to the Standing Orders, and did not suit the majority of the members of the Council.

After further discussion it was decided to hold the April Meeting on the last Tuesday of April.

78/46.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA.

The Secretary asked for permission to raise two matters which had arisen since the Agenda was circulated.

Permission was granted.

79/46.

CARRIGANS DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The Secretary stated that the Council would re-call that in November last (Minute No. 290/45), a claim was made against the Council for alleged negligence in the maintenance of the Carrigans Drainage District, which was transferred from the former Trustees to the County Council on the 1st April, 1945, under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945.

He stated he had been in communication with the Commissioners of Public Works who were prepared to send an Engineer to inspect the Carrigans Drainage District with a view to the issue of a certificate by the Commissioners to the effect that the drainage works were in a condition and state of repair at least as good as they were when inspected prior to being transferred to the County Council under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945. Such a certificate may be of material help to the Council in defending the action for damages which had been brought against them. The fee payable for the Engineer for the inspection would be about £25.

The County Manager applied to the Council for authority to expend the sum of £25.

Councillor Sheldon inquired if the alleged damage had occurred before the Council carried out maintenance work.

The Secretary stated that he understood the shortage of rubber boots was one of the reasons for the delay in having the cleaning of this river carried out.

The County Manager stated that if the Council were in possession of the certificate referred to they might have a good defence, because this certificate had a certain statutory value.

On the motion of Councillor Harkin seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly it was decided to authorise the expenditure of a sum of £25 on obtaining the certificate required.

80/46.

EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mr. P. McGlinchey, V.S., Letterkenny, stating that his two sons' applications for permission to compete at the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools had been turned down by the Scholarships Committee at their Meeting on the 24th January last, and he asked to have the matter re-considered.

The Secretary stated that with the permission of the Council he proposed referring this matter to the Scholarships Committee.

The Council agreed to have the matter referred to the Scholarships Committee, and to call a Meeting of the Committee for Tuesday, 19th March, 1946, at 11.30 a.m.

81/46.

DEPARTURE OF SECRETARY.

The Chairman (Councillor Breslin) stated that he had learned of the forthcoming departure of the Secretary, Mr. O'Keeffe, on his appointment as Secretary of Dublin County Council, and on behalf of the Council he tendered his congratulations to Mr. O'Keeffe. The congratulations were tinged with regret. Mr. O'Keeffe had only been a very short time with the Council, but during that time he showed his efficiency and had gone out of his way to satisfy the Councillors in every possible way.

The County Manager stated that he wished to join in the congratulations and regrets. He perhaps knew more of Mr. O'Keeffe's worth and work than anyone else. He had given the utmost satisfaction to everyone and his loss would be a very big one indeed.

Councillor Baxter also joined in the expressions of regret and congratulation.

Acknowledging the Council's tributes, Mr. O'Keeffe stated that he was very sorry to leave Donegal, and had been privileged that his first appointment in Local Government was to Donegal. The good example and advice which he had received from their County Manager would be of great assistance to him in his future career.

82/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON TURF ACCOUNT FOR APRIL, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £62,000 on the Turf Account for the month of April, 1946.

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

83/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR APRIL, 1946.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £12,500 on the Capital Account for the month of April, 1946.

He stated that following the Council's decision to raise supplemental loans as set out in the Minutes of the last Meeting, he had submitted the Council's resolution to the Department for sanction, but it would probably be some time before the loans were negotiated.

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

84/46. CUTTING OF TURF ON IRISH LAND COMMISSION BOGS.

Councillor Baxter stated that it had been represented to him that the Irish Land Commission this year were not letting turf banks except to persons who wanted to produce turf for their own needs. This meant that a lot of persons who in previous years rented Land Commission banks and sold the turf could not do so this year, and in view of the fact that there might be a scarcity of fuel it was a very serious step. Hundreds of families in towns and villages who did not produce their own turf supplies would be affected by this regulation.

The County Engineer stated that he had not heard of any such decision but he would take the matter up with Mr. Curley of the Irish Land Commission at the earliest possible date.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Patrick Kelly it was unanimously decided to request the Irish Land Commission to give the same facilities as last year to private producers of turf who wanted to cut turf for sale.

85/46. GRANTS FOR MAIN AND COUNTY ROAD FROM THE ROAD FUND IN THE FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

A letter dated 28th February, 1946, from the Local Government Department was submitted to the Council stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had under consideration the making of grants to County Councils from the Road Fund in the coming financial year. The condition of the roads had deteriorated considerably during the emergency period owing to the inability of County Councils to obtain the necessary materials for carrying out the normal maintenance of roads by surface dressing. In the present year bituminous materials for road surfacing were again available and the Minister was anxious that County Councils should use such materials to the greatest extent possible. To restore the roads to a proper standard would involve considerable expenditure and in order that the position might be dealt with adequately in the present year by County Councils, the Minister as a purely temporary measure limited to the financial year commencing on the 1st April, 1946, was prepared to offer to County Councils special assistance out of the road fund on the following basis:-

Scale of Expenditure.	Main Road Grant.	Co. Roads Grant.
Up to average of provision made in years 1940/41 to 1945/46 inclusive.	50%	66-2/3rds%
On first 10% over the average.	75%	75%
On further expenditure.	90%	75%

It was a condition of these grants that increased provision for the Main Roads would be made commensurate with the increase made for County Road expenditure. The above grants would be subject to the ordinary conditions governing grants from the Road Fund.

The County Engineer informed the Council that his estimate for Road Charges was based on the terms of the foregoing letter from the Department.

The Council noted the letter.

86/46. WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS.

The Council proceeded to discuss two Notices of Motion in connection with Road workers' wages which were entered on the Agenda in the names of Councillors Callaghan and Kildea.

Councillor Kildea stated that he was agreeable to have his motion taken with Councillor Callaghan's if Councillor Callaghan deleted the first portion of his motion.

Councillor Callaghan agreed to this and proposed:- "That the wages of County Council Road workers be increased to 7s/6d per day and that the wages of County Council carters be increased to 14s/6d per day, and that the wages of machinery workers be increased accordingly, and that this Council make recommendations to have the wages on Irish Land Commission and Minor Relief Schemes increased in proportion as the workers are justly entitled to sympathetic consideration in their struggle to meet the increased cost-of-living."

Councillor Kildea seconded the motion.

Councillor John Kelly proposed, as an amendment, that the wages be not increased but that the workers be paid on a piece-rate basis.

Councillor Harkin seconded the amendment.

Councillor Britton referred to the position which was likely to arise in South Donegal through the operation of the Erne Scheme on which labourers were earning up to £3 per week.

The County Engineer referred to Councillor Kelly's amendment and stated that there was nobody more anxious to introduce piece rates than he was. He had actually issued instructions to the Engineering Staff to introduce piece rates wherever possible. A good deal of the work, of course, did not lend itself to piece work.

He also stated that he was very worried about the scarcity of workers which was likely to arise in South Donegal through the operations of the Erne Scheme.

In view of the County Engineer's statement Councillor John Kelly withdrew his amendment, and the motion proposed by Councillor Callaghan and seconded by Councillor Kildea was passed unanimously.

87/46. ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1946/47.
 The Council proceeded to consider the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses in respect of Road Charges for the Financial Year 1946/47, the Estimate under the other headings having already been considered at the Council's Meeting on the 26th February, 1946:-
 Councillor Scott stated that before considering the Road Charges proper there was one matter left over from the previous Meeting that should be cleared off, viz., the Machinery Expenses Account.

Councillor Sheldon inquired what the increase in rates would be if they adopted the Estimate for Road Charges as it stood in view of the reductions proposed by the Council at their last Meeting.

The County Manager stated that the increase would be approximately 1s/1½d. in the £. He had re-examined the Estimates in great detail to see if any further pruning could be effected. He stated that the Council's Workmen's Compensation Fund could be called upon to some extent, and that perhaps relief could also be obtained from the Machinery Expenses Account.

Councillor Brady inquired if the Council's contribution towards the Grants from the Employment Schemes Vote could be deleted, as this would effect a further reduction in the Estimates.

The County Manager stated that it would be very unwise to do so as in all probability the Council would be asked to contribute to the Grant this year as usual.

Arising out of the Estimate for Road Charges, a few relevant matters were discussed:-
Culdaff-Malin Road.

Councillor Harkin proposed that a sum of £2,000 be spent on the Culdaff-Malin Road.

The County Engineer stated that he had proposed to sidefill this road but Councillor Harkin had informed him that owing to rabbits having burrowed under the road, side-filling would not prove a satisfactory job.

The County Engineer's estimate for this road was allowed to stand.
Complaints re manner in which Road work is carried out.

Councillor Sheldon stated that a general complaint was that the Council were not getting proper value for the money being spent on roads. There was not enough work being done for the money spent. The County Engineer had a staff of skilled Assistant Engineers, and these Engineers should not have to wait on specific complaints before detecting slackness on the part of workmen. If a sum of £400, say, was estimated to do a certain number of perches, and only half that number of perches was done, surely then the Assistant County Engineer should see that value was not being got for the money being spent.

Councillor Brady stated that in all Grant work the workers were recruited from the Employment Exchanges. There were good men registered at the Exchanges, but there were also a lot of men registered who were not suitable for this type of work.

The County Engineer stated that as far as getting value for money spent, he admitted he was not getting the value he would like to get, but this argument applied to every other County. Nowhere could one get 100% efficiency.

Road from Letterkenny to Glenties, via Meenaroy Bridge.

Councillor McCaul asked the County Engineer to keep this road in mind during the coming year when increased expenditure would be available.

The Council unanimously agreed that the County Engineer's amended Estimate for Road Charges be adopted.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1946/47 (CONTINUED).

After further discussion it was agreed to apply a sum of £4,917 from the Workmen's Compensation Fund and a sum of £2,500 from the Machinery Expenses Account towards the reduction in the Estimates, so as to bring the rates down to 240 pence in the £.

Having so amended the Estimates as prepared by the County Manager, on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Brady, 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, 1947.

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

BUNCRANA.....	£3,966.
BUNDORAN.....	£3,289.
LETTERKENNY.....	£4,010.

88/46. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING-PLACE AT BUNANID, ARRANMORE.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 4th June, 1945, S.W.1/3/102, from the Special Employment Schemes Office, in connection with above. He stated that the County Council at their Meeting on the 28th August, 1945, adjourned the matter for six months.

The Special Employment Schemes Office stated that it had been represented to them that it was necessary in the interests of the local agricultural fishing industry to provide a landing-place at Bunanid, Arranmore. The cost of the necessary works was estimated at £400, and on the assumption that they would be carried out by the County Engineer, the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend the making of a grant of 75% of the cost of the work or £300, whichever was the lesser, provided the Council contributed the balance and accepted responsibility for the future maintenance of the improved landing-place.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the matter be adjourned sine die, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

89/46. PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR THE TOWN OF DUNGLOE.

The question of the provision of Public Lighting for the town of Dungloe was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council.

90/46. PRICES OF LIVESTOCK.

Councillor Callaghan withdrew the following Notice of Motion which was inserted on the Agenda in his name:-

"That this Council request the Government to use all possible measures to secure and retain the best markets for livestock and farm produce, as the present prices of livestock and produce in many instances are quite inadequate to compensate for the labour spent in their production, and the farmers are deserving of the highest consideration as a reward for the splendid services they rendered the Nation during the Emergency."

91/46. STATE OF COUNTY ROADS IN INISHOWEN.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Harkin was inserted on the Agenda:-

"That I will ask that an Inquiry be held regarding the deplorable state of our County Roads in Inishowen which are going from bad to worse."

Councillor Harkin withdrew his motion and stated that he was satisfied that the increased expenditure proposed for County Roads in the forthcoming financial year would be reflected in the state of the roads in Inishowen.

92/46. NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING EXTRAVAGANT ADMINISTRATION.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That in view of the general dissatisfaction prevailing amongst the ratepayers at the policy of extravagant administration pursued by this Council, I request that suggestions for a more economic administration should be considered, and that members of the Council and Officials should co-operate in an honest effort to bring about a more economic and satisfactory administration."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Callaghan referred to the number of Gangers and Supervising Gangers employed by the Council. A great number of people felt that the policy of employing Supervising Gangers was totally uncalled for, and that if their services were dispensed with a considerable saving could be effected. He proposed that the services of Supervising Gangers be dispensed with.

There was no seconder to Councillor Callaghan's proposals.

93/46. CULDAFF VILLAGE SEWERAGE AND WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor if anything further has been done regarding the Sewerage Water Supply for Culdaff village."

The County Engineer stated that Culdaff was high on the priority list for Post-Emergency Schemes, and that gaugings were being taken in connection with the proposed Water Supply Scheme.

94/46. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager to explain how he arrived at the sum of £70 for Travelling Expenses of Councillors attending County Council Meetings."

The County Manager stated that the position had improved since the Councillors started using their own cars. The cost was not now anything like £70.

95/46. PROPOSAL TO PAY TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO SUPERVISING GANGERS.

The following Notice of Motion was adjourned until next Meeting:- "That I suggest that a favourable amount of Travelling Expenses be granted to Supervising Gangers."

96/46. APPOINTMENT OF INSURED PERSONS (LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NOMINEES) MEMBERS' ELECTORATE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th February, 1946, 2/3/46, stating that five members of the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society were to be elected by the members of the Insured Persons (Local Authorities' Nominees) Members' Electorate to be nominated by County and County Borough Councils. The number of members of the Electorate which any particular Council was required to nominate was governed by the number of insured persons resident in its functional area as determined by the Parliamentary Secretary, and was ascertainable by dividing the number of insured persons in its area by 5,000, an extra member being allowed where the number remaining was 2,500 or over. The number of insured persons resident in Co. Donegal at the beginning of 1946 was 21,633, and the Council was, accordingly, entitled to nominate four members, which they were requested to do before the 1st May, 1946.

The Council unanimously decided to nominate Messrs. E. C. O'Kelly, Rahelton, George McDermott, Lifford, John Doherty, Killygordon, and Edward Lynch, Bundoran.

97/46. RESOLUTIONS OF BALLYSHANNON FARMERS' AND RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Ballyshannon Farmers' and Ratepayers' Association enclosing the following resolutions for consideration by the County Council:-

(1) "That we, the members of the Ballyshannon Farmers' and Ratepayers' Association, request that a saving be effected by collecting the rates through the Banks instead of the present costly system of employing Rate Collectors."

(2) "That we feel that Co. Councils should be able to introduce a lower rate this year as a result of the increase in revenue now being obtained from motor-cars."

(3) "That we disapprove of Ballyshannon Fair Greens being used as dumps, as in their present condition they are most unsuitable and dangerous to cattle. We request that the County Council put the Fair Greens in a proper state of repair immediately."

The County Manager stated that he thought he should explain the position in connection with these resolutions:-

- (1) The system of Rate Collection suggested had been tried in Kerry and in North Mayo and was a complete failure in both cases.
- (2) The County Council had nothing whatever to do with manias collected for motor-cars. The Council merely acted as a Collector for the Local Government Department, and they were recouped their expenses.
- (3) The County Council had no responsibility for the Fair Greens in Ballyshannon. This was a matter for the Ballyshannon Market Trustees.

98/46. COMPILATION OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Carrickmacross, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:- "That we call on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to compile the Telephone Directory in alphabetical order by County and Town, instead of as it is at present in one section alphabetically for the whole of Eire."

It was decided to note the resolution.

99/46. OLD AGE, BLIND, AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Roscommon County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:- "That this Council call on the Minister for Local Government to grant an increase of 50% to all recipients of Old Age, Blind, and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, and further that the means test be modified so as to exclude from its scope all persons whose valuations do not exceed £20, or whose income from any other source does not exceed £200 per annum."

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the resolution be adopted, but the proposal was not seconded, and it was decided to note the resolution.

Confirmed

Neil Blane
 Chairman of County Council
 30th April, 1946.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1946, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1946/47.

100/46.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, Melvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Walsh.

101/46.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors McFadden and Sheldon, who stated that they had to attend at the Dail that day.

An apology was also received from Councillor Scott who was ill.

102/46.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Rev. J. McGlynn, C.C., Donegal, whose funeral was taking place that day.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the motion, which was passed in the usual manner.

103/46.

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

Councillor Breslin proposed that Meetings of the Council be called in future for 11.30 a.m. instead of twelve noon to enable Councillors to get away earlier.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the proposal.

Several other Councillors considered that 11 a.m. would be a more suitable hour for commencing the Meetings than twelve noon, and it was stated that this hour would suit the connections from Inishowen and South Donegal.

The Chairman ruled that the next Meeting of the Council be summoned for 11 a.m., and he suggested that if Councillor Breslin wanted all future Meetings called for this hour that he lodge a Notice of Motion to this effect.

104/46.

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 Council held on Monday, 11th March, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

105/46.

M A K I N G O F R A T E F O R T H E S E R V I C E O F T H E F I N A N C I A L Y E A R E N D I N G O N T H E 3 1 S T D A Y O F M A R C H, 1 9 4 7.

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 decided, on the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Gallagher, to adopt such rates as already determined, and as set out in "Notice of Deposit of Poor Rate Books for Inspection" (Form R.A.4.), and it was 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, 1947.

Councillor Gallen dissented to the making of the Rate.

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.

106/46.

S I G N I N G O F R A T E C O L L E C T O R S ' W A R R A N T S.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was unanimously decided to sign and seal the Rate Collectors' Warrants authorising the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1947, (Form R.A.6.), and the Warrants were thereupon duly signed by the County Manager, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

107/46. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH, 1946 - ADMISSION OF MASTERS BERNARD AND JOHN JOSEPH MCGLINCHY TO EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor McCaul the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 19th March, 1946, was adopted unanimously.

The following rescinding Notice of Motion which was entered on the Agenda in the names of Councillors Scott, McCaul, Britton, Breslin, Kildea, and McMenamin, was proposed by Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor McCaul, and passed unanimously:-

"That this Council amend its resolution (Minute No. 4/46) adopting the Report of the Meeting of the Scholarships Sub-Committee held on 24th January, 1946, by adding to the names of the candidates who were granted permission to compete at this year's Examination for Secondary and Vocational School Scholarships, the names of John Joseph McGlinchey and Bernard McGlinchey, as recommended by the Scholarships Committee at its Meeting held on the 19th March, 1946, Minute No. 10/46 S.C. "

108/46. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH APRIL, 1946.

Councillor Breslin proposed the adoption of the Report of the General Purposes Committee held on the 9th April, 1946.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded.

Labourers' Acts - Re-Conveyance of Plots to original owners.

Councillor Gallen referred to the Committee's recommendation in this connection, and he inquired if it were adopted would the Council be liable to surcharge.

The County Manager explained that this was a Managerial function, and if he made a Manager's Order on the lines of the Committee's recommendation, he would be responsible for any surcharge there might be.

Site for Labourers' Cottages at Castlefin.

Councillor Gallen inquired the position regarding this site.

The County Manager stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer had this matter in mind, and he would have a report for submission to the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

Tillage of Labourers' Cottage Plots.

Councillor Gallen referred to the recent notices issued to Cottage tenants requiring them to till their plots. He stated that in many cases the tenants kept a cow, and they required to keep a portion of the plot in grass for the grazing of the cow.

The County Manager stated that he would meet cases like this on representations being made to him.

Fencing of Plots.

Councillor McMenamin referred to a Labourers' Cottage Plot in Ballybofey which had not been fenced. The owner of the adjoining field could not put his own cattle into his field due to the plot not being fenced, as the Council were tilling the plot themselves.

The County Manager stated that it might be possible to erect a temporary fence, and he would look into the matter.

The Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 9th April, 1946, was adopted unanimously.

109/46. BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL - ARRANGEMENTS RE FIRE-FIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bunrana, stating that his Council were prepared to enter into an Agreement with the County Council in regard to the attendance of the Bunrana Urban Fire Brigade at fires outside the Urban Area.

The County Manager stated that the Bunrana Urban Council had recently purchased a trailer pump and equipment, and he suggested that the County Council appoint two representatives to meet representatives of the Bunrana Urban Council.

The Council decided to appoint Councillors John Kelly and Scott to meet representatives of the Bunrana Urban Council.

110/46.

VETERINARY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY.

Councillor Brennan stated that the Veterinary Inspector residing at Donegal had recently been asked to attend at Dunkineely and other centres weekly, and he inquired if it was proposed to allow him any remuneration for this additional work and the travelling expenses involved.

The County Manager explained that the late Mr. McShane, V.S., Donegal, had made a practice of attending at Dunkineely every Thursday, the market day. He met the farmers of the area and gave them advice. He did this entirely on his own without any fees, and without consulting the Council. It had been represented to him that the farmers of the district were missing this service, and he discussed the matter with an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture who was in the County recently. The Department's Inspector informed him that the Department would have no objections to the practice of the late Mr. McShane being continued by his successor. He had written to Mr. McNelis and pointed out to him that the Council would not pay him any additional remuneration or expenses, but Dunkineely was the only centre mentioned by him to Mr. McNelis.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Department of Agriculture be asked to expedite approval to the Scheme for the re-organisation of the Veterinary Services of the County submitted to them some time ago.

Councillor Kelly (Patrick) seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

During the course of the discussion Councillor Gallen referred to schemes in operation in other countries for the insurance of livestock.

111/46.

PROVISION OF A DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE.

Arising out of Minute No. 32/46 of the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 9th April, 1946, the County Manager submitted the following estimate from the County Engineer for the provision of a domestic refuse collection service for certain towns:-in which there were at present dumping-grounds:-

<u>Towns.</u>	<u>Estimate for scavenging.</u>
Killybegs.	£50 per annum.
Ballyshannon.	£230 per annum.
Donegal.	£120 per annum.
Ballybofey and Stranorlar.	£52 per annum.
Lifford.	£35 per annum.
Raphoe.	£35 per annum.
Garndonagh.	£50 per annum.
Moville.	£60 per annum.
Total.....	<u>£632 per annum.</u>

The County Manager stated that if the Council wished to implement the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, he would have to apply to them for a sum of ~~£842~~ £632.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the amount applied for, provided it was levied as a Separate Charge on the areas concerned.

112/46.

CIRCULAR LETTER RE COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1940.

Circular Letter No. 130/45 dated 7th February, 1946, from the Local Government Department to each Local Authority on the working of the County Management Act, 1940, was submitted and noted.

113/46.

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Auditor's Report dated 27th February, 1946, on the audit of the accounts of the Donegal County Council for the period from 1st April, 1942, to 31st March, 1944, was submitted and noted.

114/46. RETURN OF ABLE-BODIED MEN IN RECEIPT OF HOME ASSISTANCE
AT THE END OF FEBRUARY, 1946.

As requested by the Council at the Estimates Meeting of the Council the following statement was submitted showing the number of able-bodied men in receipt of Home Assistance on the last Saturday of February, 1946:-

<u>Assistance District.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Ardara.	1.
Ballyshannon.	—
Buncrana.	3.
Cerndonagh.	5.
Castlefin.	4.
Clonmany.	3.
Crossroads.	—
Donegal.	17.
Dunfenghy.	1.
Dungloe.	2.
Glencolumbkille.	3.
Glenties.	2.
Leghey.	4.
Letterkenny.	19.
Milford.	4.
Moville.	1.
Rethmullan.	2.
Raphoe.	3.
Strenorlar.	10.
Total.....	<u>84.</u>

The Council noted the return.

115/46. RETURN SHOWING LIST OF PERSONS ATTENDED BY EACH DISPENSARY
MEDICAL OFFICER, TOGETHER WITH RETURN SHOWING COST OF EACH
DISPENSARY DISTRICT.

As requested by the Council at the Estimates Meeting, a return was submitted showing list of persons attended by each Dispensary Medical Officer, together with return showing cost of each Dispensary District, for the year ended 31st March, 1945.

Councillor Harkin referred to the figures submitted for Malin Dispensary District, and he inquired the names of the Wardens who issued Forms E.1. and E.2. in that district.

The County Manager stated that he would endeavour to have this information for Councillor Harkin at next Meeting.

116/46. AREA OF CHARGE FOR THE PUBLIC LIGHTING OF THE TOWN OF
DUNGLOE.

The Council adjourned until their next Meeting the question of fixing an Area of Charge for the Public Lighting of the town of Dungloe.

117/46. PROPOSAL TO GRANT TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO SUPERVISING GANGERS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Brian Byrne was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council:-

"That a favourable amount of Travelling Expenses be granted to Supervising Gangers."

118/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE
MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE, 1946.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Revenue Account for the months of May and June, 1946:-

May, 1946.....£25,000.
June, 1946.....£50,000.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application, on the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Gallagher.

119/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE, 1946.

The County Manager stated that sanction had not yet been received to the raising of Loans in respect of the provision of Fire-Fighting Equipment, Provision of houses and electrical equipment at Letterkenny Mental Hospital, operations under the Labourers' Acts, and Lough Salt Waterworks, as recommended by the Council at Minute No. 64/46 of the 26th February, 1946, and pending receipt of sanction it would be necessary to have continued sanction to Overdraft accommodation on the Capital Account. He, therefore, applied for Overdraft accommodation of £11,000 up to the 30th June, 1946.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Gallagher the County Manager's application was granted unanimously.

120/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE TURF ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE, 1946.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Turf Account for the months of May and June, 1946:-

May, 1946.....£70,000.
June, 1946.....£90,000.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Gallagher, the application was granted unanimously.

121/46. PROVISION OF SANATORIUM ACCOMMODATION FOR TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS FROM COUNTY DONEGAL.

Councillor Cormac Breslin proposed:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to include our tuberculous patients in the Eastern Region served by the Peamount, Newcastle, etc. Sanatoria, instead of in the Western Region served by Galway Sanatorium, as this latter arrangement involves a journey of two days for patients from County Donegal, whereas the Eastern Area Sanatoria can be reached in one day."

Councillor Walsh seconded.

Councillor Walsh proposed:- "That this Council believes that accommodation for T.B. patients from Donegal should be provided in the new Sanatoria for Dublin, in Peamount or Newcastle, rather than Galway, as Dublin is much more accessible for the patients and their friends, and the climate more suitable."

Councillor Breslin seconded.

Councillor Brennan strongly supported Councillors Breslin and Walsh and stated that Galway was most inaccessible for patients from County Donegal.

The motions were passed unanimously.

122/46. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

Councillor Walsh proposed:- "That the attention of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be directed to the lengthy delay in telephone communication in this County due to the scarcity of lines, poor facilities in Exchanges, and inadequate staffs, causing serious ill-effects to the agricultural, fishing, and tourist industries, and trading generally."

In speaking to his motion Councillor Walsh stated that it often took an hour to get a telephone call to a place 10 or 12 miles distant. For a simple call from, say, Ardara to Killybegs, the call had to be put through the Exchanges at Ballybofey and Donegal. He mentioned the case of an important Exchange in Co. Donegal where the girls had to look after the switchboard and the counter.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the motion and stated that the telephone service in Co. Donegal was a disgrace.

Councillor John Kelly stated that he agreed with everything that had been said. There was only one line from Carrdonagh to Buncrana and Lifford, and another line should be put in immediately. There should be a telephone installed immediately in Ballyliffin which was an important seaside resort, and an extra line erected from Carrdonagh to Lifford.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the Government be asked to implement the promise made some years ago to have a public telephone installed in every Post Office in the country.

It was unanimously decided to bring the motions before the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

123/46. RATE OF INTEREST ON LOANS BEING OBTAINED BY THE COUNCIL.

Councillor Walsh proposed, Councillor Brennan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Minister for Finance be urged to reduce the interest on any loan obtained by this Council from the Board of Works above 4%, and that future Housing Loans should be provided at a maximum of 3%."

124/46 IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED AT DONEGAL COW MARKETS.

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Britton and Gallagher was proposed by Councillor Gallagher and seconded by Councillor Walsh:-

"That this Council arrange to have the following improvements carried out to the Donegal Cow Markets:-

- (a) The provision of separate entrances for sheep and cattle;
- (b) The provision of a dividing wall between the Cow and Sheep Market;
- (c) The provision of adequate drainage."

The County Engineer submitted the following estimate for the carrying out of the above works:-

(a)	Provision of separate entrances for sheep and cattle..	£25: 0: 0.
(b)	Provision of a dividing wall between the cow and sheep markets.....	£217:10: 0.
(c)	Provision of adequate drainage.....	£442:10: 0.
(d)	Levelling for drainage.....	£50: 0: 0.
(e)	Repair existing wall.....	£20: 0: 0.
	<u>Estimate.....</u>	<u>£755.</u>
	<u>Contingencies.....</u>	<u>£45.</u>
	<u>TOTAL ESTIMATE.....</u>	<u>£800.</u>

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the County Manager be granted a sum of £800 for the carrying out of these improvements, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to fix as the Area of Charge the Former Rural District of Donegal, which was the Area of Charge fixed in connection with the Donegal Markets.

Councillor Walsh seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Gallagher suggested that the work be done by contract.

125/46. LIFFORD BRIDGE.

The following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the names of Councillors Walsh, Breslin, Scott, McCaul, Britton, and O'Boyle, was proposed by Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Walsh, and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council hereby resolve to rescind its resolution No. 792/29 of the 27th August, 1929, deciding not to take tenders for the boring of Lifford Bridge, and that the County Engineer be hereby instructed to enter into negotiations with the Tyrone County Surveyor with a view to the re-construction of this Bridge."

126/46. OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Councillor Harkin proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Baxter:-

"That this Council make representations to the Government on behalf of those in receipt of the Old Age Pensions, and that this Council ask the Government to raise the amount to 15/- per week, and that the means test be abolished in all cases where the valuation does not exceed £12."

Councillor McIvor stated that the present means test was not operating successfully, because an industrious person who kept his or her place in good order was assumed not to be in need, whereas when the Investigation Officer saw an untidy place he immediately came to the conclusion that the occupiers were in poverty.

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the Local Government Department be asked to issue Birth Certificates at a fee of 6d. to persons applying for the Old Age Pension, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

127/46.

PRIORITY LIST OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

Councillor John Kelly proposed:- "That this Council advance the priority of the town of Malin on its priority list of places in which Water and Sewerage Schemes are to be undertaken as set out in Minute No. 12/45 of the General Purposes Committee Report adopted by the County Council at their Meeting on the 28th August, 1945."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Kelly stated that Malin was in a very bad way for water. A large number of tourists came there every year, and during the summer months the water had to be horse-drawn for over two miles. The sewers would require immediate attention.

Councillor Harkin supported Councillor Kelly in his remarks about a water supply for Malin Town. He also stated that Culdaff was high on the priority list but nothing had yet been done.

Councillor Brennan proposed the following Notice of Motion which was seconded by Councillor Callaghan:- "In view of the deplorable and dangerous state of the present water supply in Dunkineely, I ask the County Manager to give the projected Water Scheme for this village his immediate attention."

Councillor Brennan stated that the water at present being used in Dunkineely had been condemned.

Councillor O'Boyle asked that the claims of other places get as much consideration as Malin and Dunkineely. He suggested that the priority list be allowed to remain unaltered. He stated that there was no water supply at all in Burtonport, and the water used for domestic purposes during the summer months had to be brought by boat from Rutland Island. Dungloe was in an appalling state for the want of a proper water supply.

Councillor O'Donnell stated that in Dungloe water was only available for three hours each day.

Councillor McIvor strongly objected to any change in the priority list. In Quigley's Point there was not even a pump, and they had only two little wells. He suggested that the money at present being spent by the Government on providing "dole" be diverted to the carrying out of Water and Sewerage Schemes.

Councillor Breslin referred to the condition of the wells in the congested area of Glasserchoo. He stated that this was one of the most important and congested areas in the Gaeltacht. There were four wells, but a recent analysis showed that the supply from only one of them was satisfactory. All that was necessary here was to continue the pipe line from Derrybeg through Glassagh, Meenacladdy, Glasserchoo, and Gortahork, and he proposed that this be done as soon as possible.

Councillor Greene supported Councillor Breslin regarding the continuation of the pipe line from Derrybeg to Glasserchoo.

Councillor O'Boyle suggested that Dungloe should have a separate supply of its own because if too many places were connected up with the Rosses Regional Scheme, it would make for a poor supply all over.

Councillor Baxter stated that it seemed peculiar that there was such a great demand for water supplies now when the cost of these was a County-at-large charge. These places should have all looked for water supplies when the cost of their provision was a local charge.

The County Engineer stated that the County Medical Officer of Health had set up a priority list which they discussed very fully. He went into this priority list in great detail, and he thought it should be allowed to remain as it was. He was at present investigating the possibility of an alternative supply for Dungloe, and he would keep the Council fully informed of the steps he would take.

128/46.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

Councillor Blaney proposed; Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council appoint a third representative on the General Council of County Councils."

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Councillor Blaney as the third representative.

129/46.

PROVISION OF A BRIDGE AT MORASS FERRY.

Councillor Blaney proposed:- "That this Council contribute one-third of the estimated cost for the erection of a Bridge at Morass Ferry, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to contribute the balance of the expenditure."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Blaney stated that there were over 1,000 families in the Fanad Area who would be facilitated by the construction of this Bridge. In the "Between-the-Waters" Area there were almost 100 families who had no means of access to the mainland except by going around a journey of miles and miles. The estimated cost of the Bridge was about £15,000.

Councillor Baxter seconded Councillor Blaney's motion, and stated that in the district to be served by the proposed Bridge the valuation was almost £1,000, and the district was one of the best rate-paying districts in the County.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that certain preliminary work would have to be done in connection with the Bridge before any further steps could be taken. It was estimated that this would cost about £800, and he applied to the Council for authority to expend a sum of £1,000.

The County Manager's application was granted unanimously.

130/46.

CARNDONAGH DISTRICT AND FEVER HOSPITALS.

Councillor John Kelly proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager to have much-needed repairs and re-construction work carried out at the Carndonagh District and Fever Hospitals as soon as possible."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Kelly stated that the Fever Hospital at Carndonagh was the same building as it was in the Old Workhouse days. The grounds were closed in with weeds and nettles, and there was no water supply, no sanitary conveniences, and the general conditions for the nursing staff were most unsatisfactory. During the past two years at least 200 patients had been treated there, and at the moment there were 15 patients in the Hospital.

The District Hospital was not in quite as bad a condition as the Fever Hospital, but it was in a filthy condition. There was no furniture in it worth speaking about. In some of the wards there were only two chairs.

The ground outside the Sanatorium was at least three feet higher than the floors inside, and there were high trees outside, which prevented the entry of fresh air and sunshine. The Sanatorium was in the same condition as the District Hospital, the ceilings being covered with cobwebs, dirt, etc.

The Nurses' quarters were poor. There was only the bare minimum of furniture and they had no sitting-room.

Councillor Kildea seconded Councillor Kelly, and suggested that the recently-appointed Visiting Committee meet the County Manager and visit the Hospital at an early date.

The County Manager stated that he was very much concerned about the conditions in Carndonagh. The original Plans for the Fever Hospital had not been approved by the Department, but they had now been amended and had been re-submitted to the Department.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Department to expedite approval to the Plans submitted for Carndonagh Fever Hospital.

131/46. CLOSING OF LETTERKENNY-GWEEDORE RAILWAY LINE.

A letter dated 12th March, 1946, T.S.7726/2, was submitted from the Department of Industry and Commerce referring to an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on the 29th January, 1946, in regard to the proposed closing of the Letterkenny-Gweedore line. In 1940, the Minister on the application of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway, made an Order authorising the Company to terminate the service of trains on the line, which Order was granted after due consideration of local representations. The Department's Inspecting Officer had intimated that the risks connected with the continued operation of the line had increased, and that there was every likelihood of a break-down of such a nature that continued operation would be impossible. The Railway Company proposed to transfer the traffic carried by rail to road services. Examination had shown that the reports concerning the state of the road were not well-founded, and it was understood that the road generally was in reasonably good order. In the circumstances, the Minister regretted that he could not interfere with the Railway Co. in the action which they proposed to take. He would, however, keep in close touch with the matter during the coming months to ensure that if the rail services were discontinued, adequate alternative means of carrying turf and other merchandise could be provided.

Councillor Baxter proposed that one of the T.D.'s who were members of the Council be asked to table a motion asking the Government to produce the original Agreement (or a copy thereof) entered into with the Board of Works regarding the working of this railway line.

Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal, which was passed.

132/46. RAPHOE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £50 for making a grant to the Raphoe District Nursing Association in respect of Maternity and Child Welfare work for the year commencing 1st January, 1946.

The County Manager stated that the Council would get a 50% recoupment of this amount. He explained that his application arose out of a new arrangement whereby the Government refused to give grants to new Nursing Associations in respect of Maternity and Child Welfare work.

The application was granted unanimously.

133/46. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was submitted from the County Councils' General Council stating that the next Meeting of the General Council would take place during the week, 7th - 11th May.

The letter was noted.

134/46. PROVISION OF A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN BURTONPORT AND ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution in regard to the provision of a ferry service between Burtonport and Arranmore. The question of transport between the western Islands and the mainland was at present under consideration.

Councillor O'Boyle expressed himself as satisfied with the terms of the letter.

135/46. REQUEST TO HAVE ARCH CONSTRUCTED AT BUNDORAN PIER EXTENSION.

A letter was read from the Acting Town Clerk, Bundoran, stating that his Council had decided to request the Co. Council to consider making an arch through the extension to Bundoran Pier; this to allow the sand accumulating behind the Pier on the North-West side to find outlet to the foreshore where it was badly needed."

The matter was referred to the County Engineer for a report.

In this connection, Councillor McIvor stated that recently he saw people drawing sand from the principal bathing-place in Bundoran. He was told that no one could remove sand without the permission of the County Manager, but day after day sand was being carted away. He actually saw people digging into the embankment with their shovels.

The County Manager stated that he would see the Surveyor about this matter.

136/46. NURSES EMPLOYED UNDER THE QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING IN IRELAND.

A letter was read from the Queen's Institute of District Nursing in Ireland and the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme drawing attention to the apparently inevitable result of the passing of the Public Health Bill now before the Dail in so far as it affected the District Nursing Service now carried on by their Institute and the local Committees affiliated thereto. The Bill, as it stood, seemed to sound the death knell of the Jubilee Nurse. They need hardly stress the importance of the work done by the Jubilee Nurses, and they asked the Council to consider the consequences should the present Jubilee District Nursing Services have to be discontinued, and to use all their influence to try to have the services of the Jubilee Nurses maintained and extended.

The following resolution was submitted from the Drumholm District Nursing Association, Ballintra:-

"That we protest against any interference with the existing Jubilee Nursing Organisation, as the number of fully-trained Nurses available is at present very inadequate. We think that further Grants to the present Organisation to open new districts would be more beneficial, and we suggest that a full statement on the future status of the Queen's Nurses should be made immediately."

The following resolution was submitted from the Listowel Urban District Council:-

"That, in the interests of the poor, we protest most strongly against the proposed withdrawal of the Public Health Grants from the Jubilee Nursing Service."

Councillor Brealin stated that everyone appreciated the services rendered by the Jubilee Nurses, but the Nursing Service was, to a great extent, dependent upon public subscriptions which was not at all satisfactory. He could assure the Council that nobody would suffer by the withdrawal of the Jubilee Nurses.

Councillor Brennan stated that the Jubilee Nursing system was a humiliating system, and he thought it was a much better idea to have the service rendered by these Nurses provided for out of State funds.

The discussion ended.

137/46. IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.

The following telegram was submitted from Clann na nGael, New York:- "Horrid treatment Tomas McCurtain and Irish Republican prisoners. Urge you demand immediate release."

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the Council pass a resolution demanding the release of David Fleming and Tomas McCurtain.

Councillor Gallen seconded.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the telegram be noted.

Councillor Patrick Kelly seconded Councillor Brennan.

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

For Councillor Brennan's amendment:-

Councillors Blaney, Brennan, Britton, Doherty, Greene, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Walsh.

Total 12.

Against Councillor Brennan's amendment:- Councillors Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, and Harkin. Total 4.

No vote:- Councillors Baxter and McIvor.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and the motion lost.

138/46. RESOLUTION FROM COUNTY WICKLOW COMMITTEE RE REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

The following resolution was submitted from the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture:-

"That we, the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, direct attention to the inequity of the present system of increasing valuations and giving notice of same. Any improvement to a business, even to one which is done partly or wholly from public subsidies, for the purpose of encouraging food production is followed automatically by increases in valuation, with consequent increase on payment of rates year after year, thus more than counteracting in course of time the effects of the subsidy granted. Furthermore, certificates of valuation are forwarded to County Councils, and in our opinion personal notification should be given to each individual ratepayer affected by the change."

Councillor Baxter proposed that the persons affected by changes in valuation be notified thereof.

Councillor McIvor seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

139/46. TEACHERS' STRIKE.

The following resolution was submitted from the Dungarven Urban District Council:-

"That with a view to ending the suspension of education and control of 30,000 Dublin school-children, and the resultant danger to life, morals, and education of the children, we, the Dungarven Urban District Council, call on the Public Bodies of Eire to join with us in requesting the Minister for Education and the I.N.T.O. meet, with a view to settling the Teachers' Strike before further harm is done, or before the Strike may spread with danger to the children of Eire."

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

140/46. "SAVE THE GERMAN CHILDREN" SOCIETY.

A letter was submitted from "Save the German Children" Society, 3, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, asking the support of the County Council in their campaign to bring to the notice of the Authorities concerned the efforts that were being made in Eire to aid the desperate plight of the homeless children of Germany, and to prevail on them to allow some of these little ones to travel to this country where five hundred homes are awaiting them in different parts of the country.

The letter was noted.

Confirmed.

M. J. Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council

25th June, 1946.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD
ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 1946.

141/46.

ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patk), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon.

142/46.

ABSENCE FROM MEETING OF ACTING SECRETARY.

The County Manager apologised for the absence from the Meeting of the Acting Secretary who was engaged with an Auditor.

143/46.

HOUR OF MEETING.

Councillor Scott protested most strongly against calling the Meeting for eleven a.m. when it was actually 11.55 a.m. when it commenced.

144/46.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Scott proposed the re-election of Councillor Blaney as Chairman.

Councillor Kildea seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Blaney thanked the Council for his re-election.

145/46.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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

Councillor Breslin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor McIvor thanked the Council for his re-election.

146/46.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Brady proposed the election of Councillor Breslin as Deputy Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Breslin thanked the Council for his re-election.

147/46.

RE-ELECTION OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Scott, the following Committees were re-elected for another year without any alteration:-

General Purposes Committee.

Library Book Selection Committee.

Roads Committee.

Diseases of Animals Committee.

Co. Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee.

148/46.

ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Councillors Blaney, Gallen, and Scott were re-elected as members of the Standing Orders Committee.

It was also decided to add the name of Councillor Walsh to this Committee, and to summon a Meeting of it for Tuesday, 9th July, 1946, after the Meeting of the Irish Red Cross (Donegal Co. Committee.)

149/46.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

The following were unanimously re-elected as delegates to the County Councils' General Council:-

Councillors Blaney, Brady, and Scott.

150/46.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

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

151/46. BARONIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON DIRECTORATE OF LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

Councillors Breslin and Kildea were unanimously re-elected as Baronial Representatives on the Directorate of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co.

152/46. AGREEMENT WITH BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL REGARDING FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

The Council unanimously decided that Councillors Kelly and Scott meet the representatives of the Buncrana Urban Council in connection with the drawing up of a Fire-Fighting Agreement on Thursday, 27th June, 1946, at 4.30 p.m.

153/46. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 30th April, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

154/46. CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman proposed that the sincere sympathy of the Council be extended to their Machinery Foreman, Mr. Alfred G. McLaughlin, on the death of his wife.

The County Manager associated himself with the motion on his own behalf and that of the Staff.

The motion was passed in the usual manner.

155/46. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH JUNE, 1946.

The County Manager submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 11th June, 1946.

The County Manager stated that arising out of Minute No. 52/46 on the question of erecting a Nurse's Cottage on Tory Island, he had made inquiries about the Store to which Councillor O'Boyle referred, and he had been informed that this Store was removed some time ago. The hut in which the Nurse was at present residing was almost uninhabitable, but the position was that the present Nurse would be retiring compulsorily on the 31st March, 1947, under the new regulations governing the retirement of local Officers, and it was very doubtful whether the Council would be successful in obtaining a successor to Nurse McVeagh. If there was a suitable residence on the Island it would, of course, make the position more attractive.

Councillor Gallen proposed that the Council proceed with the erection of a Nurse's Cottage on Tory Island.

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

The Report of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 11th June, 1946, was unanimously adopted.

156/46. RE-ELECTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES.

The Council unanimously decided to re-elect all the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees, but the following alterations were made in the Letterkenny, Milford, and Donegal Sub-Committees:-
Letterkenny.

It was decided to appoint Mr. John Boyce, Port Road, Letterkenny, and Mr. Connell Carbery, Main Street, Letterkenny, in place of Mr. M. Mellett and the late Mr. Patrick Nee.

Milford.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was decided to appoint Rev. Mr. Wakely, Milford, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Rev. A. P. Conneff from the district.

Donegal.

It was decided to appoint Mr. John McGowan, Donegal, in place of Mr. Michael Meehan, Tamur, Pettigo.

Glenties No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

Councillor Brady stated that the Meetings of this Sub-Committee were called for dates which appeared to be unsuitable for the majority of the members of the Sub-Committee.

157/46. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF TOWN OF DUNGLOE.

The Council adjourned until their next Meeting the question of fixing an Area of Charge for the Public Lighting of the town of Dungloe.

158/46. PROPOSAL TO PAY TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO SUPERVISING GANGERS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Brian Byrne appeared on the Agenda:-

"That a favourable amount of Travelling Expenses be paid to Supervising Gangers."

In the absence of Councillor Byrne, the matter was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council.

159/46. MENTAL HOSPITAL ATTENDANTS.

Councillor Gallen raised the question of Mental Hospital Attendants, and stated that he had been informed that there was going to be a new Examination. He understood that there was a waiting list drawn up which had not been exhausted, and that the persons whose names were on that waiting list had been informed that they would have to undergo a new Examination.

Councillor McIvor stated he was of opinion that a new waiting list should not be made out until the present one was exhausted.

The County Manager stated that this matter arose on a circular letter from the Department instructing that preference be given to former members of the Defence Forces. The persons on the waiting list had not been actually appointed. Some of them had been employed for short periods in a temporary capacity, and others were employed in a probationary capacity, but the Department had ruled that in the making of new appointments persons with service in the Defence Forces should get preference.

Councillor Gallagher stated that he had in mind a young man in his area who had been on the Staff for two years and had service in the Defence Forces before entering the Mental Hospital Service. This young man had also been notified that he would have to undergo a further Examination.

Councillor Britton stated that in his opinion Mental Hospital Attendants were doing work of National importance during the Emergency Years.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Britton, it was unanimously decided to recommend that persons whose names were on the Waiting List and who had service in the Defence Forces or Auxiliary Defence Services, before entering the Mental Hospital Service, be allowed to retain their places on the Waiting List, and not be required to undergo a further Examination.

160/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Revenue Account for the months of July and August, 1946:-

July, 1946.....£75,000.

August, 1946.....£99,000.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor McCaul, it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager's application.

161/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Turf Production Account for the months of July and August, 1946:-

July, 1946.....£100,000.

August, 1946.....£115,000.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor McCaul, it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager's application.

162/46.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

The County Manager applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Capital Account for the months of July and August, 1946:-

July, 1946.....£12,600.

August, 1946.....£12,600.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor McCaul, it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager's application.

163/46.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR 1946/47.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd May, 1946, Circ. No. 77/46, regarding Agricultural Grant, 1946/47, and stating that for the purpose of enabling farmers of over £20 valuation to increase the wages of men at work on the land and of giving additional benefits to farmers of smaller valuations, it was proposed to make provision for an increase in the Agricultural Grant. The relief in contemplation would be such as would enable the County Council to make the following allowances this year in substitution for the existing allowances, namely:-

- (1) The primary allowance rate on land valuations up to £20 and the first £20 of higher valuations will be three-fifths of the general rate.
- (2) On the part of the land valuation above £20 the supplementary allowance rate will be one-fifth of the general rate.
- (3) In addition to this relief of one-fifth of the rate on valuations above £20 an employment allowance of 10/- in the pound on the amount by which the valuation of agricultural land exceeds £20 will be made where men are at work on the holding, but this allowance will be subject to the over-riding limitation that it shall not in any case exceed £6 : 10 : 0 in respect of each man who was at work on the holding during the whole of 1945, or the balance of the general rates due on the part of the valuation exceeding £20, whichever is less.

The County Manager stated that for some years past the Council's share of the Agricultural Grant amounted to £79,082 per annum, but for this year it was estimated it would be about £121,000, which meant that the farmers were relieved by another £41,000.

The County Manager and Councillor Sheldon explained to the Council the method of the allocation of the Agricultural Grant amongst the different holdings.

The letter was noted.

164/46.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The Acting Secretary applied for a sum of £250 to meet the cost of extra temporary clerical assistance required in connection with the supplementary Agricultural Grant.

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

165/46.

EXTENSION OF SEWER AT BALLYLIFFIN.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £50 for extension of sewer from the crossroads at Miss McLaughlin's house, Ballyliffin, along the water table towards Carndonagh, a distance of 50 yards. (See Order No. 14715 dated 11/5/1946.)

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Britton, the application was granted unanimously.

166/46.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES FOR THE YEAR 1946/47.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd May, 1946, P. (V.W.) 74/46, stating that it was proposed to continue in the current financial year the Scheme of Emergency Supplementary Cash Allowances to Old Age and Blind Pensioners, Recipients of Disablement Benefit, and dependent children of Blind Pensioners and of recipients of Disablement Benefit.

The County Manager applied for authority to expend a sum of £20,924 on Emergency Supplementary Allowances in the current financial year, and he explained that 75% of this amount would be recouped by the Government.

The application was unanimously granted, and it was recommended that the allowances, which had been discontinued from 31st March, be commenced as from the 5th May, 1946.

167/46.

LIFFORD BRIDGE.

The following joint report from the County Engineer of Donegal and the County Surveyor of Tyrone on the condition of Lifford Bridge was submitted to the Council:-

"We, the undersigned, beg to report that we carried out an inspection on the 19th June, 1946, of the Bridge at Lifford, joining the Counties of Donegal and Tyrone.

As a result of our joint inspection, we find that the bridge is not in a safe condition - that a considerable amount of money would have to be spent on repairs in the near future to keep the bridge open for traffic. Even then the repairs would only provide a temporary remedy.

In view of the importance of this Bridge, and also taking into consideration that the existing width of the bridge is only 16' between parapets and is altogether too narrow for modern traffic, we recommend that steps be taken for the construction of a new and wider reinforced concrete bridge. We recommend that a preliminary survey be made and that preliminary plans and estimates be prepared for submission to the two County Councils for their early and urgent consideration.

In view of the magnitude of the proposed new work, we recommend that the services of a competent and experienced Consultant be retained to prepare an early estimate and to undertake the design and supervision of the new work."

The County Manager applied for a sum of £500 for preliminary expenses in connection with the proposed re-construction of Lifford Bridge, and he stated that this could be given on condition that the Donegal County Council would be responsible only for their portion. Whichever County took the initiative usually carried out the work, and the other County would bear their proportionate portion.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Survey Staff be instructed to go ahead with the preparation of plans and specification, and stated that there was no necessity for the appointment of a Consultant.

Councillor Scott seconded Councillor Brady's proposal.

The County Engineer stated that it would be a tragedy if anything happened to prevent the initiation of this very necessary work. The only contentious point appeared to be the question of the appointment of a Consultant Engineer, but neither he nor his staff had the time to undertake the work. It was a very specialised type of work, and the specialist already employed for the Inishowen Bridges was one of the best men in the country, and he did nothing else but reinforced concrete bridges. Before the Council or the Tyrone Co. Council knew what they were involving themselves in, it would be necessary to have an estimate and to get that it would be absolutely necessary to employ a Consulting Engineer to prepare plans, surveys, etc.

Councillor Sheldon proposed, as an amendment, that the County Manager's application for £500 be granted. He believed that neither Government would contribute one penny towards the cost of this Bridge unless a Consultant was employed.

Councillor Britton seconded Councillor Sheldon's amendment, and the matter was put to a vote, resulting as follows:-

For the amendment.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Britton, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, and Sheldon. Total 13.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Callaghan, Hannigan, Harkin, Kildea, McCaul, and Scott. Total 9.

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

168/46. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT MORASS FERRY.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, dated 2nd May, 1946, referring to the Council's decision at their last Meeting regarding the construction of a Bridge at Morass Ferry (129/46 C.C.), and stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Charles McKemey of Ballyheerin (the owner of the ferry right) in connection with the proposed Bridge, which, if constructed, would result in a very serious loss of income to him. He would expect to be fully compensated for the loss sustained should the Bridge be constructed.

The Chairman stated that he had been talking to Mr. Osborne about this matter, which would not hold up the construction of the Bridge in any way. Mr. McKemey had given the Council some concession for which he was not compensated.

Councillor Baxter stated that Mr. McKemey should be paid compensation for whatever concession he had given. This man probably held the ferry right under a Lease.

The Council decided that the County Manager should write to Messrs. Osborne & Co. and ask them what title Mr. McKemey had to the right, and what was the minimum amount of compensation that would be accepted.

169/46. CONSTRUCTION OF LANDING-PLACE AT RUTLAND ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 29th May, 1946, Ref. No. C.104.90/2/45, stating that they had been informed that the County Council had agreed to contribute 25% of the cost (estimated at £548) of the construction of a landing-place at Rutland Island, and to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the landing-place when completed. They enclosed for completion, agreement, plan, specification, and estimate, one copy of each of which should be signed by the County Surveyor.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Breslin, it was unanimously decided to have the documents executed.

170/46. ERECTION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A letter dated 7th June, 1946, from the Local Government Department regarding proposed housing Schemes was read. The letter stated that the Minister was particularly anxious that more house-building should be undertaken immediately by Local Authorities, and immediate steps should be taken in the case of the Donegal County Council to invite tenders for 90 Cottages, of which particulars had been furnished. The letter also drew attention to the announcement made by the Minister for Finance in his Budget Speech regarding grants from the proposed Transition Development Fund, and to the proposed reduction in the rate of interest on loans issued to Local Authorities from the Local Loans Fund from the present figure of 4% to 2½%.

The County Manager stated that lay-out plans for a number of Cottages had been with the Local Government Department since 12th April, and immediately these were approved of he would be in a position to take Tenders. The Manager stated that the Department of Industry and Commerce had asked the Council to "stagger" the building of Cottages over the County. The County Engineer and County Medical Officer of Health went into the matter very carefully, and they decided to arrange the Cottages in three groups. The first group contained 90 houses. In arranging the groups they tried to have regard to all other conditions which were operating at the time.

Councillor McGaul inquired why the Oldtown houses were not in the first group.

The County Manager explained that the Oldtown houses were not included in the first group because there was a large building scheme going on in Letterkenny, and the feeling was it would be impossible to get sufficient skilled labour.

171/46. INSURED PERSONS (LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NOMINEES) MEMBERS' ELECTORATE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th June, 1946, 2/3/46, referring to the nomination by the Donegal County Council of four qualified persons to be members of the Insured Persons (Local Authorities' Nominees) Members' Electorate for a period of two years from the 1st May, 1946, and stating that it would be necessary for the Council to nominate before 31st August, 1946, one qualified person to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Deherly, Dromore, Killygordon.

The Council decided to nominate Mr. Bernard Griffin, Stranorlar, Ballybofey, to be a member of the Insured Persons (Local Authorities' Nominees) Members' Electorate.

172/46. GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

The County Manager stated that a sum of £700 had been voted by the Council on the 28th November, 1944 (Minute No. 297/44), for preliminary work in connection with Gweebarra Bridge, and as this amount had not been expended it would be necessary to have it re-voted.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Sheldon, it was unanimously decided to re-vote the amount.

173/46. QUESTION OF PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AND HOUSES FOR THE BURT DISTRICT.

Councillor Kildea proposed:- "That I will ask the Donegal County Council to receive a deputation from the Burt Workers' Association with a view to having houses and a decent water supply provided for the people of Burt."

Councillor Kildea introduced a deputation of which Mr. Patrick C. Campbell acted as spokesman:-

Mr. Campbell stated that between 20 and 30 houses would require to be built in the Burt Area. He described at length the conditions under which some of the people were living. He stated that some years ago a pump had been erected, but the water was condemned by the County Medical Officer of Health and nothing had ever been done about it since.

Councillor Kildea stated that water could be laid on to some of the existing houses at very little cost by extending the pipe line, and he asked the County Engineer to look into the question of extending the water supply to Mullaney, Bohillion, and Castlecooley.

The County Engineer stated that this matter would have his attention.

174/46. QUESTION OF RAISING FEES FOR SHEEP DIPPING.

The County Manager stated that the present charge for dipping of sheep where owners used the Council's dip was 1d. per head. The rate had been the same for many years, and the price of dip had increased in recent years by over 33 and 1/3rd per cent. The cost of repairing baths had increased considerably in the last few years.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the fee be raised to 2d. per head.

Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

175/46. EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN TO OLD COASTGUARD STATION, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. O. V. McLaughlin, A.I.A.A., inquiring if the Council would lay a 3" main to the Old Coastguard Station at Falcarragh, which had been acquired for a community of Nuns. A contribution of £110 was offered towards the cost.

The Co. Engineer stated that the proposed extension would be for a distance of 480 yards towards Ballyness, and the estimated cost would be £330. The proposed extension would serve 6 houses, including the former Coastguard Station. The suggested pipe line could be extended at a later date to serve the townland of Ballyness.

On the motion of Councillor Greene seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was unanimously decided to authorise the Co. Manager to expend a sum of £330 on the required extension.

176/46.

SHROVE AND GREENCASTLE WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from Councillor John Kelly stating that at the next meeting of the Council he would introduce a deputation from the Greencastle Development Association asking for a speeding-up of the proposed new Water Scheme for Shrove and Greencastle, and regarding improvements to the Pier at Greencastle.

Councillor Kelly introduced a deputation consisting of Rev. Mr. Benson, Miss Bennett, Dr. Nolan, Mr. Kavanagh, and Mr. Charles Sweeney.

Rev. Mr. Benson was the first speaker, and he stated that their only supply of water was a small well to which the water was re-directed from another small well, and to this small well the people of the village had to come with buckets to collect their daily ration of water. Thirty-two households had to be supplied and it took 15 minutes to fill one bucket, and it would, therefore, take 8 hours to fill one bucket for each household.

Miss Bennett stated that she was in a desperate plight. In her Hotel she would have from 40 to 50 people staying during the next few months. She took over the management of the Hotel in 1939 and every Summer since she was faced with the same problem. The last fortnight had been hardest period since she came there. From a tourist point of view it was a very bad position, because people would not be inclined to come back again to a place where water was rationed.

Dr. Nolan stated that from the medical point of view it was most desirable to have a good water supply. The water came from surface wells or springs which were not properly protected.

Mr. Sweeney stated that it was 15 years since the question of a water supply for this area was taken up with the former Board of Health.

Mr. Kavanagh endorsed what the previous speakers had said.

Councillors McIvor and Scott supported the deputation.

The County Engineer stated that Shrove and Greencastle was **fifth** on the priority list drawn up by the County Medical Officer of Health and himself. The matter had been discussed at the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the 11th June.

The County Manager stated that there were about 30 places pressing for water supplies immediately the War terminated. The County Medical Officer of Health re-arranged all the places in order of priority, and in deciding the order of priority he kept in mind the populations of the existing places, the condition of the **present** supplies, and possible future developments. As already stated by the County Engineer, Shrove and Greencastle was **fifth** in order of priority. The deputation could rest assured that the matter was engaging the active attention of the Council.

Rev. Mr. Benson thanked the Council for receiving the deputation.

177/46.

CULDAFF AND MALIN WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor if anything has been done regarding a water supply for Culdaff village. A deputation from Culdaff would attend the Meeting."

Councillor Harkin introduced a deputation, of which Mr. Quigley, N.T., acted as spokesman.

The Chairman read for the deputation the report of the General Purposes Committee at their Meeting on the 11th June regarding this Scheme, which was fourth in order of priority.

Mr. Quigley thanked the Council for having received the deputation.

178/46.

DEPUTATIONS RE WATER SUPPLIES.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that no deputations be received in connection with water supplies in future until the priority list had been exhausted.

Councillor Sheldon seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

179/46. CARNDONAGH DISTRICT HOSPITAL - REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

The following Report was submitted from the Visiting Committee who recently visited Carndonagh District Hospital:-

"At a Hospital Committee Meeting on the 23rd May, 1946, the following members were present:- Councillors Scott, McIvor, Kildoa, Harkin, and John Kelly (Chairman). The Co. Manager and Dr. Friel were also present.

There was a complete survey made of the Sanatoria and General Hospital as well as of the Fever Hospital. As the General Hospital requires so much re-construction and repair, having been almost completely neglected for years, and as the Hospital Scheme has recommended a new one for Carndonagh we ask that this Hospital be built immediately. Pending the construction of the new Hospital (in case it is unduly delayed), it is essential that the following work should be done without delay as the present state of the place is very far from satisfactory.

1. A proper operating room and sterilising room with equipment to be installed.
2. The old kitchen should be enlarged. At present it is very small, badly lighted, and ventilated. The range is far from being capable of cooking for patients and staff. We suggest the installation of a suitable range.
3. There is immediate need for a complete new Laundry and equipment.
4. The Nurses' sleeping-quarters are far from satisfactory and are not sufficient for the number of Nurses employed. This condition of affairs should get immediate attention. The same applies in the case of the general staff. Dining-room and sitting-room facilities for nurses and staff are non-existent. The staff eat and rest in the kitchen which is too small for its own purpose. The Nurses have the use of a very small room not suited for the purpose. We suggest separate sitting and dining-rooms for both Nurses and staff. There should also be a separate bath and lavatory for them.
5. The inner walls of both Sanatoria and General Hospital should be smooth plastered and painted. In their present state it is impossible to keep them free from dust, etc.
6. The Matron requires proper office facilities. At present she has to use her private room as an office sitting-room.

From the foregoing observations which are purposely incomplete, it can be easily seen that the present Hospital badly requires so much renovations, alterations, and repairs that we believe that the construction of the new one would be less costly. Therefore, we request that the Department of Local Government and Public Health give priority to Carndonagh in the Hospital Scheme for the County, and that its construction be started with the least possible delay, because in the first place it is obvious that the cost would be as small, and repairs, etc. to the building could never be really satisfactory from either a medical or public point of view. In the second place, more than enough of building material, including stones, timber, and slates are at hand in the old Union buildings. The site for the new Hospital has been agreed upon both from a medical and engineering standpoint and by the Visiting Committee. Plans for the new Fever Hospital as far as we know are in the hands of the Department awaiting sanction. A Fever Hospital is required in Carndonagh. This is admitted by the Department of Local Government and Public Health and is most urgent. We request immediate sanction to the plans, etc. submitted, and when sanctioned the work should be advertised for contract and carried out without further delay."

Councillor John Kelly proposed that a copy of the Visiting Committee's Report be sent to the Local Government Department.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

180/46. INCREASE IN VALUE OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1947 AND FUTURE YEARS.

A letter was read from the Department of Education stating that Schemes of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1947 should be submitted for the Minister's approval before the 15th August. Representations had been made from time to time that the value of the residential Scholarships offered was not sufficient to maintain the pupil in a Secondary School, and that in such circumstances the poorer parents had either to forego the competition for their children or to incur financial hardship by endeavouring to defray from insufficient means a substantial portion of the cost of the pupils' residence in a Secondary School. Some Councils had already made provision for the award of increased Scholarships to the children of poorer parents. One Council had made a provision whereby children of parents whose income or valuation was only one-half or less of the prescribed amounts might have their residential Scholarships increased by 25%, e.g. from £40 to £50 per annum. The Minister for Education would be pleased to see a similar provision included in each Council's Scheme thereby going a long way towards meeting the greater needs of the poorer parents.

The County Manager stated that at the moment the Council offered for competition each year six Scholarships of an annual value of £42. If it was decided to increase these Scholarships to £50 per annum, the annual increased cost would be £240 per annum.

Councillor Brennan proposed that in the Scheme for 1947 provision be made that the Scholarships of children of poorer parents be increased to £50 per annum.

Councillor Kildea seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

181/46. RE-CONSTRUCTION OF MAIN SLIGO-BUNDORAN ROAD.

The following resolution was submitted from the Bundoran Urban Council:-

"That we, the Bundoran Urban District Council, desire to bring to the notice of the Local Government Department the urgent necessity of expediting the re-construction of the Main Trunk Road, Sligo to Bundoran, as outlined in the Post-Emergency Schemes by the Government."

On the motion of Councillor Britton seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

182/46. REQUEST TO HAVE PIER CONSTRUCTED AT MAGHERAROARTY, GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from Mr. John McCafferty, Magheraroarty, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, stating that the fishermen of Tory, Inishbofin, and other Islands off the North-West Donegal coast were in dire need of proper and adequate pier accommodation, and asking the Council to have a proper pier constructed at Magheraroarty.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting for the attendance of Councillor Breslin, and the proposal was agreed to.

183/46. TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

In the absence of Councillor Breslin the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name was adjourned:-

"That future Meetings of the Donegal County Council commence at 11.30 a.m."

It was decided to have the next Meeting of the Council at twelve noon.

184/46. ROAD LEADING FROM CULDAFF TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That owing to the refusal of the County Surveyor and the County Manager to have a joint inspection carried out on the dangerous road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh which was decided upon at the County Council Meeting held on the 11th March, and in view of the great danger to those who have to use this road, I will raise this matter again at the next County Council Meeting, at which a deputation will attend."

Councillor Harkin stated that the sum of £1,200 included in the Road Estimate for this road was insufficient, and he proposed that the County Surveyor again inspect the road.

The County Surveyor stated that he was fully aware of the condition of the road. The matter was being raised time and time again, and he had nothing to add to his previous reports. Councillor Harkin contended that the sum of £1,200 included in the Roads Estimate was insufficient, and he did not want it expended, unless an adequate sum was provided for the lowering of the road, which would be a very expensive job.

Councillor Scott stated that Councillor Kildea, the County Manager, and himself inspected this road, and their opinion was that a sum of about £200 would be sufficient to expend on this road for the purpose of erecting a fence for about 150 yards on the left-hand side.

The County Engineer stated that he originally suggested the erection of a fence.

Councillor Kildea proposed that the County Engineer be authorised to go ahead with the erection of a fence at a cost not exceeding £200.

The County Manager stated that in the Roads Estimate a sum of £200 was included by the County Engineer, and he did not think that a resolution to curtail this expenditure would be in order.

After a long discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Engineer to put the road into a reasonably safe condition.

185/46. TARRING OF ROADS.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor is it his intention to tar our main roads against the wishes of the ratepayers and leave them in a slippery condition, thus depriving the man with the horse and cart of his right to use these roads. After all, these roads were made for the horse and cart, but it would seem now that they are going to be driven off them."

The County Engineer stated that there was a dispute in the Malin district about tarring roads, and he went there and inspected the roads himself. He was quite satisfied as to what roads should be tarred and he gave instructions on these lines. Certain very steep braes were left untarred. There was no danger to traffic.

Councillor Hannigan stated that the main Ballybofey-Donegal road was impassable to horses and carts.

Councillor Scott stated he understood there was a previous resolution directing the Co. Engineer to leave untarred margins on both sides of roads.

The County Engineer stated that the trouble about slippery roads was that a very smooth gravel was being used, and too much tar was being used. A third cause was ~~insufficient~~ ^{too much} camber on the roads. They were now using less tar and only the best quality of chippings, and he could guarantee that the roads tarred recently would give satisfaction to all concerned.

Councillor Hannigan proposed that 4' on each side of the road be left untarred, and Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal.

Councillor Brennan stated that in his area he recently saw some newly-tarred roads, and they were much safer for horse traffic than they had been.

Councillor Britton proposed, as an amendment, that the County Engineer be instructed to leave the roads safe for traffic.

Councillor P. Kelly seconded the amendment.

On the amendment being put to the Meeting it was carried by a show of hands.

186/46. REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask if any reply has been received from the Government regarding the motion passed at the last Meeting of the Council asking that Old Age Pensions be increased to 15/- per week, and that the means test be abolished in all cases where the valuation does not exceed £12."

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th May, 1946, M.4846, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 14th May enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Donegal County Council regarding Old Age Pensions.

187/46. EXPENDITURE ON ROAD WORKS AND PARTICULARS RE SURVEY STAFFS.

Councillor Scott proposed:- "That the Secretary be requested to submit a report showing for each of the financial years ending respectively:-

31st March, 1942;
31st March, 1943;
31st March, 1944;
31st March, 1945;
31st March, 1946;

- (1) Total expenditure on Roads -
 - (a) From County Funds (Rates);
 - (b) From Grants;
 - (2) Salaries and numbers of Survey Staff (including Clerks and other Office Assistants (both permanent and temporary.))
 - (3) Travelling Expenses of same;
 - (4) Number and wages of Gangers -
 - (a) Supervising;
 - (b) Working;
 - (c) Charge Hands.
 - (5) Number of appointments to Survey Staff since 31st March, 1946."
- Councillor John Kelly seconded the proposal, which was passed, the Chairman (Councillor Blaney) dissenting.

188/46. AMOUNTS OF ROAD GRANTS ALLOCATED TO ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' DISTRICTS.

Councillor Brennan proposed, Councillor Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Surveyor be asked to state the amount of additional Road Grants allotted to each Assistant Surveyor's District, and to state the map numbers of the roads on which this money is being expended."

189/46. SUGGESTED TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ELECTORAL DIVISIONS FROM GLENTIES COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA TO DONEGAL CO. ELECTORAL AREA.

The following resolution was submitted from Ardara Parish Council:- "The Ardara Parish Council call upon the County Manager to recommend the inclusion of the Electoral Areas of Mulmossog, Glengesh, and Inishkeel in the Glenties Electoral Division, as the present truncated position of the Ardara Parish denies representation on the County Council."

Councillors Hallagher and Brennan supported the resolution, but Councillor Brennan stated that the transfer of the Electoral Divisions of Glengesh and Inishkeel would be sufficient.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting for the attendance of Councillors Bredy and Walsh.

190/46. ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the Annual Meeting of the General Council would take place during Horse Show Week (August 6th - 10th).

The matter was noted.

191/46. TELEPHONE SERVICE IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs dated 22nd May, 1946, acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting on the 30th May regarding the telephone service in Co. Donegal, and stating that the Department proposed, as early as circumstances permitted, to provide all the additional lines and exchange equipment needed to meet present and anticipated requirements in the County Donegal area. Owing, however, to enormous growth of traffic in recent years and the impossibility of increasing lines to a corresponding degree due to emergency conditions, a considerable amount of construction work must be undertaken generally before delays on calls can be substantially reduced. It would be appreciated that this work would necessarily take some time. The Council might be assured, however, that the telephone needs of County Donegal were fully recognised, and that every effort was being and would be made to give a satisfactory service. A five-year Scheme for installing telephones in all the existing non-telephone Post Offices (about 900 altogether) had been approved and the work was being commenced this year.

The letter was noted.

192/46. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925 - SECTION 25.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council forwarding a summary of the views of the various County Councils regarding the amendment of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925, for the Council's consideration and further suggestions.

The summary was noted.

193/46. RESOLUTION RE PIG INDUSTRY IN EIRE.

The following resolution from Cavan Urban District Council was noted:-

"That we, the members of Cavan Urban District Council, view with alarm the proposals set out in the White Paper relating to the Pig Industry in Eire and the ultimate effect its implementation would have on the livelihood of thousands of people depending on it for a living, and its still worse effect on the markets of provincial towns, and we request the Government to revert to the former system of weekly and monthly pork and pig markets."

194/46. RESOLUTION RE OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The following resolution was submitted from Kilkenny Corporation:-

"That this Corporation ask the Government to abolish the Means Test for Old Age Pensions and make an immediate and substantial increase in the amount of the pension, so that the poor may be enabled to exist in some semblance of Christian conditions during their declining years."

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

195/46. EMERGENCY BONUS FOR HOSPITAL NURSES IN CO. DONEGAL.

The County Manager stated that he had a recent visit from Miss Russell, Organiser for the Irish Nurses' Organisation, together with Miss Casey, the Hon. Secretary of the Organisation in Co. Donegal, and they had made a very strong case for the increase in the rate of Emergency Bonus being paid to Hospital Nurses in Co. Donegal.

The Council's Nurses were at present getting £10 per annum, which worked out at about 4/- per week. The Manager submitted particulars of the bonuses being paid in other Counties, and he stated that he had great difficulty in getting Nurses at all.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the County Manager be recommended to grant an Emergency Bonus of 9/- per week, and that he be authorised to expend the necessary additional sum over and above that provided in the Estimates, for this purpose.

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

Confused.

Chairman of Co. Council
27th August, 1946

196/46.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-
Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Brennan, Breslin,
Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Hannigan, Harkin,
Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin,
O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

197/46.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from
Councillors Callaghan and Kildea.

198/46.

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

The Secretary submitted for confirmation the Minutes of the
Annual Meeting of the Donegal County Council held on the 25th June,
1946.

Minute No. 178/46. Deputations re Water Supplies.

Councillor Breslin referred to the decision of the Council, as
recorded in this Minute, not to receive deputations in connection with
water supplies in future until the priority list had been exhausted.
He stated that this decision was entirely out of order, and was
depriving people of putting their views before the Council.

Councillor Sheldon stated that the Council's view was that these
deputations were being caused needless inconvenience when there was a
priority list drawn up.

The Chairman pointed out to Councillor Breslin that the Minute
was an accurate record of what had taken place, and he could only
question the accuracy of the Minute.

Minute No. 185/46. Tarring of Roads.

Councillor Hannigan stated that this Minute was not an accurate
record of what had taken place. He saw no "show of hands" being
taken.

Councillor Scott held with Councillor Hannigan.

Councillor Hannigan stated that he would lodge a new Notice
of Motion for next Meeting in connection with this matter.

The County Engineer stated that the words "insufficient camber"
in this Minute should have been "too much camber."

Minute No. 187/46. Expenditure on roads, etc.

Councillor Scott stated that there should have been no record of
the Chairman having dissented in this case, as it was not in accordance
with Standing Orders.

The necessary amendments having been made, the Minutes of the
Annual Meeting of the County Council held on the 25th June, 1946,
were confirmed unanimously.

199/46. SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS,
1946.

A letter was read from the Office of National Education dated
14th August, 1946, O.I. (2)68304, referring to the Scholarships
proposed to be awarded to candidates on the results of the examination
for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1946, and stating
that three of the Scholarships proposed to be awarded were in excess
of the maximum prescribed in the Scheme (£42 per annum for five years).
If it was desired to increase the value of the Scholarships beyond the
maximum laid down in the Scheme, it would be necessary for the Council
to propose a formal amendment of the Scheme for the Minister's approval.

The County Manager stated that this arose out of a recommendation
of the Scholarships Committee that three of the Scholarships be
increased to £50 per annum.

On the motion of Councillor Sheldon seconded by Councillor McCaul,
it was unanimously decided to amend the Scholarships Scheme for 1946
in accordance with the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee,
to adopt the Report of the Scholarships Committee held on the 30th
July, 1946, and to grant the County Manager an additional sum of £24
to cover the increase in three of the Scholarships from £42 per annum
to £50 per annum.

200/46. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS, AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Reports of the Meetings of the Standing Orders Committee held on the 9th, 16th, and 30th July, 1946.

The Council proceeded to consider the Standing Orders, as revised by the Committee, seriatim.

Standing Order No. 7.

It was decided to delete (a) at the commencement of the second paragraph.

Standing Orders Nos. 10 and 11.

Councillor Britton proposed that in these two Standing Orders, the word "Monday" be substituted for "Tuesday."

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor John Kelly stated that Monday would be a most inconvenient day for him to attend Meetings, and he proposed that no change be made.

Councillor Scott seconded the amendment.

On a show of hands the motion to alter the day of Meeting was lost.

Standing Order No. 14.

Before considering this Standing Order, Councillor Breslin proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda:- "That future Meetings of the Donegal County Council commence at 11.30 a.m."

Councillor Britton seconded the proposal.

On a show of hands 17 members voted for the motion and 1 against.

No change was, therefore, made in the Standing Order as revised.

Standing Order No. 20 (j).

This Standing Order was amended to read as follows:-

"Immediately after the luncheon adjournment, the Chairman may take for consideration of the Meeting, any such items, irrespective of their order on the Agenda Paper, as he may be requested by members of the Council who may have to leave before the conclusion of the business."

Standing Order No. 23.

This Standing Order was amended to read as follows:-

"The election of Vice-Chairman, Deputy Vice-Chairman, Standing Committees, delegates to the County Councils' General Council, and representative on Irish Tourist Association, shall follow immediately after the election of Chairman."

Standing Order No. 24.

The Council decided that the following words be added after the word "previously" at the end of the fourth line:- "and at least three days before Council Meeting."

Standing Order No. 26.

This Standing Order was amended to read as follows:-

"A copy of every Report of a Committee to be submitted to the Council shall, before the submission thereof, be transmitted to every member of the Council at least three days before Council Meeting save in cases of urgency when the reading of the Report to the Council shall suffice."

Standing Order No. 31.

This Standing Order was amended to read as follows:-

"Any member of the Council may submit an original motion relevant to the business of the Council on giving notice in writing, signed by himself, to the Secretary of the Council. Only those Notices of Motion which are received before one o'clock in the afternoon of the Wednesday preceding the Meeting of the Council shall appear on the Agenda Paper."

Standing Order No. 47.

The last word in this Standing Order was altered from "Meeting" to "Motion."

200/46. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS, AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF
STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (CONTINUED).

Standing Order No. 50.

The fourth word on the first line of this Standing Order was altered to "not".

Standing Order No. 61.

The Council decided to delete this Standing Order in its entirety.

Standing Order No. 70.

The Council decided to alter the word "and" in the first line of this Standing Order to "any".

Standing Order No. 74.

The Council decided to delete the following words after the word "Amendments" in the first line of this Standing Order:- "whether carried (and having become Substantive Motions) or not."

Standing Order No. 83.

The Council decided that the following words in the second line be deleted:- "whose names shall be put to the Meeting."

Standing Order No. 87.

The third sentence in this Standing Order was altered to read:- "Any questions which, in the opinion of the Council, are unreasonable, unsuitable in form, frivolous, or derogatory to the dignity of the Council, may be disallowed."

The word "is" in the second last line of this Standing Order was altered to "if."

Standing Order No. 102.

The first sentence of this Standing Order was altered to read:- "All questions in Committee shall be determined by a majority of such members of the Committee as vote."

Standing Order No. 119.

The Council decided to delete the following words at the end of this Standing Order:- "except to those Committees which have adopted their own Standing Orders."

Standing Order No. 145.

The Council decided that the words "of a resolution of the Council" be altered to "of the Secretary of the Council."

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Sheldon, the Standing Orders, as amended, were adopted unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Standing Orders Committee and the County Manager.

It was decided to have the Standing Orders printed in an interleaved booklet on the same lines as in 1936. The County Manager was also authorised to have a "Supplement to Handbook" which could be revised annually printed, and he asked Councillors to let him have particulars of any information they wished incorporated in this Supplement.

201/46.

**HARBOURS ACT, 1946 - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
BALLYSHANNON, KILLYBEGS, AND BUNCRANA HARBOUR
AUTHORITIES.**

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 24th May, 1946, stating that the Minister had made an Order under Section 6 of the Harbours Act, 1946, entitled The Harbours Act, 1946 (Commencement of Part II) Order, 1946, bringing Part II of the Act into operation in relation to the Ballyshannon, Bunrana, and Killybegs Harbour Authorities. The effect of this Order was that the Harbour Authorities would be re-constituted this year. In accordance with the provisions of Section 7 (2) (a) (ii) of the Act, four members were to be appointed for the Ballyshannon and Killybegs Harbour Authorities by the Donegal County Council, and two members of the Bunrana Harbour Authority. According to Section 10 of the Act, the appointments must be made between the 7th July and 31st August, 1946. Section 19 of the Act specified the various grounds on which a person shall be disqualified for being appointed to a Harbour Authority.

On the motion of Councillor Sheldon seconded by Councillor Brady, the following four representatives were appointed for Ballyshannon Harbour Authority:-

Mr. James White, The Mall, Ballyshannon.
Mr. P. J. Stephens, Main Street, Ballyshannon.
Mr. Joseph McGottigan, Main Street, Ballyshannon.
Mr. F. P. Britton, Co.C., Solicitor, Ballyshannon.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Harkin, the following representatives were appointed for Bunrana Harbour Authority:-

Mr. H. P. Swan, Bunrana.
Mr. Denis Brennan, Bunrana.

Councillor Brady proposed that the following four representatives be appointed for Killybegs Harbour Authority:-

Mr. Peter Whitelaw, Stranorlar.
Mr. John Byrne, Church Road, Killybegs.
Mr. Charles McIntyre, Elmwood Terrace, Killybegs.
Mr. B. K. Brady, Co.C., T.D., Straleency, Killybegs.

Councillor Brennan seconded the proposal.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that Councillor McFadden, T.D., be appointed to the Killybegs Harbour Authority in place of one of the four proposed.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded.

Councillor Brady stated that the four mentioned by him were the existing Harbour representatives and they had all worked very hard.

Councillor McFadden stated that he did not wish the matter to go to a vote, and he preferred to withdraw.

Councillor O'Boyle gave his permission for the withdrawal of Councillor McFadden's name, and the four persons proposed and seconded by Councillors Brady and Brennan were elected.

202/46.

**PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY BONUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES,
MIDWIVES, AND HOSPITAL NURSES.**

The County Manager stated that he wished to apply for a further sum of £10 to enable him to grant an Emergency Bonus of 10/- per week to Public Health Nurses, and a further sum of £225 to enable him to grant an Emergency Bonus of £15 per annum to Midwives, instead of £10 per annum which they were getting at present.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager the sums applied for.

In connection with Minute No. 195/46 regarding an Emergency Bonus for Hospital Nurses, the County Manager stated that it took a sum of £998 to grant each of these Nurses a bonus of 9/- per week.

203/46. UTILISATION OF ST. COLUMBA'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, KILLYBEGS,
FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS.

The County Manager submitted the following report on the above:-

"Following an inspection by the Chief Medical Adviser of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Minister has intimated his willingness to approve of the utilisation of St. Columba's School, Killybegs, for the temporary accommodation of persons suffering from tuberculosis, which is considered a matter of urgency.

With some structural alterations, accommodation can be provided for about 64 patients, and additional staff accommodation is available in the use of the Rector's house.

Most Rev. Dr. McNeely, Lord Bishop of Raphoe, is willing to accommodate the County Council, and he is prepared to give the use of the premises on a Lease for ten years, with the option of a renewal for a further period of eleven years, at a rent of £350 per annum. The period of ten years has been recommended by the County Medical Officer of Health, and the additional period of eleven years is to synchronise the termination of the second Lease with the termination of the Lease of the Boatyard premises to the Irish Sea Fisheries Association.

The Lease to the Council will include the school buildings and out-offices, Rector's house, and all lands on the seaward side of the road, except the Boatyard, which, as already stated, has been leased to the Irish Sea Fisheries Association, and in which is situated the Power house which supplies electricity to the town. The County Council will be responsible for all rates, including water rate, and insurance against fire in the sum of £25,000 on the school premises, and £1,500 on the Rector's house.

Should the Council require any of the equipment at present stored on the premises, they can have it at a valuation.

The County Engineer has prepared a Plan of the premises, showing the alterations which are necessary, together with an estimate of the cost, amounting to approximately £2,200. It is estimated that the cost of equipping the premises will not exceed £5,000, making £7,200 in all.

The Local Government Department will make a grant to defray portion of the cost of providing and equipping the premises.

I have reserved a supply of turf for use, if the building should be put into service during the coming winter, and I apply to the Council for approval of the Scheme, and authority to expend the amount estimated. A further application will be made for authority to expend whatever monies are considered necessary for the running of the Institution until the end of the financial year."

The County Manager stated that the utilisation of this building would save transport charges to other Sanatoria.

Councillor Brady proposed that the County Manager be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £7,200, and that the Council's contribution be raised by way of loan re-payable over a period of ten years.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

204/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Revenue Account for the months of September and October, 1946:-

September.....	£95,000.
October.....	£65,000.

The application was granted unanimously, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

205/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE TURF ACCOUNT.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Turf Account for the months of September and October, 1946:-

September.....£115,000.
October.....£110,000.

The application was granted unanimously, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

206/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Capital Account for the months of September and October, 1946:-

September.....£12,000.
October.....£12,000.

The application was granted unanimously, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

207/46. LIFFORD BRIDGE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Tryone County Council, stating that the condition of Lifford Bridge and the proposal to erect a new Bridge was considered at a Meeting of his Council on the 18th July. The Solicitor to the Council had obtained Counsel's opinion in the matter, and he had advised that it would be very doubtful if the Bridges Act would now be applicable to Lifford Bridge since the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920. The Council, while sympathetic towards the proposal, directed that the matter be referred to the Ministry for Commerce for advice as to the procedure to be adopted in the re-building of an inter-State Bridge.

The letter was noted.

208/46. ACQUISITION OF TWO LABOURERS' COTTAGES AND PLOTS IN THE TOWNLAND OF BALLYHANNA, BALLYSHANNON, UNDER THE RIVER ERNE POWER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, 60-62, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, referring to the proposed acquisition under the River Erne Power Development Scheme of two labourers' cottages and plots in the townland of Ballyhanna, Ballyshannon. Up to the present only those houses and lands which were directly affected by the construction works had been acquired by the Board. The two Labourers' Cottages in Ballyhanna would eventually be flooded, so that there was no urgency in acquiring the Cottages and Plots, and the occupiers might be able to remain in occupation for 12 to 18 months.

On the suggestion of the County Manager, the matter was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

209/46. REQUEST TO HAVE ARCH CONSTRUCTED AT BUNDORAN PIER EXTENSION.

A letter was read from the County Engineer referring to Minute No. 135/46 of the County Council at their Meeting on the 30th April, 1946, requesting that an arch be constructed through the extension to Bundoran Pier to allow the sand accumulating behind the Pier on the north-west side to find outlet to the foreshore. The County Engineer reported that the cost of this proposal would be at least £1,000, and it was doubtful if the work would bring about the result desired. The Town Surveyor was arranging to erect a groyne on this foreshore so as to accumulate sand.

The letter was noted.

210/46. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT MORASS FERRY - CLAIM TO FERRY RIGHTS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, dated 2nd May, 1946, referring to the Council's decision at their last meeting regarding the construction of a Bridge at Morass Ferry (129/46 C.C.), and stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Charles McKemoy of Ballyheerin (the owner of the ferry right) in connection with the proposed Bridge, which, if constructed, would result in a very serious loss of income to him. He would expect to be fully compensated for the loss sustained should the Bridge be constructed.

A further letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Milford, dated 9th July, 1946, stating that their client, Mr. McKemoy, hold the title under a Lease from Lord Leitrim, the previous owner of the Ferry. Mr. McKemoy would be prepared to accept the sum of £2,000 as compensation for the loss of his rights. This offer was strictly without prejudice to being accepted, and, if not accepted, their client would hold himself at liberty to claim the fullest amount to which he might be entitled.

Councillor Baxter proposed that Counsel's opinion be obtained as to the liability of the Council for payment of compensation.

Councillor Britton seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

211/46. INSURED PERSONS (LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NOMINEES) MEMBERS' ELECTORATE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th June, 1946, 2/3/46, referring to the nomination by the Donegal Co. Council of four qualified persons to be members of the Insured Persons (Local Authorities' Nominees) Members' Electorate for a period of two years from the 1st May, 1946, and stating that it would be necessary for the Council to nominate before 31st August, 1946, one qualified person to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John Doherty, Dromore, Killygordon.

The Council decided to nominate in place of the late Mr. Doherty, Miss Frances McDermott, Rossgeir House, Bellintraire.

212/46. REQUEST TO HAVE PIER CONSTRUCTED AT MAGHERAROARTY, MEENLARAGH, GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from Mr. John McCafferty, Magheraroarty, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, stating that the fishermen of Tory, Inishbofin, and other islands off the North-West Donegal coast were in dire need of proper and adequate pier accommodation, and asking the Council to have a proper pier constructed at Magheraroarty.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works.

213/46. PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THREE ELECTORAL DIVISIONS FROM DONEGAL TO GLENTIES COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

The following resolution was submitted from Ardara Parish Council:-

"That Ardara Parish Council call upon the County Manager to recommend the inclusion of the Electoral Areas of Mulmossog, Glengesh, and Inishkeel, in the County Electoral Area of Glenties, as the present truncated position of the Ardara Parish denies representation on the County Council."

Councillor Walsh proposed that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to make an Order approving of the transfer of the District Electoral Divisions of Mulmossog, Glengesh, and Inishkeel, from the Donegal Co. Electoral Area to the Glenties Co. Electoral Area.

Councillor McGill seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

214/46. RETURN RE EXPENDITURE ON ROAD WORKS, AND PARTICULARS RE SURVEY STAFFS, ETC.

As requested by Minute No. 187/46 C.C., the following return in connection with above was circulated to the Council:-

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.
RETURN OF EXPENDITURE ON ROAD WORKS AND PARTICULARS RE SURVEY STAFFS AS REQUESTED IN
MINUTE NO. 187/46 C.C.

	Year ended 31st Mar. 1942.	Year ended 31st Mar. 1943.	Year ended 31st Mar. 1944.	Year ended 31st March, 1945.	Year ended 31st March, 1946.
(1) Total expenditure on Roads:-					
RATES.....	£79,550.	£82,049.	£86,382.	£98,041.	£96,202.
GRANTS.....	£77,696.	£68,223.	£54,036.	£50,619.	£42,786.
(2) Salaries:-	£6,118.	£6,230.	£6,007.	£6,529.	£6,428.
Numbers of Survey Staff:-					
Permanent Engineers.....	12.	12.	12.	12.	12.
Permanent Engineers.....	3.	4.	3.	5.	4.
Permanent Clerks.....	3.	3.	4.	4.	4.
Temporary Clerks.....	3.	3.	4.	4.	4.
(3) Travelling Expenses:-	£2,456.	£2,458.	£2,814.	£3,062.	£2,944.
(4) Number of Tapes of Gangers:-					
Total wages paid to Supervising Gangers, Working Gangers, and Charge Hands...					
(a) RATES.....		£6,579.	£9,203.	£11,862.	£11,824.
(b) GRANTS.....		£5,207.	£4,448.	£4,592.	£4,381.
No. of Supervising Gangers at current rate of 11s/6d per day.....	27.	27.	27.	27.	27.

(5) No. of appointments to Survey Staff since 1st March, 1946.....1. (Temporary Engineer).
NOTE: The total amount paid to all Gangers and Charge Hands represents approximately 3s/6d in every £1 of the total wages paid.

A scrutiny of the Wages Sheets for the four years ended 31st March, 1946, revealed that working Gangers and Charge Hands are not employed continuously as such. When the particular work on which they are engaged terminates they usually revert either to the labourer category or they are paid off for a time. Accordingly, it was found impossible to give an exact figure for the numbers so employed. As the information gleaned for each of the years in question necessitated the scrutiny of about 6,000 Wages Sheets, time did not permit of an investigation for the year ended 31st March, 1942.

214/46. RETURN RE EXPENDITURE ON ROAD WORKS, AND PARTICULARS RE SURVEY STAFFS, ETC.

Arising out of the foregoing return, a long and heated discussion took place on the question of the employment of Supervising Gangers.

Councillor Brennan stated that he saw no necessity for this type of Ganger.

Councillor Friel stated that there should be some sort of an examination for the appointment of Supervising Gangers.

The County Engineer stated that Gangers were an essential link in any organisation. They were keymen, and he could let them have particulars of the type of work these men were doing.

Councillor Sheldon stated that the appointment of Supervising Gangers should lead to a reduction in the Travelling Expenses of Surveyors, but the Co. Engineer pointed out that the appointment of these Gangers left Surveyors more time to devote to the technical end of their work.

Councillor Brady stated that he was not satisfied that some of the Assistant Surveyors were "playing the game" as far as the appointment of Gangers was concerned, and he would not take their recommendation as an unbiased one. The County Engineer should take the trouble himself to see that the persons appointed were competent. In one particular area in the County political persuasions were taken into account. A certain Surveyor had gone outside his district and pointed out a Ganger who was associated with a certain political organisation and directed that this man should not be employed. The County Engineer has taken no interest in the matter and allowed this Surveyor to do as he pleased.

Councillor Breslin stated that a very unsatisfactory state of affairs prevailed in the Rosses Area. The Surveyors there were changed every few years, and the appointment of Gangers was left to the Supervising Gangers.

The County Manager said some of the allegations were new to him, and, in his position as County Manager, he proposed taking serious cognisance of them, and he asked the Councillors concerned to give him all the information they had and he would fully investigate the matter. He would do all he could to see that political influence did not weigh in any appointment.

The County Engineer stated that in the past few years there had been many charges made of political influence being used in appointments. He had investigated these charges, and on many occasions he had been approached by Councillors of various political views to see that certain men were appointed. He held the same view as the County Manager that political or religious discriminations should not weigh in any appointments. Councillor Brady had made certain allegations, but he could assure the Council that there was no political discrimination whatever in the case referred to.

After further discussion the matter was adjourned until next Meeting, so that it could be investigated in the meantime by the County Manager.

215/46. PROPOSAL TO PAY TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO SUPERVISING GANGERS.

Councillor Byrne proposed the following Motion:- "That a favourable amount of Travelling Expenses be paid to Supervising Gangers."

The proposal was not seconded.

216/46. MAINTENANCE OF PROTECTION WALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND, BURTONPORT.

Councillor Breslin proposed:- "That as the maintenance of the protection wall on Inishkeeragh Island, Burtonport, is a matter for the County Council, we ask the Co. Engineer to have this necessary wall put into proper repair."

Councillor Breslin stated that the County Engineer should have this project examined. The protection wall built some years ago had been washed away and many of the houses were in great danger.

217/46. QUERY RE COST PER TON OF BROKEN STONES.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor what is the present cost per ton of broken stones done by direct labour, including quarrying, and crushing operations."

The County Engineer stated that in Priestown Quarry the cost of quarrying, i.e. crushing (which included the cost of the plant) was 6s/5d per ton for 2" stone, and in other Quarries the cost varied from 2s/6d per ton to 7s/6d per ton.

218/46. ROAD LEADING FROM CARNDONAGH TO CULDAFF AND MALIN.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That in view of the great danger on that part of this main road between the Four Roads at Templemoyle and the Three Roads at Culdaff P.O., I will move that this road be closed to motor traffic, and that a danger sign be erected at each end."

Councillor Harkin further proposed that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to make an Order authorising the closing of this road to traffic.

Councillor Byrne seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that the Council take no action in the matter.

Councillor Scott seconded the amendment.

On a show of hands eight members voted for the amendment, and two against it, and the Chairman declared the amendment carried and the motion lost.

Councillor Harkin left the Meeting in protest.

219/46. ALLOCATION OF ROAD GRANTS IN THE INISHOWEN AREA.

As Councillor Harkin had withdrawn from the Meeting, no action was taken in connection with the following Motion standing on the Agenda in his name:-

"That I will ask if the road grant is to be spent equally on the roads in the whole County, and what is the exact amount allocated for the Main and County Roads in the Clonmany, Carndonagh, Culdaff, Malin, and Moville Areas."

220/46. ALLOCATION OF ROAD GRANTS IN SOUTH DONEGAL AREA.

Councillor Brennan proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be asked to state the amount of additional Road Grants allotted to each Assistant Surveyor's district, and to state the map numbers of the roads on which this money is being expended."

Councillor Brennan stated that what he wanted was a comparison between the figures in the various districts. He had a feeling that his end of the County got more grants under Minor Employment Schemes, but that it lost out in the allocation of other Grants.

The County Engineer stated that he would supply the information Councillor Brennan required.

221/46. RAISING OF LOAN OF £700 FOR THE PROVISION OF A SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT CARNDONAGH.

Councillor John Kelly proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that a loan of £700 be raised for the provision of a public sanitary convenience at Carndonagh, the loan to be re-payable over a period of 20 years.

It was also decided (in accordance with Minute No. 280/45 C.C.) that the area of charge be the Former Rural District of Inishowen.

222/46. ALLOTMENT SCHEMES.

The following resolution from the Wicklow County Council was noted:- "That we recommend to the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Agriculture that facilities under Allotment Schemes in Urban Areas be extended to rural areas in order that all cottage tenants may be in a position to cultivate their plots."

223/46. AGREEMENT WITH BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL RE FIRE-FIGHTING.

The following letter in connection with the above was read from the Town Clerk, Bunrana:-

"On 27th June, 1946, Councillors John Scott and John Kelly met the Chairman of this Council (Mr. F. J. Kildea), the County Manager, and myself, in connection with an Agreement between both Councils on the subject of fire-fighting within a radius of ten miles from the Urban Boundary of Bunrana.

The Council, at the moment, has seven members of the Fire Brigade, including a Captain, who has gone through a Course in Fire-Fighting at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, in December, 1943. One other member has also attended the same Course. It is felt that this Brigade, although not yet seen in action at a fire, is very efficient. Monthly drills are held in the Urban District, and each member has been trained in every branch of the work. A Trailer Pump has recently been procured and is being used at the drills. The Council also possess about 1000 feet of fire hose, two fire extinguishers, all necessary water fittings, ropes, three ladders, and two handcarts. Members have been fitted with helmets, belts, and axes. Electric Light has recently been installed in the Council Yard and Fire Brigade Store, in order that no delay may be caused in the event of a fire.

The County Council members agreed that if this Council provided the following articles, they would recommend to their Council that a sum of £60 per annum be paid to the Bunrana Urban District Council as a retaining fee:-

- 12 Fire Extinguishers.
- 2 roof ladders.
- 1 Asbestos Suit.
- 2 Oilskin Coats and 2 pairs of Trousers.
- 7 pairs of rubber boots (Thigh Length).
- 1 Siren.
- 12 Stirrup Pumps.
- 6 Fire Buckets.

The Bunrana Urban District Council considered this subject at their monthly Meeting on the 27th June, 1946, and agreed to the suggestions put forward. It is willing to supply the articles mentioned and to make available at all times to the County Council the Fire Brigade and equipment within a radius of ten miles at the figure mentioned.

It should also be noted that the Bunrana Urban District Council shall indemnify the County Council against any damage which may be claimed to have been done by the Fire Brigade while engaged in fighting a fire in the area of the County Council, including damage for trespass.

A draft copy of Agreement is enclosed."

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the draft Agreement forwarded.

224/46. RESOLUTION FROM SOUTH TIPPERARY CO. COUNCIL RE PRICE OF MILK.

The following resolution was submitted from the South Tipperary County Council:-

"That this Meeting of South Tipperary County Council appeal to the responsible Minister to increase the price of milk by at least 3d. per gallon as milk at the present price of 10d. would not cover the cost of production. We also call upon the Minister to increase the price of wheat and beet so that the farmers would have some little return for their labours (wheat by 10/- per barrel and beet by 10/- per ton). We are also of the opinion that 17% is too high an average for the sugar content of beet as scarcely any beet has so high an average. We consider we are fully entitled to these prices as the cost of production, manures etc. is excessive at the present time when compared with the price of agricultural produce."

The matter was referred to the Committee of Agriculture.

225/46. RESOLUTION RE CONTINUANCE OF SUMMER TIME.

The Council noted the following resolution from Waterford County Council:-

"That we protest against the continuation of Summer Time or New Time during the winter months."

226/46. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOGHORE FIANNA FAIL CUMANN, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. A. McKeaney, Secretary, Cloghore Fianna Fail Cumann, Ballyshannon, enclosing copies of the following resolutions passed by his Cumann:-

(1) "We, the members of the Cloghore Fiance Fail Cumann, hereby request the Donogal County Council to increase the wages of all road workers and tradesmen employed by the Council in the Ballyshannon Area. We ask this because at the moment no one will work for the County Council in this area, because higher wages are being paid on the Erne Scheme. Unless something is done, we feel that the roads in this area will get into such a state that they will cost a lot of money later on to put them in repair."

(2) "We, the members of the Cloghore Fianna Fail Cumann, request an explanation when the County Manager proposes to inspect sites for the erection of Cottages in the Cloghore District where a number of families are living under deplorable conditions. In view of the recent statements by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Minister for Finance on the Big Housing Drive for Urban and Rural Districts, we believe the housing needs of these families should have the immediate attention of the County Manager as it is now a period of 14 years since these families first applied for new Cottages."

The County Manager stated that resolution No. (2) was engaging the attention of the Officials who were inspecting Cottage Sites throughout the County.

A discussion took place on resolution No. (1), and it was felt that the Council could not increase wages in one area without increasing them in all areas.

227/46. OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Old Age Pensions Branch, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution at their Meeting on the 25th June in regard to Old Age Pensions.

228/46. DEPUTATION RE GREENCASTLE WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from Mr. Con McLaughlin, Secretary, Greencastle Development Association, thanking the Council for the courteous and sympathetic manner in which the deputation from Greencastle at last Meeting of the Council was heard.

229/46. INISHOWEN NO. 2 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Inishowen No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that the Committee had decided to hold their Meetings in future on the second Thursday of each month.

230/46. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF TOWN OF DUNGLOE.

The Council again proceeded to consider the question of fixing an Area of Charge for the Public Lighting of the town of Dungloe.

Councillor O'Donnell proposed that the Area of Charge be the town of Dungloe, including part of the townland of Meenmore, between the following extremities:-

McBride's, Fair Hill; Crossroads at Meenmore; Parochial Hall, Carnmore Road; and R. C. Chapel.

Councillor Byrne seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Confirmed

Neil Stanley

Chairman of Co. Council.

29th October 1946.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1946.

231/46.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Doherty, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

232/46.

A P O L O G Y.

A telegram regretting his inability to be present was received from Councillor Gallagher.

233/46.

CONDOLENCE - LATE MR. JOHN FARRON, RATE COLLECTOR.

Councillor Blaney (Chairman) proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to the Lord Bishop of Derry and the widow and relatives of the late Mr. John Farron, one of the Council's Rate Collectors.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion with which the County Manager associated himself on behalf of the Staff and which was passed in silence.

234/46.

CONDOLENCE - LATE MRS. O'GARA, KILLYBEGS.

Councillor Brady proposed that the sincere sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Dudley A. O'Gara, Assistant County Engineer, Killybegs, on the death of his wife.

The Chairman seconded the motion, with which the County Manager associated himself on behalf of the Staff, and which was passed in the usual manner.

235/46.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McCaul, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on Tuesday, 27th August, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

236/46.

RATE COLLECTORSHIP, DISTRICT NO. 21, BUNCRANA RURAL.

The Acting Secretary reported that Mr. John Farron, Rate Collector, District No. 21, died on the 14th October, 1946. He stated that under Article 30 of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations, 1943, the County Council had power to fill the Office of Rate Collector for a period not exceeding six months without advertisement or examination.

Councillor Kildea proposed that the son of the late Rate Collector, Mr. Brian Farron, be appointed as Temporary Rate Collector until the close of the Warrent for the year 1946/47.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

237/46.

HARBOURS ACT, 1946 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON KILLYBEGS HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Killybegs Harbour Commissioners, stating that Mr. Charles McIntyre, Elmwood Terrace, Killybegs, who was appointed as one of the County Council representatives on Killybegs Harbour Commissioners, died on the 4th September, 1946, and that it would be necessary to appoint a successor.

Councillor Brady stated that the first Meeting of the newly-appointed Killybegs Harbour Commissioners had been held on the 28th October, and at that Meeting he asked the Harbour Commissioners for a direction as to the filling of the vacancy. He mentioned the names of Councillor McFadden, Mr. Curran, Manager, Co. Donegal Railway Co., Mr. P. Gallagher, Dungloe, and Mr. James McIntyre, a brother of the late member. The majority of the Board were in favour of Mr. Curran, and he, therefore, proposed his appointment. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Brennan. Other members of the Commissioners, Mr. Brady stated, were in favour of Mr. Gallagher.

Councillor Breslin proposed the appointment of Mr. Gallagher, who was one of the largest payors of dues at Killybegs, and who had planned for its development in many ways.

Councillor O'Donnell seconded Mr. Breslin's proposal. Councillor Brady withdrew his proposal, and Councillor Breslin's motion was passed unanimously.

238/46.

ROSSNOWLAGH WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Britton proposed:- "That the Water Scheme for Ballintra be extended to Rosstown." "

Speaking in support of his motion Councillor Britton stated that Rosstown had one of the finest strands in Co. Donegal, and it was crying out for development. One thing that prevented this development was lack of water. Some time ago he was approached by a large number of residents to see if something could be done to have the water scheme from Ballintra extended to Rosstown. When that approach was made he saw the leading people of Rosstown and discussed the matter with them, and everyone to whom he spoke promised both moral and monetary support. As a result of the request a survey was made as to the possibility and practicability of bringing the water from Ballintra to Rosstown a distance of some four miles. The levels were perfectly all right, and the engineering matters involved did not present any difficulty whatever. At present there was a supply into Ballintra Reservoir of 70,000 gallons of water per day, and the consumption in Ballintra was only between 3,000 and 4,000 gallons per day. The matter was of urgent importance, for at the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee a letter was read from the Local Government Department promising improved grants from the Transition Development Fund for new Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes. The new Grants provided that where the capital cost per household of the area to be served by the Scheme exceeded £55, but did not exceed £175, the Department would give a grant of one-half the excess over £55. From a very sound estimate his information was that the cost of the proposed extension to Rosstown would be in the region of £12,000. There were 72 households to be served by the proposed extension, and the Grant from the Department would amount to about £4,800.

He, therefore, proposed that the County Engineer be instructed to prepare plans, specification, and estimate and have them submitted to the Department before the 31st December, and that the Council vote a sum of £12,000 for the carrying out of the work, the money to be raised by way of loan over a period of 25 years at the appropriate rates of interest payable. He also mentioned that the people of Rosstown were prepared to put up a sum of £500 as a gift to the Council to help in the execution of the work.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded Councillor Britton's proposal, and stated that he was doing so purely from a tourist point of view. The Tourist Board were now prepared to accept applications for loans for the building and re-construction of small Hotels, and he was anxious to see Rosstown being developed.

Councillor Baxter stated that there were other Schemes on a priority list, and one in which he was particularly interested was the Creeslough-Portnablagh Scheme.

Councillor Breslin stated that whilst supporting the proposal as regards Rosstown, the Council should be very careful that the new Scheme would not cut across the priority list already drawn up.

Councillor Scott stated that he thought Councillor Britton should give the Council an assurance that he did not want priority over the other five or six Schemes which were first on the priority list.

The County Engineer stated that he had made certain preliminary investigations into the Rosstown Scheme, and the facts bore out what Councillor Britton stated that the Scheme would cost about £12,000. The extension would not interfere in any way with the existing supply to Ballintra, and provided the Scheme did not interfere with the other Schemes already on the priority list there was no reason why it should not be proceeded with.

Councillor Baxter proposed as an amendment that Rosstown be put on the priority list in its proper order, and Councillor Harkin seconded the amendment.

At this stage the Secretary read a letter from Captain John S. Hamilton protesting against the proposal to extend the Ballintra Supply, and suggesting that the Ballyshannon Supply be extended.

Councillor Britton stated that he did not want Rosstown to take priority over the other Schemes discussed by the General Purposes Committee, but he wanted it to go in along with them so as to qualify for a Grant from the Transition Development Fund.

Councillor Baxter withdrew his amendment and Councillor Britton's proposal was passed unanimously.

239/46. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1946 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th October, 1946, G.103/46, stating that the provisions of Section 67 of the Local Government Act, 1946, should be specially brought to the notice of the County Council at their next Meeting. If a resolution under sub-section (2) of that section was passed by the Council, a statement should be furnished showing:-

- (a) Number of Meetings held in a year;
- (b) Number of Councillors to whom expenses were payable;
- (c) Amount of such expenses per Meeting for each such member;
- (d) Mode of conveyance in each case.

The Acting Secretary read Section 67 (2) for the information of the Council.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council pass a resolution deciding to pay a Travelling Allowance of sixpence per mile each way.

Councillor Kildea seconded the proposal.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed, as an amendment, that the present system of defraying the expenses of locomotion actually incurred remain in force.

Councillor Walsh seconded Councillor O'Boyle's amendment.

The matter was put to the Meeting, and, on a show of hands, six members voted for Councillor O'Boyle's amendment and nine against it.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and Councillor Scott's motion was then put to the Meeting, and, on a show of hands, ten members voted for the motion and six against it.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

240/46. AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1945.

The Acting Secretary circulated to the members of the Council the Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31st March, 1945.

Councillor Scott referred to the disparity in the average daily costs in the Council's Institutions, and he inquired the reason for such.

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

241/46. STRANORLAR OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Meehan, Clerk, Stranorlar O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that there was a vacancy on his Committee caused by the transfer of Rev. J. Finnegan, C.C., and he stated that the Committee wished to have Rev. Dr. Long, C.C., appointed in place of Father Finnegan.

On the motion of Councillor McMenamin seconded by Councillor Hannigan, Rev. Dr. Long was unanimously appointed a member of the Sub-Committee.

242/46. SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS HELD BY CHARLES McCANN AND MICHAEL O'BYRNE AT ST. EUNAN'S COLLEGE, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Rev. President, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, stating that Charles McCann, one of the Council's Secondary Scholarship holders, had been awarded a Scholarship of £40 per annum for two years by the Department of Education on the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination. Michael O'Byrne had been awarded a Scholarship of £20 a year for two years by the Department, and Father McLoone wished to know what amount the County Council would pay to these students for the two remaining years of their Scholarships.

The Council unanimously decided to allow Charles McCann a sum of £10 per annum for each of the two remaining years, and to allow Michael O'Byrne a sum of £27 per annum for the two remaining years of his Scholarship.

243/46. SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Office of National Education stating that the Minister for Education had approved, under the powers conferred on him by Section 2 (3) (b) of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, of the Scheme submitted by the Council for 1947. The Council should now formally determine to carry the Scheme as approved into execution.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Sheldon it was unanimously decided to carry the Scholarships Scheme for 1947 into execution.

244/46. DRAFT SCHEME FORMULATED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALL FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The County Manager submitted to the Council circular letter No. P.H.101/46 dated 21st August, 1946, requiring the Council to formulate an amended Scheme for the treatment of all forms of Tuberculosis, and enclosing a model Scheme for consideration.

The County Manager stated that Dr. Bastible, County M.O.H., was not quite ready to submit his Scheme, and it was, therefore, decided to adjourn the matter until the next Meeting of the County Council, and to request the County Medical Officer of Health to be in attendance.

245/46. HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1946 - PROVISION OF EXTRA ROOMS FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to formulate a Scheme under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1946, for the provision of extra rooms for persons suffering from tuberculosis.

Figures had been obtained from the different Dispensary Doctors, and it was estimated that about 130 extra rooms would be required at an estimated cost of £120 per room. The Scheme would have to be submitted to the Department for approval before the 15th December, 1946, and he, therefore, applied to the Council for a sum of £15,600. The money could be raised by way of loan.

Councillor Baxter stated that he was not in favour of building a permanent structure to a house where there was a tuberculous patient. He would be in favour of chalets.

Councillors Brennan and Walsh supported Councillor Baxter, and suggested that the Department be informed that it was the Council's view that the provision of chalets would be more suitable.

The County Manager stated that the Government was devoting a sum of £100,000 towards this Scheme, and a Grant of two-thirds of the cost of each room would be given provided the room complied with the Department's requirements.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Council adopt a Scheme under the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1946, and that the sum of £15,600 be granted for the purpose; the money to be raised by way of loan spread over a period of 50 years.

Councillor McIvor seconded the proposal which was passed nem con.

246/46. QUESTION OF PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY BONUS TO OFFICIALS WITH SALARIES IN EXCESS OF £500 PER ANNUM.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £250 for the payment of Emergency Bonus to Officials with salaries in excess of £500 per annum.

He stated that the Senior Officers of this Council were the only Officers of a Local Authority in Ireland who were not getting Emergency Bonus, with one exception.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the money be granted, and Councillor Patrick Kelly seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that the money be not granted, and Councillor Scott seconded.

On a show of hands ten members voted for the amendment, and five against it.

The motion was declared lost, and the amendment carried.

247/46. AMOUNT OF MONEY ALLOWED FOR REPAIRS TO LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The County Manager stated that at the Estimates Meeting this year he applied for a sum of £5,000 for repairs to Labourers' Cottages, but this amount was reduced to £3,000. This £3,000 had now been practically expended, and he estimated that a further sum of £2,000 would be required to carry out repairs to 31st March, 1947.

A total of 179 Cottages had been repaired since the 1st April, 1946, and of these 91 had been vested, and a further 39 were prepared for vesting. Of the total of 1,946 Cottages in the County, 428 had now been vested, and if this £2,000 were allowed it was estimated that a further 100 Cottages would be vested in the tenants before the 31st March, 1947.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Breslin, the Council unanimously granted the additional sum of £2,000 applied for.

Councillor Baxter proposed that in Manager's Orders dealing with repairs to Cottages the date of erection be given.

248/46. AWARD OF SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES TO TEACHERS OF HOME INDUSTRIES.

The County Manager stated that the Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee had decided to grant Superannuation Allowances to the following three Teachers of Home Industries who had been declared redundant under Section 99 (5) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, and whose Offices were abolished as from the 1st September, 1946:-

Annie McMenamin. £40 per annum plus cost-of-living bonus.

Mary Kelly. £33:6:8 per annum plus cost-of-living bonus.

Mary O'Donnell. £23:6:8 per annum plus cost-of-living bonus.

He applied to the Council for the necessary monies to enable him to grant the Allowances.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the County Manager the necessary monies.

249/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1946.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Revenue Account for the months of November and December, 1946:-

November.....£75,000.

December.....£95,000.

In reply to Councillor Walsh the Acting Secretary stated that the position in December might be better than was now anticipated. The position would depend on the amount of rates coming in.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Overdraft accommodation as applied for.

250/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE TURF ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1946.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Turf Account for the months of November and December, 1946:-

November.....£85,000.

December.....£95,000.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Overdraft accommodation as applied for.

251/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1946.

The Acting Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Capital Account for the months of November and December, 1946:-

November..... £8,500.

December..... £9,000.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Overdraft accommodation as applied for.

252/46. IMPROVEMENTS TO CLONMANY WATER SUPPLY.

The County Manager referred to Minute No. 62/46 of the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 1st October, 1946, and he applied to the Council for a sum of £100 for the carrying out of the improvements mentioned.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Kildea, it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager the monies applied for to carry out the improvements to Clonmany Water Supply.

253/46. SUPPLY OF WATER TO COTTAGES ON SESSIAGHONEILL ROAD, BALLYBOFEY.

The County Manager referred to Minute No. 62/46 of the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 1st October, 1946, and he stated that he had obtained an estimate from the Senior Assistant County Engineer in connection with the provision of a pump for a supply of water for the Cottages on Sessiaghoneill Road, Ballybofey. The estimate was for £100.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor McMenamin it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager a sum of £100.

254/46. ESTIMATE FOR BLIND WELFARE SCHEME FOR YEAR 1945/46.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £24 : 10 : 0 in excess of the amount allowed in the Estimates for 1945/46 in respect of the Blind Welfare Scheme. He stated that there was a deficit of £24 : 10 : 0 at the 31st March, 1946.

The amount applied for was granted unanimously.

255/46. AGREEMENT WITH BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL UNDER THE FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1940.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, the Agreement with the Buncrana Urban Council under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, details of which were already given to the Council in Minute No. 223/46 of the 27th August, 1946.

256/46. RAISING OF LOAN OF £650 FOR THE ERECTION OF A PUBLIC LAVATORY AT BALLYBOFEY.

On the motion of Councillor McMenamin, the Council unanimously decided to raise a loan of £650 for the erection of a Public Lavatory at Ballybofey; the loan charges to be levied on the Dispensary District of Stranorlar, and to be re-payable over a period of 25 years.

257/46. RAISING OF LOAN OF £500 FOR THE ERECTION OF A PUBLIC LAVATORY AT BURTONPORT.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle, the Council unanimously decided to raise a loan of £500 for the erection of a Public Lavatory at Burtonport; the loan charges to be levied on the District Electoral Divisions of Rutland and Arran, and to be re-payable over a period of 25 years, and to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works.

258/46. IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT BURTONPORT HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 10th September, 1946, H.B.68., stating that the Government had had under consideration the question of improvements at Burtonport Harbour, and they had decided to meet the cost of certain works. These works were the dredging of the approach channel to a width of 100 feet and a depth of 6 feet below low water of ordinary spring tide, and the deepening of the berths to the same depth. The cost would be of the order of £4,000, and the works would be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works. The Minister would, accordingly, be glad to be advised whether the Council were prepared to take such steps as might be necessary to facilitate the Commissioners of Public Works in having the work carried out. The Commissioners had a number of works on hands, and some time must elapse before the work could be begun.

The Council noted the letter.

259/46. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1946.

The Acting Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, 1st October, 1946.

68/46. Charges of political discrimination against Surveyors and Gangers.

The County Manager referred to the decision of the Committee referring this matter to him for investigation. He stated that this was too grave a responsibility to carry, and he thought that a small Committee of three should be appointed to carry out the investigation.

Councillor Brady suggested that the County Manager carry out a preliminary investigation himself, and that if he then considered he required assistance he could come back to the Council and ask for it.

The County Manager stated that there was a definite conflict of statements. Two members of the Council, both of whom were members of An Dail, on one side, and two responsible Officers of the Council, on the other side, had made conflicting statements.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Councillor John Kelly and Councillor Sheldon to assist the County Manager in the investigations.

59/46. Erection of Labourers' Cottages.

Councillor Walsh referred to Minute No. 59/46 and to the Department's letter of the 26th September in connection with the lay-out Plans for Cottages. He asked the Council to urge on the Department the necessity for proceeding with the building of the Cottages in Glenties immediately.

Councillor Brennan stated that the building of Cottages in Dunkineely was also a matter of urgency.

Councillor McCaul referred to the Committee's decision in connection with the Cottages at Oldtown, Letterkenny, and he inquired if the Department of Industry and Commerce had replied to the request to have the Oldtown Cottages added to Group I.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Industry and Commerce had been approached for a Building Licence for the erection of 218 Cottages. The Department suggested that the building be done in Groups, and that these Groups be staggered over the County. To meet the Department's wishes the Cottages proposed to be built were divided into three Groups. In Group I. there were eight Housing Schemes spread over different parts of the County. The lay-out Plans had been prepared and in some cases had been referred back by the Department. Convoy and Dunfanaghy were practically ready and he hoped to have them advertised for contract in the very near future.

The Cottages proposed to be built at Oldtown would have his attention.

62/46. Water and Sewerage Schemes.

Councillor O'Boyle referred to the entry in this Minute regarding the extension of the Rosses Regional Water Scheme to Dungloe and Burtonport. At the Meeting of the Committee he stated that he did not agree with proposal No. 4 which was the proposal recommended by the County Engineer. He was in favour of proposal No. 3 and he thought that his views should have been incorporated in the Report of the Committee.

66/46. Statement re Water Supply Schemes.

Councillor Walsh stated that in the statement re Water Supply Schemes incorporated in the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, the figures given were taken from the 1926 Census, whereas the figures for the 1936 Census were available.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the General Purposes Committee.

Councillor Breslin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

260/46. QUESTION OF HAVING ROAD WORK CARRIED OUT BY CONTRACT.

Councillor Walsh proposed:- "That this Council is of the opinion that it would be more economical to have road work, including the quarrying of stones, done by Contract than by Direct Labour."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Walsh stated that he did not intend the proposal to refer to minor Relief or other Employment Schemes.

He compared the prices of re-surfacing of roads in this County by Direct Labour with the prices in Northern Ireland where the work was done by contract. He quoted the case of a road near Creeslough, where less than a mile of road cost £1,500, and he recently saw a road, 1¼ miles long, between Ballygawley and Aughnacloy, which had been done for £1,100 by contract. He stated that the Main Roads in Donegal were not as good as the Main Roads in Northern Ireland.

He also referred to the price at which turf was being produced by Direct Labour. The County Engineer stated that the turf cost 31s/8d per ton, and the County Manager was buying turf for the different Institutions at less than that figure from Contractors.

Councillor Scott seconded Councillor Walsh's proposal, and spoke in support thereof.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that unless the Department of Industry and Commerce gave some assurance that people who took contracts would not suffer the loss of their Unemployment Relief money there was no hope of getting any contractors.

Councillor Brady stated that the prices for the roads had been cut so low that Contractors could not be induced to take them.

Councillor Baxter also spoke in support of the motion, and stated that many Contractors had complained to him that they never got any notification from the County Council when a portion of their contract money was being disallowed or struck off. They had got no previous notification that their work was not done satisfactorily.

Councillors Harkin and McCaul also spoke in support of the motion.

The County Engineer stated that it was not fair to discuss the relative merits of road re-construction here with Northern Ireland, where much bigger Grants were given by the Government than were ever given here. As regards the price of turf, the private producer of turf had no large overhead expenses, such as bank overdraft, office expenses, etc.

He reduced the quantities of stones for roads in order to get contractors, but without result. The Direct Labour system imposed much more work on the Survey Staff and he would be glad to get contractors if it were possible.

Councillor Brady proposed that a special Meeting of the Council be held to decide on their road programme for 1947/48.

The County Manager suggested that the road programme for 1947/48 be discussed by the General Purposes Committee.

261/46. NUMBER OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES TO BE ERECTED ON SITES AT ST. JOHNSTON AND LIFFORD.

Councillor Charles Doherty proposed:- "That I will ask the County manager to increase, if at all possible, the number of houses on site No. 777-798, Dundee, St. Johnston, from 22 to 30, and also to increase the number on site No. 715-732, Coneyburrow, Lifford, from 18 to 24."

Councillor Doherty stated that there was a great demand for houses in this area, and the St. Johnston Improvements Committee were of opinion that the largest number of houses should be built on the sites. The position as regards housing in Lifford was even worse. He was certain that the applicants for Cottages in Lifford would not object to the smaller plot, and he suggested that 1½ roads per Cottage was ample.

The County Manager stated that this raised a very big problem, and the Department might not sanction the proposal to increase the density.

The Council decided to erect as many Cottages as possible on the sites provided there was not overcrowding.

262/46.

STREETS IN THE TOWN OF BALLYSHANNON.

In the absence of Councillor Britton, Councillor Brady proposed:- "That this Council authorises the County Engineer to keep the Main Street, Castle Street, and Market Street, in the town of Ballyshannon, covered with a light coating of chips to facilitate traffic."

The County Engineer stated that no sooner were chips put on than they were swept away, and there were complaints about dusty streets. The streets were very steep and a fresh application of chips would be needed almost every day.

263/46.

TARRING OF ROADS.

Councillor Hannigan proposed:- "That I will ask the County Council to make a rule that four feet be left untarred on each side of the road on all new improvement schemes as the present system is dangerous for horse traffic."

Councillor Hannigan stated that this matter was being raised time and again. Stranorlar Street was a concrete street and he never saw anything being done with it. In all new tarring works the roads were being tarred from side to side and chips being put on.

Councillor Harkin seconded Councillor Hannigan's motion.

Councillor McMenamin stated that some years ago they got a guarantee that four feet would be left untarred on each side of the road for horse traffic.

The County Engineer stated that this question of leaving a four feet margin raised a vital question. He suggested that no change be made for a year or so to see how the present system of tarring roads worked out.

Councillor Sheldon stated that if the resolution were passed, the Government might refuse to give any Grants.

264/46. PROVISION OF OILSKIN COATS AND LEGGINGS FOR SURFACEMEN.

Councillor McNulty proposed:- "That I will ask the Council to supply the road surface-men with oilskin coats and leggings now that the winter season is approaching."

Councillor Baxter seconded the motion, and stated that he recalled the time when these outfits were provided. He thought they were to be supplied every three years.

The County Manager stated that if the resolution were passed, he would have to ask the Council for a sum of £2,500 to implement it.

Councillor Brady proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting to enable inquiries to be made as to where these coats and leggings could be obtained and their cost.

265/46.

OPEN DRAINS IN BALLYBOFEY AND IN STRANORLAR.

Councillor McMenamin proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager to have an Order made to have three open drains, one in Stranorlar and two in Ballybofey, covered."

Councillor McMenamin stated that the drain in Stranorlar was in Meetinghouse Street, and one of the drains in Ballybofey was where a boy was recently drowned.

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

266/46.

FOOTPATHS IN STRANORLAR.

Councillor McMenamin proposed:- "That the footpaths in Stranorlar be completed."

The matter was referred to the County Engineer.

267/46.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the next Meeting of the General Council would take place early in December, and any matters which the Council desired to have placed on the Agenda should be forwarded.

The matter was noted.

268/46.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The following resolution from Sligo County Council was adopted unanimously:-

"That the Sligo County Council request the Government to introduce immediately legislature to have the present Old Age Pension increased to 15/- per week, and also to remove the means test."

269/46.

CONSTRUCTION OF PIER AT MAGHERAROARTY, GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 19th October, 1946, C87:147/1/38, referring to the Council's resolution asking to have a Pier constructed at Magheraroarty, and stating that their responsibility with regard to the landing facilities at Magheraroarty was confined to the maintenance of the existing Pier and that the promotion or initiation of a new Pier was not their function. The Council's resolution had been passed to the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Councillor Breslin stated that there was no resolution passed by the Council in connection with this matter.

270/46.

RECRUITMENT OF WORKERS FOR HARVESTING OPERATIONS IN CULDAFF AREA.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask that a Sworn Inquiry be held for the purpose of finding out the reason why the Council workers in Culdaff Area were not sent to help to save the harvest when called upon, and who was responsible for such a state of affairs."

The County Engineer stated that Councillor Harkin telephoned him saying he wanted workers for the harvest. He told Councillor Harkin that he was closing down all work in that district, and he asked the Chief Agricultural Officer to keep his men in Inishowen in touch with the Assistant Co. Engineer. He released all men from road work.

The Acting Secretary read the following report from the Assistant County Engineer:-

"On Wednesday, 11th September, Councillor Harkin went to the Gangers at Bocan (rolling) and Culdaff Quarry stating that he required 5 or 6 men for the following Friday, the 13th. At Culdaff Quarry he met Supervising Ganger John Doherty, who, in the presence of Ganger Charles O'Kane, told Mr. Harkin clearly and definitely that any men he required would be released immediately by us, and, if necessary, work would be closed down. The Supervising Ganger, however, explained that he could give no guarantee that when released the men would go to Harkin in preference to other farmers or to their own harvest.

Friday, the 13th, was a very wet day and no harvest work was possible. As I had a number of requests to release men in this area, if the weather improved, I decided to close down work at Bocan and Culdaff on the Friday night for a week so that all Co. Council men in Councillor Harkin's neighbourhood were released from Friday evening, 13th September, to Saturday morning, 21st September, which is the period during which Councillor Harkin was allegedly short of men.

On Monday, the 16th, I saw Mr. McArdle, the local Agricultural Officer, who was satisfied with the arrangements made and he told me that if he found it necessary to have men transported to a distance he would arrange with me to close down the works in the Carndonagh District. This, however, did not prove necessary. I also saw Mr. Denny in Moville on Tuesday, the 17th, and he was completely satisfied with the arrangements made."

Councillor Brady stated that apparently the men released in the Culdaff Area did not go to work with any farmer, and whoever was in charge of the work did not act in the spirit in which the Assistant Surveyors in other areas acted.

The County Engineer stated that every possible effort was made in the matter, and he was satisfied that the Assistant Surveyor did everything he could.

The Council decided to ask Mr. Frank Brady, Chief Agricultural Officer, and the County Manager to investigate the complaint.

271/46. ERECTION OF PERCHES ON TEAGUE'S ROCK AND GREEN ROCK,
NEAR RUTLAND ISLAND.

A letter dated 25th October, 1945, O.104:90/1/45, was read from the Office of Public Works referring to the Council's resolution relative to the erection of perches on Teague's Rock and Green Rock, near Rutland Island, and enclosing a form of agreement, plan, and specification and estimate governing the execution of the proposed works for acceptance by the Council. One copy of the agreement duly executed on behalf of the Council, together with one copy each of the plan, specification, and estimate signed by the County Engineer, should be forwarded.

They also enclosed a Receivable Order for £75 to enable the Council's contribution of 50% of the cost of the works to be lodged to their credit.

The Council unanimously decided to lodge the sum of £75, and to accept the agreement.

272/46.

QUESTIONS.

As provided for in the Standing Orders, the following questions were submitted and answered:-

(1) Councillor McCaul.

"Would the Secretary inform me as to the present position with regard to sewerage in Ballyboes district, Letterkenny? Nine houses urgently require sewerage facilities, and they are located convenient to the Mental Hospital and Urban District Sewerage."

Answer. "An application was submitted from the Co. Manager for authority to expend a sum of £25 for providing sewers in this district at the County Council Meeting on 26th September, 1944. A sum of £255 was previously authorised, but the only tender received was for £511. As this was considered too high, the matter was adjourned until after the Emergency."

(2) Councillor Walsh.

"If the County Engineer would state the amount of the Travelling Expenses of the Survey Staff in 1937 and in 1945."

Answer: "The Travelling Expenses of the Survey Staff for the year ended 31st March, 1937, amounted to £2,065, and for the year ended 31st March, 1945, £3,062."

(3) Councillor Walsh.

"Does the County Engineer consider it essential that all Assistant Surveyors should be required to travel to Lifford each fortnight with Paysheets, and if a substantial saving would not be effected by having Paysheets forwarded by them through the post, thus cutting down Travelling Expenses."

Answer: "Yes. I have found these weekly Conferences to be invaluable. Difficulties are investigated, procedure outlined, and the general roads position discussed in detail."

(4) Councillor Walsh.

"If the County Engineer would state the approximate cost per ton of quarrying stone by Direct Labour, and the cost of making up a mile of main road, including pitching, metalling, and surfacing with tar; also by Direct Labour, at the present time."

Answer: "The cost per ton of quarrying stones by Direct Labour varies from 2s/6d per ton to 4/- per ton, depending on the type of quarry and quality of stone."

The cost of pitching, surfacing in water-bound macadam, and tar surfacing one mile of road, 21' wide, varies from £2,400 to £3,400 per mile, depending on the distance of suitable quarries from the road, and the type of quarries available."

(5) Councillor Britton.

"Why a Minor Employment Scheme for a Bog Road in Clogher, Donegal, was not proceeded with, and if it is a fact that this Grant has now been cancelled; the date on which this Grant was allocated to this road; and if representations have been made to the Board of Works to have it included in the Schemes for the year 1946/47."

Answer: "Some difficulties arose regarding consents from land-owners. When consents were obtained, labour was not available. Notification of this Grant was received on 12th January, 1945, and the Special Employment Schemes Office have intimated that they will probably re-sanction the grant in next winter's programme."

272/46.

QUESTIONS (CONTINUED).(6) Councillor Britton.

"The date on which a Minor Relief Grant was allocated for a Bog Road in the Screen-Ballykillone (Donegal) Area; why this Grant was not proceeded with; and if representations have been made to have it included in the Schemes for the coming year."

Answer: "The Special Employment Schemes Office were notified that there was difficulty in identifying this Scheme from the description given in the Sanction. The papers were referred back to the local Officer of the Special Employment Schemes Office to mark the site on the map. The Special Employment Schemes Office have intimated that they will probably re-sanction this Scheme in next winter's programme. The Grant was originally notified on 8th November, 1944, Ref. No. J.446."

(7) Councillor Harkin.

"That I will ask the County Surveyor for the name of the Contractor who is re-building the Inishowen Bridges, and what is the exact amount these Bridges will cost."

Answer: "The Contract for the re-building of the Bridges in Inishowen was given to Mr. Charles Stewart Downey, Merton Works, Sandymount, Dublin, whose Tender of £16,626 was the lowest of five Tenders submitted."

(8) Councillor Charles Doherty.

"I will ask the County Manager to state to the best of his knowledge what time building will commence on the site at Dundee, St. Johnston; at Coolatee, Clonleigh North; and at Coneyburrow."

Answer: "The position is that when the Council applied for a Building Licence for 218 Cottages, the Department of Industry and Commerce suggested that the Cottages to be built be divided into Groups, in view of the scarcity of materials, and the probable difficulties of obtaining the necessary labour. Lay-Out plans have been prepared for the Cottages in Group I. and in two cases have been approved of by the Department. Immediately all the lay-out Plans have been approved, the preparation of plans for the Cottages in Group II. will be commenced. It would be impossible to give an exact date."

(9) Councillor Charles Doherty.

"I will ask the County Manager to explain the present position regarding the public lighting of Lifford."

Answer: "On the 6th September, 1946, the Electricity Supply Board were asked for a quotation for the erection of six Public Lights in Lifford, and they replied stating that they could not yet proceed with Public Lighting in view of the position as regards materials."

(10) Councillor Hannigan.

"I will ask the County Surveyor why the improvements were not carried out to Goland Bridge as was passed by the Council at their Meeting on the 13th November, 1945."

Answer: "On further examination of this Bridge it was found unnecessary at this stage to construct a concrete slab. Repairs were carried out to the timber decking at a cost of approximately £5."

273/46.

QUESTIONS - SUGGESTED AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

A discussion took place on "Questions." Councillor Sheldon proposed that one supplementary Question be allowed.

The County Manager suggested that on every Question there should be a limit of one Supplementary Question, and that this one Supplementary Question come from the person who originally asked the Question, ~~it was agreed that there be no debate on "Questions."~~

274/46.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR BRADY TO THE CONTINENT ON RED CROSS WORK.

Councillor Scott proposed that Council wish bon voyage to Councillor Brady on his departure for the Continent in connection with work for the Irish Red Cross Society.

The proposal was passed unanimously, and Councillor Brady suitably replied.

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Val Stoney

Chairman of Co Council

3rd December, 1946.

275/46.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Brennan, Britton, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, Scott, Sheldon, and Welsh.

276/46.

A P O L O G Y.

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

277/46.

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 29th October, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

278/46. REPORT OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 26TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

Councillor McMenamin questioned Minute No. 92/46 of the Report of the General Purposes Committee re sales of Labourers' Cottages which had been vested.

The County Manager stated that the Committee had decided to let the matter stand adjourned.

Councillor Brady proposed the adoption of the Report of the General Purposes Committee held on the 26th November, 1946.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

279/46. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 16858, KILLYBEGS SANATORIUM, AND COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 16899 RE SALARY OF MR. PATRICK S. MAHONY, ASSISTANT CO. ENGINEER, LIFFORD AREA.

Councillor Brady referred to County Manager's Order No. 16858 authorising the employment of a Consulting Engineer for the work of converting the former Industrial School at Killybegs into a Sanatorium. He stated that preliminary plans had been prepared by the County Council's local Engineer, who should have been capable of completing the work. The County Manager should not accede to every request of the County Engineer.

He also referred to Manager's Order No. 16899 increasing the salary of Mr. P. S. Mahony from £6 : 6 : 0 to £7 : 7 : 0 per week.

He asked the Council to ask the County Manager to re-consider the Orders he had made in connection with Mr. Mahony's salary and in connection with the employment of a Consulting Engineer for Killybegs Sanatorium.

Councillor Scott stated that he wished to endorse what Councillor Brady had stated regarding Order No. 16899. This position was advertised at £6 : 6 : 0 per week and Mr. Mahony should have been content with that salary.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Mahony was not appointed as a result of an advertisement. If the Council had advertised the position at £6 : 6 : 0 per week, the Engineers' Association would have advised their members not to apply because they had laid down a minimum salary of £7 : 7 : 0 per week. Mr. Mahony came from another County with very high recommendations and he had given complete satisfaction in the discharge of his duties here. Advertisements were appearing in the press regularly for Engineers of experience at £7 : 7 : 0 per week.

Councillor Gallagher stated that a number of young Donegal Engineers were being employed at lower salaries than £6 : 6 : 0 per week.

The County Engineer stated that every young Donegal Engineer who qualified was given employment in order to gain experience. He started them off at £3 : 10 : 0 per week, and he called them "Engineering Supervisors." He could not employ them at a higher salary without the sanction of the Department.

Mr. Mahony was a very good Engineer. He had been in the Army and he was a married man whose wife and family were living in Co. Cavan owing to the shortage of houses in the Lifford Area. It was almost impossible for him to live on £6 : 6 : 0 per week.

279/46. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 16858, KILLYBEGS SANATORIUM,
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(CONTD.) PATRICK S. MAHONY, ASSISTANT CO. ENGINEER, LIFFORD AREA.

The County Engineer stated that as regards Killybegs Sanatorium this was really an Architectural work. It was the conversion of an old Institution into a Sanatorium. A fairly extensive specification had been made out and the Council's Engineer had no time to carry out the work.

280/46. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 16917 - BONUS ON TURF PRODUCTION.

Councillor Scott referred to County Manager's Order No. 16917 in connection with bonus on turf production, and he inquired if there was a minimum tonnage laid down for the granting of bonus.

The County Engineer replied in the affirmative.

281/46. EMPLOYMENT OF ANAESTHETIST AT DONEGAL HOSPITAL.

Councillor John Kelly stated that he noticed from County Manager's Orders that the cost of employing an Anaesthetist in Donegal Hospital was higher than in Letterkenny, and he inquired the reason for this.

The County Manager stated that he agreed with Councillor Kelly. The position was that in Letterkenny there was a permanent Anaesthetist at a fixed salary. The same applied to Lifford Hospital also. In Donegal the Medical Officer attached to the Institution called in a private Doctor to assist him in operation cases, and for each case attended a fee was paid.

Councillor Kelly proposed that the Department be asked to sanction the appointment of an Anaesthetist for Donegal Hospital at a salary of £75 per annum.

On the suggestion of Councillor Walsh it was agreed that Councillor Kelly insert a Notice of Motion for next Meeting dealing with this matter, and that, in the meantime, figures be supplied to the Councillors showing the cost in respect of the different Hospitals.

282/46. ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1947/48.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th November, 1946, RGM/201/47/48, referring to the special scale of Road Fund Grants made available to County Councils during the current financial year to restore roads to a proper standard and to prevent further deterioration where road surfaces showed signs of weakening, and stating that while progress had been made this year with the work of restoration of the roads a considerable amount of work, involving continued heavy expenditure, remained to be carried out. Accordingly, in order that Councils might be enabled to carry out the maximum amount of restoration work during the coming year the Minister had decided to continue the special Road Fund Grants during the financial year ending 31st March, 1948, on the basis notified in the Department's circular of the 26th February, 1946, i.e.

Scale of expenditure.

	<u>Main Roads</u> <u>Grant.</u>	<u>Co. Roads</u> <u>Grant.</u>
Up to average of provision made in years 1940-41 to 1945-46 inclusive.....	50%.	—
On first 10% over the average.....	75%.	66-2/3rds%.
On further expenditure.....	90%.	75%.

The County Surveyor's estimate should provide for the maximum amount of restoration that could be undertaken during the coming financial year. It would be a condition of these special grants that increased provision made for the Main Roads would be at least commensurate with the increase made for County Road Expenditure.

Councillor Brady proposed that a special Meeting be called to deal with the Council's Road programme for 1947/48.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously, and it was agreed to have a special Meeting on Tuesday, 28th January, 1947.

283/46. LOANS OF £3,000 FOR PROVISION OF MACHINERY YARD AND
£10,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, L.7755/3/46, referring to the proposals of the County Council to obtain loans of £3,000 for the provision of a machinery yard and £10,000 for the purchase of road machinery, and stating that having regard to the fact that loans were now available from the Local Loans Fund at an interest of 2½% per annum the County Council might desire to obtain both loans from that source. Consideration should also be given to obtain one loan to cover the entire cost contemplated.

Councillor Sheldon proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to raise a loan of £13,000 from the Local Loans Fund at 2½% interest; the re-payments to be spread over a period of ten years.

284/46. MENTAL TREATMENT ACT, 1945 - APPOINTMENT OF NEW VISITING
COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL.

In accordance with the provisions of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, the Council unanimously decided to appoint a new Visiting Committee for the Mental Hospital, and they decided that the tenure of Office of the Committee be the same as that of the County Council.

The following members were unanimously appointed on the Visiting Committee:-

Councillor Blaney.
Councillor McCaul.
Councillor Scott.
Councillor Brady.
Councillor McIvor.
Councillor Kildea.
Councillor McMenamin.
Councillor McNulty.
Mr. Eugene Mahony, Letterkenny.

It was decided to hold the first Meeting of the Committee on Monday, 20th January, 1947, at 12.30 p.m.

The County Manager pointed out that one of the provisions of the Act was that the Committee or any two or more members should inspect the Hospital at least once each month.

285/46. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1947.

The County Engineer applied for an additional sum of £20,000 in connection with road expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1947. He stated that this sum would be made up of £16,000 for Main Roads and £4,000 for County Roads, and the usual recoupment on foot of this expenditure would be obtained.

In reply to queries the County Manager stated that the money, if granted, would have to be raised in the estimates for the coming financial year. The Road estimate for the current year would be in deficit to this extent at the close of the year.

Councillor Walsh stated that detailed particulars should have been circulated to the Council of the works proposed to be carried out.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the money be granted and that £4,000 be spent on Main Roads and £16,000 on County Roads. The proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Friel proposed that £10,000 be spent on Main Roads and £10,000 on County Roads.

Councillor Kildea seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Brady proposed that the County Engineer have a detailed Scheme circulated before the Meeting of the Council on 28th January giving proposals for the expenditure of the sum granted, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

286/46. LOAN OF £2,820 TO BE OBTAINED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE LABOURERS' ACTS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 21st November, 1946, referring to a Loan of £2,820 to be obtained for the purposes of the Labourers' Acts, and enclosing engrossed Deed of Mortgage for execution by the Council, together with forms of resolution in connection therewith. The form of resolution marked "A" was to be first submitted and passed. When this had been done the Mortgage Deed was to be sealed and then signed by the Chairman, two members of the Council, and the Secretary. The form of resolution marked "B" should be then submitted and passed. The legal expenses amounted to £2 :14 : 6 and these should also be paid.

Councillor Brady proposed, Councillor Scott 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 repayment of the sum of £2,820 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1936."

Following the passing of this resolution the Mortgage Deed was then signed by the Chairman and Councillors McCaul and Britton and countersigned by the Secretary.

The Acting Secretary stated that the form of resolution marked "B" did not apply as the amount involved had been spent and the loan was intended to recoup the Capital Account.

The Council decided to pay the amount of the expenses mentioned.

287/46. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD, NO. 1518, CARRICKMAGRATH, BALLYBOFEY.

Councillor McMenamin introduced Mr. James Griffin, Carrickmagrath, Ballybofey, who addressed the Council in connection with the state of Road No. 1518. Mr. Griffin stated that the bad state of this road was not due to heavy traffic. It had been neglected for 40 years with the result that it was in a shocking state. For a distance of about 200 yards the foundation stones were projecting. There was a very dangerous curve at the Railway Bridge. If the Railway Co. were responsible for the maintenance of the Bridge the Council should take the matter up with them.

Councillor McMenamin stated that he knew this road well. A lot of traffic was diverted on to it owing to the slippery condition of the road from Meenglass Bridge to Ballybofey via Ballinamona. The Council might not be responsible for the maintenance of the Railway Bridge but they had repaired another Railway Bridge not 200 yards away.

The County Engineer stated that his Assistant had reported that he found the road in reasonably good repair. He would have to get a further report from his Chief Assistant.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the County Engineer make a personal inspection of this road along with Councillors Hannigan, McMenamin, and Mr. Griffin.

Councillor McMenamin seconded the proposal.

The matter was, therefore, adjourned until the special Roads Meeting.

288/46. CONTINUANCE OF SUBSIDY TO RAPHOE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £12 :10 : 0 for the period from 1st January, 1947, to 31st March, 1947, to continue subsidy to the Raphoe District Nursing Association. He stated that this amount was not provided for in the Estimates for the current year.

On the motion of Councillor Sheldon it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager's application.

289/46. PROVISION OF OILSKIN COATS FOR ROAD WORKERS.

The County Manager applied to the Council for a sum of £920 to provide 600 oilskin suits for road workers at £1 :10 : 8 per suit.

Councillor Baxter proposed that further inquiries be made as he considered the quotation of £1 :10 : 8 too high. An advertisement should be published inviting quotations and samples should be produced.

The Council unanimously adopted Councillor Baxter's suggestion.

290/46. MOVILLE PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The County Manager applied for authority to expend a sum of £23 :15 : 9 on Moville Public Lighting for the period from 1st July, 1946, to 30th September, 1946. This period was not provided for in the Estimates for the current year.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to grant the Manager's application.

291/46. LIFFORD PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board stating that they had now obtained a small consignment of public lighting fittings, and were in a position to provide a public lighting system in Lifford. Costs of installing six public lamps were being prepared.

The County Manager applied for authority to expend the necessary monies on the Public Lighting of Lifford for the period ending 31st March, 1947.

Councillor Doherty proposed that the Manager be given authority to expend the necessary monies.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

292/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1947.

The Acting Secretary stated that Overdraft accommodation, as follows, would be required on the Revenue Account for the months of January and February, 1947:-

January.....	£95,000.
February.....	£99,000.

Councillor Walsh drew attention to the fact that in February last year the Overdraft accommodation was only £30,000 on the Revenue Account.

The Acting Secretary explained that at the moment a large instalment of Agricultural Grant was due to the Council.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the Overdraft accommodation required.

293/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1947.

The Acting Secretary stated that Overdraft accommodation, as follows, would be required on the Capital Account for the months of January and February, 1947:-

January.....	£8,000.
February.....	£8,000.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the Overdraft accommodation required.

294/46. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON TURF ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1947.

The Acting Secretary stated that Overdraft accommodation, as follows, would be required on the Turf Account for the months of January and February, 1947:-

January.....	£60,000.
February.....	£70,000.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the Overdraft accommodation required.

295/46. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1947.

The County Manager applied for authority to expend a sum of £300 on the provision of clerical assistance for work in connection with Road Grants for the period from 1st January, 1947, to 31st March, 1947.

Several members inquired if this work could not be carried out by the Clerks attached to the County Engineer's Department. The Secretary informed the Council that these Clerks were fully engaged on other duties.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager the necessary money.

296/46. FLOODING OF STREET AT LOWER MAIN STREET, LETTERKENNY.

The County Manager applied for authority to expend a sum of £150 on the diversion of the stream to avoid the flooding of Lower Main Street, Letterkenny. He stated that at a Conference on 9th December an inspection was made of the place of flooding and the points of entry into the Urban District of the stream which was mainly responsible, and it was estimated that the cost of diversion of the stream would cost approximately £300.

On the motion of Councillor McCaul seconded by Councillor Blaney it was unanimously decided to grant a sum of £150 to the County Manager, who explained that the balance would be borne by the Letterkenny Urban Council.

297/46. SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES IN THE SERVICE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Circ. No. P.143/46, dated 28th November, 1946, regarding the salaries and emoluments of nurses and midwives in the service of Local Authorities. The Minister had had under consideration the general standard of remuneration and other conditions of employment thereby attained, and he recommended the adoption of a new scale.

The Secretary stated that he had furnished a copy of the Minister's letter to every member of the Council.

The County Manager stated that for the period from 1st January to 31st March, 1947, he estimated that it would take a sum of £550 to put the new scale into operation, and he, therefore, applied to the Council for this amount.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Brady, it was unanimously decided to grant the amount applied for by the Manager.

298/46. APPLICATION BY ROAD GANGERS IN SOUTH DONEGAL FOR INCREASE IN WAGES.

A letter was read from a number of Gangers in the Southern Area of Co. Donegal applying for an increase in wages. They stated that their present wages of £2 : 18 : 0 per week were inadequate to meet the cost-of-living, and they also drew attention to the increase of duties and responsibilities placed on them in recent years.

The Council unanimously decided to adjourn this matter until the special Roads Meeting on the 28th January, 1947.

299/46. RURAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME - DRAINAGE WORK IN TOWNLAND OF KILCAR.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 17th December, 1946, stating that an application had been made under a Rural Improvements Scheme for a grant towards the cost of a Drainage Work in the townland of Kilcar. The work consisted of cleaning, widening, and deepening 140 perches of drain. The estimated cost of the work was £128 towards which they were prepared to give a grant of £96 subject to the lodgment by the applicants of the sum of £32 as their portion of the cost. They understood that the execution of the Scheme would prevent flooding of the County Road, and, in the circumstances, they wished to know whether the County Council would be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of the work.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to make the contribution required.

300/46. NEW STANDARDS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND LAY-OUT OF ROADS.

A letter dated 5th December, 1946, IR/170/1, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Report on Standards for the Classification and Lay-out of Roads should form the basis for the design of future improvement work on public roads. A survey of a limited mileage of Main Roads should be undertaken for the purpose of estimating the cost of improving these roads to the standard appropriate to their estimated 1970 traffic. This survey was also necessary for the purpose of controlling the erection of new buildings which might obstruct new roads or road widenings. A map was enclosed showing the roads in County Donegal to be dealt with in this survey. It was desirable that the work should be undertaken immediately.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer had informed him that he would require the services of four Engineers for at least twelve months to carry out this survey. Travelling Expenses and, in certain cases, subsistence allowances, might also have to be paid. He estimated that for the quarter ending 31st March, 1947, a sum of £400 would be required, and he asked for authority to expend this sum.

Councillor Baxter stated that the money required to meet the cost of this survey should be a State charge and not a local charge, and, if the Council's own Surveyors were unable to undertake the work, he proposed that the Government be requested to do it themselves.

Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

301/46. APPLICATION BY THE IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION FOR INCREASES IN SALARIES OF ALL OFFICIALS.

A letter was read from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union stating that a letter was being addressed by his Union to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health seeking approval to an interim increase of 40% in the salaries of all Officers of Local Authorities. It was to be expected that a County Manager might, in view of the effect on local finances of the granting of the increase now sought, consider that it would be desirable to advise with his Council in the first instance, and the Union felt assured that a clear presentation by the Managers to the Councils of the urgent need for such an immediate and reasonable relief to the staffs would not be opposed. The Union's demand for an interim increase of 40% in the salary of each Officer was indeed a very modest request in present circumstances, particularly in view of the fact that inadequate basic salaries had not been improved for an exceptionally long period.

The Acting Secretary stated that roughly it would cost about £5,000 per annum to meet the demand of the Union. For the quarter ending 31st March, 1947, he estimated that the followings would be required:-

Clerical staffs.....	£813.
Assistance Officers.....	£106.
Maids and men-servants.....	£200.
Ambulance drivers.....	£50.

Councillor Scott stated that the demand was audacious as well as ridiculous.

Councillor Kildea proposed that an increase be granted to Assistance Officers.

Councillor Brady proposed that full particulars of the salary of each Officer be circulated to the members of the Council.

After further discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the General Purposes Committee, with particulars of the salary of each Officer concerned.

302/46. QUESTION OF RAISING A LOAN FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

The Acting Secretary stated that some years ago the Board of Health proposed to raise a loan of £10,000 for the provision of Fire-Fighting equipment, but this loan had not been sanctioned pending the submission of full details of the equipment to be provided. It was now estimated that a loan of £12,000 would be required.

It was decided to refer the matter to the General Purposes Committee, with full particulars of the equipment provided and proposed to be provided.

303/46. DRAFT SCHEME FORMULATED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT
FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALL FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The County Manager submitted to the Council circular letter No. P.H.101/46, dated 21st August, 1946, requiring the Council to formulate an amended Scheme for the treatment of all forms of tuberculosis, and enclosing a model scheme for consideration..

The Secretary stated that copies of the model Scheme had been circulated to the Council.

A letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health recommending that the draft Scheme as recommended by the Department of Local Government and Public Health be adopted. He also stated that some alterations in the present arrangements for tuberculosis dispensaries appeared to be called for, and he made the following suggestions:-

"At present four dispensaries - Donegal, Dunkineely, Killybegs, and Carrick - are held on the first Tuesday of each month. On this day it is also the practice to do "rounds" in the tuberculosis wards of Donegal Hospital and to do "re-fills" there when necessary. It is not possible to keep to the present time-table on that day, and in fact the Tuberculosis Officer rarely arrives in Carrick before 4.30 p.m. This is too late an hour for starting a dispensary, especially as many of the patients have to travel long distances home. I suggest that only three dispensaries be held on that day.

The Dungloe Dispensary is at present held once a month. The area which this dispensary covers is very populous and there is invariably a very large attendance, so much so that it is generally impossible to devote as much time to each patient as one would like. I consider that it would be advisable to hold two dispensaries each month in this district, one in Dungloe and one in Calhame (Annagry).

The Doochary Dispensary district patients have at present to travel long distances to either Donegal or Glenties. I think it would be advantageous to hold a tuberculosis dispensary once a month in Lettermacaward.

No regular dispensaries are at present held on Arranmore Island and patients from the Island rarely, if ever, come to Dungloe Dispensary. As the disease seems to be pretty prevalent on the Island, I think a dispensary should be held there once every two months.

As arrangements are at present, two other dispensaries are held on the same day as the Glenties dispensary. As well as the dispensary at Glenties, it is usual to do "rounds" of the wards there and to do re-fills both for in-patients and extern patients. As the number of patients who will be having re-fills is very likely to increase, I suggest that only one other dispensary be held on that day.

To conclude my recommendations for the Southern Area, I suggest that three days in the first week of each month and three days in the third week be given over to the holding of tuberculosis dispensaries, and that a fourth day in the first week of each alternate month be allotted for the holding of a tuberculosis dispensary and domiciliary visiting in Arranmore Island. The following is a suggested arrangement of these dispensaries:-

First week of each month (three days and a fourth day every second month for Arranmore):-

- (1) Dunkineely 11 a.m. Killybegs 12.30. Carrick 2 p.m.
- (2) Glenties 11.30 a.m. Ardara 2 p.m.
- (3) Donegal 10.30 a.m. Dungloe 3 p.m.
- (4) Arranmore Island (on alternate months). 11.30 a.m.

Third week.

- (1) Donegal 10.30 a.m. Pettigo 1.30 p.m. Ballyshannon 3 p.m.
- (2) Lettermacaward 11.30 a.m. Calhame 3 p.m.
- (3) Frosses 10.30 a.m. Glenties 1 p.m.

303/46. (CONTD.) DRAFT SCHEME FORMULATED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALL FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

For the Northern Area, I suggest that the clinics at Bunbeg and Falcarragh be now resumed.

As regards the general working of the Scheme, I should like to make the following observations and recommendations:-

- (1) All cases of pulmonary tuberculosis should be seen by either the County Medical Officer of Health or one of his Assistants before admission to Hospital.
- (2) Ultra-violet light therapy to be available in each of the Hospitals providing beds for tuberculous patients.
- (3) Provision of up-to-date apparatus for the administration of artificial pneumothorax and pneumoperitoneum, and discarding of the older type at present in use in Letterkenny, Glenties, Garndonagh, and Donegal Hospitals.
- (4) Sterilisers to be provided for each clinic. Where electric current is available, electric sterilisers to be provided.
- (5) A locked receptacle to be provided at each clinic for the convenience of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer.
- (6) It would obviate a good deal of discontent among the patients if supplies of cod liver oil could be obtained more expeditiously.
- (7) Many of the present premises are very unsuitable for clinics.
- (8) There is a crying need for the provision of more hospital and sanatorium accommodation for both pulmonary and non-pulmonary cases of tuberculosis.

Councillor Sheldon proposed, Councillor Britton seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the draft scheme for the treatment of all forms of tuberculosis be adopted, and that the changes in the arrangements for Dispensaries be approved.

304/46. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES -
FINANCIAL PROVISION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th October, 1946, Circ. H.133/46, stating that Local Authorities from time to time had requested sanction to the raising of loans to finance repairs to dwellings provided by them. The Minister wished to emphasise that the cost of maintenance and repair of local authority houses was essentially a revenue charge and it must be clearly understood that the raising of loans for the purpose could be considered only in very exceptional circumstances. In particular, applications would not be entertained in connection with loans to remedy defects in houses which were due to inadequate financial provision being made towards the cost of maintenance in past years. The position should now be examined and the amount which would be required to finance repair works during 1947/48 should be carefully calculated and fully provided for in the estimate for that year.

The Council noted the letter.

305/46. PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE STRANORLAR-GLENTIES
RAILWAY LINE.

Councillor Louis Walsh proposed:- "That this Council protests against the proposed closing of the Stranorlar-Glenties Railway Line for merchandise and passenger traffic and requests the Minister for Industry and Commerce to have a public inquiry set up before any decision on the application by the Railway Company is made and to devise ways and means of keeping the line open for all traffic."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Walsh stated that on the 31st December, 1940, the County Council passed a resolution protesting against the inefficient management of the County Donegal Railways, but as far as he knew no action had been taken on that resolution. Since 1940, the Railway Company had left past a sum of £26,000 for maintenance of the whole Railway system.

He also stated that the Railway was constructed out of public funds, and that the road, particularly the portion from Shalloogans to Glenties, was entirely unsuitable for heavy traffic, and the Council should ask the Department not to allow heavy traffic and merchandise on this road.

Councillor Brennan seconded the motion. He stated that instead of closing down the line, the Railway Company should endeavour to provide a service more in keeping with modern standards.

Councillor C. Gallagher also spoke in support of the motion which was passed unanimously.

306/46. LETTER FROM MR. T. R. FFORDE, BRUCKLESS, REGARDING PROPOSED CLOSING OF STRANORLAR-GLENTIES RAILWAY LINE.

The Council noted a letter from Mr. T. R. Fforde, Bruckless, enclosing petition for consideration in regard to the application by the County Donegal Railways Joint Committee to cease normal traffic on the Stranorlar-Glenties Line.

307/46. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR HUGH CALLAGHAN AND DECLARATION OF VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Councillor Hugh Callaghan tendering his resignation as a member of the Donegal County Council owing to ill-health. He wished to take the opportunity of returning his sincere thanks to the County Manager and the Officials in the various Departments of the Council for the courtesy shown to him and for the attention and consideration given to the various demands he had submitted on behalf of his constituents during his term of Office. He also wished to record his warm appreciation of the co-operation of all the Councillors who supported his motions before the Council on several occasions, and those who in any way assisted him in having ventilated the grievances of his constituents. In view of the fact that he could no longer give to the duties of his Office the attention he would like to give and consider obliged to render, he felt it would be unfair for him to remain a member of the Council and in justice to his constituents he was taking this course with very deep regret. Finally, he wished to express his deep gratitude to the electors of South Donegal for the repeated confidence reposed in him, and he sincerely trusted that his successor would work for the good of all, as he always tried to serve them irrespective of their creed, class, or political affiliations while he had been a member of the Council.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed his deep regret on hearing of Councillor Callaghan's illness, and wished him a speedy recovery.

The resignation was unanimously accepted with regret.

The Council decided to declare vacant the seat on the Council held by Councillor Callaghan.

308/46. PROPOSAL THAT ROAD WORKERS SHOULD WORK ON CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS.

Councillor Kildea proposed:- "That in future County Council road workers will be allowed to work on Church Holidays, having time off in the morning to attend Divine Service."

To put the matter in order, Councillor Friel seconded.

Councillor Harkin proposed, as an amendment, that no action be taken.

Councillor P. Kelly seconded the amendment.

The County Manager stated that the question of holidays was governed by the Conditions of Employment Act. Under the Act, workers were entitled to what were known as "public holidays." There was power to substitute Catholic Holidays for three of the Public Holidays, and this was being done by the Council.

Councillor Kildea withdrew his proposal.

309/46. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £1,000 FROM THE LOCAL LOANS FUND BY THE KILLYBEGS HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

A letter was read from the Killybegs Harbour Commissioners stating that his Commissioners had decided to borrow a sum of £1000 from the Local Loans Fund in order to meet their contribution of £2000 towards the erection of a new Pier and Harbour works at Killybegs. A Loan by a Harbour Authority from the Local Loans Fund required to be guaranteed as to principal and interest by a Local Authority. The Commissioners would be grateful if the Donegal County Council would guarantee the said Loan.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Loan be guaranteed.

310/46. HOURS OF WORK OF COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD WORKERS.

Councillor Kildea proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

"That in the event of a worker being unable to turn out for work on a Saturday he would only suffer the loss of four hours, not a full day as at present."

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Byrne, who was not present, was also taken along with Councillor Kildea's motion:-

"That I would ask the County Engineer to elucidate the present system utilised in constituting the 48-hour week among County Council labourers, and desire that the same system would be amended on to such an extent as to satisfy numerous complaints from workers over the County."

Councillor Kildea stated that he understood that if a worker failed to turn out on a Saturday he lost a full day's pay.

The County Engineer stated that this had been explained on very many occasions. The position was that workmen worked a 48-hour week. The Conditions of Employment Act stipulated that there must be a half-day in the week and the day selected was Saturday. Apparently some people thought that because the week was a 48-hour week that the normal working day was an 8-hour day but that was not so. The normal working day was 9 hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 3 hours on Saturday, which altogether made up a 48-hour week. Where a worker worked four full days in the week before Saturday and where he worked on Saturday he was allowed a full day's pay for Saturday if he worked that day.

A discussion ensued as to the question of paying the workers on a hourly rate, but the matter was dropped.

311/46. GREENCASTLE HARBOUR AND GREENCASTLE WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Greencastle Development Association regarding Harbour and Water Supply, and enclosing a statement for consideration.

The County Manager stated that the position about Greencastle was that the Council were making every effort to have a water supply provided as soon as possible. Full particulars of the Scheme had been transmitted to the Department before the 31st December in order to qualify for a grant from the Transition Development Fund.

312/46. TELEPHONE SERVICES BETWEEN DUBLIN AND COUNTY DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs referring to the Secretary's letter of the 30th September concerning delays in the telephone service between Dublin and the Northern parts of Co. Donegal, and stating that abnormal delay prevailed on most of the main trunk routes throughout the country at the present time. This was due to the fact that during the war years construction work was at a virtual standstill, and whilst the volume of telephone calls was increasing, the Department was unable to provide the necessary additional lines to cope satisfactorily with the increased traffic. An extensive programme of trunk work was in hands and the position would improve according as additional circuits were provided.

The letter was noted.

313/46. LIFFORD OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Henderson, St. Johnston, tendering his resignation as a member of the Lifford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

The resignation was accepted and the matter referred to the Sub-Committee for a recommendation as to the filling of the vacancy.

314/46. STRANORLAR OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Meehan, Clerk, Stranorlar O.A.P. Sub-Committee, asking to have Rev. P. O'Connor, C.C., appointed a member of the Sub-Committee, in place of Rev. J. Harkin, C.C., recently transferred.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father O'Connor a member of the Sub-Committee.

315/46. COMPLAINT REGARDING CONDITION OF ROAD FROM COCKHILL CHAPEL TO MEENAHARNISH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Owen Gallagher and John Grant, Illies, Ballymagen, asking to have the attention of the County Council drawn to the condition of the road which led from Cockhill Chapel, outside Buncrana, to Meenaharnish, and serving the townlands of Ballymagen, Cleenagh, Kinnego, Foffenagh, Connaghkinnego, Illies, and Meenaharnish. Very few repairs had been carried out to this road for the past 15 years.

The Council decided to ask the County Surveyor for a special report on this road.

316/46. REQUEST TO HAVE PIER BUILT AT CURRANSPORT AND LAMP ERECTED.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph McGee, Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh P.O., stating that the fishermen wished to have a proper Pier built at Curransport. They also wished to have a lamp erected at Curransport to guide the fishing boats.

The matter was adjourned for the attendance of Councillor Breslin.

317/46. RESOLUTION REGARDING ALLOTMENTS FROM SKIBBEREEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The following resolution from Skibbereen Urban District Council was marked "noted":-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow the Scheme for allotments to both Widows and Old Age Pensioners on similar conditions to those which are allowed to unemployed persons. Further, that in view of the steep increase in cost of living that the income limit for the purpose of obtaining a free allotment be substantially increased."

318/46. RESOLUTION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution from Carlow County Council was marked "noted":-

"That in view of the highly unsatisfactory experience of the Council in recent years due to the recurrent resignations of Senior Officials in all branches of the Council's administration, the Council directs that the County Manager be requested to make suggestions to the Minister with relation to appointments of Senior Officers in the County with a view to securing some continuity of service with particular reference to the Engineering Section and in this respect we suggest:-

- (1) That all appointments should be on a probationary period for, at least, one year, and
- (2) That the incremental increases for Senior Officers should be so graded as to induce such Officers to remain in the employment of one Local Authority for some substantial time."

319/46. OLD AGE PENSIONS AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS.

The following resolution was submitted from Cork County Council:-

"That we, the Cork County Council, request the Government to introduce legislation to increase Old Age Pensions and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions and to modify the means test; and, furthermore, that the revised scale for Old Age Pensions be fixed at the following rates:-

At 65 years.....	10/-	per week.
At 66 years.....	11/-	"
At 67 years.....	12/-	"
At 68 years.....	13/-	"
At 69 years.....	14/-	"
At 70 years.....	15/-	" "

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution with the following addendum:- "That the statutory limit of means be increased to £52 per annum."

Councillor Sheldon stated that local Committees should warn applicants for pensions, when they were notified that their applications had been turned down by the Pension Officer, to appeal within the prescribed time.

320/46.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

Councillor Charles Doherty proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager to have Lifford Courthouse put in proper repair in order that the Circuit Court Sittings for Lifford Area could be held therein."

Councillor Scott stated that he understood that plans were prepared some years ago for the improvement of Lifford Courthouse.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that arising out of Councillor Doherty's motion it would be necessary to have plans prepared, and he asked for authority to employ a Consulting Architect for this work. Additional staff accommodation was also necessary.

The Council unanimously granted the Manager permission to employ a Consulting Architect, at a cost not exceeding £250.

Councillor Scott asked the Manager to keep in mind for additional staff accommodation premises adjoining the County House which might be for sale.

321/46.

MENTAL TREATMENT ACT, 1945.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister had made an Order fixing 1st January, 1947, as the day upon which the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, should come into operation.

322/46.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1946.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council notifying the Council that the Vocational Education (Amendment) Bill, 1946, was a Bill which would entail expense on local bodies.

Confirmed

Neil Bloney

Chairman of Co. Council

28th January, 1947.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1946.

1/46. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Very Rev. Arthur McLoone (presiding), Very Rev. John Canon McCafferty, P.P., Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Very Rev. Dr. T. Molloy, P.P., and Messrs. Charles Sweeney, A. M. Raffan, George McCaul, Co.C., and Eugene P. Gallagher, N.T.

2/46. A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Miss Deeney, Very Rev. Dr. McDowell, Mr. Sean McGlinchey, N.T., and Mr. Sean McGinley, N.T.

3/46. 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 31st July, 1945, were confirmed unanimously.

4/46. P R E L I M I N A R Y D I S C U S S I O N R E G A R D I N G I N C O M E O F P A R E N T S , E T C .

The Secretary stated that a number of points would arise in connection with individual applications, and that in accordance with the practice of previous years it might be better if the Committee discussed them on general lines, and laid down general principles prior to considering the applications in detail.

(1) C H I L D R E N S ' A L L O W A N C E S .

The Committee recommended that Childrens' Allowances be not taken into account in considering the means of parents.

(2) D E P E N D E N T C H I L D R E N .

The Committee recommended that a child already in receipt of a Boarder's Scholarship from the County Council should not be regarded as a "dependent child" within the meaning laid down in the Scheme.

(3) I N C O M E F R O M I N V E S T M E N T S , E T C .

The Committee recommended that any parent in receipt of £50 or over from interest on investments, etc., should not, in general, be considered as satisfying the Council that he was unable within his own means to bear the expenses of a Secondary or Vocational education.

(4) T E A C H E R S ' S A L A R I E S .

The Committee recommended that the figures given by National Teachers on the Application Forms as their salaries be taken at their face value, and that it be assumed that the figures as shown included Capitation Grants, Bonuses, etc.

(5) I N C O M E F R O M B U S I N E S S , T R A D E , E T C .

The Committee recommended that in any case where it was thought necessary, the parent should be asked to furnish particulars of the Income Tax Assessment as made by the Revenue Commissioners.

5/46. L A T E A P P L I C A T I O N S .

The Secretary stated that in view of the special circumstances obtaining this year, the Department of Education had agreed to extend the date for the receipt of applications to the 22nd January, 1946.

The following applications were not received within the time as extended:-

Marie Teresa P. McCay. (Received 23rd January, 1946.)

Mary Teresa Doherty. (Received 24th January, 1946.)

The Committee recommended that these applications be not accepted.

The Secretary also stated that on the 22nd January he received a letter from Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Castruse, Newtowncunningham, enclosing Baptismal Certificate on behalf of his son, Maurice Joseph O'Donnell. No Application Form accompanied this letter.

A telegram was sent to Mr. O'Donnell on the morning of 22nd January, pointing out that an Application Form had not been received, and that the 22nd was the latest date for the receipt of Applications. No further communication had been received from Mr. O'Donnell.

The Committee considered that Mr. O'Donnell failed to comply with Section 13 of the Scheme.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

6/46. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO COMPETE AT THE EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the applications individually, and they recommended that the applications of the following for permission to compete at the Examination be accepted:-

1. Henry James Allison, St. Eunan's Terrace, Letterkenny.
2. Marjorie P. Boner, Crickamore, Meenbanad.
3. Joseph Boyle, Letterfad, Letterbarrow.
4. Ann Pauline Boyle, Inniskeel, Clooney.
5. Mary Theresa Boyle, Maramelan, Dungloe.
6. Conal Michael Boyle, Meenbanad.
7. Frances Bridget Brennan, Straboy, Glenties.
8. Annie Teresa Brogan, Meenderry N.S., Falcarragh.
9. Claire Elizabeth F. Callaghan, Mullaney, Burt.
10. Grace Mary Fidelma Campbell, Drimnasillagh, Glenties.
11. Patrick Hilary Campbell, The Hotel, Dungloe.
12. Charles John Campbell, Selacia, Letterbarrow.
13. Brigid Nuala Carr, Kilcar.
14. Patrick J. Coll, Meonacladdy N.S., Meenlaragh.
15. Evelyn Bridget Dillon, Waterloo Place, Donegal.
16. Patrick Laurence Doherty, Castlequarter, Inch Island.
17. Michael Henry Donaghey, Mill Road, Dungloe.
18. Michael Joseph Donnelly, Carrowen, Burt.
19. Sighle Ní Dhubhgain, Meonacladdy, Meenlaragh.
20. Rosabelle Dorrian, Main Street, Ballyshannon.
21. Kathleen Duffy, St. Joseph's Orphanage, Bundoran.
22. Cornelius Gerard Duncan, Main Street, Donegal.
23. Angela Anne Dunne, Main Street, Ballintra.
24. Annie Philomena Ferry, Bohillion, Burt.
25. Patrick Hugh Flood, Killybegs.
26. Annie Bernadette Gallagher, Mullaney, Burt.
27. Brigid Teresa Gallagher, Drimnakillew, Inver.
28. Alphonsus Gabriel Gallagher, Port Road, Letterkenny.
29. Rose Imelda Gallagher, Narin, Portnoo.
30. Margaret Rosina Gallagher, Glencar, Letterkenny.
31. Edward James Gallagher, Station Road, Bundoran.
32. James H. Gallagher, Bridge Street, Donegal Town.
33. Mary Galvin, Meenacladdy N.S., Meenlaragh.
34. Margaret M. T. Gilmartin, The Medical Hall, Bundoran.
35. Mary Ginty, Garda Barracks, Buncrana.
36. John Gorman, Kilmairen.
37. Frances Bridget Green, Grange, Inch Island.
38. Aine Halpin, Glencar, Letterkenny.
39. John Edward Harkin, Upper Main Street, Letterkenny.
40. Margaret Hegarty, Straleel, Carrick.
41. Patrick James B. Canning Kemple, Quigley's Point.
42. Nora Kennedy, Castle Street, Donegal.
43. Jane Teresa Kiernan, Station House, Buncrana.
44. Mary Elizabeth Harkin, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny.
45. Kathleen Josephine Liddy, College Street, Ballyshannon.
46. Alexander Columba McBride, Rosemount, Letterkenny.
47. Charles McGill, Aighe, Ardara.
48. Anne Noreen McGinley, Castlequarter, Inch Island.
49. Anne Collette McGovern, East Port, Ballyshannon.
50. Nora McGranaghan, Rockhill, Letterkenny.
51. James McGranaghan, Diamond, Raphoe.
52. Maire Teresa McLoone, Meenachallow, Glenties.
53. Frances Celine McMackin, Maginn Cottages, Buncrana.
54. Anne Mary Philomena McMenamin, Lower Main St., Letterkenny.
55. Agnes Monica McNelis, Carrick.
56. Daniel Alphonus McTeague, Upper Main Street, Letterkenny.
57. Enda Joseph N. Maguire, 25, Main Street, Bundoran.
58. Charles Hugh Meehan, Main Street, Donegal.
59. John Francis Mellett, College Row, Letterkenny.
60. Helena Margaret Moss, Aughnahoo, Pettigo.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO COMPETE AT THE
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61. Patrick Joseph Murray, Kilcar.
62. Mary Ellen O'Brien, Drumoghill, Manorcunningham.
63. Christopher O'Byrne, Ardara.
64. Mary Patricia O'Donnell, Rahen, Letterkenny.
65. Daniel Columba O'Gara, Carrick Lower, Carrick.
66. Melachy Hugh O'Neill, Letterbarrow.
67. Patrick Albert O'Neill, Station House, Letterkenny.
68. Elizabeth Carmel Rice, Milltown, Kilmacrenan.
69. John Noel Scott, Chapel Street, Ballyshannon.
70. Kathleen Hannah Stewart, New Row, Donegal.
71. Daniel Gerald Tiernan, Castle Street, Ballyshannon.
72. Mary Ellen Ward, Letterfad, Letterbarrow.
73. Nora Mary Ward, Cruit Island, Kincasslagh.
74. James Alphonsus Ward, Upper Main Street, Letterkenny.

The Committee recommended that permission to sit for the Examination be refused in the following cases on the grounds that the means of the candidates' parents were in excess of the limits laid down in Clause 10 of the Scheme:-

1. Sean Bryce, Carrick.
2. Patrick Joseph Callaghan, Bay View, Dungloe.
3. Maire Brigid Faughnan, Letterkenny.
4. Donald Patrick Faughnan, Letterkenny.
5. Bernard McGlinchey, Letterkenny.
6. John Joseph McGlinchey, Letterkenny.
7. Roisin Maire O'Callaghan, Letterkenny.
8. Vivian Margaret Susanne O'Donovan, Ballyshannon.
9. Annie Noel Theresa Sharkey, Belcruit, Kincasslagh.
10. Patrick L. Sweeney, Meenmore, Dungloe.

7/46. AGE LIMITS FOR EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY
AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Arising out of a resolution from Offaly County Council in connection with above, and which was adopted by the Donegal County Council at their Meeting on the 13th November, the Secretary submitted a letter from the Department of Education dated 31st December, 1945, O.I.L. (2) 68304, stating that it was considered preferable not to make any alteration in the age limit for the 1946 Examination. If, however, the Council submitted its reasons in favour of the proposal, the question will be re-considered in connection with next year's Scholarship Scheme.

The Committee considered that the age limit as fixed in the Scholarship Scheme gave all-round satisfaction. It was pointed out that the present age limit - 14 years of age on the 1st of August of the year of the Examination - coincided with the beginning of the Academic year, and they recommended that the age limit as specified in the Scheme be continued.

Adopted by Co. Council

Charles J. O'Sullivan

Chairman of Co. Council.
29th January, 1946.

Confirmed.

Arthur MacLennan

Chairman of Scholarships Committee.
19th March, 1946

A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

8/46. ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Very Rev. Arthur McLoone (presiding), Miss M. Deeney, Captain Scott, and Messrs. Raffan, McCaul, Sweeney, and Gallagher.

9/46. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Captain Scott seconded by Miss Deeney, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on the 24th January, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

10/46. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO COMPETE AT THE EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS BY MESSRS. BERNARD AND JOHN JOSEPH MCGLINCHY.

Arising out of the Committee's decision at their Meeting on the 24th January last to refuse the applications of Masters Bernard and John Joseph McGlinchey for permission to compete at the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, the Secretary read the following letter from Mr. P. McGlinchey, Letterkenny, father of the boys:-

"Further to our 'phone conversation re above I wish to inquire if the Committee made a mistake in the case of my boys when considering the means test. From my reading of the rules, I fail to see why a boy whose Scholarship ceased last year should not be allowed as a dependent now. He has gone to another College without a Scholarship and is very much a dependent on the home.

I shall feel much obliged if you could have the matter re-considered and if a mistake has been made there is ample time yet to have the boys in for the Examination at Easter."

The Secretary stated that when the applications of Mr. McGlinchey's sons were being considered by the Committee at their previous Meeting, another son of Mr. McGlinchey, Padraig, was not regarded as a dependent child, in accordance with the decision of the Scholarships Committee not to regard any child as "dependent" who was in receipt of a County Council Scholarship already. It now appeared that Padraig McGlinchey, who was awarded a County Council Scholarship of five years' duration in 1941, which would not normally expire until 1946, had gone to Dalgan Park in 1945, and so did not avail of the final year of his Scholarship. Mr. McGlinchey claimed, therefore, that Padraig was a dependent within the meaning of the Scholarships Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McCaul, it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Council that permission to compete at the Examination be granted to Masters Bernard and John Joseph McGlinchey.

The Secretary stated that in all probability the next Meeting of the County Council would not be held until the last Tuesday of April, so that the Committee's recommendation could hardly be ratified by the Council before the Examination which would be held during Easter Week.

The Chairman took the view that the County Council had given the Committee plenary powers in the matter.

Councillor Scott pointed out that at the last Meeting of the County Council it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter back to the Scholarships Committee, and he had no doubt but that the Council at their next Meeting would ratify the recommendation of the Committee.

Adopted by Co. Council

Neil Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council
30th April, 1946.

Confirmed

W. H. Kelly

Chairman of Scholarships
Committee

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1946.

11/46.

ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:-
Very Rev. Dr. Molloy, P.P., Captain J. Scott, Co.C., Mr. George McCaul, Co.C., Mr. Edward Gallen, Co.C., Mr. A. M. Raffan, Mr. Charles Sweeney, and Mr. Seamus O'Donnell, N.T.
The Co. Manager was also in attendance.

12/46.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Miss Deeney, Father McLoone, and Mr. E. Gallagher, N.T.

13/46.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Captain Scott seconded by Mr. Charles Sweeney, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on Tuesday, 19th March, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

14/46.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP HELD BY MISS MARY E. McNULTY, WEST END, BUNDORAN, AT ST. LOUIS' CONVENT, KILTIMAGH.

A letter was read from Miss Mary E. McNulty, West End, Bundoran, to whom a Scholarship was awarded in 1942, stating that owing to the illness of her aunt, with whom she had been residing since the death of her father, she had been unable to attend the Convent of St. Louis, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo, since January, 1946. Not having her full number of school days made she would not be able to enter for the Leaving Certificate Examination in 1947. She intended taking up her studies again in September, and she wished to know how her absence would affect her Scholarship. She enclosed a Medical Certificate from Dr. McNamee, Bundoran, certifying the illness of her aunt.

The Committee recommended that Miss McNulty be allowed to avail of the remaining balance of her Scholarship.

15/46.

SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1947.

The Committee considered a letter dated 17th June, 1946, from the Department of Education, stating that Schemes for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1947 should be submitted for approval before the 15th August. The letter stated that representations had been made that the value of the Scholarships offered was not sufficient to maintain the pupil in a Secondary School, and that in such circumstances the poorer parents had either to forego the competition for their children or to incur financial hardship by endeavouring to defray from insufficient means a substantial portion of the cost of the pupils' residence in a Secondary School. Some Councils had already made provision for the award of increased Scholarships to the children of poorer parents. One Council had made a provision whereby children of parents whose income or valuation was only one-half or less of the prescribed amounts might have their residential Scholarships increased by 25%, e.g. from £40 to £50 per annum. The Minister for Education would be pleased to see a similar provision included in each Council's Scheme thereby going a long way towards meeting the greater needs of the poorer parents.

The Committee recommended that the Scheme for 1947 be the same as for 1946, with an addendum that the Scholarships of children of poorer parents be increased to £50 per annum.

16/46.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HELD DURING EASTER WEEK, 1946.

The following statement from the Office of National Education was submitted in connection with the above Examination:-

80 THE FOI SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS - RESULT OF EXAMINATION
HELD EASTER WEEK, 1946.

Serial No.	Exam. No.	Name of Candidate.	Irish.		English	Arithmetic	History and Geography.	Miscellaneous Subjects	Algebra.	Geometry.	Drawing.	Natural Science or Home Study.	Needle Work	Total Marks.
			Oral.	Written.										
1.	4456	De Colla, Patrick S.	141.	118.	138.	205B.	88B	96B.	786	99B	100	100	100	972.
2.	4434	Wright, Norman.	138.	131.	152.	171B.	100B	91B.	783.	84.	100	100	100	931.
3.	4450	McJolliffe, George, Bridget M.	132.	116.	144.	181B.	57B.	83B.	713.	88B	100	100	100	867.
4.	4414	Harkin, John E.	140.	111.	132.	187.	56B.	59B.	685.	63.	100	100	100	822.
5.	4433	McDonogh, William J.	135.	130.	129.	181B.	72B.	78B.	725.	34B.	100	100	100	821.
6.	4382	Moore, Helen M.	130.	105.	126.	183.	68B.	74B.	686.	65.	100	100	100	819.
7.	4439	O'Byrne, Christopher.	130.	83.	140.	187.	71.	76.	687.	61.	100	100	100	818.
8.	4422	McDermott, Brian.	125.	105.	160.	116.	84B.	65B.	659.	76.	100	100	100	806.
9.	4424	Brogan, Annie T.	144.	108.	149.	147B.	65B.	62B.	676.	73.	100	100	100	791.
10.	4381	McGovern, Anne C.	127.	124.	140.	142.	81B.	58B.	672.	77.	100	100	100	788.
11.	4441	Brennan, Frances F.	112.	114.	136.	180B.	69B.	62B.	673.	64B.	100	100	100	784.
11.	4425	McDermott, Stephen.	141.	78.	116.	155B.	68B.	83B.	641.	66B.	100	100	100	784.
13.	4432	Boner, Marjorie P.	137.	108.	140.	158.	65.	66.	674.	57.	100	100	100	782.
14.	4402	Harkin, John E.	104.	119.	141.	165.	57B.	51.	637.	53.	100	100	100	776.
15.	4402	Dillon, Evelyn B.	120.	128.	141.	139.	70.	62.	660.	51.	100	100	100	774.
15.	4372	Gilmer, Margaret M.T.	128.	122.	153.	126.	61.	70.	660.	66.	100	100	100	767.
16.	4378	O'Donnoghue, Michael.	119.	71.	129.	182B.	54B.	72B.	627.	86B.	100	100	100	746.
17.	4431	Stewart, Kathleen H.	125.	121.	146.	130.	77.	56.	655.	52.	100	100	100	744.
18.	4383	McCormack, Kathleen C.	125.	107.	142.	161.	58B.	51.	644.	48.	100	100	100	741.
19.	4420	Kearney, John.	125.	112.	143.	155.	52.	68.	647.	44.	100	100	100	736.
20.	4379	Duerr, Rosebelle.	117.	112.	143.	155.	52.	68.	647.	44.	100	100	100	735.
21.	4373	Boyer, Ann P.	90.	77.	123.	190.	65B.	56B.	601.	74.	100	100	100	735.
22.	4440	Gallagher, James H.	108.	101.	122.	165B.	41B.	53.	590.	68.	100	100	100	727.
23.	4365	Scott, John A.	83.	73.	129.	171.	57.	58.	571.	64.	100	100	100	725.
24.	4370	Laddy, Kathleen J.	102.	103.	137.	134.	70B.	70B.	616.	63.	100	100	100	718.
25.	4362	O'Neill, Melachy.	135.	117.	126.	175B.	63B.	65B.	681.	23B.	100	100	100	704.
26.	4380	McGill, Charles.	127.	94.	142.	104.	84B.	62B.	613.	53.	100	100	100	702.
27.	4369	McGill, Charles.	86.	87.	151.	141.	72.	36.	573.	67.	100	100	100	685.
28.	4438	McWaters, Agnes M.	130.	99.	120.	163.	60.	40.	612.	48.	100	100	100	680.
29.	4452	O'Brien, Mary E.	95.	97.	127.	169B.	39B.	37B.	564.	40B.	100	100	100	675.
30.	4418		118.	98.	131.	94.	30.	59.	530.	62.	100	100	100	660.

No. of Candidate	Exam. No.	Name of Candidate.	Irish.		English.	Arithmetic.	History and Geography.		Total Mandatory subjects.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Drawing.	Natural Science or Nature study.	Needlework.	Total Marks.
			Oral.	Written.			History.	Geography.							
31.	4394.	McMackin, Francis C.	110.	93.	147.	115.	41.	56.	562.	20.	37.	100.		72.	654.
33.	4375.	Durni, Lucile A.	125.	62.	134.	134.	54B	561.	56.	56.	60.				654.
33.	4398.	Allison, Henry J.	106.	87.	119.	145.	43B	534.	55.	55.					649.
34.	4417.	McKerwin, Ann M. P.	140.	106.	143.	61.	80B	607.	12.	12.				27B.	634.
35.	4409.	Ward, James A.	120.	45.	113.	136.	55.	502.	78.	48.				32B.	628.
36.	4415.	Larkin, Mary W.	105.	106.	125.	141.	58B	565.	26.	26.					623.
37.	4408.	O'Neill, Patrick A.	110.	88.	123.	156.	51B	579.	41.	15.					620.
38.	4403.	McBride, Alexander.	100.	71.	121.	156.	47B	550.	26.	43.					619.
39.	4400.	Gallagher, Alphonse G.	112.	58.	112.	156.	55.	541.	27.	46.					614.
40.	4444.	Melvone, Margaret T.	102.	80.	116.	132B.	50B	540.	34B					38B.	612.
41.	4413.	Gallagher, Margaret R.	110.	76.	118.	135.	43B	512.	26.					36B.	574.
42.	4429.	Boyle, Coral M.	86.	62.	101.	151.	30B	497.	68.	15.					565.
43.	4389.	Kemple, Patrick J. B. O.	106.	62.	122.	122.	32.	495.	66.	15.					561.
44.	4384.	Ward, Mary E.	115.	117.	84.	92B.	42B	485.	31.	45.				70B.	555.
45.	4368.	Meenan, Charles Hugh.	82.	61.	106.	148.	42.	475.	20.					32.	550.
46.	4374.	Duffy, Kathleen.	112.	98.	114.	92.	50.	498.	26.					43.	530.
47.	4442.	Campbell, Joseph W. F.	102.	52.	124.	110.	35.	461.	26.						528.
48.	4421.	Moglinchey, John Joseph.	110.	34.	118.	106.	45B	450.	42.	36.					456.
49.	4430.	Campbell, Patrick H.	89.	51.	117.	109B.	50.	456.	15B.	5.					
CANDIDATES WHO FAILED THE EXAMINATION.															
	4364.	Duncan, Neil B.	40.	52.	110.	89.	19.	330.	24.	13.					354.
	4367.	McVulre, Ende J. N.	63.	45.	94.	97.	34.	364.	2.	32.					396.
	4371.	Tierney, Denis G.	62.	70.	108.	72.	25B	357.	15.	20.					377.
	4376.	Gallagher, Bridget T.	115.	75.	114.	67.	26.	432.	17.	0.					432.
	4388.	Doherty, Patrick L.	100.	62.	125.	123.	12B	441.	7.						441.
	4390.	Ginty, Mary.	96.	52.	136.	79.	22.	411.							478.
	4391.	Greer, Frances B.	109.	88.	109.	132.	19B	479.	11.						530.
	4392.	Kiernan, John T.	102.	0.	142.	66.	41.	385.							437.
	4393.	McGlinley, Anne M.	105.	72.	113.	67.	30B	413.		25.					473.
	4407.	O'Garra, Daniel C.	75.	73.	127.	60B.	33B	398.							472.
	4410.	O'Leary, E. P.	40.	0.	28.	18.	3.	92.							92.

17/46. AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS AS A RESULT OF THE 1946 EXAMINATION.

The Acting Secretary intimated that candidate No. 5, Maire Treasa Ni Bhaoighill, had obtained a Scholarship of £42 per annum at Loreto Convent, Letterkenny, for each of the School Years 1946/47 and 1947/48.

The Committee recommended that Scholarships be awarded, as follows, to the first six candidates:-

	<u>1946/47.</u>	<u>1947/48.</u>	<u>1948/49.</u>	<u>1949/50.</u>	<u>1950/51.</u>
1. Padraig Seosamh Us Colla.	£50.	£50.	£50.	£50.	£50.
2. Nora Mary Ward.	£50.	£50.	£50.	£50.	£50.
3. Brighidh Nuala Ni Ghiolla Cearr.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
4. Aine Halpin.	£50.	£50.	£50.	£50.	£50.
5. Maire T. Ni Bhaoighill.	£8.	£8.	£50.	£50.	£50.
6. Helena Margarita Moss.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.

In the event of any of the foregoing candidates not availing of the Scholarships awarded to them, the Committee recommended that the matter be re-considered, and they noted that candidate No. 7, Christopher O'Byrne, had already obtained another Scholarship of £40 per annum for five years.

18/46. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1942 FOR FIVE YEARS.

It was intimated that Scholarships, as follows, originally awarded in 1942 for five years, were due for renewal for the year 1946/47:-

<u>Name of Student.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>
Seamus Edward Tiernan.	£42.
Margaret M. Gallagher.	£42.
Mary Ellen McNulty.	£42. (See Minute No. 14/46.)
Patricia M. Fenelon.	£42.
James C. McShane.	£42.
Mary Christina Gallagher.	£42.

Except in the case of Seamus Edward Tiernan, satisfactory reports on the conduct, studies, and progress of the students were received.

It was decided to point out to Seamus Edward Tiernan that unless an improvement in the progress of his studies was shown, his Scholarship would not be continued.

It was recommended that the Scholarships of the other students be renewed for the year 1946/47.

19/46. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1943 FOR FIVE YEARS.

Satisfactory reports on their conduct, studies, and progress having been received, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Scholarships originally awarded in 1943 to the following students be renewed as follows:-

<u>Name of Student.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>	<u>1947/48.</u>
Michael O'Byrne.	£42.	£42.
Bernard A. McKiernan.	£42.	£42.
Charles Joseph McCann.	£42.	£42.
Thomas Curran.	£42.	£42.
Conn Halpin.	£42.	£42.

20/46. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1944 FOR FIVE YEARS.

Satisfactory reports on their conduct, studies, and progress having been received, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Scholarships originally awarded in 1944 to the following students be renewed as set out below:-

<u>Name of Student.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>	<u>1947/48.</u>	<u>1948/49.</u>
Connell J. Cunningham.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Mary Margaret Garvin.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Peggy Celine Boyle.	£42.	£42.	£42.
William J. Breslin.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Nool Patrick O'Boyce.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Mary T. D. Mullahy.	£42.	£42.	£42.

21/46. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1945 FOR FIVE YEARS.

Satisfactory reports on their conduct, studies, and progress having been received, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Scholarships originally awarded in 1945 to the following students be renewed as set out below:-

<u>Name of Student.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>	<u>1947/48.</u>	<u>1948/49.</u>	<u>1949/50.</u>
Henry Michael McErlean.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Ann Celine Breslin.	£2.	£2.	£42.	£42.
Ita Josephine Kernan.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Margaret C. Guilfoyle.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Mary Celine O'Byrne.	£12.	£12.	£42.	£42.
Mary Elizabeth Hughes.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Connell Cunningham.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.

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Adopted by Co. Council.

Confirmed.

Arthur MacLoone

Chairman of Co. Council.
27th August, 1946.

Chairman of Scholarships
Committee.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1946.

1/46. ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Breslin (presiding), Blaney, Brady, Britton, McCaul, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Welsh.

2/46. CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of the Chairman, the Committee extended their sincere sympathy to Councillor Sheldon in the bereavement which he had sustained through the death of his father.

3/46. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Arising out of the confirmation of the Minutes, the Secretary read a letter which he had received from Councillor Kelly, Carndonagh, drawing attention to the Housing needs of the Carndonagh Area.

The Committee noted that this point was covered in their Report of their Meeting of the 11th December.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held on the 11th December, 1945, were confirmed unanimously.

4/46. NEW SCALE OF SALARIES FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL ATTENDANTS AND NURSES.

A letter was submitted from the Local Government Department dated 8th October, 1945, Circ. No. M.H.107/45, suggesting a new scale of salaries for Nurses and Attendants in Mental Hospitals.

The Secretary stated that a copy of the letter was circulated to all members of the Council on the 5th December, 1945.

The Committee recommended that the new scale of salaries be adopted as from the 1st April, 1946, and that provision therefor be made in the Estimates for the financial year 1946/47.

5/46. APPLICATION BY MENTAL HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES FOR ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY BONUS.

A letter was read from the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union applying for an additional Emergency Bonus for Mental Hospital employees.

The Secretary stated that the present bonus payable to the Mental Hospital Staff was 7/- to married members, and 2/- to unmarried members.

The Committee recommended that in view of the introduction of the new scale of salaries no action be taken on the application for bonus.

6/46. APPLICATION BY HOSPITAL NURSES FOR EMERGENCY BONUS.

A letter was read from the Irish Nurses' Organisation applying for an Emergency Bonus for Hospital Nurses in County Donegal.

The County Manager stated that the position regarding Nurses was becoming very serious, and the Council should endeavour to make their conditions as attractive as possible. He stated that there were 43 Hospital Nurses, including Head Nurses or Matrons, in the Council's employment.

The Committee recommended that an Emergency Bonus of £10 per annum be paid to all Hospital Nurses.

7/46. APPLICATION BY THE CLERICAL STAFF FOR INCREASED EMERGENCY BONUS.

An application was submitted from the members of the Council's clerical staff for an increased Emergency Bonus.

The Committee recommended that Emergency Bonus be not paid to any person with a salary in excess of £500 per annum, and that the Emergency Bonus for the clerical staff be increased to 11/- per week, married employees, and 9/- per week, unmarried employees, representing an increase of 2/- and 1s/6d per week respectively; the new rates to come into operation as from the 1st April, 1946.

8/46. APPLICATION BY THE ASSISTANT CO. ENGINEERS FOR EMERGENCY BONUS.

A letter was read from the Assistant County Engineers applying for payment of Emergency Bonus at the appropriate maximum rate as approved by the Local Government Department. They stated that this bonus was being paid to Assistant County Engineers in most other Counties since its introduction.

The Committee recommended that the Assistant County Engineers be allowed the same rate of bonus as the members of the clerical staff, i.e. 11/- per week, married employees, and 9/- per week, unmarried employees.

9/46. PROPOSAL TO APPOINT A SECOND ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE MENTAL HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, recommending that a second Assistant Medical Officer be appointed for the Mental Hospital, with a view to making Insulin Shock Therapy available for the patients. He stated that similar increases in the medical Staff had been made in Sligo, Killybegs, Ballinasloe, and Cork, whilst other Mental Institutions had got the assistance of clinical clerks within the past few years.

The County Manager stated that this was a very important matter, and he would like to support very strongly the recommendations of the R.M.S. In his opinion it would be money very well spent.

The Committee recommended the appointment on a permanent basis of a second Assistant Medical Officer, on the same salary and conditions as the existing Assistant Medical Officer, and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

10/46. APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT INSTRUCTOR IN AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Co. Donegal Committee of Agriculture enclosing copy of Minute No. 157/45 passed by the Committee on the 18th December deciding to appoint a new permanent Instructor in Agriculture, subject to the approval of the County Manager, at a salary scale of £130 - £350 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus and temporary Emergency Bonus.

The Committee recommended that the County Manager approve of this appointment.

11/46. APPLICATION BY THE RATE COLLECTORS FOR A BONUS OF 2D. IN THE £. ON RATE COLLECTION.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Dawson, Chairman, Co. Donegal Rate Collectors' Association, applying for a bonus of 2d. in the £. on Rate Collection, as had been approved in County Cork.

The Committee recommended that no action be taken on this application.

12/46. PROPOSED RE-CONSTRUCTION OF BALLYSHANNON DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS.

An estimate of £9,000 was submitted for the re-construction of Ballyshannon District Hospital for the treatment of tuberculous patients.

The County Manager explained that the Council could go ahead with the re-construction of Ballyshannon District Hospital at an estimated cost of £9,000, or, alternatively, press forward with the building of a new Hospital at, say, Donegal or Carndonagh, which would make the existing General Hospital free to accommodate tuberculous patients solely.

After exhaustive discussion on the matter, the Committee recommended that the question of the re-construction of Ballyshannon Hospital be adjourned.

13/46. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ROAD MACHINERY.

The following report from the County Engineer on the purchase of additional road machinery was submitted to the members of the Committee:-

REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ENGINEER ON ADDITIONAL ROAD PLANT
REQUIREMENTS.

5th January, 1946.

The County Manager,
Lifford.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL ROAD PLANT.

In December, 1944, I submitted to the Department a statement setting out the additional plant required under three headings, viz:-

1. Plant required to re-place obsolete or inefficient units.
2. The new plant required to carry out a continuous programme of road works based on the 1939 estimate.
3. Additional plant required to carry out programme based on the 1939 estimate, plus 50%.

I attach herewith copy of this statement (Statement A.)

Prices have now been received from manufacturers covering most of the plant required. The Department are most anxious that we place orders with manufacturers as soon as possible, as it is considered that while manufacturers may be prepared to supply plant at the present time, it is likely that they will not be able to supply it in perhaps six months' time, as it is anticipated that they will be flooded out with orders for plant for reconstruction work in Europe and elsewhere.

I attach a Statement (Statement B.) setting out the cost of the items of plant under the three headings mentioned above. It will be noted that the total costs, excluding any import duties we may have to pay, is £33,250. I appreciate that this is a very large sum of money, and would be a very severe strain on the Council's finances, particularly in view of our commitments for post-war development. While I am satisfied that plant of this kind will have to be bought in the next few years, I have considered the matter very carefully, and I find that our immediate and urgent requirements are as follows:-

Two Tractors at £700 each.....	£1,400.
5 Flapper Tar-spraying machines at £300 each.....	£1,500.
7 Stand-by Boilers at £250 each.....	£1,750.
2 Compressors at £700 each.....	£1,400.
4 Jack Hammers at £82 : 10 : 0 each.....	£330.
4 Concrete Mixers at £200 each.....	£800.
2 Gritters at £175 each.....	£350.
TOTAL.....	<u>£7,530.</u>

In addition to above, we will require accessories, Air hose, drill steels, and pumps, for which no quotation has been received.

These items, together with possible import duties, will bring the total figure required up to £10,000, and I request that that sum be made available.

Misc, le meas,
(Signed) T. MacMahon,
COUNTY ENGINEER.

STATEMENT "A".

ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS OF ADDITIONAL PLANT.

1. Machinery required to replace obsolete or otherwise inefficient plant:-

ROLLERS. Four 6-8 ton Diesel Rollers to replace Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 26 Steam Rollers.

TAR PLANT. Six 80-gallon tar patching outfits to replace obsolete tarring units.

STONE BREAKERS.
One stone breaker, 16 x 9.

2. Additional Machinery and Machinery of a new type required to carry out a continuous programme of modern road reconstruction:-

A. 1939 Estimate.	B. 1939 Estimate plus 50%.
<u>ROLLERS.</u> One 6 - 8 ton.	Two 6 - 8 ton Diesels.
<u>BREAKERS.</u> Three 16 x 9.	Three 16 x 9.
<u>ENGINES.</u> 9 Diesel-driven Tractors.	Three Diesel.
<u>TARRING PLANT.</u> 5 Coleman Flappers and 3 stand-by Boilers.	-----
<u>COMPRESSORS.</u> Four.	-----
<u>PUMPS.</u> 8 small pumps of the Homelite type.	-----
<u>CONCRETE MIXERS.</u> 3 large 10-14, and 4 small mixers.	One large and one small.
<u>JACK HAMMERS.</u> Four.	-----
<u>PNEUMATIC PICKS.</u> Three.	-----
<u>LIVING-VANS.</u> Thirteen.	Five.
<u>WORK SHOP.</u> One.	-----
<u>REPAIR VAN.</u> One.	-----

STATEMENT "B".

Item.	Approximate cost per unit.	Re-Placements.		1939 Programme Requirements.		1939 plus 50% Programme Requirements.	
		No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.
Rollers.	£1,400.	4.	£5,600.	1.	£1,400.	2.	£2,800.
Tractors.	700.			9.	£6,300.	3.	£2,100.
Breakers.	£0,700.	1.	600.	3.	£2,100.	3.	£2,100. Light Breakers.
Granulators.							
Tarring Plant.	£250 - £300.			5 Flapper. 3 Stand-by.	£1,500. £750.		
Compressors.	£700.			4.	£2,800.		
Pumps.	£50.			8.	£400.		
Mixers.	£200 - £400.			3 Large 4 Small.	£1,200. £800.	1 Large. 1 Small.	£400. £200.
Jack Hammers.	£82 : 10 : 0.			4.	£330.		
Picks.	£70.			3.	£120.		
Vans.	£175.			10.	£1,750.		
TOTALS.			£6,200.		£19,450.		£7,600.
GRAND TOTAL,.....		£33,250.					

13/46. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ROAD MACHINERY (CONTINUED).

The County Engineer stated that the Department strongly recommended the immediate purchase of plant as in a short time all available plant in England would be required for re-construction work in Europe.

The Committee recommended that the County Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £10,000 for the purchase of additional plant; this amount to be raised by way of loan re-payable over a period of five years.

14/46. COMPLETION OF EQUIPMENT OF FIRE-FIGHTING SERVICES IN THE COUNTY.

A letter was submitted from the County Engineer referring to an inquiry from the Local Government Department as to the further capital expenditure required to complete the equipment of the Fire-Fighting Services in the County. He estimated the further capital expenditure required at £1,200, but he stated that, in addition, it might become necessary at a later stage to provide a further capital sum of, say, £3,500.

The Committee adjourned consideration of the matter.

15/46. ESTABLISHMENT ORDER - SHEIL HOSPITAL.

The County Manager stated that preliminary negotiations had been set on foot regarding an Establishment Order for the Sheil Hospital, and he recommended that the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the matter be authorised to make a direct approach to the Trustees.

The Committee unanimously approved of the Manager's recommendation.

16/46. SCHEDULE OF SALARIES FOR ENGINEERS, ETC.

A letter was read from Cumann na n-Innealtóirí setting forth a schedule of minimum salaries for Resident Engineers, Clerks-of-Works, and similar temporary posts.

The letter was noted.

17/46. TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS.

After an exhaustive discussion on the Turf Production Accounts, the County Engineer was asked to submit at an early date a simple statement giving the receipts and expenditure in connection with Turf Production from the commencement of the Scheme to date, together with a statement showing the assets and liabilities of the Council in the matter.

18/46. BOG TRESPASS AT GARRICKATAGGART, KILLYBEGS.

Deputy Brady read a letter which the Irish Land Commission had addressed to Mr. Michael McTeague, Carrickataggart, Killybegs, stating that the question of bog trespass was a matter for settlement between the County Council and himself.

The County Engineer explained that since this matter was previously discussed the Irish Land Commission had changed their attitude regarding the payment of Bog Trespass, and had informed him that payment could be made by the Council.

19/46. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ROADS UNDER ROAD CONTRACT SYSTEM.

The figures in the two reports prepared by the County Engineer, and which had been circulated to the members of the Council, in connection with the maintenance and repair of roads under the Road Contract system, were fully discussed, and in view of the fact that for the year 1945/46 only 71 contracts were taken out of a total of 1,081 offered for contract, it was recommended that the expenditure involved in the printing and advertising of the contracts was not justified, and that the present system of taking road contracts should not be continued.

It was recommended that existing Contractors be given an option of renewing their contracts on the same terms; if they so desired; and that the County Engineer be authorised to enter directly into contracts in any districts where Contractors were willing to take them.

20/46. REPAIRS OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The Secretary submitted the following memorandum on the repairs of Labourers' Cottages:-

"In January, 1945, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health directed that regular inspection of Labourers' Cottages be carried out to ensure that proper attention was given to the maintenance of Cottages. He pointed out that when maintenance was neglected further deterioration quickly ensued, and increased costs had to be incurred when remedial measures were taken. The Minister considered that the exterior woodwork of each Cottage should be painted at intervals of three to five years, and asked to be informed of the Council's proposals for carrying out a painting programme.

Pursuant to the Minister's direction, each Rent Collector inspects every cottage in his district quarterly, and reports on the sanitary condition and state of repair of each Cottage. An examination of the Collectors' Reports for the last quarter available shows that in the opinion of the Collectors, 1,123 Cottages, out of a total of 1,946 in the County, need repairs of a minor or major nature. Of the 1,123 needing repairs, 183 are Cottages in respect of which the tenants have submitted applications to purchase. Until the repairs are carried out the vesting of these Cottages under the Purchase Scheme cannot be proceeded with.

Particulars of the sums spent on repairs of Cottages since 1933 are shown on Page 122 of the Housing Report recently circulated. For the Financial Year 1945/46, the Council allowed a sum of £3,000 for repairs to Cottages. Up to the 31st December, 1945, a sum of £2,975 had been expended on the repair of 380 Cottages, which works out at an average of £7 : 16 : 7 per cottage."

The Committee adjourned consideration of the matter.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Confirmed.

James J. O'Shea,

Ormac Adair

Chairman.

29th January, 1946.

General Purposes
Chairman of Subsidies Committee.

9th April, 1946.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 1946.

21/46.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Breslin (presiding), Britton, Kildea, McCaul, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Walsh.

22/46.

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

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McCaul, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 15th January, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

23/46.

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

A resolution was submitted from the Bundoran Urban District Council asking the County Council to request the Department of Agriculture to sanction the Scheme already submitted to them for the re-organisation of the Veterinary Services of the County.

The County Manager stated that at the moment the Bundoran Urban District Council had a Veterinary Inspector who was being paid a salary of £20 per annum, but they felt that the small salary was not a sufficient inducement to him to remain in the district. In the Scheme submitted to the Department, provision was made for the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector to reside at Ballyshannon to which District the following Electoral Divisions were to be allocated:- Ballintra (Ballyshannon R.D.), Ballyshannon Rural, Ballyshannon Urban, Bundoran Rural, Bundoran Urban, Carrickboy, Cavangarden, and Cliff.

The Committee recommended that the Department of Agriculture be asked to expedite approval to the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Ballyshannon Area at a salary of £50 per annum, plus appropriate fees for the same area for the former Board of Health work, the area to consist of the Electoral Divisions of Ballintra (Ballyshannon R.D.), Ballyshannon Rural, Ballyshannon Urban, Bundoran Rural, Bundoran Urban, Carrickboy, Cavangarden, and Cliff.

24/46.

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

A letter was read from Mr. Walter Murnaghan, Solicitor, Strabane, regarding the recent seizure by the Council's Rate Collector of a motor-car, the property of Mr. Connolly, Raphoe, on foot of rates owing by Mrs. McCosker, Lifford. Mr. Murnaghan asked the Council to refund the amount paid by Mr. Connolly.

The County Manager stated that the Rate Collector had informed him that Mrs. McCosker had a tenant in her house, and she had made an arrangement that the rent payable by the tenant be paid direct to Mr. Murnaghan until such time as the full amount paid by Mr. Connolly was cleared off.

The Committee recommended that the Rate Collector's action be approved, and the matter be adjourned.

25/46.

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

An application was submitted from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, for an Emergency Bonus.

The Committee recommended that the application be refused.

26/46.

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

Applications were submitted from three Veterinary Inspectors for Emergency Bonus.

The Committee recommended that the application be refused.

27/46.

LIFFORD BRIDGE.

The County Engineer stated that Lifford Bridge was in a bad state of repair, and that an application had been made to him for permission to operate a 'Bus service from Strabane, which he had to refuse. He understood that in the year 1929 the County Council decided to take no action in connection with the proposed re-construction of this Bridge, and owing to this resolution being on the books he would like the Council's approval to arrange for a joint inspection of the Bridge with the Tyrone County Surveyor.

The Committee recommended that the County Council be asked to rescind their resolution of 1929, and that the County Engineer be authorised to enter into negotiations with the Tyrone County Surveyor.

28/46. RURAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES AT PETTIGO AND BRIDGEND.

Councillor Scott referred to a dispute which had arisen in connection with a Rural Improvements Scheme at Bridgend. He stated that one of the causes of the dispute was that the workers' Insurance Cards were not stamped.

The County Engineer stated that this was not a matter for the County Council, and he would take it up with the Department concerned.

Councillor Britton also referred to a dispute which had occurred in connection with a Rural Improvements Scheme at Pettigo, and the County Engineer stated that he would look into this matter also.

29/46. EMERGENCY BONUS TO ROAD WORKERS.

Councillor Britton stated that he understood the County Manager's recent Order granting an Emergency Bonus to road workers did not apply to tradesmen, and he considered this very unfair, and he proposed that the Manager be requested to make an Order applying the Emergency Bonus of 3/- per week to tradesmen.

Councillor Britton's proposal was passed.

30/46. REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR LABOURERS' COTTAGES AT BALLYBOFEY.

The following report re above was submitted from Chief Assistant County Engineer O'Reilly:-

"The County Medical Officer of Health and myself have made a joint inspection of alternative site on Sessiaghoneill Road offered by Mr. Mark Byrne, Ballybofey, as an alternative to Site No. 757-776. On the day of our inspection the lower half of the field was found to be swimming in water. We came to the conclusion that the original site acquired under the 1937 Compulsory Purchase Order is a much superior site, and, consequently, we do not recommend that the offer of alternative site be accepted.

The total area of the original site is 6a. 3r. Of this, 2a. 3r. 3p. were owned by Mark Byrne, and the balance of 3a. 3r. 3p. was owned by Sam Woods. From this, it will be seen that even if the alternative site offered was suitable, the proposed number of cottages would have to be divided between the alternative site on Sessiaghoneill Road and portion of the original site on the Donegal Road. This would be undesirable as it would be easier to get a good lay-out on the whole of original site than if only part of it was used."

In view of the report, the Committee recommended that the Council reject the offer of the alternative site.

31/46. APPLICATION FROM DISPENSARY MEDICAL OFFICERS FOR INCREASES IN SALARY.

Applications were submitted from certain Dispensary Medical Officers for an increase in their salaries of £200 per annum.

The Committee recommended that the applications be adjourned until the new Public Health Bill came into operation.

32/46. PROVISION OF A DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE.

The County Engineer stated that the Council should consider very favourably the question of introducing a domestic refuse collection service for some of the larger towns in the County. In a number of towns rubbish was at present being dumped anywhere. It should be possible to employ a cart on one or two half-days per week. He estimated that the cost would be £30 - £40 per annum for each town.

The County Manager suggested that the system be tried for the non-Urban towns in which there were at present dumping-grounds. The scheme could be extended to other non-Urban towns accordingly as dumping-grounds were provided.

The Committee recommended that the County Manager's suggestion be approved of.

33/46. FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON TURF ACCOUNT.

The Financial Statement on the Turf Account for the period from 1st April, 1941, to 31st December, 1945, which was already circulated to the Council, was again discussed.

Councillor Scott expressed himself as dissatisfied with certain figures shown therein.

It was explained to Councillor Scott that the Government had agreed to make good the sum of £6,090 : 19 : 5 in respect of loss on private sales of turf in 1941, and that the only item in the Financial Statement which concerned the Council was the sum of £4,683 : 9 : 11 in respect of loss on sales (1941-1943) to Institutions and Machinery.

The Committee approved of the Statement; Councillor Scott dissenting.

34/46. PROPOSAL TO APPOINT A TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR THE BALLYSHANNON AND PORTNOO DISTRICTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st February, 1946, S.3395/46, Dun na nGall., drawing attention to the terms of Section 29 (1) of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, which required a Planning Authority to give effect to their decision to make a Planning Scheme with all convenient speed, and to point out that as Planning Authority the Council would be required to exercise their powers of interim control. If the Donegal Urban Planning Authorities were agreeable it might be considered whether a Consultant should be appointed to deal with the Urban Areas and the County Health District (excluding Bundoran and any contiguous area) for a comprehensive fee. It was suggested also that the work might be carried out in stages such as (1) Survey of existing conditions; (2) preparation of sketch development plans; and (3) submission of draft scheme and detailed report. An arrangement might be made with the Consultant to have the fees payable in instalments in accordance with the progress of the work as certified by the County Engineer or on completion of each stage as suggested above.

The County Manager stated that he had recently made an Order authorising the employment of a Town Planning Consultant for Portnoo. It was most important that a Consultant be appointed for those areas where building was definitely going to begin on a pretty large scale, i.e. tourist centres. Building was also going to be commenced on a pretty large scale in Ballyshannon, and he suggested that a Consultant be appointed for that area also.

Councillor Scott suggested that Downings be included.

The Committee recommended that a Town Planning Consultant be employed to prepare Plans for the Ballyshannon and Portnoo Areas.

35/46. APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE FORMER BOARD OF HEALTH CLERICAL STAFF FOR INCREASES IN THEIR SALARIES.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Reid asking to have his salary increased from £180 to £200 per annum as recommended by the former Board of Health in 1940, but which recommendation the Department refused to sanction owing to the Emergency Powers (Standstill) Order. He had been at his maximum of £180 for seven years.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McDermott applying to have his present salary of £275 increased to £300 per annum, as recommended by the former Board of Health in 1940.

A letter was read from Mr. James Kelly, Clerk in the Office of the County Medical Officer of Health, asking to have his present salary of £200 per annum increased to £250 per annum.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Laughlin McHugh of the former Board of Health clerical staff had the same service as Mr. Reid, had a similar amount of responsibility, and had the same salary.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Scott, it was recommended that Mr. McDermott's salary be increased to £300 per annum.

The Secretary mentioned that Miss Quinn of the Council's clerical staff at Lifford had the same salary as Messrs. Reid and McHugh, and had been at her maximum since 1940.

The Committee recommended that Messrs. H. Reid and L. McHugh and Miss Quinn be each granted an annual increment of £12 : 10 : 0 per annum for four years, which would bring their salaries to £230 per annum.

The Committee also recommended that Mr. Kelly of the Office of the County Medical Officer of Health be granted one increment of £12 : 10 : 0.

36/46. SALARY OF DR. C. BANNIGAN, COUNTY SURGEON, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Dr. C. Bannigan, County Surgeon, Lifford Hospital, applying for an increase in his salary to £450 per annum rising by annual increments to £500.

In his letter of application Dr. Bannigan stated that he was receiving the same salary of £194 per annum for the past 26 years, and his predecessor had been in receipt of the same salary for the 30 years prior to 1920, when Dr. Bannigan took up Office, so that the salary had not moved for 56 years, although the amount of work had increased 500% from his predecessor's time.

The Committee recommended that Dr. Bannigan's salary be raised to £250 per annum.

37/46. SALARY OF THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN.

A letter was read from the Library Association of Ireland, 53, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, stating that the Association was of opinion that the minimum salary scale for a County Librarian should be £350 on appointment, rising by annual increments of £20, to £500 per annum. In some Counties there would be justification for a more generous scale, but in no County should the scale be less favourable. The proposed remuneration would bring the office of County Librarian closer to its appropriate position amongst the senior Officers in the Local Government service.

The County Manager stated that the salary of the Donegal County Librarian was £300 per annum.

The Committee recommended that the salary be increased to £325 per annum.

38/46. SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The Committee adjourned until their next Meeting the question of the introduction of a Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease.

39/46. SALARIES OF THE CLERK-TYPISTS IN THE COUNCIL'S EMPLOYMENT.

A letter was read from Miss Bridie V. Browne, Mairead McShane, Mary J. Day, and Kathleen McGinley, Clerk-Typists in the Council's employment, stating that they found it almost impossible to live on their present salary scale.

They respectfully suggested that the following scale be fixed for them:-

£100 per annum for two years, and thence by annual increments of £10, to £150, and that existing Officers be placed at that point on the scale at which they would have been, had the suggested figures been in force at the date of their appointments.

The Secretary stated that the present scale of salaries for the Typists was as follows:-

£90 per annum for two years, and then to £100 rising by annual increments of £5 to £120, and thence by two annual increments to £140. Under this scale it took 8 years to reach the maximum of £140 per annum.

The Committee recommended that the Typists be placed on the scale of salary for which they applied.

40/46. ALLOWANCE TO CHARGE NURSES IN FEVER HOSPITALS.

The County Manager stated that the Irish Nurses' Organisation had raised with him the question of paying some extra remuneration to Charge Nurses in Fever Hospitals.

Nurses with Fever qualifications got an extra allowance in their salaries, but it had been represented to him that the Charge Nurses in the Letterkenny and Donegal Fever Hospitals should get some extra remuneration for their additional responsibilities.

The Committee recommended that each of the Charge Nurses get an extra allowance of £15 per annum.

41/46. GRANT TO THE RAPHOE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION IN RESPECT OF MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE WORK.

The County Manager stated that the Local Government Department had raised with him the question of making a grant in respect of Maternity and Child Welfare Work to the Raphoe District Nursing Association. This Association was only recently-established.

The Committee recommended that a Grant be made for the year commencing 1st January, 1946, to the amount of £50.

42/46. SITE FOR A NURSE'S COTTAGE IN KINCASSLAGH.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that the McDevitt Nurse in his district had no house, and he was particularly anxious that Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly inspect the site for a Nurse's Cottage in Kincasslagh. He stated also that Mr. Seamus O'Donnell had offered a site for a Nurse's Cottage.

The Committee recommended that Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly be instructed to carry out as soon as possible a re-examination of the sites already referred to them.

43/46. RE-ORGANISATION OF STAFF.

When this item on the Agenda was reached, the County Manager stated that this was a big matter, and it would be better to adjourn it until their next Meeting.

The matter was adjourned.

44/46. LABOURERS' ACTS - RE-CONVEYANCE OF PLOTS TO ORIGINAL OWNERS.

The Secretary stated that the Council had decided to offer back to the original owners the sites acquired for the purposes of the Labourers' Acts, and which were rejected as unsuitable as per Minute No. 36/45 of the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee.

The matter had been referred to the Department who stated that the Council should satisfy the Auditor that the Council suffered no loss, and that the sites were disposed of according to the Labourer's Act, 1883.

In addition to the compensation paid, the Council had incurred extra expenditure in respect of most of the sites. The annuity had been redeemed, fences had been erected, and there was also the question of legal and engineering fees to be reckoned, together with the cost of maps, printing, and advertising, etc.

He instanced the case of the Annagry site where over £48 had been spent on fencing (Site No. 615-616), and the Ballyboe Site (813-814) where over £24 had been spent on fencing. It would be very difficult, if not impossible, to calculate the expenditure in respect of each site under the heading of "legal and engineering fees" and "Other Expenses", but under the 1933 Compulsory Purchase Order, No. 1., this expenditure averaged out at £14 per site.

After a discussion on the matter, it was agreed to recommend that the sites be offered back to the original owners at the prices awarded to the owners as Compensation, plus a sum of £10 for each site to cover legal, engineering, and other expenses, and that where the annuity had been redeemed in respect of any site, that the amount of the redemption be, in addition, added to the selling price of the site.

45/46. RESOLUTION OF THE BUNCORANA URBAN COUNCIL RE CONDITIONS FOR TURF WORKERS.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bunorana, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That we, the Bunorana Urban District Council, request the Donegal County Council to take all necessary steps to improve the conditions for workers employed at Turf Development and would suggest improvements under the following heads:-

- (1) Provision of shelters.
- (2) Travelling facilities.
- (3) Increased pay for time workers.

The County Engineer outlined the arrangements made in respect of travelling facilities and the provision of shelters for turf workers, and assured the Meeting that everything possible had been done, and would continue to be done, to ensure that the working conditions were as favourable as possible.

On the question of increased pay, it was recommended that the County Manager make an Order granting all turf workers engaged on a time basis an Emergency Bonus of three shillings per week.

Adopted by County Council

Confirmed

Neil Blaney

Neil Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council.
3rd April 1946.

Chairman of General Purposes Committee.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1946.

46/46. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney, Britton, Gallen, Kildea, McCaul, McMenamin, McFadden, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

Mr. Mansfield Senior Assistant Co. Engineer, and Mr. Caffrey, Chief Assistant County Engineer, were also in attendance.

47/46. C H A I R M A N.

In the absence of the Chairman (Councillor Breslin), from whom an apology was received, Councillor Blaney presided, and afterwards Councillor Walsh.

48/46. C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 9th April, 1946, be confirmed.

Councillor Britton seconded.

Councillor Scott referred to Minute No. 27/46 regarding Lifford Bridge, and he inquired if any further developments had taken place since the Meeting of the County Council.

The County Manager stated that the Railway Co. had asked for permission to run a 'Bus service from Strabane to Dunfanaghy, and they were informed that they would have to do so at their own risk. Two Engineers of the Railway Co. had since met Mr. Caffrey, and had made a joint inspection of the Bridge with him. Its condition was not good. The County Engineer had also met Mr. Glasgow, County Surveyor for Tyrone, and Mr. Glasgow was going to submit a report to his Council on the matter.

The Committee recommended that the County Engineer be asked to expedite developments.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee were unanimously confirmed.

49/46. P R O V I S I O N O F W A T E R S U P P L I E S.

The County Manager introduced to the Meeting, Mr. Mansfield, Senior Assistant County Engineer in charge of Water Supplies, and he stated that Mr. Mansfield had prepared a report on this matter.

The County Manager stated that the exceptional drought this year had caused a shortage of water in many places, which previously had been able to carry on themselves. Every day in the week applications were being received from single houses, and groups of two or three houses for connections to the water supplies.

Castlefin-Convoy-Raphoe-Killygordon.

Mr. Mansfield stated that the projected Finn Valley Regional Scheme had been intended to serve these four towns, but the Local Government Department had objected on the grounds of cost. The projected Scheme was a very elaborate one and might have been a very good Scheme if Ballybofey and Stranorlar had not already been served.

The Local Government Department had suggested that an investigation of suitable Schemes from the nearest local sources be made, and Schemes on these lines would have to be submitted.

It was possible to put up a Scheme for Convoy and Raphoe. The gaugings which had been taken for Castlefin were considered inadequate, and no suitable local source had been suggested for Killygordon and Liscooly.

As far as Convoy was concerned gaugings had been taken from two local sources, and either of the sources would appear to give an adequate supply. Both were springs, and schemes could be prepared based on these sources.

In Raphoe the present supply was from springs, which were practically on a level with the town, with the result that there was very poor pressure of water. There was no question of gaugings being taken for Raphoe.

The Committee recommended that Mr. Mansfield go ahead with the preparation of reports, plans, and estimates, for Castlefin, Convoy, Raphoe, and Killygordon.

Creeslough-Portnablagh-Marble Hill.

The County Manager stated that this Scheme was No. 2 on the priority list prepared by the County Engineer and County Medical Officer of Health. He also stated that the provision of a water supply for Creeslough was a most urgent matter, as the water there was polluted and had been condemned by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Mansfield stated that proposals had been submitted to the Local Government Department for a Scheme which would serve Creeslough, Portnablagh, and Marble Hill, with provision for a possible future extension to Dunfanaghy. The idea was to take the water down by the Railway Line where branches would go to Creeslough and to the other points. The Department had approved of the Scheme in principle, and detailed plans and estimate would now have to be prepared. The preliminary estimate was for £23,000.

Councillor O'Boyle inquired why it was proposed to include Dunfanaghy.

Mr. Mansfield stated that provision was only being made for a possible future extension to Dunfanaghy.

The Committee discussed at length the cost of the proposed Scheme to serve these areas.

Councillors Walsh and Scott considered the estimate excessive for the district which it was proposed to serve.

Councillor Scott inquired how much Creeslough would cost separately, and Mr. Mansfield stated that he estimated it would cost about 50% of the entire cost.

Councillor Sheldon proposed that Mr. Mansfield go ahead with the preparation of a joint Scheme for Creeslough, Portnablagh, and Marble Hill.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously, but it was recommended that the Council consider later whether the Scheme should be carried out in whole or in three sections.

Dungloe and Burtonport.

Councillor Gallen inquired why a new Scheme was required for Dungloe.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle stated that the Scheme prepared for Dungloe some years ago was altogether unsatisfactory.

The County Manager read a letter from the Local Government Department regarding this proposed Scheme which stated that before proceeding further with the Lough Ballaghfill Scheme, the County Engineer should investigate the possibility of utilising the Rossea Regional Scheme to serve Dungloe, and that a report should, accordingly, be submitted in due course on the following alternative proposals:-

- (a) The extension of the main from Kincasslagh via Burtonport and Acres to Dungloe;
- (b) A supply direct to Dungloe, via Loughanure; and
- (c) A main from Crolly, via the Lough Swilly Railway, to supply Dungloe, Burtonport, and Acres.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that he objected to the running of a pipe line along the Railway Line. The end of the Burtonport line was at Kincasslagh, only four miles from Burtonport. He suggested that the pipe line should run through Keadue where it was originally intended to run.

Councillor O'Boyle also stated that the Lough from which the supply was proposed to be taken was mid-way between Dungloe and Loughanure.

After further discussion, the Committee decided to adjourn the matter until Mr. Mansfield had prepared a report on the proposals asked by the Department.

Culdaff and Malin.

Mr. Mansfield stated that gaugings at local sources for these Schemes had proved inadequate. The Local Government Department had suggested an extension of Carndonagh Scheme to supply these towns. This proposal had been examined and a report was being submitted. The approximate cost of the extension would be £13,000.

A good part of the proposed Scheme included a common pipe line, and if it were proposed to have a separate Scheme for each of the places, the cost for each would be in the region of £8,000 or £9,000.

The Committee decided to await Mr. Mansfield's further report on this matter.

Shrove and Greencastle.

Mr. Mansfield stated that proposals were submitted based on springs at Carrowtrasha. The yield from these springs was not considered adequate, and an alternative Scheme with supply from Pound River was under preparation. The approximate cost of such a Scheme would be £8,000.

The Committee decided to await Mr. Mansfield's further report on this matter.

Kilcar.

The Committee noted that Mr. W. J. Doherty, M.R.I.A.I., Derry, had this Scheme in hands, and it was decided to ask him to expedite the matter.

Schemes set out at No. 8 on the Priority List already approved of.

The Committee recommended that the County Engineer and County Medical Officer of Health be asked to arrange in order of priority the places set out in alphabetical order at No. 8 on the Priority List already approved of, having regard to the population to be served and possible future developments.

Other Schemes:-Rosses Regional Waterworks Scheme.

Mr. Mansfield stated that a number of applications for extensions to the Rosses Waterworks Scheme had been received for Glassagh, Loughanure, Gortnasate, Renafast.

A survey would have to be made of the Rosses Area to determine lines of possible future extensions to supply portions of area not at present served, and also to ascertain whether the Scheme would be capable of providing a supply of water for Dungloe and Burtonport, in addition to extensions to areas which would have no other supply. Gaugings were at present being taken at Lough Keel.

Lifford Waterworks Scheme.

Mr. Mansfield stated that the present Waterworks Scheme in Lifford was unsatisfactory as the pressure was inadequate. Plans for improvement were under preparation by Mr. W. J. Doherty, M.R.I.A.I.

Mr. Mansfield reported that gaugings were also being taken for supplies to Dunkineely, Rosstown, Laghey, Glenvar, Rosstown, and Quigley's Point.

An application had been received for a water supply to Glencolumbkille, and suggesting a possible local source.

Applications had also been received for Inver, Manorcunningham, Newtowncunningham, and an extension of Fahan Water Supply to Lisfannon.

Councillor McFadden mentioned that there was a demand for a water supply in Teelin, where Comhaltas Uladh had a College each Summer, and where they proposed to build some additional buildings. The only supply at the moment was one or two open wells. He thought the Carrick supply could be extended.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that the Board of Works had a supply to the Pier at Gortnasate, and he suggested that if the County Manager got a satisfactory report on the quality of the water, that he enter into negotiations with the Board of Works as to the taking over of their Scheme from them.

Councillor Britton stated that gaugings were being taken at Rosstown at two places, and he suggested that the question of extending the Ballintra Supply be considered.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Mansfield had in mind the question of the extension of the Ballintra Scheme.

50/46. APPLICATIONS FOR PUMPS AND/OR WELLS.

Mr. Mansfield submitted the following report:-

"A number of applications have been received for provision or improvement of water supplies.

(1) The following wells are liable to pollution and the fencing-in and covering of wells and provision of pumps has been suggested:-

Ballymagaghey, Tamney (to serve 8 houses).
 Creeve, Rathmullan.
 Magherinture, Buncrana.
 Devlinreagh Point, Carrigart.
 Clonmany (Grant's).
 Quigley's Point. (Farrelly's.)
 Quigley's Point. (McDonagh's.)
 Rosbracken, Manorcunningham.

The cost of fencing, covering, and provision and erection of pumps at above would be approximately £30 each.

(2) Applications for supplies from existing watermains by means of public fountains or taps have been received as follows:-

Rosses Waterworks Scheme - Additional fountain at Ranamona.
 St. Johnston Waterworks Scheme - Additional fountain
 at Ardagh (one house.)
 Kerrykeel Waterworks Scheme - Additional fountain at
 Kerrykeel (two houses.)

The cost of provision and erection of fountains at these points would be approximately £15 each.

(3) Applications for new supplies:-

Kinnalargy. To serve four Cottages. Existence of water at proposed site has been confirmed by two water diviners. Probable cost, £100.

Drumkeen,
Ballybofey. To supply school. Spring in quarry about 150 yards distant could be piped to give supply under pressure. Probable cost, £60.

Mullanoy,
Burt. Seven families. A piped supply could be made available from an existing spring. Probable cost, £100. "

Councillor Sheldon stated that where a well was on a roadside, the matter should be one for the Council.

The Committee discussed the matter at length and they recommended that where the County M.O.H. reported that a well was subject to pollution, that the County Manager be allowed a sum not exceeding £50, provided that four or more houses were being served.

51/46. APPLICATION FROM DR. O'CONNELL, MEDICAL OFFICER, KILLEA D.D., FOR AN INCREASE IN SALARY.

An application was submitted from Dr. John O'Connell, Medical Officer, Killea Dispensary District, for an increase in salary. He pointed out that there was another Doctor in private practice in the area, and that his income was confined entirely to his official salary. He suggested a temporary increase for twelve months.

The Committee recommended that the application be refused.

52/46. QUESTION OF ERECTING A NURSE'S COTTAGE ON TORY ISLAND.

The County Manager stated that in 1940 the former Board of Health acquired a plot of 2 roods, 35 perches, for the purposes of building a Nurse's Cottage on Tory Island. Compensation of £50 was paid on the 20th May, 1940, and subsequently the plot was registered in the Council's name.

He would be strongly in favour of building a Cottage for the Nurse there, as the present Nurse's house was almost uninhabitable, but the position was that the present Nurse would be retiring compulsorily on the 31st March, 1947, under the new regulations governing the retirement of local officers, and it was very doubtful whether the Council would succeed in getting another Nurse to take up an appointment on Tory Island.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that some years ago a Store was built on Tory Island, which was not being used at the moment. It might be possible to have this Store converted into a Nurse's residence.

It was recommended that the County Engineer have the Store referred to by Councillor O'Boyle examined with a view to seeing if it could be converted into a Nurse's house, and, if so, an estimate of the probable cost.

53/46. LABOURER'S COTTAGE PLOT NO. 735-736, KNOCK, BALLYBOFEY. PAGE NO. 19, HOUSING REPORT.

The County Manager stated that the above Plot was acquired from the Irish Land Commission under the 1937 Compulsory Purchase Order, and compensation of £25 was paid on the 22nd May, 1943. There was a difference of opinion between the Irish Land Commission and the former Board of Health as to the exact parcel of land acquired. Later, an alternative site was approved of by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but it appeared from the Housing Report that this site was unsuitable.

The Committee recommended that the site be offered back to the Irish Land Commission under Section 16 of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1883.

54/46. LABOURERS' COTTAGE PLOT NO. 55, MAP NO. 8, TOWNLAND OF COOLADERRY, E.D. FANAD NORTH, PAGE 92, HOUSING REPORT.

The County Manager stated that the Council had acquired the above site at a cost of £6. The soil of the site was just a warren, and was unsuitable for building or tillage, and according to the Housing Report should be rejected.

The Irish Land Commission had intimated that they were willing to transfer to the Council a Quarry (Plot No. 4A, Rinmore) for a nominal sum of 1/-, in consideration of the Council transferring to them this plot. The Engineering Staff had reported that the Quarry offered would be useful to the Council, and would be of greater value than the amount paid for the plot.

The Committee recommended that the transfer be effected; the Irish Land Commission to be asked to bear all expenses in connection with the proposed transfer.

55/46.

REPORT ON LABOURERS' COTTAGE PLOTS REFERRED BACK FOR
RE-EXAMINATION.

The County Manager stated that the County Medical Officer of Health was at present on holidays, and he had not yet obtained from him a complete report on the sites referred back for re-examination, but he read an interim report prepared by the Chief Assistant County Engineer on the matter:-

Site No. 1054-1057, Map No. 38, Inch Island, Townland of Moness.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Engineer obtain as soon as possible the services of a water diviner to investigate the possibility of a water supply for this site, and the proposal was agreed to.

Site for a Nurse's Cottage at Kingasslagh.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the County Medical Officer of Health be asked to examine this site as soon as possible.

Sites for Cottages in Donegal Area.

In view of the statement in the Chief Assistant County Engineer's interim report that private building was going to take place on a site selected by the County M.C.H., the local Councillors, and himself in the Donegal Area, Councillor Britton proposed that the Officials concerned against visit Donegal and select another site for Cottages as early as possible.

Sites Nos. 1059-1063, Tullyarvan, Buncrana Rural, Page 66, and
Sites Nos. 1064-1068, Straid, E.D. Straid, Page 67.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Officials concerned be asked to expedite their reports on these sites.

Site No. 1000, Map No. 107, Cavangarden, Page 55, Housing Report.

Councillor Britton stated that a site had been selected for a Cottage in Cavangarden, and he suggested that as there was no demand for a Cottage there, the townland of Creevy should be substituted.

The County Manager stated that if the feeling of the Committee was that a site be selected in Creevy, Councillor Britton should propose a motion to this effect.

Councillor Britton proposed that the Officials investigate the possibility of obtaining a site in Creevy, and he stated that he believed a site could be obtained by agreement.

Adopted by Co. Council.

W. A. Stone

Chairman of Co. Council.

25th June, 1946.

Confirmed.

Ormac Freshin

Chairman of Local
Purposes Committee.

1st October, 1946.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1946.

56/46.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Breslin (presiding), Brady, Blaney, Britton, Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon.

57/46.

A P O L O G Y.

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

58/46.

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 General Purposes Committee held on the 11th June, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

59/46.

E R E C T I O N O F L A B O U R E R S ' C O T T A G E S - L A Y - O U T P L A N S.

A letter dated 26th September, 1946, H.4509/7/1946, Dun na nGall. Pc., was submitted from the Local Government Department as follows:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, relative to the erection of Labourers' Cottages in the areas set out hereunder, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to observe as follows:-

1. Convoy. No objection is seen to the revised lay-out. The extension of the roadway to link up with the existing scheme should, however, be provided for.
2. Dunkineely. The houses proposed will elongate the straggling character of the village instead of planning for the development of the areas either to the north or south. Houses of a minimum frontage of 21 feet should be placed on this site - the two central pair of semi-detached blocks being set back behind the line of the end blocks. Insufficient data is given on the site plan. The plan should be to a scale of not less than 44' to 1 inch and contours at foot intervals throughout the site should be shown.
3. Glenties. Three ridges of high ground run practically the length of the plot from the road frontage to the rear boundary. The intervening land appears to be soft and boggy. It would be necessary to examine in detail on the site whether satisfactory foundations could be obtained on these low-lying portions prior to considering the levelling of portion of the rock outcrop for the preparation of the plot for houses well away from the road frontage. The houses should be at least 21 feet frontage. Further lay-out plans should be prepared and contour levels should be shown on a plan of not less than 44' to one inch.
4. Kincraigy. No objection is seen to the house plan, but some minor adjustments of the room size are required. The houses on this site should also have a minimum frontage of 21 feet. An effort should be made to emphasise the grouping by featuring elevational treatment of individual blocks or the projection of the four houses at either end beyond the line of central blocks.
5. Milford. A lay-out plan of not less than 44 feet to one inch, with contours at one-inch intervals, should be submitted and the proposed level of the house blocks and their relation to the proposed road should be shown. House plans should be forwarded. If it is intended to develop this site in the future by the addition of further houses the entire development should be prepared now.

59/46.

ERECTION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES - LAY-OUT PLANS (CONTINUED).

6. Moville. The ground slopes uniformly from N.W. to S.E. and an attractive housing scheme could be laid out in this area. Access to the site, however, is unsatisfactory. It is reached only by means of a laneway, and, before a scheme is initiated a more adequate approach road should be formed. The County Engineer might be requested to examine the manner in which this may be provided. The possibility of opening a new roadway from Malin Road connecting with the existing Council Scheme of 3 Cottages which adjoins the site might be explored. The proposed connecting roadway to the County Road passing the school-house on the east should, in any event, be constructed. It is considered that the natural contours of the ground should be availed of to a greater extent, more particularly at the junction of the new roadway with the schoolhouse road to the east. The junction would be easier if it were "Y" shaped adjacent to the school, and an additional playing area for the school-children might be made available. In view of the exposed position of the site it is considered that single-storey houses would be more appropriate than two-storey. House plans should be submitted.
7. Ramelton. The number of houses has been reduced from 12 to 10. Insufficient data is given on the drawing submitted. The extent of the plot is not definitely defined. The lay-out should be 44' to 1" scale, with 1" contours shown throughout, and with sewer and water mains and connections indicated. It is recommended that the houses be sited on the higher portion of the ground as one descends the hill. Not only would this open up the view of the old Church ruins and provide a less restrictive approach but, in the majority of cases, the new houses could be completed without disturbance of the occupants of the old thatched Cottages which would be subsequently removed. The scheme might comprise both single-storey and two-storey houses - the latter being sited at the lower end of the plot. The proposed levels of the houses should be indicated. House plans should be submitted.
8. Dunfanaghy. No objection is seen to the sketch two-storey house plan."

The County Manager stated that the Department's letter was engaging the attention of the Architects. Convoy and Dunfanaghy could be proceeded with once the house plans were approved.

Nurses' Cottages.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that he again wished to emphasise the necessity for a Nurse's Cottage at Kincasslagh, as Nurses were unable to find any accommodation in the district. There was a site which could be acquired by agreement.

The County Manager stated that Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly had been instructed to examine this and other sites.

Councillor McFadden stated that there was an urgent necessity for a Nurse's Cottage at Kiloar.

After further discussion it was decided to leave over the question of building Nurses' Cottages until the new Public Health Bill came into operation, except in the case of Tory Island where the position was somewhat different.

Nurse's Cottage on Tory Island.

The County Manager stated that the Department had approved of the lay-out Plan for the proposed Nurse's Cottage on Tory Island, and once they had approved of the specification the Council could go ahead with the building of the Cottage.

59/46.

ERECTION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES - LAY-OUT PLANS (CONTINUED).
Cottages proposed to be built at Oldtown, Letterkenny.

Councillor McCaul again complained of the proposed Cottages for Oldtown, Letterkenny, not being included in the first Group for building.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Industry and Commerce were only prepared to give a Building Licence for a certain number of houses, and they had insisted that the houses be done in Groups and that these Groups be staggered over the County. In putting the Cottages into Groups, the first problem was materials. The second problem was the question of labour. There was a Housing Scheme going on in Letterkenny Urban District which was absorbing all the skilled labour available in that locality.

Councillor Sheldon proposed that the Oldtown Cottages be added to Group I. and that the Department be asked to alter the building licence accordingly, and that falling this the Oldtown houses be the first Cottages to be built in Group II. This proposal was unanimously agreed to.

Sites referred back for re-examination.

Councillor Britton inquired the position in Donegal district about the re-examination of sites, and Councillor O'Boyle inquired the position in Dungloe.

The County Manager stated that Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly would have a comprehensive report for the next meeting of the Committee, and it was decided to have a special meeting of the Committee as soon as this report was received.

60/46.

RIVER ERNE POWER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - ACQUISITION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES AND PLOTS IN THE TOWNLAND OF BALLYHANNA.

A letter was submitted from the Electricity Supply Board, 60-62, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, referring to the proposed acquisition under the River Erne Power Development Scheme of two labourers' cottages and plots in the townland of Ballyhanna, Ballyshannon. These Cottages would eventually be flooded, so that there was no urgency in acquiring the cottages and plots and the occupiers might be able to remain in occupation for 12 to 18 months.

The Committee recommended that the Electricity Supply Board be asked if they were prepared to build two Cottages in lieu of the two being taken over.

61/46.

DEMAND FOR HOUSES IN THE CARRIGART AREA.

A letter was read from Carrigart Parish Council stating that there was a shortage of housing in that area, and they requested the Council to take the necessary steps to acquire from the Board of Works the buildings of the former Coastguard Station for the purpose of repairing and converting them into Cottages for some of the people who were in need of housing in the district.

It was decided to ask Mr. O'Reilly and Dr. Bastible for a report on housing sites in the Carrigart Area.

62/46. WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES - TRANSITION DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The County Manager read the following letter dated 18th September, 1946, Circular No. L.14478/3/46, from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Minister for Finance has intimated that he will be prepared to consider applications from local authorities for supplemental Grants from the above Fund in respect of new water and sewerage schemes approved by this Department not later than 31st March, 1947, and completed before 1st April, 1948:-

The grants payable will be in addition to the assistance already available to local authorities for such works out of the Vote for Employment and Emergency Schemes and will be determined on the following basis:-

Where the capital cost per household of the area to be served by the scheme exceeds £55, but does not exceed £175, a grant not exceeding one-half of the excess will be payable.

I am to add that the further assistance now made available is intended to provide for cases where the carrying out of schemes would place an undue burden on the rates, and local authorities should, therefore, take advantage of the facilities afforded to formulate schemes which are urgently required in the interests of public health and which would normally be deferred owing to excessive cost.

In view of the limitation of time for the preparation and execution of schemes it is requested that proposals for such works should be submitted to the Department not later than 31st December, 1946."

The County Engineer stated that the position in connection with Water Supply Schemes roughly was as follows:-

Proposals for the following Schemes had been submitted to the Department in general broad outline:- (1) Extension of the Rosses Scheme to Dungloe and Burtonport; (2) Scheme for Malin and Culdaff; (3) Scheme for Creeslough-Portnablagh-Marble Hill. He was working at the moment on a Scheme for Convoy-Raphoe-Castlefin. He had just got in from Mr. Doherty of Derry proposals for the extension of Killoar Scheme, and he hoped to have proposals for an extension for Lifford in a week or two.

In connection with the extension of the Rosses Scheme, he stated that the following different proposals had been considered:-

- (1) New 6" main from Crollly to Acres along the old Railway Line, and two new 4" mains from Acres to Dungloe via the Coast Road and the Main Road.
- (2) New 6" main from Annagry to the Railway and thence to Acres, and two new 4" mains to Dungloe via the Coast Road and Main Road.
- (3) New 5" main from Ranafast along to Kincasslagh, a 5" main from Kincasslagh to Acres, and two 4" mains to Dungloe.
- (4) New 6" main from Crollly to Loughanure, and a 5" main from Loughanure to Dungloe, and two 4" mains, Dungloe to Burtonport.
- (5) Independent supply to Dungloe from Lough Ballaghfill.

Proposals (1), (2), (3), and (4) were based on supplies from Lough Keel. He was recommending proposal No. (4), i.e. new 6" main from Crollly to Loughanure, and a 5" main from Loughanure to Dungloe, and the area from Dungloe to Burtonport to be served by two 4" distribution mains, one via the Coast Road and one via the Main Road. The source at Lough Ballaghfill was not very adequate and could supply only Dungloe. There was a good supply in Lough Keel and the capacity could be increased very simply and very cheaply.

Councillor Breslin stated that the local people did not consider Lough Keel suitable for a supply to Dungloe and Burtonport, and the general opinion was that an independent Scheme should be proceeded with.

The County Engineer stated that the estimated cost of the pipe line from Loughanure to Dungloe and the main to Burtonport was £27,000.

Malin-Culdaff Scheme.

The County Engineer stated that it was proposed to extend the Carndonagh Supply to Malin and Culdaff at an estimated cost of £14,000.

62/46. WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES (CONTINUED).
Scheme for Creeglough-Portnablagh-Marble Hill.

The County Engineer stated that the estimated cost of this Scheme was £25,000, and the approximate number of houses to be served was 200.

Clonmany Water Supply.

The County Engineer stated that Dr. F. J. Henley had complained of the shortage of water in Clonmany Village, and suggested that the supply of water from two springs near the reservoir should be included in the supply. He had examined this suggestion and he produced to the Meeting a plan showing the position of the springs and the location of the proposed pipe-line. The water from the springs had been analysed and the result of the analysis was satisfactory. The approximate cost of taking the supply from the sources suggested would be £100.

The Committee recommended that the work be carried out.

Kilcar Water Supply.

The County Engineer stated that he had just received from Mr. Doherty proposals for the Kilcar Water Supply. The estimated cost, with filters, was £4,411. He would have particulars of this Scheme submitted to the Department with as little delay as possible.

Shrove and Greencastle Scheme.

The County Engineer stated that he was working on this Scheme at the moment.

Supply of water to Cottages on Sessiaghoneill Road, Ballybofey.

Councillor McMonamin stated that he understood the County Manager had permission to expend a sum of £50 on the provision of a well or pump, provided that four or more houses were being served, and he suggested that a pump be provided for the use of the tenants of the Cottages on the Sessiaghoneill Road, Ballybofey.

The County Manager stated that the matter would have his attention.

63/46. SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The County Engineer stated that he had received particulars of the Rathmullan Sewerage Scheme from Mr. Doherty, Derry. The estimated cost was £5,821. He was having it examined and would submit particulars to the Department with the least possible delay. He hoped to have particulars of the Mountcharles Scheme within a week or so.

64/46. PUBLIC LAVATORIES.

The County Engineer stated that the position in connection with the proposed erection of Public Lavatories was that the Plans for Ballybofey and Burtonport were with the Department at the moment. The Plans for Carndonagh had been approved and they were in a position to go ahead with the work.

65/46. EMERGENCY BONUS FOR OFFICIALS WITH SALARIES IN EXCESS OF £500 PER ANNUM.

The County Manager stated that Dr. Bastible, County M.O.H., had applied for Emergency Bonus of 15/- per week, but in view of the Council's resolution recommending that this Bonus be not granted to Officials with salaries in excess of £500 per annum he had not made any Order on the application.

He had got particulars from other County Councils, and, with the exception of Cork County, Emergency Bonus was being granted to the County M.O.H. in all the other Counties from which he had received replies.

The Council's senior Officers contended that they were being treated very unfairly.

Councillor Scott proposed that no Emergency Bonus be granted to Officials with salaries in excess of £500 per annum.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal.

Councillor Breslin proposed that the matter be referred to the County Council. Councillor Scott withdrew his proposal and Councillor Breslin's proposal was agreed to.

66/46.

STATEMENT RE WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.

The County Engineer submitted a statement showing the extent to which Water Supplies were being availed of in the various towns where supplies were available.

It was decided to incorporate this statement in the Report of the Meeting:-

<u>Scheme.</u>	<u>Popul- ation.</u>	<u>No. of houses.</u>	<u>No. with piped water supply.</u>	<u>No. supplied from fountains.</u>
Ardara.	411.	124.	64.	60.
Ballybofey and Stranorlar.	1250.	351.	150.	201.
Ballintra.	287.	57.	6.	51.
Ballyshannon.	2112.	525.	485.	40.
Clonmany.	153.	29.	13.	16.
Ballyliffin.	125.	25.	18.	7.
Carrick.	102.	34.	19.	15.
Carndonagh.	719.	192.	130.	62.
Carrigart.	124.	36.	27.	9.
Donegal.	1272.	311.	236.	75.
Downings.	105.	21.	11.	10.
Dunfanaghy.	380.	95.	59.	36.
Dungloe.	577.	139.	49.	90.
Fahan.	190.	38.	29.	9.
Falcarragh.	155.	42.	31.	11.
Glenties.	311.	85.	55.	30.
Kilcar.	130.	36.	1.	35.
Killybegs.	571.	135.	45.	90.
Kilmaorenan.	164.	27.	11.	16.
Kerrykeel.	180.	36.	12.	24.
Lifford.	485.	90.	70.	20.
Mountcharles.	296.	95.	47.	48.
Moville.	941.	240.	200.	40.
Milford.	353.	67.	58.	9.
Pettigo.	400.	99.	36.	63.
Ramelton.	976.	250.	50.	200.
Raphoe.	748.	132.	40.	92.
Rathmullan.	402.	105.	79.	26.
Rosses.	2025.	405.	55.	350.
Portnoo.	170.	34.	14.	20.
St. Johnston.	270.	87.	21.	66.

67/46.

FLOODING OF LOWER MAIN STREET, LETTERKENNY.

The following letter was read from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny:-
"At the last monthly Meeting of my Council I was instructed to write to your Committee concerning the above stream.

This stream is very subject to flooding and causes much damage and consequent expense to my Council as any overflow from it sweeps through the Urban Area.

My Council holds that your Council is bound to look after this stream and prevent it from flooding the Urban Area. Consequently, they maintain that your Council is liable for any damage caused as a result of the flooding of this stream.

I am to ask that you give this matter your immediate attention and have the course of this stream diverted so as to prevent future flooding in the Urban Area."

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer contended that this matter was not the responsibility of the County Council, and the Urban Council were equally strong in their views that it was not their responsibility. The flooding had caused very extensive damage. He suggested that a representative of the County Council and a representative of the Urban Council meet the County Engineer and Town Surveyor, and have an estimate prepared, and report back to their respective Councils.

The Committee agreed to this suggestion and Councillor Blaney was recommended for appointment as the representative of the County Council.

68/46. CHARGES OF POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SURVEYORS AND GANGERS.

The County Manager stated that this matter arose out of a discussion at the last Meeting of the County Council. He felt the matter should be fully probed, but he was not clear as to the exact method in which this should be done.

A lengthy discussion arose in which suggestions were made for the appointment of Councillors from other areas and the appointment of independent persons.

It was eventually agreed to refer the matter back to the County Manager to carry out the investigation himself.

69/46. SECTION 67 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1946 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

The County Manager read Section 67 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which dealt with the payment of Travelling Expenses to County Councillors. He stated that the Council might by resolution decide that in lieu of defraying the expenses of locomotion actually incurred by each of their members in travelling to and from the Meetings of such local authority, such local authority shall pay to each such member in respect of every meeting of such local authority which he attends at a place not less than five miles by any route from his official residence a fixed sum for every mile between such place and such official residence measured along the route by which such member would normally travel.

The Councillors would also be entitled to an allowance of 4s/6d where a Councillor was absent from home for a continuous period of less than 7 hours and more than 3 hours, or 7/- where a member was absent for a continuous period of more than 7 hours.

The Committee decided that the matter be referred to the County Council for discussion at their next Meeting.

70/46. REMUNERATION OF LOCUMS FOR DISPENSARY MEDICAL OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Medical Association of Eire stating that they wished to bring to the Council's notice the ridiculously low rate of payment of £5 : 5 : 0 per week offered in some Counties to locum tenens for Dispensary Medical Officers, and in view of the greatly increased cost of travelling and maintenance, they were of opinion that any sum less than £8 : 8 : 0 per week was inadequate.

The Committee recommended that locums for Dispensary Medical Officers be paid £6 : 6 : 0 per week.

In this connection Councillor Britton stated that he knew of a locum in his area who insisted on a "red ticket" patient providing a car before he would attend the patient.

71/46. MCGINLEY (KILCAR) v. THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The County Manager referred to the above case which arose out of the death of a patient who escaped from the Mental Hospital, and in which the father and sister of the patient were claiming damages. The claim was originally for £2,000 but they were prepared to accept a sum of £125 plus £140 for costs, making £265 in all.

The Committee approved of the proposed settlement.

72/46. SALE OF AMERICAN ARMY HUTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

The County Manager stated that the Local Government Department had drawn the Council's attention to a sale of American Army Huts in Northern Ireland, and they asked him to ascertain if any of these Huts could be used as annexes to any of the Council's Institutions.

He stated that he informed the Department he could use about four of these Huts.

The Committee approved of the Manager's action.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Chairman of Co. Council.
29th October, 1946

Confirmed.
Chairman of General Purposes Committee.
26th November, 1946.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1946.

73/46.

ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Breslin (presiding), Blaney, Britton, Kildea, McCaul, McMenamin, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

The County Medical Officer of Health, the County Manager, Mr. Mansfield, Senior Assistant Co. Engineer, and Mr. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant County Engineer, were also in attendance.

74/46.

APOLOGY.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle.

75/46.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Sheldon, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 1st October, 1946, were confirmed unanimously.

76/46.

LABOURERS' COTTAGES AND PLOTS IN BALLYHANNA, BALLYSHANNON, WHICH ARE BEING FLOODED UNDER THE RIVER ERNE POWER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board dated 6th November, 1946, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 31st October regarding the two Labourers' Cottages and Plots in Ballyhanna, Ballyshannon, which would be flooded under the River Erne Power Development Scheme. It was proposed to apply the same procedure with regard to these Cottages as applied to similar acquisitions under the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936:- Alternative sites for the houses to be agreed to between the County Surveyor, or his Assistant, and a representative of the Board, and the County Council undertake to build two Cottages of similar type on the above agreed sites; the cost of the sites and the cost of building the Cottages to be borne by the Board. The Board might have some surplus areas of land suitable for alternative sites for these Cottages, and it was suggested that when their Mr. Buckley was in Ballyshannon arrangements be made to show the County Council's representative alternative sites and to discuss the matter with him.

The Committee noted the letter.

77/46.

APPLICATIONS FOR WATER SUPPLIES FOR HOUSES AT LUDDEN, BUNCRANA, AND AT LISFANNON, FAHAN.

A letter was read from the County Engineer stating that applications had been received for water supplies from tenants at Luddan, Buncrana, and also at Lisfannon, Fahan. The area to be served was between Buncrana and Fahan, and the best method of supplying this area would be to connect with the Buncrana Water Supply. The distance to be covered by the distribution main would be 4,400 lineal yards. The cost of this extension, including sluice valves, air valves, scour valves, fountains, and hydrants would be £3,700. An agreement would have to be made with the Buncrana Urban Council regarding charges for water.

The Committee recommended that the matter be adjourned sine die.

78/46.

PROVISION OF WATER FOR COTTAGES AT BRIDGEND BORDER.

Councillor Kildea inquired if any provision could be made for the provision of a supply of water for Cottages at the Bridgend Border.

The Committee suggested to Councillor Kildea that the people concerned should put their complaint in writing.

79/46. REPORT ON SITES INSPECTED IN CERTAIN AREAS WHERE
LABOURERS' COTTAGES ARE REQUIRED.

The following report dated 21st November, 1946, was submitted from the County Medical Officer of Health and Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant County Engineer:-

"As requested in your letter of the 6th November, 1946, we enclose our reports on the following Cottage Sites:-

Ardara.
Ballyshannon (Cloghore and Creevy.)
Burt.
Carndonagh.
Carrigart.
Castlefin.
Donegal.
Dungloe.
Killygordon.

Attached also please find relevant Ordnance Sheets showing location of sites marked in red. We have not entered site numbers on our reports, as we understand that your Lifford Office may prefer to number these according to their own allocation.

The Ordnance Sheet No. 17 for Carrigart was not available at Ordnance Survey Department, Phoenix Park, Dublin, but they have promised to send it on to us when available.

Ordnance Sheet No. 47 for site at Speenogue, Burt, is not enclosed as the exact location requires to be re-checked owing to variations in fences shown on Ordnance Sheets."

<u>Electoral Division.</u>	<u>Townland.</u>	<u>Area.</u>	<u>General observations and recommendations.</u>
Donegal.	Ardeskin.	a. r. p. 3: 2: 14.	This site is located on the old Laghey Road, a half-mile from Donegal Town. A branch line from Donegal's existing piped water supply would serve the private houses on this road as well as the proposed Cottages. Suitable sites are very scarce around Donegal. As previously reported, a site we had selected at Mullans is to be utilised for private building by the owner. The reputed owner of present site is Edward Murray, Ardeskin, Donegal.
	Carrickart. Umlagh.	4: 0: 0.	This site is located in field adjoining Carrigart Garda Siothchana Barracks on the road from Carrigart to R.C.Church. It can be given the amenities of piped water, sewers, and light supply lines. The reputed owner is Mrs. Logue, Main Street, Carrigart.
	Ballyshannon. Creevy.	1: 0: 0.	This site is located at Creevy on main road from Ballyshannon to Rosknowlagh. There are a number of private houses, mostly of the Cottage type, convenient. Although this site lacks the desired amenities of piped water, sewers, and light supply lines, we were governed in our choice by local demand and the fact that a reasonably good supply of domestic water is convenient, added to which a new school is but 300 yards away. If and when cottages are built, they should be kept well back from the main road. The reputed owner is Seamus Ward, Publican, Market St., Ballyshannon.

<u>Electoral Division.</u>	<u>Townland.</u>	<u>Area.</u> a. r. p.	<u>General observations and recommendations.</u>
Carrickboy.	Gloghore.	3: 1: 38.	This site is located on Ballyshannon-Belleek Road, 300 yards on Belleek side of Rockfield School. There are five Council Cottages fairly convenient. While there are no existing or projected piped water supply or sewers, the site under review is the most convenient and suitable to meet local demands. As requested, we interviewed Mr. A. McKeaney, Gloghore, who has repeatedly written to the County M.C.H. regarding the deplorable housing conditions in this neighbourhood. Mr. McKeaney accompanied us on our search for suitable sites, and is quite satisfied regarding the suitability of our selection. The site selected provides for six Cottages to meet the Gloghore demand, and also for the building of two Cottages to re-place those liable to be demolished under the Erne Scheme. The reputed owner of site is Samuel Donaldson, Gloghore, Ballyshannon.
Dunglow.	Meenmore.	3: 3: 9.	This site is located near the Fair Green, Dungloe. While it may readily be given the amenities of piped water supply and light supply lines, care will need to be taken in lay-out of Cottages to allow of their being connected to the town's main sewerage service. The reputed owners of site are:- Patk. Sherkey (John), Fair Hill, Dungloe. Do. Sarah Brennan, Main St., Dungloe.
Burt.	Inch Level.	6: 0: 0.	The demand for Cottages in this district is reported to be extensive. We interviewed Mr. Colm Campbell, who has been in communication with the Co. Manager re the housing needs of the area. We understand that this is an extensive farming district, with a great demand for agricultural labourers. We consider that these Cottages should be grouped together in close proximity to existing Cottages at Speenogue. The proposed site, if given the amenity of a piped water supply, is quite suitable. If such a water supply cannot be provided, we would not recommend this site. The reputed owner is Mr. J. S. Buchanan, Inch Level, Burt.

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<u>Electoral Division.</u>	<u>Townland.</u>	<u>Area.</u> a. r. p.	<u>General observations and recommendations.</u>
Castlefin.	Grahamsland.	4: 0: 11.	This site is a suggested alternative in lieu of site No. 689-708, Page 15 of our previous report. It is located on the Hillhead Road, Castlefin, convenient to existing Council Cottages. There are also some private Cottages on this road. The site is so located that it will allow of ready connection with the projected amenities mentioned above. For the proper development of this site, a Clearance Order for the demolition of the two old thatched Cottages beside site would need to be made. Site of these two Cottages is coloured green on map. The reputed owner of the site is Mr. William Gallagher, Castlefin.
Glencely.	Dromore.	4: 0: 0.	This site is suggested alternative in lieu of site No. 737-742, Page 20 of our previous report. It is located south-west of Dromore School on the Killygordon-Dromore Road. There are 8 well-kept Council Cottages on this road convenient to site so that any projected amenities for existing Cottages can readily be extended to proposed Cottages. Church, shops, and railway station are convenient. Small portion of site may be needed for road widening. The reputed owner is Robert Patterson, Killtown, Killygordon.
Ardara.	Ardara.	3: 1: 36.	This site is located on Back Road, Ardara. A public right-of-way, 12' to 15', between fences is located south of plot. This right-of-way if improved as regards widening, strengthening, and surfacing, would afford easy access to proposed Cottages. The existing main sewer lies along Front Street, Ardara, and the fall is such that Cottages could be fairly readily connected to this main sewer. The owners of the site are:- Michael Kennedy, Draper, Ardara. Hugh Gildea, Main Street, Ardara.
Carndonagh.	Churchland Quarters.	4: 0: 4.	This site is located on the Malin side of Carndonagh. Being in the town, it has all the amenities of convenient piped water, sewers, and local light supply lines. As far as we can judge, any future building development is unlikely to be along this road. The reputed owners of the site are:- Mrs. Sarah McLaughlin, Malin Street, Carndonagh, and Philip P.J. Doherty, The Diamond, Carndonagh.

REPORT ON SITES INSPECTED IN CERTAIN AREAS WHERE LABOURERS'
COTTAGES ARE REQUIRED.

The Committee considered the Report in detail, and they recommended that before acquiring the site at Inch Level, Burt, a full inspection of the water supply position be made.

They also recommended that an inspection be made of a site near Ardara belonging to Mrs. Howley, just opposite the residence of Mr. Sweeney, ex-N.T.

They recommended that steps be taken to acquire all the other sites mentioned in the Report.

80/46. BUILDING OF HOUSES IN TOWN OF BALLYSHANNON.

The County Manager inquired if it was the view of the Committee that houses should be provided under the Labourers' Acts in the town of Ballyshannon.

The Committee recommended that all building development within the town boundaries of Ballyshannon be done by the Town Commissioners.

**81/46. LABOURERS' COTTAGE SITE NO. 1054-1057, MAP NO. 38,
INCH ISLAND, TOWNLAND OF MONESS.**

Councillor Scott inquired if the services of a water diviner had yet been obtained as recommended by the Committee on the 11th June to investigate the possibility of a water supply for the above site.

On being replied to in the negative, Councillor Scott proposed that the Senior Engineer be instructed to obtain the services of a water diviner as soon as possible.

Councillor Kildea seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

82/46. PROGRESS OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES BUILDING SCHEMES.

The Acting Secretary read the following report on the progress of the different Schemes for the erection of Labourers' Cottages:-

CONVOY. Erection of 30 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 20 Cottages. Lay-out plan of site submitted on 12/4/1946 to Local Government Department. At the end of July, Mr. Humphries, Local Government Inspector, visited the site and suggested in letter of 29/9/1946 that revised lay-out plan be submitted. Revised lay-out plan was submitted on 7/10/1946 and Department's approval was received on 27/10/1946. House plans for one-storey houses were submitted to Local Government Department on 18/10/1946 and approval was granted on 2/11/1946.

The Council's Architect was instructed on 5/11/1946 to prepare the necessary specifications for submission to the Local Government Department. Specification was received from Architect on 26/11/46.

GLENTIES. Erection of 28 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 14 Cottages. Lay-out Plan was submitted on 12/4/1946 to Local Government Department. Local Government Department requested in letter of 29/9/1946 that revised lay-out plan be submitted. Revised lay-out plan submitted on 21/11/1946.

DUNFANAGHY. Erection of 10 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 5 Cottages. Lay-out Plan was submitted to Local Government Department on 12/4/1946. Approval of Local Government Department received on 22/10/1946. House plan of two-storey houses submitted to Local Government Department on 18/10/1946. Approval to house plan received on 2/11/1946. Council's Architect instructed on 5/11/1946 to prepare the necessary specifications, Specification received from Architect on 26/11/1946.

KINCRAIGY. Erection of 16 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 8 Cottages. The lay-out plan of site was submitted to Local Government Department on 12/4/1946. At the end of July a Local Government Inspector visited the site, and suggested in letter of 29/9/1946 that revised lay-out plan be submitted. Revised lay-out plan was submitted on 5/11/1946.

MOVILLE. Erection of 28 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 15 Cottages. Lay-out Plan was submitted to Local Government Department on 22/6/1946. Local Government Department requested in letter dated 29/9/1946 that revised lay-out plan be submitted. Council's Architect instructed to prepare revised lay-out plan in accordance with the Department's letter on 30/9/1946. Revised lay-out plans received on 26/11/1946.

DUNKINEELY. Erection of 8 or 6 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 4 Cottages. Lay-out plan of site was submitted to Local Government Department on 22/6/1946. Local Government Department requested in letter dated 29/9/1946 that revised lay-out plan be submitted. Council's Architect instructed on 30/9/1946 to prepare revised lay-out plan. Revised lay-out plan received on 26/11/1946.

MILFORD. Erection of 12 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 8 Cottages. Lay-out Plan was submitted to Local Government Department on 2/7/1946. Local Government Department requested in letter dated 29/9/1946 that revised lay-out Plan be submitted. Council's Architect was instructed on 30/9/1946 to prepare revised lay-out plan. Revised lay-out plan was received on 26/11/1946.

RAMELTON. Erection of 12 Labourers' Cottages.

Original proposal was for 12 Cottages. Lay-out plan was submitted to Local Government Department on 27/7/1946. Local Government Department requested in letter dated 29/9/1946 that revised lay-out plan be submitted. Council's Architect instructed on 30/9/1946 to prepare revised lay-out plan in accordance with Department's letter. Revised lay-out plan received on 26/11/1946.

The Committee noted the progress of the different Schemes.

Cottages to be erected at Oldtown, Letterkenny.

Councillor McCaul again raised the question of the Cottages at Oldtown, Letterkenny.

The County Manager explained that the Consulting Architect was engaged in the preparation of lay-out plan, and that a Building Licence could not be obtained until the Council was ready to advertise the work.

Councillor Britton proposed that the Architect be instructed to expedite the preparation of lay-out plan, and the proposal was unanimously agreed to.

83/46. LABOURERS' COTTAGE SITES NOS. 1059-1063, AND 1064-1068, TOWNLANDS OF TULIGARVAN AND STRAID, ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF BUNCRANA RURAL AND STRAID.

On the suggestion of Councillor Scott, the Committee recommended that the sites referred to above be re-inspected, and that the local Councillors accompany the County M.O.H. and Chief Assistant County Engineer on their re-inspection.

84/46. WATER RATE CHARGES.

The County Manager inquired the views of the Committee in regard to the present charges for Water Rate, and he quoted the rates being paid in other places.

Several members expressed the view that persons being supplied with water from the Council's mains had entered into Agreements which perhaps could not be violated.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting to enable further inquiries to be made.

85/46.

SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The County Manager stated that the Local Government Department were awaiting on the submission of a Scheme by the Council for the treatment of Venereal Disease. If a Scheme were adopted the Council would be entitled to a recoupment, but under the present arrangement when patients were sent for treatment to Dr. Steeven's or other Hospitals the Council had to bear the full cost of their treatment.

The County Medical Officer of Health stated that some time ago he suggested that the Doctors attached to the Hospitals at Carndonagh, Donegal, and Glenties, where it was proposed to establish V.D. clinics, should be allowed to attend a Course in connection with the treatment of the disease. He considered it essential that they should do this Course.

The Committee recommended that the Council adopt a Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease, that they vote whatever monies are necessary for carrying the Scheme into operation, and that the Doctors from Carndonagh, Donegal, and Glenties Hospital, be permitted to attend the Course referred to by the County M. O. H.

86/46.

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The County Manager read the following report from the County Engineer in connection with above:-

"I herewith submit report on the present position regarding water supply and sewerage schemes:-
Creeslough, Portnablugh, and Marble Hill.

General proposals in connection with this Scheme have been approved of by the Department. More detailed proposals have been prepared and will shortly be submitted.

Malin and Culdaff.

Proposals for a supply of water to this area by means of an extension of the Carndonagh Water Supply have been submitted to the Department.
Rosses Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Reports on extensions to Rosses Regional Scheme, with special reference to a supply for Dungloe, Burtonport, and Brinalack, have been submitted to the Department.

Finn Valley.

Report on the Finn Valley Regional Scheme has been prepared and will be submitted to the Department.

Rosnowlough.

Proposals for an extension of the Bellintra Scheme to serve this area are being prepared.

Lifford.

The plan of proposed improvements to the Lifford Water Supply has been submitted by Mr. Doherty to this Office and is being examined.

Mountcharles Sewerage Scheme.

Proposals by Mr. Doherty, Architect, for a sewerage scheme for Mountcharles have been submitted to this Office, and are being examined.

Kilcar Water Supply.

Proposals for improvement of Kilcar Water Supply, prepared by Mr. Doherty, have been submitted to the Department.

Rathmullan Sewerage Scheme.

Proposals for a Sewerage Scheme for Rathmullan, prepared by Mr. Doherty, have been submitted to the Department.

Shrove and Greencastle Water Supply.

Proposals for this supply are being prepared, and it is hoped to have them ready before the 31st December.

Falcarragh Water Supply.

(1) Extension to Schools. The plan and specification for this work have been approved of by the Local Government Department.

(2) Extension to Old Coastguard Station. The amended estimate for this work is £450. The original estimate was £330. The difference is due to the fact that the extension required would be 612 yards and not 480 yards as originally proposed.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin, the Committee unanimously recommended the Council to grant the County Manager authority to expend the extra money required for the extension of the Falcarragh Water Scheme to the Old Coastguard Station.

87/46. PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES AT GARNDONAGH AND BALLYBOFEY.

The County Engineer reported that Plans and Specifications for these works had been prepared, and the works could be advertised for contract when approved by the Local Government Department.

The Committee noted the report.

88/46. EMPLOYMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARRYING OUT OF NEW WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

" We have now got many of our proposed new Schemes for the County to the stage when they are being submitted to the Department for general approval. A fair amount of work has been carried out in locating sources, gaugings, and in collecting all the necessary data for the consideration of such schemes. The next step will be for the detailed plans, specifications, Bills of Quantities, etc. For this work I recommend that a Consulting Engineer or Engineers be appointed to undertake the preparation of drawings and documents so that the work can be set out for contract as soon as possible."

The Committee recommended that a Consulting Engineer be appointed.

89/46. SUPERVISION, ETC., OF FIRE-FIGHTING SERVICES.

The Committee adjourned until their next Meeting the question of the supervision, etc., of Fire-Fighting Services.

90/46. PROVISION OF DISPENSARY PREMISES AT BUNDORAN.

The County Manager stated that at the moment there was no Dispensary in Bundoran, and the Dispensary patients had to go to Ballyshannon for treatment. The people of Bundoran were clamouring for a Dispensary, and he had been making inquiries into the position. He had been offered a site beside St. Patrick's Hall, on which a Dispensary could be erected. This site was the property of the Shcil Trustees, and Mr. Gallagher, Agent for the Trustees, was prepared to recommend the Trustees to lease the site to the Council at £3 a year for 150 years. The Engineering Staff estimated that the Dispensary would cost about £900.

The Committee recommended that the County Manager be granted a sum of £900 for the erection of a Dispensary at Bundoran.

91/46. CLOSING OF GLENTIES RAILWAY LINE FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

The County Manager stated that this item was put on the Agenda at the request of Councillor Walsh, and on Councillor Walsh's suggestion he had consulted the Council's Solicitor in the matter.

He read the report of the Solicitor which stated that he had pursued inquiries at every available conceivable source for information and evidence as to whether any guarantee might have been given to the Donegal County Council at the time of the transfer of the Glenties Railway line to the present Company. He had been unable to trace any such guarantee. In any event he advised that it was wholly immaterial to the proposed application by the Railway Co. whether such guarantee was in fact ever given. The intended application was being made to the Minister for Industry and Commerce under Section 9 of the Railways Act, 1933, and if the application was to be resisted by the Council it would have to be opposed on grounds such as (a) the capacity of the road to carry the transferred traffic, and (b) the increased costs of road maintenance, etc.

Councillor Walsh proposed that the County Council recommend that representations be made to the Minister that the line should be retained for passenger and merchandise traffic, and that, in the meantime, the Deputies for the County who were members of the Council should make representations.

Councillor Breslin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

92/46.

SALE OF A LABOURER'S COTTAGE WHICH HAD BEEN VESTED IN THE
TENANT UNDER THE LABOURERS' ACT, 1936.

The County Manager stated that a case had arisen where a Cottage which had been vested in a tenant under the Labourers' Act, 1936, was being offered for sale by a person to whom the Cottage had been bequeathed under the ~~under the~~ Will of the tenant, now deceased. He had been asked for his approval to the sale, and one of the conditions of the Act was that the County Manager's approval should not unreasonably be withheld. If he approved of the sale a person who had not expended any monies whatever on the Cottage was going to benefit substantially. He did not think it fair or right that people should benefit substantially through the sale of a Cottage on which the ratepayers' money had been expended, and he asked for the views of the Committee.

It was decided to let the matter stand adjourned.

Adopted by Co. Council.

W. J. O'Sullivan

Chairman of Co. Council.

31st December, 1946

Confirmed.

Thomas Breslin

Chairman of General Purposes Committee.

Date: 18/2/47

